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How you could feel federal shutdown

Worker furloughs, court delays likely among the fallout

BY KATHERINE SKIBA, JASON MEISNER AND ROBERT MCCOPPIN
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — You can still fly out of O'Hare or Midway. Your mail will show up, as will your Social Security check. And you won't be turned away from a Veterans Affairs hospital or clinic.

But an array of services in the Chicago area are expected to start grinding to a halt this weekend after President Donald Trump and congressional leaders failed to reach a funding deal by a midnight Friday deadline, triggering a partial federal government shutdown.

The longer that political battle and resulting shutdown continue, the greater the impact. Or if a solution is found over the weekend, the effects would be minimal. The last such shutdown in fall 2013 lasted 16

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Amazon upends the standard procedure for HQ searches

Corporate relocation searches tend to be quiet affairs, with code names and secretive office tours. Amazon is turning that model upside down as it considers Chicago and 19 other contenders for its second headquarters, also known as HQ2. The online retailer's highly publicized search has generated publicity and energized cities and regions that responded with fine-tuned pitches and economic incentives worth billions of dollars.

Will other corporations follow Amazon's lead? And how does Chicago stack up against the other finalists?
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Women's March Chicago protesters, many wearing the movement's signature pink knit hat, gather Saturday in Grant Park before marching.

Women's March Chicago fills downtown — again

Estimated 300,000 rally for equal rights, drawing on #MeToo and Trump resistance

BY ESE OLUMHENSE AND ANGIE LEVENTIS LOURGOS
Chicago Tribune

The women of Chicago came out in force once again, with an estimated crowd of 300,000 rallying for equal rights — and against the Trump administration — at the second Women's March Chicago on Saturday.

"The energy we saw throughout the year and continuing through today demonstrates once and for all that we are experiencing a resurgence in the women's movement," said or-

ganizer Jessica Scheller. "Only time will tell how much we can accomplish through it."

Last year's event unexpectedly shut down parts of the Loop with what organizers said was a quarter-million participants flooding Grant Park the day after President Donald Trump's inauguration. While some wondered if momentum might wane over time, many marchers said cultural movements like the #MeToo and Time's Up campaigns against sexual misconduct — as well as Trump's policies — only increased their fervor this year.

"I'm marching for the women before us, the women of today and the women of the future," said Lindsey Vaught Kerr, 29, of the Roscoe Village neighborhood, who carried a handmade sign that read "We won't stop until it rains glass."

The event, dubbed March to the Polls, was held in solidarity this weekend with hundreds of similar marches in Washington, D.C., and across the globe that were projected to draw millions.

Organizers said the focus this year has shifted from resistance against the Trump administration to influencing upcoming local, state and midterm elections. They estimated some 300,000 attended Saturday's

Across the country

Women and allies flood streets to make their voices heard.
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rally and march in downtown Chicago, exceeding last year's attendance. City officials wouldn't release official numbers Saturday.

Hundreds of marchers, many wearing the event's signature pink knit hat, began lining the perimeter of Grant Park before programming was scheduled to begin — and before the rally area was even open at 9 a.m. The

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TOP CHICAGO FEMALE CHEFS PUSH BACK

They're challenging their industry's culture of sexual harassment and bias

BY CINDY DAMPIER AND JOSEPH HERNANDEZ
Chicago Tribune



Beverly Kim, chef/co-owner, Parachute



Diana Davila, chef/owner, Mi Tocaya Antojeria

They are, unapologetically, a tough bunch: survivors raised up in a world of literal fire and 16-hour shifts on their feet. They accept, almost without comment, bare-knuckled realities like 60 pounds of bones that have to be dragged up cellar stairs to the kitchen. Or room-size freezers that must be scrubbed by hand.

But the veteran women of the world of fine dining restaurants have stuck it out in spite of more than that. For while determination and stubborn generationalism have moved them to the

top and helped them stay there, these women also fought the daily undertow of sexual harassment and gender bias that permeates the restaurant industry. Like the job interview that centered on how a chef would handle a kitchen full of men. Or the creepy back rub, the jokes about rape, the dishwasher who rubbed his body against a young chef on every trip to the walk-in cooler.

"What has been challenging," says Beverly Kim, chef/co-owner at Parachute restaurant in Avondale, "is the acceptance of 'This is how it is, this is how restaurants are, and you've got

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The ever-so-smoochable Jeff Bezos is being courted by Chicago's elite as the city bids for the new Amazon headquarters.



JOHN KASS

Taxpayers, be prepared to smooch Bezos' behind

I simply will not tell you that Chicago's City Hall has been smooching the behind of Amazon boss Jeff Bezos.

No. I just won't do it. And I won't say that the civic leaders of the other 19 cities still in the Great Amazon Headquarters Sweepstakes are smooching Bezos' behind, either.

No, no, no. There's been so much hype and political/media baby-talk about the Amazon sweepstakes — all for the promise of 50,000 jobs and \$5 billion in investments that the headquarters would bring — that some of you might be making a mistake.

You might think that some epic smooching is going on. Yet only a chumbolone would think so. And you're no chumbolone.

Yes, the mayors of the competing cities, including Chicago's Rahm Emanuel, are fawning over Amazon boss Bezos, the richest man in the world, who also owns The Washington Post.

And they're groveling, flattering, cajoling and sucking up like crazy. About the only thing I haven't seen is mayors dressing up like jesters and performing medieval egg dances for Bezos' pleasure.

But they've got time. Yet the one thing they're not doing is smooching Bezos' behind.

That's not their job. That's your job.

Local governments are pushing taxpayers right up close to the Bezos tuchis, using their official taxing powers to give commands to your lips to begin kissing that Bezos behind.

You might not like it. You might not like the word "behind," either.

But there are other words, including bum, keister, rump, tushie, hind end, backside, buttocks, rump, haunch, and gluteus maximus.

Or, my new favorite: fundament.

There are many words for it, so pick the one that works best for you. But fundament is a good, solid choice, one not ruined by overuse.

Because if Bezos selects your town and local politicians begin clapping and dancing, then you immediately drop to one knee and begin kissing

the Bezosian fundament.

Why?

Because each city, Chicago included, is offering selective tax incentives, tax breaks, this sweetener and that one, to make their pitch more attractive.

Not lower taxes for all businesses, but just for Bezos. Chicago's package offers more than \$2 billion in tax incentives, a nice tidy sum.

But as billions of dollars in incentives are offered to the favored, the cost of government doesn't go down. Somebody has to make up the difference.

So guess who gets to kiss it?

If you're a Chicago shopkeeper, or you own some other small business, you'd probably love to get smooched in this fashion.

Small businesses create most of the jobs. They pay taxes and don't have top politicians as their tax reduction specialists, yet they're often forced to beg for government services that they've already paid for.

They're just not big enough to demand respect.

But Bezos is big.

Illinois' problem is that the city is broke and the state is broke, with billions in unfunded public worker pension liabilities, and taxes are going up again all over.

There aren't enough cops in the city, and in the suburbs, the property taxes are out of control. And people flee the state to lush, exotic locations like Indiana.

And though taxpayers will subsidize the Amazon deal, they won't get so much as an All-Pro wide receiver out of it.

Cheerleaders for the project — meaning mouthpieces — will say I don't know what I'm talking about and that by the time this great project is finished, it will probably pay for itself.

They're probably right. They probably know everything.

But do they also know robotics? We've been told that automation will replace most of the jobs out there in a few years. And driverless truck technology, meaning driverless trucks, is coming even sooner than the robots, meaning even more jobs

will be eliminated.

So who'll be left to pay the Bezos tax in Illinois?

Just the trial lawyers, public union bosses, tax reduction attorneys and politicians?

Oh, they won't stick around. They'll be living large at some pool-side club in the Cayman Islands, with cold rum drinks, laughing at J.B. Pritzker's jokes about the plumbers.

That's probably why the other big push in local government lately is to legalize pot and other drugs. It's a good idea. Because with jobs gone and taxes climbing, the people must be encouraged to drug themselves into a compliant stupor.

It's better than revolution.

The Amazon headquarters is indeed a massive project. And whatever city wins, politicians will puff out their chests, cut ribbons, dig into the ground with their famous silver shovels and smile for the cameras.

The line about how "it'll pay for itself" will be repeated and repeated again, by political hacks doing interviews on TV and reporters nodding sagely because they don't know what else to do, until everybody says "it'll pay for itself" the way sheep say "baaaa."

The 2016 Chicago Olympics was going to pay for itself too, remember?

We were told by politicians that the Olympics were great for Chicago and the city really needed the Olympics and anyone who didn't like the Olympics was mean, stupid, short-sighted and hated Chicago.

Happily, Chicago taxpayers lost the Olympics, and now the Brazilians are paying for it instead.

I'm all for creating jobs. And 50,000 jobs are nothing to scoff at.

But compelling taxpayers to smooch the Bezos fundament probably isn't the best way to stimulate economic development.

It's simply fundament-al.

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Cardenas Carlson

Fox host calls Ald. Cardenas 'loathsome'

Fox News host **Tucker Carlson** invited Ald. **George Cardenas** onto his show Wednesday night to discuss immigration policy and ... well, you can guess how it ended.

"What a loathsome little demagogue you are, Mr. Cardenas," Carlson told the Chicago City Council member.

Carlson wanted Cardenas, the 12th Ward alderman, to tell him why he won't prioritize serving American citizens over immigrants in his ward who are living in the country illegally. Cardenas said he has no way of knowing who is here legally and who is not, and that he's not about to start asking. "You want me to just guess (who they are) because they happen to be blue-eyed and blond?" Cardenas said, provoking Carlson's ire.

The whole sorry exchange revealed rather more about how cable news works than it did about the debate over sanctuary cities.

Cardenas told Inc. he'd go back on Carlson's show if given the chance, against the advice of his staff.

"They don't want me to, because they think it's a setup, but part of what we get from it is a conversation that shows everyone who these people are. It's the same thing that we have in Washington, D.C. — people who are not listening and are throwing insults."

— Kim Janssen



EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION

Kim Kardashian and Kanye West welcomed their third child, via surrogate, on Monday. Chicago West joins siblings North, 4, and Saint, 2.

West, Kardashian add Chicago to the family

Rapper **Kanye West** hasn't lived in Chicago for years, but the city is still close to his heart. He and wife **Kim Kardashian** named their newborn daughter **Chicago West**.

Kardashian announced the name Friday on her app and Twitter. Chicago West — nicknamed "Chi" — was 7 pounds, 6 ounces when she was born at 12:47 a.m. Monday. She joins 4-year-old sister **North** and 2-year-old brother **Saint**. Kardashian said a surrogate carried their third child.

West, who was born in Atlanta, was 3 years old when he and his mother, **Donda**, moved to the Chicago area. He grew up on the South Side and the southern suburbs while his mother worked in higher education. West, 40, and Kardashian, 37, wed in 2014 and now live in the Los Angeles area.

West visited Chicago in November

to join **Kid Cudi** onstage at his Aragon Ballroom show. Kardashian was supposed to be here in October for Chicago Ideas Week but was spotted filming her reality show instead.

While the name Chicago West drew mixed reaction on social media Friday, the president and CEO of the city's tourism arm expressed warm wishes.

"We congratulate Kim and Kanye on the wonderful addition to their family. We realize this is a special time for them and we're thrilled that they've chosen a name that represents a city we're so proud to call home. And, we look forward to welcoming Chicago for her first visit," Choose Chicago's **David Whitaker** said in a statement.

— Tracy Swartz

Local anchor mistaken for pro-vasectomy politician

Spare a thought for WGN News anchor **Ben Bradley**, whose Twitter feed has been blowing up this week with all kinds of abuse from our chums across the pond.



Bradley

It seems that many Brits have confused the cheerful Bradley with a rather less

pleasant fellow by the same name: British member of parliament **Ben Bradley**, who wrote a blog post arguing that unemployed people should opt for vasectomies and not have children they can't afford.

"I've been called a

'wanker' more times than I care to count!" the Chicago Bradley told your British Inc. correspondent. "What does it mean?"

Told that it is a term of abuse for someone practicing the art of self-love, Bradley laughed and said, "That's amazing."

Bradley, who would prefer to be mistaken for the

legendary Washington Post editor **Ben Bradlee**, was keen to clear up any misconceptions about his own views of vasectomy.

"I'm a father of three and two of them were born 10 months apart, so I think that tells you everything you need to know," he said.

— Kim Janssen

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Founder bids fond farewell to flagship



MARY SCHMICH

Two dining tables remained, and two stuffed sofas, a popcorn maker, a couple of stools, two rows of mismatched chairs, everything on deep discount.

Gone were the shelves of white porcelain dinner plates and the parades of polished wine glasses, all that impeccably displayed tableware that once twinkled at shoppers with the promise of a bountiful dinner with lively guests in a lovely home.

The escalator that once carried shoppers to the second floor and the third and the fourth, past tasteful fields of furniture and the dream of a better living room, had been shut down.

So on Thursday evening, Gordon Segal walked, instead of riding, up the metal stairs.

He felt a little sad.

The Crate & Barrel on North Michigan Avenue, the store his imagination helped to build, was about to close, making way for the world's largest Starbucks.

"It's bittersweet," he said. "And exciting."

Segal is 79, and for most of his life he has been what he calls "a store guy."

The tale of the company he and his wife, Carole, created is a piece of Chicago lore by now, and the short version goes like this:

Not long after graduating from Northwestern University, the Segals decided to open a store, and in it they'd sell the kinds of chic, sturdy, affordable housewares they'd discovered while traveling in Europe.

In 1962, they opened the first Crate & Barrel in an old elevator warehouse on North Wells Street, where, without money for fancy fixtures, they displayed the merchandise on packing crates and barrels.

"We were 23 years old," Segal said. He'd made his way up the steps to the third floor, now empty of merchandise. "We didn't know a mark-up from a mark-down."

But the Segals' sensibilities — clean lines, bright color, decent prices, good light — were in sync with the times, and the stores multiplied. By the early 1990s, as the company expanded from housewares to furniture, it needed a flagship store with lots of space.

"Gordon," Segal remembers a friend saying to him one night over dinner, "go build your own building."

On the corner of North Michigan Avenue and Erie Street, he recalled, sat an old terra cotta building, with small windows, that housed medical offices. He bought it, envision-



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Gordon Segal, founder of Crate & Barrel, poses inside the lobby of the flagship store he helped create on Michigan Avenue. The building is being converted into the world's largest Starbucks.

ing something radically different.

"We wanted a building that was unique, modern, comfortable," he said. "We wanted a glass building so you could look into it."

At the time, office towers were built in glass but glass-walled stores were rare, and when Crate & Barrel opened, the media called the building ambitious, risky, an expensive gamble.

With its sweeping white lines, glass facade and open escalators that offered views of the city and the store, it broke with the street's traditions. And no one sold furniture on North Michigan Avenue anymore.

"God," Segal remembers thinking, "is this going to work?"

The building, designed by John Buentz, opened with a private party on a warm night in early September of 1990.

More than a thousand guests came, many from distant countries. Erie Street was closed down, a tent erected. A band played and guests rode the escalators up and down, visiting different caterers on every floor.

At one point, the up escalator balked, causing two important guests, Mayor Richard M. Daley and his wife, Maggie, to walk.

Twenty seven years later, in the era of grand Apple store openings, it may be hard to imagine that a furniture store could cause such a fuss.

But back then, at the holi-

days, Segal recalled, the store was so crowded that shoppers had to wait outside, ushered in a few at a time as others left. The escalators were often packed, two people on every narrow step.

"The building created the brand as people have known it for a generation," he said.

Even the plants and flowers installed out front changed the city. They inspired the planters that now line a long stretch of Michigan Avenue, north and south.

In those early days of the flagship store, someone approached Segal about opening a little coffee spot inside, run by a small company out of Seattle.

"What's it called?" he asked. "Starbucks," was the answer. He wasn't interested.

Now, Crate & Barrel is history on North Michigan Avenue, and Starbucks is the future.

In 2008, Segal retired from the company he founded, but his family's trust still owns the building, and not long ago, when the company's lease was ending, it was time for a change.

Crate & Barrel remains a strong brand, with stores all over the world, but Michigan Avenue increasingly draws tourists who aren't shopping for dining tables and sofa beds. People who are can go to the website or to the giant Crate & Barrel nearby at North and Clybourn avenues, where parking is free.

So what to do with the build-

ing?

Over the years, Segal became friendly with Howard Schultz, who runs Starbucks, and in 2016, he went to an event at the Aspen Institute, where Schultz was receiving an award.

"Introduce him to your grandsons," he remembers his wife telling him, "and mention the Michigan Avenue store."

And that, as Segal recalls it, is how the deal began for the world's largest Starbucks.

"He's making a big bet and we're making a big bet," he said, "but I believe in him."

On Thursday night, though, it was still Crate & Barrel, even if the third floor was outfitted with long folding tables and folding chairs, ready for a farewell party. Segal walked around the space, pointing.

There used to be rugs over there. Furniture over there. Once, the wide maple planks on the floor weren't scarred.

"Look at this atrium," he said. "We wanted the light to come through. You see how the sunlight would pour down from this atrium?"

He gazed up at it for a moment, the lifelong "store guy" who still loves texture and light and the theater of retail.

Then he walked down the escalator, past the empty second floor, down to the main floor where the final few shoppers fingered the sales tags on what little was left.

"Lots of memories," he said. "I wish I'd taken pictures."

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In Endia Martin case, a guilty plea

Teen avoids trial for fatal shooting, may be paroled in next year

BY MEGAN CREPEAU
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Days before a scheduled trial in Cook County juvenile court, a teen charged in the fatal shooting of 14-year-old Endia Martin pleaded guilty to charges of first-degree murder and attempted first-degree murder, the state's attorney's office confirmed Friday.

Authorities have said the shooting in April 2014 stemmed from a feud between the two girls that escalated over social media. A trial had been slated for Monday.

The teen, whom the Tribune is not naming because she was charged as a juvenile, pleaded guilty Tuesday, said Tandra Simonton, a spokeswoman for State's Attorney Kim Foxx's office. The girl, who was 14 at the time of the shooting, is scheduled to be sentenced April 4.

Now 18 and already in custody for nearly four years, she could be paroled under the law as early as next year, said Athena Farmakis, the prosecutor who handled the case.

Endia's slaying — particularly shocking because it involved young teenage girls — drew national headlines and became emblematic of Chicago's entrenched gun violence.

The teen's uncle, Donnell Flora, was sentenced to 100 years in prison for his role in providing the gun used in the slaying. Another relative, Vandetta Redwood, was accused of handing the loaded weapon to the teen but won dismissal of state charges and was acquitted of federal charges.

Authorities have said the shooting stemmed from a feud that escalated via social media in the days before the slaying. The girl's intended target that day allegedly was a 16-year-old friend of Endia's.

"Bitch Yhu Gone Die, Im not Playin With Yhu," the 16-year-old told the defendant via Facebook, according to a court filing from the teen's attorneys. Other messages taunted the teen about her father's death.

The teen's attorneys have said she idolized her father, who was killed in a drive-by shooting when she was an infant.

About two hours before the fatal confrontation, the suspect tweeted "Bout to beat some a--," the Tribune has reported.

As nearly 30 people gathered near the 900 block of West Garfield Boulevard, the scene was captured on a shaky cell-phone video.

The 16-year-old allegedly held a padlock attached to a string. The defendant struck the 16-year-old in the head with the gun and then tried to fire it, but it jammed, prosecutors have said. She then handed it to Redwood, who authorities alleged fixed the weapon and handed it back. The teen then fired three shots.

Endia was fatally shot in the back. The 16-year-old suffered a graze wound to her arm.

While prosecutors in 2015 noted that the teen had initially exhibited behavioral problems in juvenile detention, more recent reports in her court file were largely glowing.

A filing from 2016 noted her "exceptional behaviors, leadership skills and participation in programming." She earned her high school diploma last year and participated in talent shows and soccer tournaments. Her good behavior earned her special visits from family members, records show.

Apart from one incident last year in which she yelled at a staffer who told her she needed to be searched, she was described as "a positive role model for other residents," one report said.

"Resident appears to be stable and well-adjusted," the report said.

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Prosecutors won't charge cops in fatal 2016 shooting

BY MEGAN CREPEAU
Chicago Tribune

Cook County prosecutors said Friday they have decided not to file criminal charges against three Chicago police officers who opened fire in the 2016 fatal shooting of an unarmed black teen.

The announcement from State's Attorney Kim Foxx's office said two of the officers were placed "in reasonable fear of death or great bodily harm" when 18-year-old Paul O'Neal drove a car toward them.

The third officer reasonably believed that O'Neal had fired at the police, though in fact those shots had been fired by other officers, prosecutors said.

"Because the evidence at any trial would have established that each of the shooting officers had a reasonable belief in the justified use of deadly force, there was no basis to support a criminal charge against those officers," prosecutors said in a statement.

The decision comes just a week after the Chicago Tribune reported that the city's police over-

sight agency recommended that Officers Michael Coughlin Jr. and Jose Torres be fired for shooting at the moving vehicle without justification. The same report concluded that the third officer, Jose Diaz, who ultimately fatally shot O'Neal during an ensuing foot chase, was justified because he reasonably believed in the chaos that O'Neal had a gun and had already fired shots at the police.

It was recommended, however, that Diaz be suspended without pay for six months for kicking O'Neal and cursing at the teen as he lay mortally wounded in a backyard.

Michael Oppenheimer, an attorney for O'Neal's family in a pending federal lawsuit against the city, expressed frustration with prosecutors' decision, especially the fact that Diaz escaped charges.

"At the very least, I think it is a reckless manslaughter, and I think it approaches murder," he said. "I think (Diaz) should be criminally responsible."

Prosecutors said their review was limited to whether the officers had violated criminal law, not

whether they correctly followed police procedures.

O'Neal was fatally shot about 7:30 p.m. on July 28, 2016, after officers tried to stop him on the South Side as he drove a Jaguar convertible that had been reported stolen in southwest suburban Bolingbrook. After O'Neal struck two Chicago police vehicles with the Jaguar, Coughlin fired nine rounds at the car as it moved away from him and toward Torres, according to a report by the Independent Police Review Authority and body camera footage later made public. After the Jaguar passed him, Torres fired one shot as the car sped down the block and crashed head-on with a squad car being driven by Diaz.

O'Neal bailed out of the Jaguar and fled on foot as Diaz chased him through the backyards of several homes in the 7300 block of South Merrill Avenue, firing a total of five times, according to the report. Diaz appeared to take the final shot while aiming his pistol over a backyard fence that O'Neal had scaled, the report said. O'Neal was struck once in the middle of

his back and collapsed near a back porch.

In recommending that Coughlin and Torres be fired, IPRA said in its report that both officers risked the lives of fellow officers as well as any innocent bystanders who happened to be on the street when they opened fire on the Jaguar. Their explanations to interviewers that they were trying to stop the vehicle didn't hold up, according to the report.

"A reasonable officer would know that even if the driver is struck, the vehicle is likely to crash in uncontrolled fashion, again putting bystanders and other motorists at great risk," the report said.

O'Neal's killing came at a time when Mayor Rahm Emanuel was trying to restore public trust in the Police Department amid a U.S. Department of Justice probe of policing practices, an investigation that stemmed from the court-ordered release in 2015 of police dashboard camera video showing the fatal shooting of black teen Laquan McDonald.

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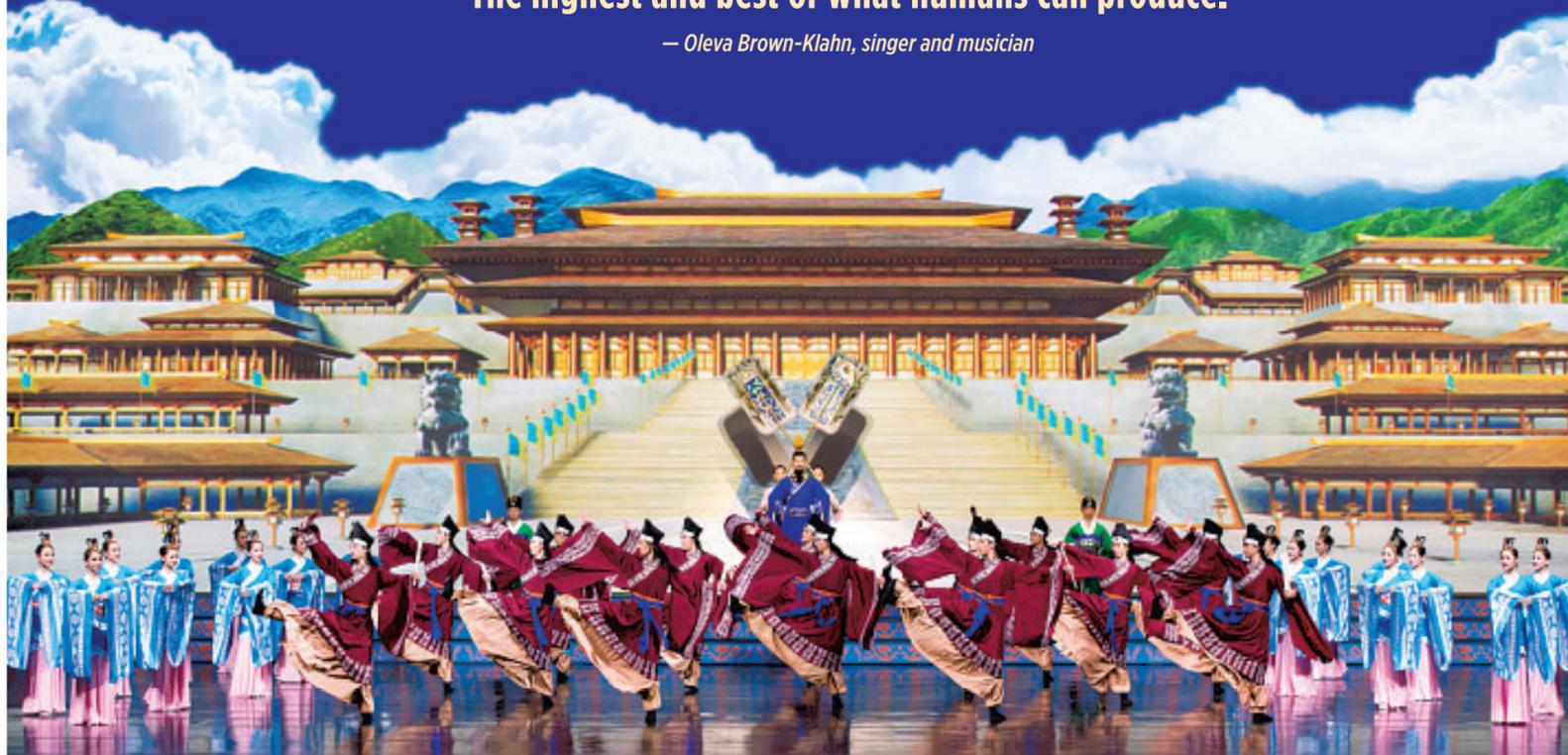
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Tollway halts plan for \$9M contract after questions

Comptroller had filed complaint on 'emergency' deal

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI
Chicago Tribune

The Illinois Toll Highway Authority on Friday withdrew a proposal to pay almost \$9 million to a consulting firm to finish work on a technology upgrade after the plan was questioned by the state comptroller.

But Tollway officials said the decision was not the result of Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza's complaint, but rather because of discussions with the state's independent chief procurement officer on the best way to finish the job.

The Tollway had already agreed to spend \$79 million for a contract with Deloitte Consulting to implement the State's Enterprise Resource Program, a

technology project to help manage state finances.

The Tollway had asked for the additional \$9 million to finish the work, and it was on the agenda for an upcoming committee meeting. The agenda item had referred to the amendment as a "tollway emergency."

Mendoza, who manages the state's checkbook, on Thursday called for a review of the proposal by independent procurement officials, saying in a news

release that "failing to properly estimate cost and overspending is not an emergency — it's poor project management."

On Friday afternoon, the Tollway said it had changed its proposal to ask only for enough money to continue paying Deloitte for the next 90 days, which would be less than \$9 million, though Tollway spokesman Dan Rozek could not say how much less.

He said more informa-

tion would be available Monday and that the matter had been "evolving" as Tollway officials worked with the procurement office.

The proposal is expected to go before the Tollway board at its regularly scheduled meeting Thursday.

The Tollway said in a statement that the Chief Procurement Office recommended to the Tollway that its "only viable option" would be to use a 90-day emergency procurement to

continue getting services from Deloitte to ensure there would be no interruption in the work.

A spokesman for Mendoza praised the Tollway's decision.

"We are happy to hear the Tollway is re-thinking the \$9 million 'emergency' contract — whether or not it is in response to the red flags Comptroller Mendoza raised about the lack of transparency," spokesman Abdon Pallasch said.

"We hope the Tollway will subject future contracts to the scrutiny of the procurement process instead of using the 'emergency' loophole."

Tollway officials said the agency has enough money in its budget to finish the entire upgrade, which is scheduled to be ready by July 1.

Mendoza, a Democrat, has been a frequent critic of Gov. Bruce Rauner and how he handles the state's finances. This was the first time she targeted a Tollway contract for criticism.

Rauner, a Republican, has countered by calling Mendoza a "puppet" of House Speaker Michael Madigan. Mendoza defeated Rauner's hand-picked appointee for the comptroller's office in a special election in 2016. She is seeking a full four-year term next year and is being challenged by Rauner aide Darlene Senger.

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Red light cameras hit Mag Mile intersection

BY HAL DARDICK
Chicago Tribune

The Magnificent Mile is known for the Lights Festival during the holiday season, but it's about to get a less joyous, year-round reputation for a different set of lights along Michigan Avenue.

Starting Monday, the stoplights at Michigan and Ontario Street will have red light cameras, which are used to issue \$100 citations to the owners of vehicles that blow red lights. South of the Chicago River, cameras will be activated at Michigan and Jackson Boulevard in the Loop.

No citations will be issued for the first two weeks, Mayor Rahm Emanuel's administration said in announcing the new cameras Friday. Instead, camera lights will flash, serving as something of an early warning system. Tickets will start being issued Feb. 5.

Last year, the city turned off cameras at six intersections, based on a study by the Northwestern University Transportation Center that concluded the cameras would be better placed at other intersections to prevent accidents.

In September, cameras were installed at the junction of Central, Milwaukee and Foster avenues. Three other potential locations are still going through a community review process.

During Emanuel's tenure, 78 cameras have been permanently removed from intersections where data showed a low number of crashes.

Those cameras were removed in 2014 and 2015 after the Tribune began publishing stories that both questioned their overall effectiveness in deterring the most dangerous crashes and exposed a history of red light camera contract corruption at City Hall that eventually led to federal convictions.

In July, the Emanuel administration settled for \$38.75 million a lawsuit alleging the city did not give adequate notification to vehicle owners issued red light camera citations.

Once the new Michigan Avenue cameras are installed, the city will have 298 of them operating at 147 intersections. They generate tens of millions of dollars a year in city revenue.

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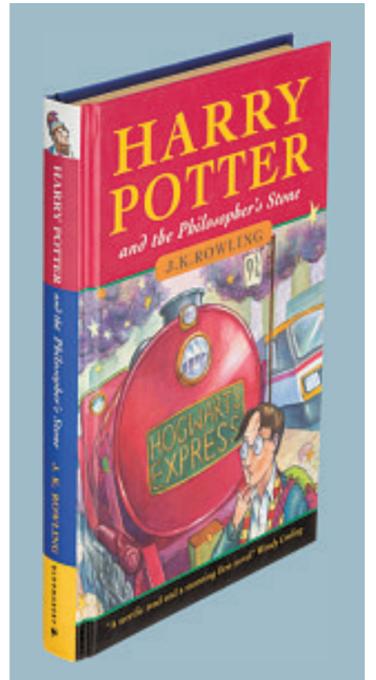


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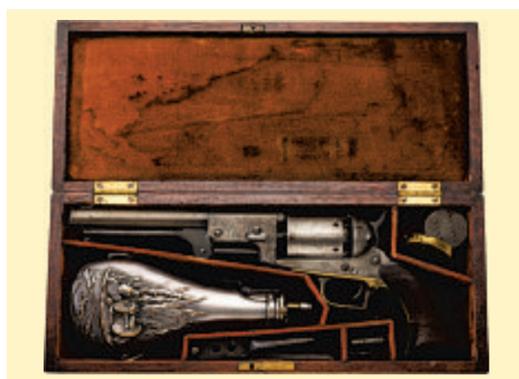
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FEMALE CHEFS PUSH BACK

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to deal with it or you're out.'"

In recent months, the restaurant world has found itself at the center of ongoing sexual harassment scandals, and many in the food world have struggled through a crisis of conscience. How did sexual harassment come to be an accepted part of restaurant culture? And who had enabled it to continue?

A recent look at 10 years of Equal Employment Opportunity Commission data by a Washington, D.C., think tank confirmed other studies that show that women in food service and retail jobs file more than three times as many sexual harassment claims as women in industries such as finance or insurance.

In an industry survey conducted by Restaurant Opportunities Centers United, an organization that advocates for the end of the tipped minimum wage system, 60 percent of women working in restaurants reported they had been sexually harassed at work. Add that number to a picture that includes extremely long workdays, a high ratio of young employees, a male-dominated power structure and customers who may be drinking and must be catered to, and reports of sexual harassment at even the most celebrated restaurants seem less than surprising.

"It's a breeding ground for bad behavior," says Jennifer Wisniewski, a restaurant publicist who spent years in a front-of-house capacity as co-owner of Chicago restaurant Bread & Wine.

Allegations of harassment and worse continue to unspool in the restaurant world, spotlighting the behavior of national figures such as Mario Batali and New Orleans' John Besh, as well as reported incidents at Chicago's Publican Group and Alinea Group restaurants. Against that backdrop, Tribune reporters have been interviewing top-ranking women across Chicago's restaurant world. What we found was a group of women aware of the unique opportunity their success affords them: the ability to speak out without the risks faced by women on lower rungs of the restaurant ladder. And they were ready — some for the first time — to share powerfully emotional experiences ("My mother told me, don't take it," says Mi Tocaya Antojeria's Diana Davila of one particularly difficult moment. "I came out of there guns blazing.") They had advice and even regrets ("Could I have done more?" asks sommelier Belinda Chang) and a view of what the future might hold.

"I don't know where we're going," says Dana Cree, executive pastry chef of The Publican restaurants, "but I think it changes everything. I think it changes things for all the girls who are standing in the kitchen and don't know where their voice is."

The women

- Belinda Chang, James Beard Award-winning sommelier and consultant
- Dana Cree, executive pastry chef, The Publican brand
- Diana Davila, chef/owner, Mi Tocaya Antojeria
- Sarah Grueneberg, chef/partner, Monteverde
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- Carrie Nahabedian, chef/owner, Naha and Brindille
- Mindy Segal, chef/owner, HotChocolate
- Alpana Singh, owner of Boarding House and Terra & Vine restaurants
- Sarah Stegner, chef/owner, Prairie Grass Cafe
- Jennifer Wisniewski, partner, VIIIX Group, former co-owner, Bread & Wine

When sexual harassment is everywhere, it's nowhere

The climate of sexual harassment and gender discrimination, the women told us, can be so pervasive it feels like the wallpaper: You hardly notice until something calls it to your attention. For women who have been successful in the restaurant business, it has been somewhat startling to see their world in light of gender bias and systemic harassment.

Cree: We were sitting around talking and this guy said, "Don't be such a woman about it." And (a colleague) just said, "Hey, don't say that, that's not OK." And he started arguing about it with her: "You need to get thicker skin if you're going to work in a restaurant." And she said, "No, that's not OK, and I will be working in this restaurant." So that just sort of broke it all open for me.

I had spent so long in the kitchen thinking there are no men or women here, just chefs. I was so set on not being devalued that I essentially ended up devaluing my own gender for 10 years, laughing along with the joke. I've never felt held back, so I think part of me thought, maybe that's over, the change is coming.

But my class in culinary school was all girls and one boy. Where did all those girls go? You look around at who's still standing next to you in the kitchen and you might be the only woman. Laughing respect for our gender away at guys saying, "Don't be such a woman about it."

Segal: It's an interesting, poignant discussion at this point, because I have always been a nonadvocate. I was against even talking about this issue or putting it



Jennifer Wisniewski, partner, VIIIX Group, former co-owner, Bread & Wine



Carrie Nahabedian, chef/owner, Naha and Brindille



Amber Lancaster, executive chef, Sable

in those terms of a woman chef versus a man chef. However I will tell you that recently I have experienced not harassment but sort of that boys club mentality. I had this aha moment where I was like, this is what it's like. Excluding women that are in a room — there's so much testosterone in the room that they can't even see that there is another person in the room. Women aren't like that, and I see the difference now. I see the difference that I have in my kitchen. I honestly feel that if it was run by a man and if a man was the chef, things would be different there.

Henrichsen: The current climate is a symptom of the larger culture. It has nothing to do with people touching their penises, but abuse of power. In restaurants ... it's very easy for someone to step over the line and use their power in a way that is inappropriate.

Lancaster: When I was younger I would hold myself back from saying something about what I knew was wrong. It's a little disconcerting, the things that go on still in kitchens. You read something about what happened in a kitchen and you think, really? This is still happening? And it's almost like as a woman you almost always get perceived as being a b----. Because when you do draw that line and say no, that's not happening, don't do that, you're a b----.

If it wasn't rape, was it a problem?

Every woman we talked with had stories to tell about gender-related issues — but many set aside their own experiences, noting that others had suffered far worse, and that they had managed to be successful in spite of the climate, partly through mentoring from both male and female colleagues. Yet they also expressed a growing discomfort with inequalities in the industry, and its code of silence.

Wisniewski: Once I walked in and heard a chef that was working for us say, "If this doesn't work out for me, it's not like I'm going to rape them, but I might kill them." Does a man face that if he's the owner of a restaurant? I don't think so. Sometimes being a woman doesn't bring out the best in people, it brings out the worst.

Kim: A lot of the chefs you looked up to, who were really talented, they also had dirty mouths. Making jokes about women and body parts, I felt like it was a different world than I grew up in, and I had to get a thick skin. I knew there was this discomfort that many women felt, but you had to hide those issues, you couldn't show that it bothered you.

Singh: There's a moving target of what's normal. I remember when I was 15 working in a diner and the men would catcall and whistle at me. Today, they'd be fired immediately, but back then, it was normal until someone said stop. You feel like you have nowhere to go, that you have to bottle and lock it up for years. (Reporting sexual harassment) is not revenge, these people just want to be heard.

Davila: When I worked in D.C., the first question out of people's mouths (when I was interviewing) was how would I deal with a kitchen full of men? Their questions revolved around that. They'd take one look at me and never let me through. If you're being refused to be looked at, how do you get the job? In those D.C. kitchens, I'd be talked to in very sexual terms, have my ass slapped. That was the first and only time I've cried in the kitchen.

Lancaster: I've had front-of-house managers say to me, "Oh, we can't hire her. She's not the right fit," and I'd say she's a great candidate. To me, she's got every qualification, she's perfect. But it's because they don't think she's attractive enough.

Chang: I always had to talk women out of dressing in a low-cut dress. Prove your worth by your revenue-generating potential, which is what men are judged by. Women are not measured by the same standards — there's a tendency to hire the beautiful girl at the host stand, the beautiful sommelier who can sell more to the table of guys. They're looking at the asset of beauty, not her ability to sell, and that's where some bad behavior can start, because there's this thinking of "I want to fill my dining room with hot girls on my service team." If the guys then start harassing her, then that's almost by design. Like, build it and they'll come.

For me ... I tried to teach them how to be important for a different reason, but of course, I feel guilty too. Could I have done more? You should get to have both, a career you pursue in the way you want to, but also (a chance to) express yourself in a way that makes you comfortable.

The 'good guy' isn't a fallacy

Overwhelmingly, the women we spoke with emphasized the importance of male mentors in their careers and thought that many men in the industry just needed a wake-up call to change their behavior.

Cree: A lot of the people who are behaving poorly are good people, they're your

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friends. You can help elevate one woman's career and then also mistreat another woman at the same time. It's hard when you really like somebody but you don't like the way they behave. For all the right people, being made aware of their character flaws and the way they are functioning in a team in a not-healthy way is what they need. They will take that information and change that behavior. But if we don't share what we see, we can't change it.

Kim: The first layer is for men to also be on board admitting yes, this is a problem. We can all change, and now is the time, we can't accept this. It sucks that it has to come to this huge crisis, but it's good that we're talking about it.

Singh: I can't say things haven't happened to me, but I've also gotten really lucky with the bosses and mentors I've had. A good chunk of what I demand for myself is a direct result of leadership and mentorship from chef (Jean) Joho. He helped me have a backbone. He would send me out on the floor, telling me, "I think it's important for people to see women in charge."

Wisniewski: When all of this came to a head, it's not like I said to myself, "Men are bad." It's more like I took a hard look in the mirror at what I turned the other way on or diminished and if I did that, then what was my part in all of this? I have to take a look at that.

Change starts at the top

Though they had differing points of view on harassment, the women told us they thought that the values of the leadership team were the key factor in restaurant culture. Their No. 1 recommendation for achieving change? Tackling difficult conversations head-on.

Nahabedian: You have to have the integrity, you have to provide a workplace that people want to work in and entertain in. I don't think (sexual harassment) is part of kitchen culture — I worked with chefs that were bullying, forceful — they came up in that European culture. Tensions brew when you work in an environment like that. But ultimately, you want happy cooks cooking your food.

Henrichsen: There are a lot of places that outline harassment in a handbook, and oh, by the way, it's clear that their lawyers and federal law had to write it in. When rubber meets the road, there are a million ways enforcing the policy can go wrong, but having that conversation with people is the first step. We won't always get it right, but hopefully, we won't fail. We need to hear someone



Belinda Chang, Beard Award-winning sommelier, consultant

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— Alpana Singh, owner of Boarding House and Terra & Vine restaurants

who is being offended and hurt by making the restaurant a place for dialogue.

Cree: This millennial culture that's coming up, they're not putting up with it. And they know exactly what to say. They grew up with social media and they have very public voices and they're not afraid to use them. And I hope they use those voices for good. We're not going to see the same protection for chefs and industry leaders.

Davila: My advice for young women: Lead with your instinct. Women who are

in these positions need to say something about this. Change your speech, avoid sexist language, tell other women to say it's not OK. Pay attention.

The optimism is real

Will the world of restaurants overcome its long, tortured history with gender issues? It's easy to be skeptical. But the women we talked with made it clear that their belief in a cleaned-up restaurant industry is strong.

Singh: What's happening is a huge

cultural shift. Now it's like, we can say, "That's not allowed," and we feel empowered. It's about us as women being prepared to push back. Here's what I want out of this whole thing: This isn't about someone winning or losing, but ultimately if this gives women equal footing... (Now) we're less likely to get funding, we're less likely to get write-ups, we're less likely to win awards — who is the woman Rich Melman or Danny Meyer? We have to change the culture so that women can be in power to make these decisions, so we're not treated as sex symbols. There's a much bigger cultural shift.

Grueberg: I was taught that being a woman was a weakness. That's part of my success. I use my faults and strengths to rewrite the book of running a restaurant and being a chef. Right now what's happening... I hope it continues shifting and that we can combat this.

Wisniewski: I do see it as a civil rights movement. It will make a change. I just see so many things changing. How can it not? Women are changing. We're seeing it differently. It's a process, but now the good news is there's no going back in time, nobody can say it isn't an issue.

Kim: Women are very powerful right now, and have the opportunity to really change the face of how things are run in the kitchen and change the culture. But we first need to acknowledge the past, that was unacceptable, and everyone needs to change now, to let women have an equal chance to make it. (Sexual harassment) is limiting their hopes and dreams and aspirations. Hopefully in my lifetime I will see something, maybe my grandchildren will see it.

Chang: Restaurants, like all businesses, are judged on a lot of factors, like did we make money or did we win awards. But that chase also promotes a mercenary attitude. I think the real win is: Did you make it to 25 years? Did your staff stay with you for that journey? How many people are nominated for James Beard Awards every year, and they're gone because they drove away their staff or drove themselves so hard? You've got to do this for the soul, not just for your face on a magazine cover. We have to change the metric.

Cree: I think we will never see equality at the top until we clean up the culture at the bottom, until the cooks that enter our culture enter clean, safe spaces. I hope for a shift in the culture, very, very badly. Because when I look at who's still left at the top, I just have to wonder who else would be there if they weren't the butt of the joke.

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A marcher holds a poster featuring the president ("Keep the immigrants | Deport Trump") during Women's March Chicago on the anniversary of Donald Trump's inauguration.



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Audrielle Simpson, 4, helps plant a "We the People"-theme flag in Grant Park, where actors from "Hamilton" and Second City performed before the march Saturday.



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Organizers estimated that 300,000 people marched from Grant Park to Federal Plaza during Women's March Chicago. This year's event was aimed at influencing midterm elections.

Energy at Chicago march 'electric'

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weather was chilly but sunny with clear skies as music pulsed from the stage.

Eighty-year-old Sandra Whitmore of Northbrook came with her four children. She said she's been attending protests since her first in 1968 in San Francisco.

The experience then was so intoxicating, Whitmore said, that she's attended dozens of protests in the five decades since. Her sign read: "My arms are getting tired from hold'n this sign since the 1960s."

Cast members from "Hamilton" and Second City's "She the People" made appearances. Speakers included Democratic politicians such as Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County Commissioner Bridget Gainer and City Clerk Anna Valencia.

"I am female. I am Latina. I am queer," actress Monica Raymund of the TV show "Chicago Fire" told the crowd, drawing cheers. "I am their worst nightmare. And so are you. And that's OK, we'll be fine."

Officials from the Chicago Foundation for Women, the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights and Emily's List also addressed the crowd.



LOU FOGLIA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Two demonstrators take a makeshift stage with their sign as thousands crowd Federal Plaza on Dearborn Street.

"This year is simple. This year is about right versus wrong," said speaker Tom Steyer, a billionaire activist funding a drive to impeach Trump. "The United States of America is not going to go backward."

Transgender activist Channy Lynne Parker talked about growing outrage at sexism in the workforce.

"For every woman who

has had to fend off sexual harassment in the workplace, claw her way to the top and fight for equal pay, no more," she said.

Groups and individuals sponsored portable restrooms labeled with signs that said "S**HOLE," a slightly coy nod to Trump's alleged comments about immigrants, describing Haiti, El Salvador and African nations this month.

"When the government shuts down, women still march," emcee Fawzia Mirza told the crowd, referring to the partial federal government shutdown that began Saturday.

A little after noon, throngs of marchers chanting, "We lead with love" and "This is what democracy looks like" started to slowly make their way from Grant Park to Federal Plaza. The

city closed several streets from late Friday to Saturday evening to accommodate the march, with Metra and the Chicago Transit Authority providing extra service to transport the crowds.

Even at eight months pregnant, Chloe Pedersen of Brookfield said she had to take part.

"I couldn't not go. It's too important," she said, and

then motioned to her belly. "Certainly if there's a little girl in here, I want her to know I was here today."

Lisa D'Angelo, of Evanston, said she slipped on a patch of ice and broke her left leg a few days before the event, but she borrowed a wheelchair from a friend so she could join the march.

"People need to still come out," she said.

Charity Weishar, of the Edgewater neighborhood, was overseas last year and had to experience the 2017 rally secondhand on social media.

"The energy here is electric. It's like a big warm hug," she said.

By early afternoon, the marchers began to disperse. Some left their signs along Michigan Avenue and Wacker Drive, visible to traffic and passersby.

One was written by a 5-year-old boy named Liam, who had scrawled "No Trump Noooo. You ar bad" in crayon.

"We remain incredibly proud of the women of the city of Chicago who continue to demonstrate this city is a thought leader in the civil rights movement," Scheller said.

"Chicago has a long and storied history of activism, and what we saw today was a continuation of that proud history."

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CHICAGO WEEK

President Donald Trump said in a tweet that "Senator Dicky Durbin totally misrepresented what was said at the DACA meeting," a direct challenge to the Democratic politician's account of how Trump used vulgar language to describe certain countries in a meeting on immigration. Durbin stood by his version, and his office did not directly respond to Trump's tweet.

The city of Chicago agreed to pay \$115 million to a young dancer left partially paralyzed when a shelter at O'Hare International Airport collapsed on her in August 2015. A jury awarded Tierney Darden, now 26, a record \$148 million in damages. The city argued the verdict was "excessive," leading to a settlement for \$115 million, still a state record in an individual

personal injury case, according to Darden's attorneys. The city had admitted it was liable because, while a storm was rolling through the area when the shelter crashed, it was found that the structure had missing bolts.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel ran into rare City Council opposition over a plan to provide a \$5.6 million tax subsidy to

a health care company that has pledged to build four community care centers in neighborhoods where health services are scarce. Progressive aldermen criticized Presence Health, a Catholic institution, for its stand on reproductive health — specifically, opposing abortion rights. In the end, the subsidy, which will help pay for Presence's downtown headquarters,

passed by a 31-18 tally, one of the closest margins Emanuel has faced in seven years.

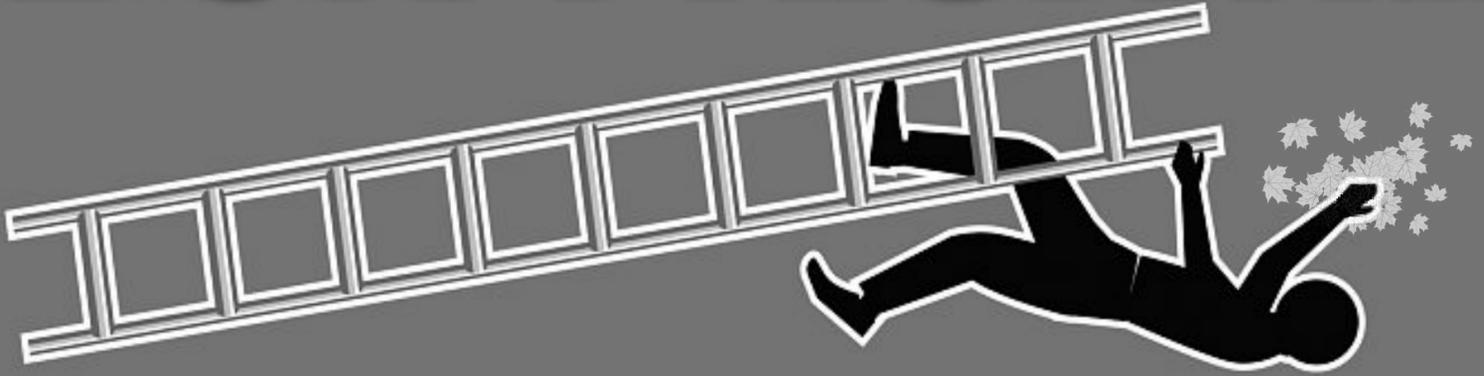
The Archdiocese of Chicago's educational footprint continues to shrink with five Catholic schools, four of them in the suburbs, slated to be closed in June.

Federal prosecutors will seek the death penalty for a former University of Illinois

graduate student accused of kidnapping, torturing and killing a visiting scholar from China in June. Prosecutors alleged for the first time that Brendt Christensen "choked and sexually assaulted" another victim in 2013 in the Champaign-Urbana area. He also has claimed "additional victims" and expressed a "desire to be known as a killer," according to prosecutors.

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Signs of federal shutdown pop up across U.S.

BY RICHARD LARDNER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Symbols of American promise became emblems of American dysfunction Saturday when a dispute in Congress over spending and immigration forced scores of federal government agencies and outposts to close their doors.

The Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island turned away visitors in New York due to what the National Park Service described as “a lapse in appropriations,” a bureaucratic term for a lack of money. In Philadelphia, crowds of tourists were told Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence and Constitution were signed, and the Liberty Bell were closed.

The shuttered icons were some of the easiest-to-spot impacts of the partial government closure. Funds ran out at midnight Friday, leaving 48 hours before the most dramatic effect — the furloughing of nearly a million federal employees — goes into effect.

As in shutdowns past, federal services were carved into two categories — essential and non-essential — with the former set to carry on as normal. In that category, the mail will be delivered and Social Se-



A sign at the Library of Congress in Washington informs people that it is closed. The shutdown began at midnight Friday.

curity checks still go out, the air traffic control system stays up and running, as do the FBI, Customs and Border Protection, and veterans hospitals.

Still, there were plenty of inconveniences to irk American taxpayers.

While active-duty troops will stay at their posts during a shutdown, personnel stationed overseas were touched by the political fallout almost immediately.

The American Forces Network, which broadcasts American radio and television programming in Europe and other locations outside the U.S., put a message on its Facebook page that said its services would

not be available “due to the government shutdown.”

The notice sparked a series of angry reactions from viewers, with several noting that the timing couldn't have been worse: The NFL conference championships will be played Sunday.

“During NFL PLAY-OFFS?!” one post read. “AFN, start a GoFundMe & broadcast these games! Make it happen!”

Yet congressional Republicans and Democrats appeared no closer Saturday to settling their differences over immigration policy and striking an agreement to fund the government. The longer the shutdown

lasts, the worse the effects will be. Almost half the 2 million civilian federal workers will be barred from doing their jobs if the shutdown extends into Monday.

That'll put on hold a swath of government functions, from the processing of new veterans benefits claims to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's support for the government's annual seasonal flu program.

How key parts of the country will be affected:

The economy: If the shutdown lasts just days or even a couple of weeks, the robust stock market that President Donald Trump

has boasted about probably will emerge unscathed. A longer impasse, economists say, could rattle consumer and investor confidence, pulling stocks lower and dragging down the economy.

The IRS: A shutdown plan posted on the Treasury Department's website shows that nearly 44 percent of the IRS' 80,565 employees will be exempt from being furloughed during a shutdown. That would mean nearly 45,500 IRS employees will be sent home just as the agency is preparing for the start of the tax filing season and ingesting the sweeping changes made by the new

GOP tax law.

The Republican architects of the tax law have promised that millions of working Americans will see heftier paychecks next month, with less money withheld by employers in anticipation of lower income taxes. The IRS recently issued new withholding tables for employers.

Justice Department:

Many of the nearly 115,000 Justice Department employees have national security and public safety responsibilities that allow them to keep working during a shutdown. Special counsel Robert Mueller's team investigating Russian meddling in the presidential election will also continue working. His office is paid for indefinitely.

State Department:

Many State Department operations will continue in a shutdown. Passport and visa processing, which are largely self-funded by consumer fees, will not shut down. The agency's main headquarters in Washington, in consultation with the nearly 300 embassies, consulates and other diplomatic missions around the world, will draw up lists of nonessential employees who will be furloughed.

How you could feel federal shutdown

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days and provides a window into what might be in store this time.

Thousands of federal employees stand to be furloughed. More than 40 agencies employ roughly 40,000 federal employees across the Chicago area, according to the Chicago Federal Executive Board.

Officials didn't disclose Friday which of those employees would continue working, but in 2013, some federal agencies with local offices including the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Labor and the Small Business Administration had to cease “nonessential” functions and send home “non-essential” employees.

Federal workers in 2013 who were deemed “essential” reported to work but went without paychecks until Congress later approved the money. At the U.S. attorney's office, about a third of its 300 employees — mostly from its civil litigation and support staff — were sent home during the budget stalemate.

U.S. Attorney John Lausch's spokesman said Friday that most of the office's approximately 125 criminal prosecutors are exempt from budget-related furloughs, and their work would not be affected.

“Most of our civil work would be curtailed or postponed, but our criminal litigation will continue without interruption,” spokesman Joseph Fitzpatrick said.

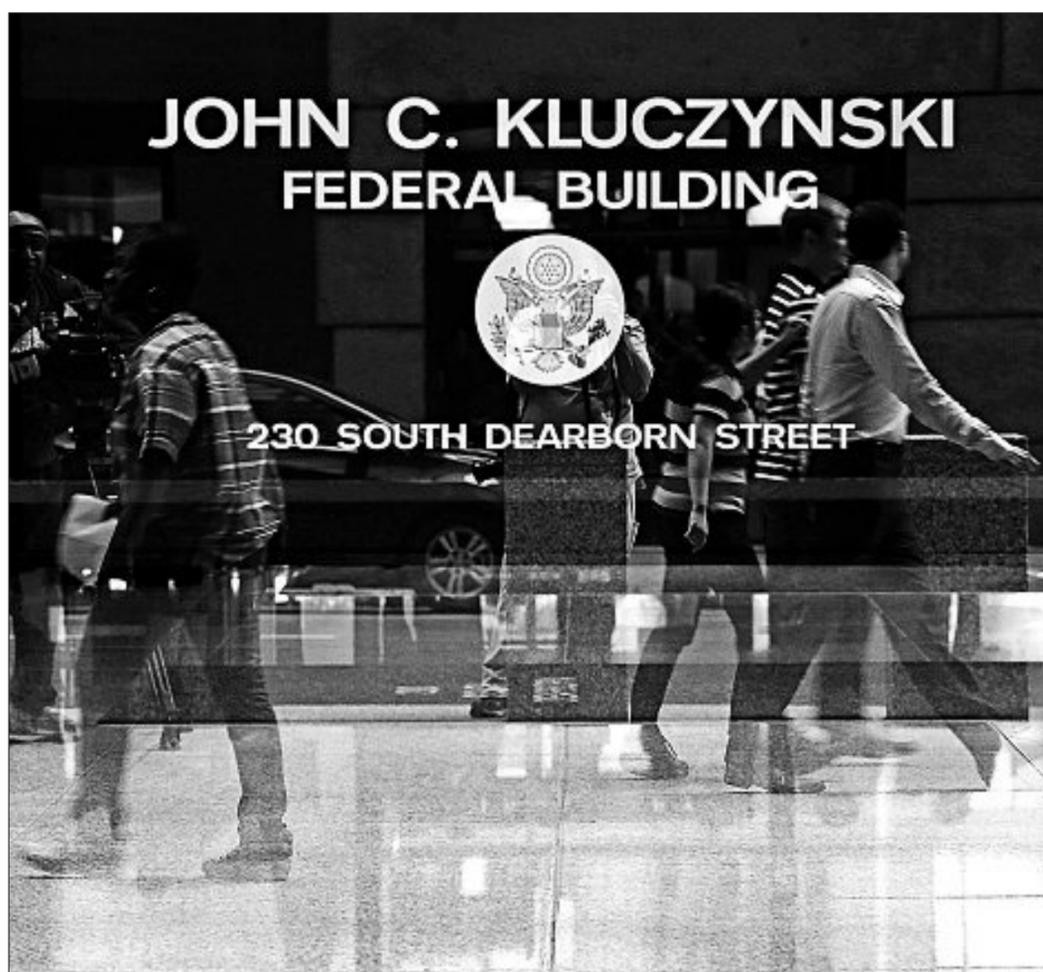
Confusion in 2013 — and again now

It wasn't always clear during the 2013 budget stalemate what was shutting down and what wasn't.

For example, a woman trying to get a copy of her Social Security card at the Metcalfe Federal Building in Chicago was turned away, according to news reports at the time. She needed the card to show to her new employer and start a bar-keeping job. A study at University of Chicago Medicine on the drug-resistant bacterium MRSA came to a halt.

An EPA engineer told the Tribune that the shutdown kept him from monitoring and advancing the cleanup of an arsenic-contaminated river in northern Wisconsin. And Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood stayed open, but burials took place on a reduced schedule.

This time, a protracted shutdown would hit the Internal Revenue Service



More than 40 agencies employ about 40,000 federal employees in the Chicago area, many of whom could be furloughed.

hard, coming during the tax-filing season and after a major, newly approved overhaul of the tax code.

Nationwide, the IRS would keep about 43.5 percent of its workers on the job without pay at first, then reassess if a shutdown lasted longer than five business days, according to a new contingency plan. IRS officials in Washington did not respond to Tribune questions about the impact on its Chicago staffers.

And while air traffic controllers won't be idled, a Federal Aviation Administration employee who works in Des Plaines near O'Hare International Airport told the Tribune he was alerted Friday that he would be furloughed if the government shuts down. The employee was not authorized to speak to the media and requested anonymity.

Most national parks, national monuments and private concessions serving them will remain open. Employees, though, will not clean restrooms or pick up trash, an official said. In Springfield, the Abraham Lincoln Home National Historic Site's acting superintendent said he was waiting for guidance from higher-ups as to whether the facilities would close again.

“We're pretty sure that there will not be tours here tomorrow (Saturday) if there's a shutdown,” acting superintendent Tim Townsend said.

And on Chicago's South

Side, Pullman National Monument was working on an individual shutdown plan in the event of a funding lapse, National Park Service spokesman Jeffrey Olson said.

Courts

U.S. District Court Chief Judge Ruben Castillo told the Tribune on Friday that the courts have enough money in reserve to keep operating normally into the first week of February.

“But after that, that's where we run into problems,” he said in a telephone interview. “We would have to put together a contingency plan to figure out what we would need to do.”

Castillo said the first thing that would likely happen in a fiscal emergency would be to “shut down trials,” particularly in civil cases.

Trials are expensive to run because jury pools have to be assembled and the courts pay travel and other expenses to jurors, sometimes for weeks at a time, he said.

Other contingency plans include furloughing nonessential court employees and canceling criminal trials for defendants who are not in custody when there is no danger of violating the accused's constitutional right to a speedy trial, Castillo said.

“You end up triaging justice, and that's just not fair,” he said.

Regardless of whether any drastic action has to be

taken, the chief judge said it's unfortunate for politicians to be holding the court system hostage because of their failures to compromise on a budget.

“I'm tired of these Friday night showdowns,” the judge said. “For us to be sort of political captives to the battles that are going on in Washington ... I wish they would just be cognizant of those employees who will be told not to come to work.”

It's not the first time Castillo has had to deal with this issue. He had been on the job for less than three months when the 2013 shutdown occurred.

Castillo told the Tribune then that if the stalemate hadn't been resolved, he was prepared to send a doomsday email that would have halted all trials at the busy downtown courthouse because he had no more money to pay jurors and court-appointed attorneys or cover other costs of a trial. Officials in Washington had told him to give jurors IOUs for their service if necessary — something he refused to do.

Military, veterans, law enforcement and scientists

The picture is brighter at the Veterans Health Administration, which will continue full operations under the shutdown.

Lovell Federal Health Care Center in North Chicago will be open and fully

functional, spokeswoman Jayna Legg said Friday. “Only a very minimal number of the 3,000-plus VA civilian employees, Navy personnel and contractors who work at Lovell could potentially be impacted by the shutdown, but at no time will patient care or safety be at risk,” she said.

At Naval Station Great Lakes in North Chicago, almost 3,500 civil service employees, many of them administrative workers, were expected to be furloughed, base spokesman John Sheppard said. First responders like fire and police personnel were expected to keep working.

Great Lakes is the Navy's only boot camp, and training and graduation of 6,000 recruits was expected to continue as normal, Deputy Public Affairs Officer Susan Krawczyk said. Some specialty training classes after boot camp that are taught by civilians might be put on hold.

But the shutdown would mean no funding for airline travel to take graduates to their new assignments, so they would get backed up waiting at the naval base, Sheppard said.

Active-duty military personnel would be required to report for duty but would not be paid until Congress appropriated the money, the Pentagon said in a memo Thursday. Some civilian employees would be furloughed without pay, however, the memo said.

The FBI, meanwhile, issued a statement that its

“You end up triaging justice, and that's just not fair.”

— U.S. District Court Chief Judge Ruben Castillo

field office operations will continue.

“FBI operations are directed towards national security and violations of federal law, and must be able to continue during a lapse in appropriations,” the bureau announced. “As such, all FBI agents and support personnel in field offices are considered excepted from furlough.”

And at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory near west suburban Batavia and Argonne National Laboratory near southwest suburban Lemont, about 5,000 federal employees were expected to continue to work as scheduled, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

Department officials said in written contingency plans that they planned to continue operations using existing funds until they are exhausted but did not specify how long they might last.

Other impacts

Under the shutdown, entitlement benefits such as Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid will continue to be paid.

But services such as new enrollments or fixing benefit problems might cease depending on what government officials judged “essential,” said the Federal Budget Group, a consultancy in Washington led by a former assistant director of the White House budget office.

The Budget Group also warned that functions such as these could stop under the shutdown:

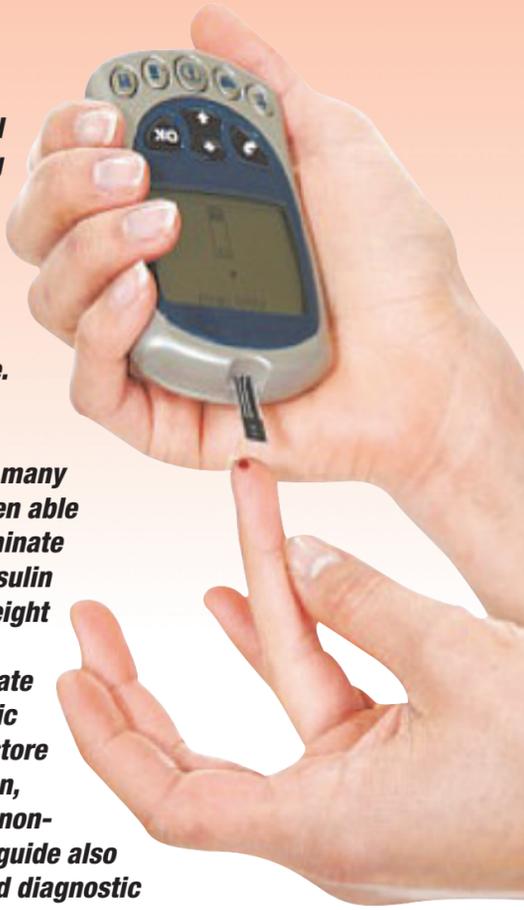
- Patients might be prevented from enrolling in clinical trials at the National Institutes of Health.
- Private-sector lending might be disrupted if banks and mortgage providers cannot access government income data and verify Social Security numbers.
- Import and export licenses might be put on hold.
- Tax refunds might be delayed.
- Federal permitting and environmental reviews might stop, delaying transportation and energy projects.
- Federal loans to small businesses, homeowners and families in rural communities might be disrupted.

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Chicago rapper Fredo Santana dead at age 27

Chief Keef's cousin had major health scare in October

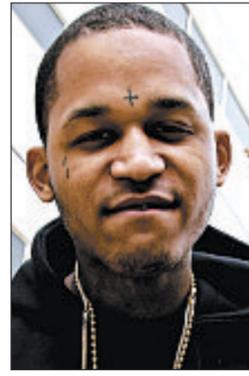
By KEVIN WILLIAMS
Chicago Tribune

Chicago rapper Fredo Santana, who like his elder cousin Chief Keef performed in the "drill" style, died Friday in Los Angeles at age 27. The Los Angeles County medical examiner's office confirmed the death Saturday but provided no further details.

Santana, whose legal name is Derrick Coleman, released gritty, autobiographical rap songs that took an unflinching look at a life very different from that of the city's famed Save Money crew.

Santana enjoyed his biggest year in terms of popularity in 2013, which was the year of his sole album release, "Trappin' Ain't Dead," though he also put out nine mixtapes. The recording debuted on iTunes and included cameos from Kendrick Lamar and Keef.

"2006 when I first started popping pills," Santana sang on his 2017 track "Been Savage," the combo of trap and drill that brought the rapper to a local fame, even as the national spot-



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Rapper Fredo Santana found local fame in Chicago with gritty, autobiographical trap and drill songs.

light eluded him in a way that matched Chicago peers such as Keef and Chance the Rapper.

Condolences poured in on Twitter, including from Andrew Barber, who runs the influential hip-hop site fakeshoredrive.com. Barber said in an emailed statement, "I met Fredo in early 2012, just as Chicago's Drill boom was taking off. Despite how he may have been perceived by media or the fans, Fredo was one of the kindest and coolest artists I've come in contact with during my 10+ years in the business. He had a clear plan of what he wanted to

do and how he wanted to accomplish it. ... His flow, look and style was often mimicked and imitated throughout the years, but the industry recognized him as an originator and innovator. He will be missed."

The rapper's first significant health scare came in October, when a friend found him having a seizure. The subsequent hospitalization delayed release of a new mixtape. In an Instagram status update from the hospital, Santana wrote: "Been in here since Friday. Doctor say ... kidney failure an liver failure. I'm getting back to normal. Sorry to all my fans turbo bandana will not be dropping tomorrow due to my health issues. Thanks for everyone who prayed. ... I wouldn't wish this on my worse enemy."

After that incident, Santana vowed to seek help and began speaking out about the dangers of drug abuse. A December Instagram Live video showed the rapper looking healthy, at one point saying, "Hope you been staying away from that lean. ... Do I look like I been sippin' lean?"

The rapper leaves behind an 8-month-old son.

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Canada's prime minister to visit city

By LEONOR VIVANCO-PRENGAMAN
Chicago Tribune

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced Friday he is planning to visit Chicago next month.

He will deliver a speech at the University of Chicago's Institute of Politics on Feb. 7 to highlight the importance of public service and speak about strengthening ties between Canada and the U.S.

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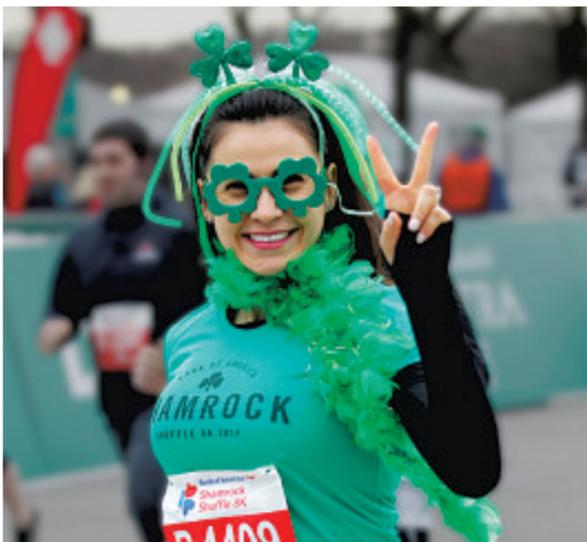
cans know we are all better off when we work together to grow the middle class, and create more opportunities for people on both sides of the border," Trudeau said in a statement. "I look forward to meeting with government and business leaders in the United States again to explore new opportunities for collaboration and growth, so we can build a more prosperous future for people in both countries."

At the university event,

which will be streamed live online, Trudeau will field questions from institute director David Axelrod, according to the institute.

Trudeau's four-day U.S. visit also includes stops in the Los Angeles area, where he will speak at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute in Simi Valley, and San Francisco, where he will meet with business leaders and entrepreneurs.

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Old lineup photos lead to inmate's release

Man convicted in 1997 murders still seeks exoneration

BY ANNIE SWEENEY
Chicago Tribune

Jaime Hauad left home for the last time on a spring morning in 1997, kissing his mom goodbye as she still lay in bed. Later that day, he was picked up by Chicago police for questioning in a double murder in the 3100 block of West George Street.

Hauad, just 17 at the time, never went back home.

Within days, he was charged. A conviction followed. A life sentence.

On Friday afternoon at 12:59 p.m., Hauad, who for two decades has alleged that police coerced a statement from him by threatening to cut his toes off in a paper cutter, walked out of Graham Correctional Center in Hillsboro, Ill., and into his mother's arms.

"When I was in prison, the people that went home before me like Juan Rivera — other people who proved their wrongful convictions — inspired me," Hauad said in a telephone interview Friday as he drove past the small rolling hills and trees of central Illinois. "And I just hope that my story inspires people who are still in prison ... who are fighting."

In a surprise decision last week, the Cook County state's attorney's office agreed to reduce Hauad's sentence to time served, granting him an immediate release from the Illinois Department of Corrections. Hauad had already been resentenced once, in 2016, after a Supreme Court ruling dictated that juveniles can't be sentenced to life.

Hauad still had 14 years pending on that sentence as of Thursday morning, when Cook County Judge William Gamboney ordered the release, based in large part on a recommendation from Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx's office, which had reviewed the case.



Jaime Hauad holds his niece as he celebrates his release Friday in Chicago with brothers Alex Hauad, left, and Mike Perez.

The decision did not affect Hauad's conviction on the murders, and he and his legal team plan to continue to fight for his exoneration.

Central to Foxx's decision to agree to the release was the finding in 2017 by the Illinois Torture Inquiry and Relief Commission of "sufficient evidence" to support Hauad's allegations of abuse — which include the dramatic story that he was forced to put his feet in an office paper cutter as detectives threatened to cut his toes and sliced at the tips of his sneakers.

Since it allegedly happened, Hauad has shared that story with his mother, his criminal defense attorney and, finally, attorneys at Northwestern University law school's Bluhm Legal Clinic, which took up his case along with attorneys from the DLA Piper and Jones Day law firms in Chicago.

Critical to their legal fight was that the torture commission was able to document Hauad's seemingly outlandish story through police lineup photos. Hauad, who sat through two lineups, was wearing his Fila sneakers with the tips intact in the first. In the second, he is wearing a different pair of shoes — and a friend is wearing the now-damaged Filas.

After Hauad allegedly was made to put his feet in the paper cutter, police took the shoes from him, he has said. A short time later, he saw the shoes in a hallway and grabbed them. He quickly gave them to the friend, who was also at the detective area that day — under arrest. Hauad asked him to switch shoes and take the damaged Filas to his mother when he got released.

The two switched shoes, and the friend delivered the

Filas to Perez. She gave them to her son's defense attorney, but the allegation never came up at trial.

For the first time Friday, Hauad was able to recount to the news media the dramatic story himself.

"When I went to the second lineup, the first person I seen was a person I know from the streets," Hauad said. "And one of the first questions he asked me was, 'What happened to your shoes?' That was when I was able to tell him, 'This is what they are doing to me. Get these to my mom. And let her know.'"

Hauad, speaking on his lawyer's cellphone from the back seat of the car as he traveled home, recounted how his friend initially balked.

"His only hangup was he got some brand-new (Nike Scottie) Pippens," Hauad said. "He said, 'Man, I just got these.'"

It wasn't until years later that Hauad figured out how to document the incredible story. While in an IDOC law library, he saw another inmate with lineup photos and asked how he got them.

"He slid me a Freedom of Information form and told me if I write to headquarters of the Chicago Police Department they will send me that," Hauad said, referring to the state law that requires public bodies to release information upon request. "I never knew that. That is all I did."

The return of the photos was emotional for Hauad not only because he immediately saw that he finally had photo evidence of the damaged shoes — but also because of how young he looked in the photo arrays.

Hauad, when asked about the abuse, said he recalled how one officer held his feet on the board

while the other worked the blade. He was not convinced they were really going to cut his feet, he said. But he said he believes they were trying to scare him into confessing to the murders, which he maintains he did not do.

Hauad never confessed to police, but his attorneys have argued in court filings that any statements he gave — including an alibi that was later determined to be bogus — were coerced.

"They were trying to get me to sign some papers," he said. "To be honest, I didn't think they were going (to go) that far (to cut him). But these were tactics they used to get you to confess to sign whatever documents they had to strengthen their case. I was a kid. And I got life."

Hauad's attorneys are not aware of any internal investigation into the allegations against the officers, or discipline.

In a statement, the Fraternal Order of Police called the decision to release Hauad a "betrayal of the criminal justice system."

On Friday afternoon Hauad, who left prison in a gray sweatsuit and with an envelope filled with paperwork, was on his way home to a relative's home near Chicago.

Though Hauad is also coming home to a wife — whom he married while in prison — she is not living in the Chicago area, which makes her home ineligible as a residence for an Illinois parolee.

Because his release came up somewhat quickly, Hauad said he has not figured out exactly what his next move will be — other than that he is looking forward to his first real job.

As for the streets he left behind — Hauad said he has no intention of returning to the life he was living as a teenager.

"Unfortunately I joined a gang at an early age and was running with the wrong crowd," he said. "I am going to be a law-abiding citizen."

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Wheelchair basketball team picks local teen

BY LEONOR VIVANCO-PRENGAMAN
Chicago Tribune

All of Ixhelt Gonzalez's training — hours of doing drills up and down the basketball court and taking countless shots — paid off.

The 13-year-old eighth-grader from Chicago's South Deering neighborhood was the youngest player named last week to the roster of the U.S. women's wheelchair basketball team, securing a spot among 17 athletes.

A dozen players will be selected to compete in August at the World Championships in Germany, one step toward the 2020 Paralympic Games in Tokyo.

Ixhelt joins two col-



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Ixhelt Gonzalez, now on the U.S. women's wheelchair basketball team, trains at Chicago's Mann Park last month.

legiate athletes, Kaitlyn Eaton and Emily Oberst, who play at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Since 1990, the women's team has won two gold medals at the world championships, played every four

years. The team won the gold medal in the 2016 Summer Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro.

"Her story, spirit and strength are an inspiration to our city," Mayor Rahm Emanuel said in a statement.

At age 2, Ixhelt was found to have femoral anteversion, a condition in which the thigh bone is twisted inward.

She began playing wheelchair basketball at age 7.

Ixhelt, a forward, is the only girl on her team of 11 players at Rainbow Beach Park in South Chicago, the sole Chicago Park District location to offer the sport to youths in partnership with the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab, a research hospital in Streetworkville.

Her coach, Daniel Ferreira, referred to Ixhelt as a naturally gifted player. "She's probably the best defender on our team right now," he told the Tribune last month. "She's got this fire to her game. There's a passion there, but it's controlled."

Ixhelt has her sights also set on the 2020 Games. "I really want to be a part of this sport, (have) this sport in my life forever because I really love this sport," she said last month as she practiced with her older brother before traveling to Colorado for team tryouts.

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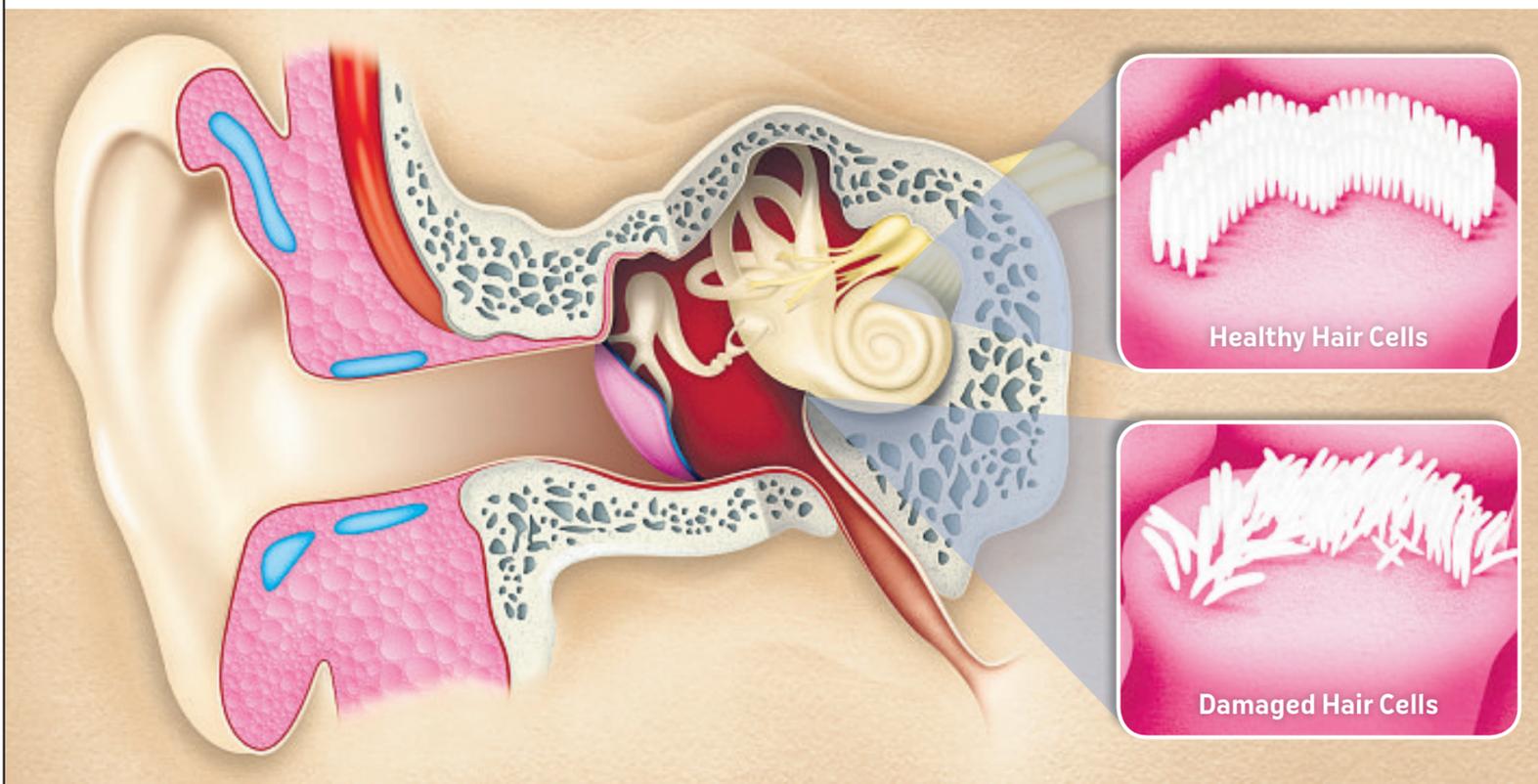
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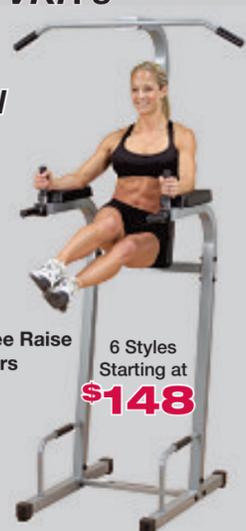
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'Serial stowaway' thwarts TSA, flies out of O'Hare

Prosecutors say woman's latest act took her to London

BY WILLIAM LEE
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Chicago Tribune

A woman notorious for stowing away on commercial airplanes made it past two Transportation Security Administration agents at O'Hare International Airport last week by hiding her face with her hair, then stayed overnight at the airport before sneaking onto a plane and flying to London, prosecutors said Saturday.

Marilyn Hartman, 66, faces a felony theft charge in connection with flying to the United Kingdom on a British Airways jet without a \$2,400 plane ticket and a misdemeanor trespass charge in connection with getting into the airport illegally.

In a hearing Saturday afternoon, a judge ordered her released on her own recognition but ordered her to undergo psychiatric treatment and stay away from O'Hare and any British Airways planes.

Hartman also will be required to have an ankle monitor until the conclusion of her case.

"There is no pun intended for your client, but she is a flight risk given the number of offenses," Judge Stephanie K. Miller said to Hartman's court-appointed attorney.

Dressed in a dark gray sweater and wearing black-framed eyeglasses, Hartman said nothing during the hearing, but her lips curled into a smile after the judge granted her release.

Hartman used her hair to hide her face and walk past two federal TSA Precheck agents who were checking boarding passes around 2 p.m. on Jan. 14 at O'Hare,

prosecutors said Saturday.

After entering a security checkpoint, she then went to a terminal and tried to board a plane to Connecticut, but as she tried to "dart around" another passenger in line, she was stopped by a flight agent and told to sit down, Assistant State's Attorney Maria McCarthy told the court.

Hartman got onto a shuttle bus to the International Terminal and slept there overnight, prosecutors said.

The next day, Hartman managed to get past British Airways ticket agents and a Customs and Border Patrol officer, and onto a plane, prosecutors said. She sat in an empty seat and flew to London's Heathrow Airport, but when she showed her documents to a Customs agent, she was identified as someone who entered England without proper documentation, McCarthy said.

Hartman, of Grayslake, was flown back to O'Hare, and Chicago police and other officials were waiting for her when she arrived, prosecutors said. She later admitted to boarding the London-bound flight without buying a ticket, McCarthy added.

Hartman's movements through the airport were captured on high-definition surveillance video, according to authorities.

The TSA is investigating how Hartman was able to get through security, a spokesman said in a statement Friday.

"This matter is subject to an ongoing investigation and TSA is working closely with our law enforcement and airline partners in that effort," according to the statement. "During the initial investigation it was determined that the passenger was screened at the security checkpoint before boarding a flight. Upon learning of the incident

"There is no pun intended for your client, but she is a flight risk given the number of offenses."

— Judge Stephanie K. Miller, to Marilyn Hartman's attorney

TSA, and its aviation partners took immediate action to review security practices throughout the airport."

This is Hartman's first arrest in Chicago since 2016, but she has a long history of trying to sneak onto airplanes.

Hartman was given probation when she originally was sentenced after pleading guilty in a February 2016 trespassing charge, but she was sentenced to 364 days in jail a few weeks later, according to court records. She was credited for 23 days already served and could have spent less than six months in jail if given credit for good behavior, according to court records.

At the time she was sentenced to jail, Hartman had been living at a mental health facility on the Near North Side before violating the terms of her probation by leaving the facility and going to O'Hare.

Hartman has been detained several times across the country for trying to bypass airport security. In a court filing after her arrest in July 2015 at O'Hare on trespass charges, Cook County prosecutors described Hartman as a "serial stowaway."

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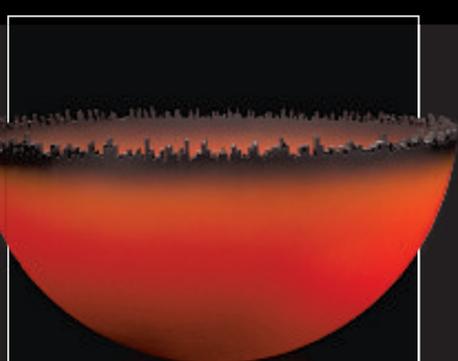
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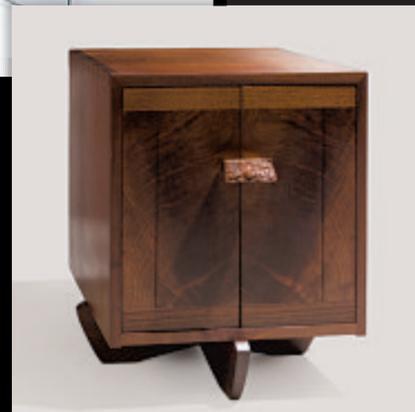
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Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin is a multimillionaire who takes a dim view of the government's acting to ensure health insurance for everyone.

The trouble with Medicaid work requirements



STEVE CHAPMAN

Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin, acting out of an abundance of compassion, is doing a favor to people on Medicaid: forcing them to work or lose their coverage. "Human beings want to be treated with dignity and respect," he says. "And we're going to give them that opportunity." Now all he has to do is stand back and accept their gratitude.

He shouldn't hold his breath. In becoming the first state to impose a work requirement for Medicaid, something that needed the approval of the Trump administration, Kentucky is not likely to move many people into the dignity of paid employment. It's more likely to move them into the indignity of doing without medical care until illness or injury forces a visit to the emergency room.

Bevin is a multimillionaire who takes a dim view of the government's acting to ensure health insurance for everyone. "I grew up in poverty," he says. "I grew up with no access to health care ever. I had no health care of any kind until I was an active-duty Army officer in my 20s."

His claim of poverty is hard to square with the fact that his father worked in a wood mill and his mother in a hospital. Bevin graduated from Washington and Lee University, which had (and has) a student health clinic. When I repeatedly emailed his press aides for evidence to support his testimonial, however, I got no response.

The expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act by Bevin's Democratic predecessor cut the number of uninsured to 5.1 percent of the population from 14.3 percent — the biggest improvement of any state. This meant that a lot of low-income people could get needed care without fear of financial hardship or ruin.

Seeing this, Bevin grouches that the program has grown to cover "those that Medicaid was not originally designed for." True. The original program left out a lot of people who couldn't afford private insurance. The ACA provided money to encourage states to cover more people, and it worked.

What good did it do? A study in The New England Journal of Medicine found that "state Medicaid expansions to cover low-income adults were significantly associated with reduced mortality as well as improved coverage, access to care, and self-reported health."

They also helped providers. Hospitals, said Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear in 2014, saw "uncompensated care

drop significantly because they're starting to get reimbursed through the expanded Medicaid program for previously uninsured people."

It's possible this new policy will motivate a few idlers to get off the couch. But the logic behind that theory is not powerful. People who are healthy and capable of working generally don't often need medical care. So Medicaid makes a weak inducement for them to do without wage income.

Unrestricted cash assistance or food stamps might enable some able-bodied adults to spurn work. But it's hard to see how health care coverage would.

Kicking people off is one way to save money on Medicaid. But under a 1986 law signed by President Ronald Reagan, hospitals are obligated to provide patients with emergency care regardless of their ability to pay. If Medicaid doesn't cover these bills, hospitals and taxpayers will.

Most people on Medicaid don't need to be told to work — because they already do. Of those who don't, the great majority are elderly, pregnant, students, disabled, in poor health or occupied with caregiving. Many others are unable to find employers willing to hire them.

"Research shows that Medicaid expansion has not negatively affected labor market participation," reports the Kaiser Family Foundation, "and some research indicates that Medicaid

coverage supports work." Sick people make poor job candidates. Those who get treated are better able to function in the workplace.

But demanding that some recipients prove they are working will also make it a bigger hassle to qualify — purging some recipients for paperwork lapses and discouraging eligible people from applying. This is a predictable result for people who are not likely to excel at filing forms.

The Center for Children and Families at Georgetown University found that when Washington state began requiring income documentation twice a year instead of once, enrollment dropped, and when it reverted to once a year, enrollment climbed. The Kentucky work requirement may cut costs by getting rid of otherwise eligible people.

Some of them will go without medical care, damaging their health and even endangering their lives. They can thank Bevin for giving them that opportunity.

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CHANGE OF SUBJECT

BY ERIC ZORN



'Insider' charge pits Pritzker against Kennedy

One of the more interesting exchanges in Friday's 75-minute joint appearance at the Tribune Editorial Board by the six Democratic candidates for governor came after board member Kristen McQueary asked J.B. Pritzker about his failure to be more critical of the state's two most unpopular Democrats, Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios and veteran House Speaker Michael Madigan.

Berrios has been under withering journalistic fire for presiding over an opaque, error-riddled assessment system that seems to favor wealthy communities over poorer ones. And Madigan, by dint of his many decades in power, is widely considered complicit in, if not mostly responsible for, the mismanagement that has left Illinois deeply in arrears.

"Progressive voters are worried that you're not going to stand up to these people, because on the campaign trail you're being so careful not to offend them," McQueary said.

Indeed they are. I hear this a lot from my friends on the left. Yeah, Pritzker, the fabulously wealthy front-runner who has a gaudy collection of endorsements, says most of the right things, but in the end, isn't he the candidate of the same establishment insiders who've left us hungrily for change?

The recent airing of FBI wiretap recordings of Pritzker chatting with then-Gov. Rod Blagojevich in November 2008, shortly before Blagojevich was arrested on corruption charges, has further sharpened concern that Pritzker is far from independent. Even though the recordings, released by Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner's campaign in what looks like a pre-emptive strike against Pritzker, aren't incriminating, they show Pritzker comfortable and familiar with the greasy but legal quid pro quos in politics.

"The truth is, I have been critical," Pritzker said to McQueary. "And the first thing I would say is that I'm not endorsing anybody in any primaries. I'm running in my



Daniel Biss, from left, J.B. Pritzker and Chris Kennedy at a meeting of Democratic gubernatorial candidates and members of the Chicago Tribune Editorial Board on Friday.

own primary. The second thing I'd tell you is that I think there are massive flaws in the property tax system in Cook County and across the state of Illinois. I think that running for governor we ought to be proposing solutions to that instead of calling people out by name.

"Calling people out individually for their failures is, you know, not productive, and I'm involved in my own primary, not other people's."

A more candid answer might have sounded like this: *Hey, Berrios is the Cook County Democratic party chair; Madigan is the Illinois Democratic party chair and a nearly unstoppable force in Springfield. I don't need their money — I'm richer than God, remember — but I do intend to win this thing, and I'm going to need to work with both of them to make necessary changes. Aren't we now seeing on the state and national level how unproductive name-calling is?*

Businessman Chris Kennedy jumped in with his take: "That's

why we have a divided government," he said. "For gosh sakes, if we're not going to call out other parts of government — if you don't see your role as governor to call out a mayor who's not representing the people of a certain city, if you're not willing to call out an assessor who's violating the 1964 Civil Rights Act — if you don't think that's the proper role of government, you should go read the Constitution ..."

"We want elected officials to call each other out to provide better service, and to stop dooming the next generation to a life of economic servitude, which is exactly what these insiders are doing when they underfund our schools by (lowering) property taxes for big buildings downtown."

Well, yes, I'm all for calling politicians to account — pointing out their failings and demanding they do better. And while I understand that constructive criticism and attempts at engagement and compromise aren't politically fashionable, I don't think Ken-

nedy set the table for long-term success, should he be elected, with his over-the-top accusation earlier this month that Mayor Rahm Emanuel is leading a "strategic gentrification plan" to drive African-Americans and other minorities out of the city.

Like the casual flinging about of the accusation "corrupt," such rhetoric generates more heat than light and is the enemy of progress.

I'd say the same thing about Kennedy's repeated claims, one example seen above, that successful property tax appeals result in less money for our schools.

That's not how property taxes work. Schools set an overall levy, and that amount is divvied up among all the property taxpayers in the district. When your tax bill goes down after an appeal, everyone else's goes up fractionally to compensate. Candidate Daniel Biss, a state senator from Evanston, explained this clearly to Kennedy during a similar session Wednesday before the Chicago Sun-Times Editorial Board.

These forums mark the begin-

ning of the post-holiday season sprint to the March 20 primary, just eight weeks from this coming Tuesday.

Speaking of Biss, he did well on my scorecard (though I play no role in the endorsement process) with his earnest and candid responses. My progressive friends like the wonky cut of his jib, and voters looking for a non-wealthy Democrat with experience in elective office just might gravitate toward him despite his many "best of a bad set of options" votes in the legislature.

They might also gravitate toward Bob Daiber, the little-known, forcefully spoken regional schools superintendent of downstate Madison County who, trim, gray and balding, looks and sounds like Hollywood's idea of a Midwestern governor. If he's able to continue sharing debate stages with the presumptive front-runners, he'll at least draw enough votes to be a factor, though his previously expressed open admiration for Speaker Madigan is likely to weigh against him.

Anti-violence activist Tio Hardiman and retired physician Robert Marshall also participated in the interview, though neither are likely to be a factor in the race. Marshall provided comic relief by offering the map of his proposal to split Illinois into three states.

To watch the conversation in full, go to chicagotribune.com/demgov.

Re: Tweets

The winner of this week's online poll for best tweet in the world is "Genius. Until (Jan. 11), if you Googled 'Trump' and 's-----,' all you got were hotel reviews," by @Gramiq, the Twitter handle of Brandon (Manitoba) University's marketing and communications director Grant Hamilton. If you'd like to do your civic duty and vote, go to chicagotribune.com/newsletters and sign up for the Change of Subject weekly newsletter, which alerts you when each new poll is posted.

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Tribune Editor Col. Robert McCormick's suit challenging the shutdown of a Minnesota scandal sheet led to a key 1931 Supreme Court ruling on freedom of the press.

How Col. McCormick set stage for Pentagon Papers court victory

By RON GROSSMAN

If you've seen "The Post," you know the crucial moment: A Washington Post reporter stands up and shushes her newsroom colleagues. She's getting word of the 1971 Supreme Court ruling at the heart of this true story. The ruling is clear: The Nixon administration could not prevent The Washington Post and The New York Times from publishing the Pentagon Papers, a secret government report on the Vietnam War.

"We won!" she shouts, then quotes from Justice Hugo Black's opinion: "The press was to serve the governed, not the governors."

Had the scene gone on a bit longer, she might have recited Justice William O. Douglas' citation of *Near v. Minnesota*, as precedent. The Supreme Court's definitive 1931 ruling on freedom of the press, it resulted from a lawsuit that was paid for, out-of-pocket, by Col. Robert McCormick, the Chicago Tribune's longtime editor and publisher.

Yet director Steven Spielberg can't be faulted for not giving McCormick a shoutout in "The Post," which is currently playing in theaters. At the time, the Tribune didn't take a bow for the bit part it played in the Pentagon Papers affair.

Instead, the Tribune half-apologized for not publishing any of its own exclusive stories about the Pentagon Papers, with excerpts of the documents, which revealed the lies successive presidents told while prolonging a war they knew was unwinnable.

Under the headline, "Sorry About This (An Editorial)," the Tribune wrote: "We may be vulnerable to a charge of sour grapes. We tried to get copies of the Pentagon papers ... We dropped the word in places where we thought it might be picked up by disaffected former Pentagon or State Department officials."

The editorial ran June 25, 1971, during the Supreme Court deliberations.

The Tribune wanted to publish the Pentagon Papers in 1971 for the same reason McCormick had come to the aid of J.M. Near, publisher of The Saturday Press, four decades earlier.

"I immediately realized that the principle (of prior restraint) would put every newspaper at the mercy of

any corruptible judge," McCormick wrote afterward, explaining why he fought for Near.

The Saturday Press, which began publishing in 1927, was a scandal sheet that Minnesota authorities had put out of business for being a "public nuisance." In fact, rumor and innuendo, well mixed with unadulterated prejudice, was Near's journalistic formula.

Its final issue, Nov. 19, 1927, included an article about how, despite Prohibition, booze was easily found in Minneapolis. Within a story full of disparaging comments about local gangsters and bootleggers who were Jewish was this passage:

"Practically every vendor of vile hooch, every owner of a moonshine still, every snake-faced gangster and embryonic yegg in the Twin Cities is a JEW!"

Near's vulgarity was off-putting to most publishers of mainstream papers, and McCormick was a stickler for decorum. Happening upon employees in a romantic embrace, he decided to prevent such encounters by banning full-size couches in Tribune offices.

But precisely because Near's ideas were morally indefensible, his was the perfect case for making a point about freedom of the press, a cause dear to McCormick's heart.

Near had been silenced by a Minnesota law pushed through the legislature by politicians weary of his acerbic pen. It forebade the publication of a "malicious, scandalous and defamatory newspaper."

McCormick's attorney argued that was nonsense. Defaming the government is "an inalienable privilege of

national citizenship," he told the Supreme Court.

That would've awakened a dozing justice.

Accusations of "malice" are usually parried by claiming that the accused was aiming to expose a corrupt public official. But how do you convince a court that Near was merely acting as a concerned citizen when he wrote: "I simply state a fact when I say that ninety percent of the crimes committed against society in this city are committed by Jew gangsters."

Besides, his greed was patent.

Near expected McCormick not only to foot his legal bills but also to bankroll a successor to the shuttered Saturday Press. "No other newspaper in the United States has been given so many inches of free advertising," he said, pitching his proposition to McCormick. Presumably Near was referring to the coast-to-coast coverage of McCormick's crusade in print and on the radio.

"I take it this Johnny is trying to shake us down," McCormick told Weymouth Kirkland, the Tribune's attorney.

Actually, McCormick and Kirkland's strategy depended on not having a good guy for a client. They felt strongly that if a crank didn't have a right to publish goofy ideas, then freedom of the press was meaningless.

If not, who is to say what differentiates honest criticism from malicious libel? Wouldn't a judge be tempted to draw a line that benefits friends and favors ideas he is comfortable with?

Under the Minnesota statute, which opponents dubbed the "gag law," a newspaper could be banned if a county attorney told a judge that it published defamatory stories. In The Saturday Review case, the Tribune noted in a 1930 story that that "one man was Floyd B. Olsen, the county attorney, who had been criticized by the periodical."

When the case reached the U.S. Supreme Court, Justice Louis Brandeis asked about the conflict between the Minnesota law and a newspaper's role as a government watchdog.

"It is difficult to see how one is to have a free press and the protection it affords a democratic community without the privilege this act seems to limit," Brandeis said.

Four justices joined Brandeis in

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striking down the gag law. Delivering the court's opinion, Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes cut through all the legal verbiage by which Minnesota's lawyers justified the statute. Then he put the matter succinctly: "This is of the essence of censorship."

An excerpt from his opinion is inscribed on a lobby wall in Tribune Tower on Michigan Avenue. Hughes' words must have impressed the Minnesota attorney Olsen, who announced that he no longer supported the gag law. Its original sponsor offered a bill to repeal it.

McCormick marked the gag law's defeat with a celebration at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello. "The state has no power to put the human mind in shackles," McCormick triumphantly proclaimed.

In 1971, the Supreme Court drew upon Hughes' opinion in deciding that the government's justification for trying to withhold the Pentagon Papers was, in essence, censorship.

For its part, the Tribune resolved not to be late to the game the next time evidence of presidential mischief was available. In 1974, Richard Nixon was forced to release transcripts of taped conversations in his Oval Office.

Dispatching its corporate jet and a production team to Washington, the Tribune got the transcripts into print hours before the government put them on sale.

Tribune readers got an early view of why Nixon desperately wanted to keep the public from reading the transcripts.

The transcripts witness Nixon saying: "The arts you know — they're Jews — they're left-wing." He called the judge who tried the Nixon operatives for breaking into a Democratic Party office a "wop."

The Tribune Editorial Board took Nixon to the woodshed for those grossly un-presidential utterances, under a headline, "Listen, Mr. Nixon ..." Less than three months later, Nixon resigned.

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EDITORIALS

Could one of these Democrats save Illinois from itself?

Six Democratic candidates for governor met with the Tribune Editorial Board on Friday to debate the issues, answer (or swerve clear of) our questions, and seek our endorsement. It was lively. You can watch an archived version at chicago.tribune.com/demgov.

We tipped our hand with our first question: We're distressed about residents fleeing Illinois and employers avoiding the state because of its anti-employer reputation. If the entire 75 minutes had been a discussion of how to save Illinois and attract projects like Amazon's second headquarters, we'd have applauded.

Spoiler alert: We held our applause because none of the six wowed us with a rescue plan for Illinois to recover from its mediocre jobs climate and public finance crisis. Props to candidate Chris Kennedy, though, for recognizing that Illinois has so many problems it seems to be "circling the drain."

Like us, Kennedy isn't anti-Illinois. He's like many residents and employers who fear for the future of a state that can't pass balanced budgets, or agree on a pension fix, or keep taxpayers and jobs from fleeing. Yet Illinois already has one of the highest state and local tax burdens in the country, we reminded the candidates, so

before you tell us your solution involves raising taxes even further

Most of these candidates see more tax revenue, via progressive income tax rates, as part of the solution. The hard truth is many other states manage smarter, operating governments in stable, more cost-effective and employer-friendly ways.

No one disagreed with the premise that Illinois is in trouble. "We've got to create jobs in the state in order to expand the amount of (tax) revenue," candidate J.B. Pritzker said. "When you don't have a budget and you've got complete uncertainty in the state, no one wants to invest in the state, no one wants to create jobs in the state."

Not only is Pritzker correct, his comment was a lot more forthright than the members of his party who control the General Assembly and have smothered Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner's turn-around agenda. You don't hear House Speaker Michael Madigan and Senate President John Cullerton talking about radically changing tax and budget systems to solve Illinois' debt crisis. They've got their constituency and their agenda, which includes sticking it to Rauner.

Our beef is that Madigan, Cullerton & Co. refuse to focus on making Illinois attractive to investment, to employers and to the thousands of taxpayers who are leaving. Employers want certainty. Residents don't want to be overburdened by taxation. Everyone in Illinois politics should be fighting for new opportunity. For growth. For prosperity.

Daniel Biss, a state senator who's voted in favor of some of those terrible budgets, said they were the best of bad options. As governor, though, Biss told us, he'd negotiate with the General Assembly or use line item vetoes to create smarter budgets. He agreed that bad budgets are job killers because they scare off employers and investment. "We have a fundamentally unsustainable budget, which makes it hard for anyone to have a sense of what the state is going to be like in 10 years," he said. "Therefore, people say, 'Well, I'm not going to figure out what it's like now,' because they assume it's going to be worse in a decade anyhow."

What we didn't hear: unprompted ideas on how to subdue Squeezy the Pension Python, or promises to cut regulatory red tape on employers.

Three other candidates joined us:

downstate schools official Bob Daiber, Chicago activist Tio Hardiman and Robert Marshall of Burr Ridge. Each of the six professed his commitment to improving Illinois. "In the United States today, people want educated young people," Kennedy said. "If we give the world highly educated high school and college kids, the world will give us its jobs."

But if Amazon's Jeff Bezos called you, we asked the six, what would you say you'll do as governor to make Illinois, so mired in dysfunction, the place to invest his billions?

Biss didn't deny the dire reality here — which isn't yet *Illinois, change or die*, but is flirting with that: "When I'm governor, we're going to be making the hard choices to actually have a budget and a financial system and a tax system that works for people, and he's going to want to be here."

The admission of Illinois' plight is striking to hear from Democratic candidates for governor. It's candor that so many Democratic legislators who've helped create today's Illinois won't voice. What these six say matters. One of them could, 12 months from now, be governor of Illinois.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Everything in 2018 will be defined in terms of its effect on the November midterm election. Including any meeting with Dick Durbin.

The phrase "political animal" was invented for people like Sen. Durbin. Lost down the Trump-Durbin you-know-what hole is a question: Why did Dick Durbin do it?

The answer is inescapable: Sen. Durbin poisoned the well of the immigration negotiations. He instantly recognized that Democrats would gain more politically from public exposure of Mr. Trump's private words than they would from any DACA deal.

For Democrats, every waking moment has telescoped down to one thing: gaining control of the House in November. They have concluded, not without reason, that success at the polls will correlate directly to public dislike of Mr. Trump personally. For Sen. Durbin, the Trump expletive was a gift from the gods. As to the 800,000 dreamers who had a deal in sight at last Tuesday's White House meeting, well, they can wait.

Daniel Henninger,
 Wall Street Journal

What do you know about tulips? Yes, I am referring to the Dutch tulip craze back in the 17th century, and the speculative bubble that preceded the stock market crash of 1929, and the dot-com boom and crash that started in the late 1990s.

Remember that last one, when learned analysts told us that advancing technology had eliminated the business cycle? ... But hey, no regrets! Carpe Bitcoin! ...

(S)ecurity expert Matt Blaze recently tweeted, "Cryptocurrency somehow combines everything we love about religious fanatics with everything we love about Ponzi schemes." Ouch, currency guys. Well, you can afford some very expensive salves for those burns. For now.

John Schwartz,
 The New York Times



SCOTT STANTIS

Census 2020: High stakes for Illinois

One of the federal government's most vital functions is one of its most overlooked. Americans rarely think about the U.S. census, the once-a-decade exercise that has at its core something many of us have little patience for: a questionnaire.

Yet so much hinges on people's answers to those questionnaires, and the wealth of data they yield. The 2020 census is two years away, but there's a whole lot of cause for Illinoisans to be concerned. Interim metrics tell us that Illinois has been bleeding population at an alarming — and accelerating — rate. It's critically important that Illinois limit the damage from that outflow by urging its residents to help provide a full, accurate count.

Census findings serve as the basis for nearly \$20 billion in federal money that Illinois gets every year for a vast array of needs — from highways and housing to health care and foster care. This state appears sure to lose one of its 18 seats in the U.S. House but could lose two. As that number shrinks, so does Illinois' voice in the Electoral College. What's the basis for the boundaries of federal, state and local voting districts? The census. And businesses from Walgreens to Walmart, sensitive to population growth or decline, use census data to help

decide where to open and close stores.

At this point, Washington should be deep into its prep work for the census. But it's not. The Census Bureau had wanted to carry out three dry runs around the country that would test new technologies as well as outreach strategies to ensure accurate counts. Congress, however, has underfunded census preparations, forcing the cancellation of two dress rehearsals. Field testing is especially important with this census, since it will be the first time questionnaires largely will be administered online.

The Trump administration also has yet to appoint a director to lead the bureau. And its push to ask people about their citizenship status has fueled fears of a substantial undercount. If it makes it onto the questionnaire, that question could lead Latinos and members of other groups who are fearful of the administration's hard-line immigration policies to ignore the census, which always counts citizens and noncitizens alike.

That would especially hurt Illinois. In 2017, Illinois lost a net 33,703 residents, marking the fourth consecutive year of population loss and dropping the state to sixth largest in the country, one rung below Pennsylvania. The last

thing this state needs is a census undercount that magnifies its population plunge.

The federal to-do list: Appoint a director, provide the funding the census bureau needs to do its job, and shelve the citizenship question.

But there's also a state and local government to-do list. Illinois shouldn't just sit back and hope for an accurate count.

Springfield and locales statewide can minimize the potential for an undercount here through public awareness campaigns. The message? Census data is confidential information that won't be relayed to law enforcement, data that's vital to Illinois' representation in Congress and its fair share of federal funds. Illinois nonprofits and community groups with links to population segments vulnerable to undercounting also can ensure participation. County governments and agricultural groups can work on rural areas, while Latino organizations can calm fears about the census in Hispanic neighborhoods.

The potential alternative is a flawed census that robs Illinois of its rightful share of federal funding, further weakens its political clout, and makes investment here by businesses less likely.

Yes, Illinois is losing people. Let's make sure the government counts everyone who's here.

PERSPECTIVE

QUOTABLES

“This is like giving you a bowl of doggy poo, put a cherry on top and call it a chocolate sundae.”

— Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., on the inclusion of Children’s Health Insurance Program funding in the House’s stopgap bill passed Thursday night

“The village is screaming, ‘We don’t want this or need this.’”

— Oak Park trustee Deno Andrews, on the Village Board’s decision not to extend its Divvy bike service, which began in June 2016

“When they hear about this, many people say, ‘It’s clear now why I was depressed.’”

— Roman Vilfand, director of Russia’s Weather Service, on the news that Moscow saw six minutes of sunlight during the month of December

Trump’s ‘fake news’ awards win the prize for flops



CLARENCE PAGE

By the time he got around to presenting his long-promised “2017 Fake New Awards,” even President Donald Trump seemed to be losing interest in the event.

After tweeting a link to his list of winning or, if you prefer, losing journalists and news organizations last Wednesday night, Trump tweeted another message that sounded almost apologetic: “Despite some very corrupt and dishonest media coverage,” he tweeted, “there are many great reporters I respect and lots of GOOD NEWS for the American people to be proud of!”

With that sweet little air-kiss to the media that his awards list dumps on, Trump gave away a reality of Trump World: As much as he attacks the “fake,” “lying” or “corrupt” news media — and unapologetically picks up Twitter material from Fox News programs — he also signals to reporters that, as in the Corleone family in “The Godfather” books and movies, it’s just business; don’t take it personally.

He still picks up the phone and offers exclusives to the “failing New York Times” (which really isn’t) or other mainstream media as it suits his purpose.

Let us not forget that the wealthy real estate developer also spent many years starring in his own reality TV show and performing in the WWE, among other adventures. In a way, Trump’s experience behind and in front of cameras is so extensive that, for him, taking on the role of media critic sounds almost like a conflict of interest.

And considering his deplorable record of issuing “alternative facts,” as famously declared by one of his spokespeople (The Washington Post has listed more than 2,000 false or misleading quotes from him in his first year in office), taking media criticism from Trump is sort of like taking dating advice from Bill Cosby: Even if its good advice, the source has a credibility problem. “The interest in, and importance of, these awards,” he said, “is far greater than anyone could have anticipated!”

But when the event came up, it was remarkably low-key for

the famously flamboyant and larger-than-life Trump. No Oscar-worthy red carpets, limos or Hollywood reporters asking what people were wearing.

Instead there was a tweet from Trump with a link to the Republican Party’s gop.com website, which immediately crashed under the sudden spike in demand. Some wags have found some symbolism in that, as though the Grand Old Party still isn’t ready for the arrival of Trump and his loyal new tribe of the Trumpicons.

Ready or not, it soon became apparent why Trump had gone low-key with his list. As a list of abuses of truth or the public trust, it flops. That’s because most major media have this habit of correcting errors as

soon as possible. Trump has a habit, cultivated long before he became president, of almost never apologizing for or even admitting to making a mistake.

His top award went not to a news reporter but to award-winning columnist Paul Krugman for an opinion on “the day of President Trump’s historic landslide victory that the economy would never recover,” the White House wrote.

It’s easy to see why Trump would want to remind everybody that the stock market has surged, contrary to Krugman’s doomsday prediction. But, as The Washington Post’s Fact Checker pointed out, Krugman retracted that prediction three days later, noting that “it is possible that bigger budget

deficits will, if anything, strengthen the economy briefly.”

The same was true of the other 10 award winners, which included a couple of tweets that were quickly deleted and never went into print as news.

An exception: The final award, apparently directed at the media in general, went to “Russian collusion” as “perhaps the greatest hoax perpetrated on the American people.” Alas, as everyone should know, special counsel Robert Mueller and congressional committees led by Republicans are still investigating, so that award is premature at best.

But that award also reveals the true aim of the fake news awards: political propaganda at

the expense of facts. Since that’s the confidential definition of “fake news,” let’s give that grand prize to Trump himself and his administration — as a full employment program for fact-checkers.

Every president complains about their news coverage. Few put it in center stage as Trump has. As he becomes more accustomed to his new job, he still slips back into his old one: a reality-TV star who is eager to create his own reality.

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Competitive edge

Chicago being named a finalist for Amazon HQ2 is a welcome change from news about Illinois’ ongoing population decline and financial instability at the state and local level. Chicago offers strong selling points for HQ2, and its final bid should include competitive city and state incentives.

A glaring weak spot remains in Chicago’s bid: the city’s and state’s pension funding shortfalls, budget deficits and noncompetitive business regulations. Wouldn’t it be great if the final bidding process for HQ2’s estimated 50,000 jobs served as a catalyst for a bipartisan summit of state and local leaders to establish a framework for some level of pension, budget and workers’ compensation reforms? This would send a positive message to Amazon’s decision

makers and help mitigate the biggest obstacle in Chicago’s bid.

Even if HQ2 goes elsewhere, our ability to retain and attract businesses and jobs across the state would be strengthened going forward.

— Michael Meehan, Chicago

Changing attitudes

Every day I read about sexual harassment, the shrillness expounded in what passes for discourse all but eliminates finding a solution. Our attitude toward the opposite sex is formed early and shaped by our families. A family where a mother is respected and her input is valued would, I hope, rarely produce abusive male children. Mothers should also be instilling in sons a respect for women and not adhere to the old double standard.

On the opposite side, women wanted equality, but seem to swoon when confronted with a dicey situation. Yes, physically overpowering a woman must be harshly dealt with. But suggestive looks and comments fall in an awful gray area. Flirting or abuse?

Rather than accept any unwanted behavior, women should speak up for themselves. Deal swiftly and unequivocally. Are we still trying to be good girls or have we evolved to the point where we say what we think?

— Marilyn Wentland, Crystal Lake

Redressing grievances

Thanks for Steve Chapman’s Jan. 14 column on offshore drilling and President Donald Trump’s war on the environment. Although the present administration, I hope subconsciously, realizes that the running list of symptoms of climate change have been ballooning, what harm would addressing the impacts of

offshore oil drilling on the environment do? You know, besides further glorifying the mischievous ways in which it affects the environment, just like the other symptoms of climate change: rising sea levels, shrinking mountain glaciers, increasing temperatures. Besides the millions of tons of oil that will be spilled, endangering the marine ecosystem, not the human landscape. Besides the billions of dollars of state money that will be funneled to mitigate and clean future oil spills instead of being spent on health care, education and welfare.

Procrastinating actions on the grounds that the impending disasters are too distant, and not our current problems, will only add more fuel (fossil fuel, of course) to the fire.

In the not-so-distant past, a bipartisan support was rallied to create the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and to pass the Clean Air Act of 1970. Today, a similar and more bolstered bipartisan support from both Republicans and Democrats is needed.

The Climate Solutions Caucus is a great example of championing a bipartisan support in the U.S. House of Representatives, which aims to explore policy options, address climate change, and I hope, redress the wrongdoings to the environment, nationwide. If these governors are serious about protecting their states’ environments, they should encourage their states’ members of Congress to join the Climate Solutions Caucus and make a real impact on the present and the not-so-distant future.

— Shan Agrawal, Chicago

Missed opportunity

This year we celebrate Illinois’ bicentennial. The other day, I saw a car with an Indiana bicentennial license plate from 2016. Illinois introduced a new license plate in 2017. You wonder why they didn’t have the forethought to design an Illinois bicentennial plate instead of the ugly, cluttered one they did.

— Mario Caruso, Chicago

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In sequel, women rally for equality

Activists, allies in U.S. flood streets to make voices heard

BY LAURA KING AND NINA AGRAWAL
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WASHINGTON — Dusting off pink knit hats and brandishing colorful signs, marchers gathered Saturday in the shadow of the capital's Lincoln Memorial, in midtown Manhattan and in scores of other cities across the country — not aiming to re-create the record-shattering crowds of the Women's March a year ago this weekend, but vowing to make a mark at the ballot box.

Seeking to send a message of female empowerment and solidarity in the face of a divisive presidency that began a year ago Saturday, activists staged protest marches and voter-registration drives, with the #MeToo movement of recent months serving as an inflection point.

In Los Angeles, crowds gathered in Pershing Square for a rally before marching to Grand Park in front of City Hall.

The lineup was celebrity-heavy: Among those taking the stage were Scarlett Johansson, Megan Mullally, Olivia Munn, Olivia Wilde and Alfre Woodard.

Scarlett Cunningham-Young, 11, stood next to eight of her friends and their families, holding a sign with a quote by Malala Yousafzai. It was her second year attending the women's march and she said she felt inspired being around the thousands of other marchers.

In New York, crowds



Protesters attend a march of women and their allies in Seneca Falls, N.Y., on Saturday, one of several marches nationwide.

were backed up for dozens of blocks leading to the rally site on the edge of Central Park. Marchers in sashes with the words #MeToo and #TimesUp were at a standstill on side streets where pink "No Parking" police signs on barricades blocked sidewalks.

One marcher had a sign that read, "I'm with her," with arrows pointing in every direction.

Allies also took to social media to show support.

"Last year was the reckoning — this year is the battle," New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo posted on Twitter.

In Washington, groups gathered under a crystal-clear sky, with the National

Mall as a backdrop. Brazilian drummers warmed up the crowd to cheers.

Nearly within shouting distance, President Donald Trump was still in Washington, having delayed a planned trip to his Florida resort, Mar-a-Lago, as a government shutdown took hold.

Trump tweeted it was a "perfect day" for women to march to celebrate the "economic success and wealth creation" that's happened during his first year in office — while women across the nation rallied against him and his policies.

"Get out there now to celebrate the historic milestones and unprecedented economic success and

wealth creation that has taken place over the last 12 months," he wrote Saturday afternoon. "Lowest female unemployment in 18 years!"

More than 4,500 people marched through downtown Dallas. Many said they felt the need to demonstrate that Texas, a historically red state, is rapidly diversifying, especially in its largest cities.

Attorney Marita Covarrubias, 54, brought her 17-year-old daughter and friend. "Living here in Texas, you don't see a lot of social activism," said Covarrubias, who grew up in Santa Monica and graduated from the University of California, Berkeley. "Unfortunately, things have not

improved over the past year."

In Atlanta, thousands gathered at a brightly painted warehouse in a poor but gentrifying neighborhood southwest of downtown as organizers set up booths on voting, women's health care and civil rights.

Rather than march again, organizers of Power to the Polls planned the event to inspire more progressive candidates to run for office, register voters and educate activists on how they can effectively mobilize people to vote.

The point is to go beyond another feel-good moment, said Janel Green, one of the organizers of the Atlanta

Women's March last year. "We've already mobilized," she said. "It's time now to translate that momentum into impacting elections."

The march was smaller but equally exuberant in Park City, Utah, where hundreds of women turned out in 23-degree weather — and snow — for a lineup that was to include Jane Fonda, Common, Gloria Allred and Lena Waithe.

All across the country, organizers said electoral politics are increasingly taking precedence over street activism. There are said to be 390 potential women candidates for the U.S. House, compared with 202 women running two years ago.

Forty-nine women are likely to run for the Senate, compared with 21 in early 2016. The majority are running as Democrats.

Some organizers said they see the marches as galvanized by concern about a broad range of issues that disproportionately affect women. In New York, Xochitl Oseguera, the campaign director of the advocacy group Moms Rising, cited immigration, gender-based pay gaps and health care.

"Now we can share our stories and be heard a lot more than before," she said.

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No break in shutdown standoff as sides dig in

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WASHINGTON — The first day of a federal shutdown ended much as it began Saturday, with Democrats and Republicans hardened in a stalemate of angry finger-pointing as Congress and President Donald Trump failed to broker a deal to re-open the government.

Lawmakers in both parties spent the day blaming each other and pushing plans for new stopgap measures lasting either weeks or days, continuing a tightrope process that has been going on for months and finally broke down late Friday.

The White House posted photos of a grim-faced Trump, who had to cancel his plans to attend a Saturday night fundraiser at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida, "working in the White House during the Democratic shutdown" on the first anniversary of his inauguration.

Congress convened for a rare weekend session, with lawmakers told to stay in town as negotiations continued behind closed doors. But prospects for a swift

resolution appeared dim, with no votes expected until Sunday or early Monday.

The focus of the action remained in the Senate, where Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., were trying to hatch a plan that could win 60 votes in a bipartisan deal.

One problem: The Senate leaders had not spoken. Nor had Trump talked to the minority leader.

"This is the One Year Anniversary of my Presidency and the Democrats wanted to give me a nice present," Trump tweeted early Saturday as tens of thousands of people gathered for protest marches in Washington and other cities across the country.

Trump worked the phones, staying in touch with McConnell, while White House legislative affairs director Marc Short and budget chief Mick Mulvaney met at the Capitol with House Republicans. GOP lawmakers voiced support for the White House stance of not negotiating while the government was shuttered.

Behind the scenes, a bipartisan group of 19 sena-

tors scrambled to kickstart talks on young immigrants facing deportation, along with budget levels, the Children's Health Insurance Program, disaster aid and other issues that need to be resolved to reopen the government.

The effects of the shutdown may not be felt immediately, given that many government employees do not normally come to work on a weekend. During the last shutdown, in 2013, about 800,000 federal employees were furloughed.

Lawmakers from both parties face political risks with a shutdown of any length.

But for now, both felt confident that voters were on their side, splitting along hardened partisan lines.

Republicans blamed what they called the "Schumer Shutdown" on Democrats in the Senate, who led the filibuster that halted the House-passed funding bill, which would have continued government operations through Feb. 16.

"We did our job," said House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis.

Democrats argued that Republicans, who control the White House and both



White House negotiators Mick Mulvaney, left, and Marc Short defend the shutdown positions of President Donald Trump and Republican leaders Saturday at the White House.

the House and Senate, are responsible for what they called the "Trump Shutdown."

"I think the American people are smart enough to realize who takes the blame," said Rep. Linda Sanchez, D-Calif.

The way forward remains uncertain. Lawmakers could vote as early as Sunday on another stopgap bill to keep government running for three weeks, until Feb. 8. That vote could push to after midnight under Senate rules, leaving at least the possibility of a resolution before offices open Monday.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-

S.C., who was among the Republicans who helped Democrats filibuster the earlier bill, promoted the three-week extension as a way to allow time to negotiate.

In particular, negotiators want a commitment from the Senate to consider, by next month, legislation on border security and deportation protection for the young immigrants brought to the U.S. illegally as children.

Democrats have objected to a temporary funding bill, the fifth this fiscal year, unless they have assurances that Trump and Republican leaders would use the inter-

vening time to negotiate.

At one point, Schumer said he thought he and Trump had a deal — with him even agreeing to consider Trump's request for \$20 billion in border wall funds over several years in exchange for deportation protections for the so-called Dreamers, sources said — only to have the president reverse course.

"Negotiating with the White House is like negotiating with Jell-O," Schumer said.

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From Carter to Trump, shutdowns not uncommon

BY MATTHEW DALY
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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump and Congress failed to reach an agreement on a spending plan over the weekend, triggering a partial shutdown of the federal government.

Government shutdowns are unusual but not unheard of. The government has partially shut down three times in the past quarter-century — and far more often in decades past.

Shutdowns have led to furloughs of several hundred thousand federal employees, required many government activities to be stopped or curtailed and affected wide swaths of the economy.

During Jimmy Carter's administration, shutdowns happened nearly every year, averaging 11 days each.

During Ronald Reagan's two terms in the 1980s, there were six shutdowns, typically just one or two days apiece.

Legal opinions issued in 1980 and 1981 made shutdowns more impactful.

Opinions by then-Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti determined that failure to pass new spending bills required government functioning to shut down in whole or in part.

Earlier "shutdowns" did not always entail an actual stop to government functioning and often were simply funding gaps will little real-world effect.

Here's a look at recent

shutdowns:

October 2013: Sixteen-day partial shutdown, which came as tea party conservatives demanded that language to block implementation of President Barack Obama's health care law be added to a must-do funding bill.

The shutdown affected most government operations and resulted in the furlough of 850,000 employees, costing the government 6.6 million days of

work and more than \$2.5 billion in lost productivity, according to a report by the Congressional Research Service.

December 1995-January 1996: Republicans led by then-Speaker Newt Gingrich, intent on slashing the budget, forced a three-week shutdown in a bid to coerce President Bill Clinton to sign onto a balanced budget agreement. Republicans were saddled with the blame, but most Americans

suffered relatively minor inconveniences such as closed parks and delays in processing passport applications.

The fight bolstered Clinton's popularity, and he sailed to re-election that November.

November 1995: Five-day shutdown after Clinton vetoed an interim spending bill to block Medicare premium increases. Led to a longer shutdown a month later.

Under Trump, trust in media erodes

Attacks accelerate decline in faith that dates to late '70s

By LAURIE KELLMAN AND JONATHAN DREW
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — When truck driver Chris Gromek wants to know what's really going on in Washington, he scans the internet and satellite radio. He no longer flips TV channels because networks such as Fox News and MSNBC deliver conflicting accounts tainted by politics, he says.

"Where is the truth?" asks the 47-year-old North Carolina resident.

Answering that question accurately is a cornerstone of any functioning democracy, according to none other than Thomas Jefferson. But a year into Donald Trump's fact-bending, media-bashing presidency, Americans are increasingly confused about who can be trusted to tell them reliably what their government and their commander in chief are doing.

Interviews across the polarized country as well as polling from Trump's first year suggest people seek out various outlets of information, including Trump's Twitter account, and trust none in particular.

Many say that practice is a new, Trump-era phenomenon in their lives as the president and the media he denigrates as "fake news" fight to be seen as the more credible source.

"It has made me take every story with a large grain, a block of salt," said Lori Viars, a Christian conservative activist in Lebanon, Ohio, who gets her news from Fox and CNN. "Not just from liberal sources. I've seen conservative 'fake news.'"

Democrat Kathy Tibbits of Tahlequah, Okla., reads lots of news sources as she tries to assess the accuracy of what Trump is reported to have said.

"I kind of think the whole frontier has changed," said the 60-year-old lawyer and artist. "My degree is in political science, and they never gave us a class on such fiasco politics."

Though Trump's habit of warping facts has had an impact, it's not just him.

Widely shared falsehoods have snagged the attention of world leaders such as Pope Francis and



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While trust in the media has fallen since the 1970s, President Donald Trump's criticism has helped push the decline.

former President Barack Obama. In late 2016, false conspiracy theories led a North Carolina man to bring a gun into a pizza parlor in the nation's capital, convinced that the restaurant was concealing a child prostitution ring. Just this month, after the publication of an unflattering book about Trump's presidency, a tweet claiming that he is addicted to a TV show about gorillas went viral and prompted its apparent author to clarify that it was a joke.

Trump has done his part to blur the lines between real and not.

During the campaign, he made a practice of singling out for ridicule reporters. As president, he regularly complains about his news coverage and has attacked news outlets and journalists as "failing" and "fake news." He's repeatedly called reporters "the enemy of the people" and recently renewed calls to make it easier to sue for defamation. On Wednesday, he even released his "Fake

News Award," which blasted the likes of CNN, The New York Times and The Washington Post.

About 2 in 3 American adults say fabricated news stories cause a great deal of confusion about the basic facts of current affairs, according to a Pew Research Center report last month. The survey found that Republicans and Democrats are about equally likely to say that "fake news" leaves Americans deeply confused about current events. Despite the concern, more than 8 in 10 feel very or somewhat confident that they can recognize news that is fabricated, the survey found.

Victoria Steel, 50, of Cheyenne, Wyo., said it's important for people to invest time in finding reputable media sources or even friends to get the most information they can.

"You're probably not going to get enough information out of sound bites, and you're certainly not going to get it in a tweet," said Steel, who says she voted for

Democrat Hillary Clinton in 2016.

Two-thirds of Americans get at least some of their news from social media, Pew found.

"I think part of the problem is that now people are getting too much information and it confuses them and they don't know how to decipher the true and the fake," said Trent Lott, a former Senate Republican leader from Mississippi. He isn't fond of Trump's Twitter habit, but also says he sees bias in the coverage of Washington by the mainstream media.

There's been no love for the media for decades. The percentage expressing a great deal of confidence in the press has eroded from a high of 28 percent in 1976 to just 8 percent in 2016, according to the General Social Survey conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago.

"Trump didn't invent this. He didn't cause people to start feeling this way. He's tapping into a vein that already existed," said Gary

Abernathy, publisher and editor of the Times-Gazette of Hillsboro, Ohio, one of the few daily papers that endorsed Trump. People, he added, "are nodding their heads right away because that's how they've felt."

Nicco Mele, director of the Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard, views Trump as a symptom of long-term trends. "Now, can he accelerate them and make them worse? Almost certainly."

When Trump labels something "fake news," "I just have started assuming whatever he's talking about must be true," said 46-year-old Joseph Murray of Mustang, Okla., a registered independent. "I feel like that attitude didn't start until he took office."

Trump tends to inflate the significance of what he's done. He claims his tax cuts are the biggest in history, his accomplishments surpass those of all previous presidents, and his election victory was a "landslide."

None is true.

He still insists there were millions of illegal votes cast in the 2016 election, even though there's no such evidence.

Even on matters existential, Trump makes things up. Taunted on Twitter by North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, Trump responded Jan. 3 that his own nuclear button "is a much bigger and powerful one than his, and my Button works!" There is no such physical button.

Trump often bypasses the vast information-gathering apparatus that reports to him in favor of getting his reality from TV, or sometimes just his gut. That has led him to conclude wrongly that a rare riot in Sweden over a drug crime was instead linked to refugee extremism.

"I'm a very instinctual person, but my instinct turns out to be right," he told Time magazine. Besides, "I'm quoting highly respected people from highly respected television networks."

Wife of man deported after 30 years invited to State of Union

By DEREK HAWKINS
The Washington Post

Cindy Garcia has had a long, exhausting and life-changing few days. And by all appearances, the whirlwind is going to continue.

On Monday, she watched immigration agents escort Jorge Garcia, her husband of 15 years, through the security gates at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, deporting him to Mexico after nearly three decades living and raising a family in Michigan.

Video of Cindy Garcia and the couple's two adolescent children sobbing as they said goodbye grabbed national headlines.

Supporters held up the family's experience as an example of the far-reaching effects of President Donald Trump's crackdown on undocumented immigration.

By Thursday, Garcia and her children had flown to New York City for an interview on ABC's "The View." Flanked by Whoopi Goldberg and her co-hosts, they explained through tears



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Jorge Garcia with wife, Cindy, at a farewell party before he was deported.

that Jorge Garcia, a 39-year-old landscaper, had been brought to the country as a

boy by a relative and had fought unsuccessfully for years to gain legal status.

Now, Cindy Garcia is headed to Washington.

Rep. Debbie Dingell, D-Mich., whose district encompasses the Garcias' home in the Detroit suburbs, invited Garcia to be her guest at Trump's Jan. 30 State of the Union address.

Garcia gladly accepted. "She said she was saddened to see what was going on with my husband," Garcia told The Washington Post. "When she called

me and told me, I was overwhelmed."

The family's story, Dingell said, "is both a symptom of a long-broken immigration system and a new rash immigration policy that does not recognize the difference between a hard-working family man and a criminal."

Garcia's trip to the Capitol comes as debate in Congress over immigration reform has reached crisis levels. Republicans and Democrats fought Friday over whether to include in the

government spending bill protections for young immigrants brought to the country as children illegally.

Cindy Garcia said she's eager to sit in the same room as the president and Congress for one of the most closely watched political events of the year.

"I hope that when they see me, they can connect and feel what we're dealing with," she said, "that they have some type of compassion, if not for me, then for the children who were separated from their dad."

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Veterans offered privileges in prison

Cellblocks set aside for treatment of PTSD and other mental health issues

BY MICHAEL HILL
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — The military veterans playing cards in the Albany County jail wear the same orange uniforms as everyone else, with “INMATE” printed down the legs. But their service offers one distinct privilege: a special cellblock where they can work through problems they often share, such as substance use and post-traumatic stress disorder.

“It’s not just us and our thoughts all day,” says 31-year-old Navy veteran James Gibson, who was serving a 60-day criminal contempt sentence. “Everybody who’s been in here has been in the service. So we can all relate to at least that.”

Such “veteran pods” are becoming an increasingly common part of state and county lockups as the criminal justice system focuses more on helping troubled former service members. Veteran inmates are more likely to have reported mental health issues, particularly PTSD, according to a snapshot of the prison population by the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Nationwide, veterans ac-

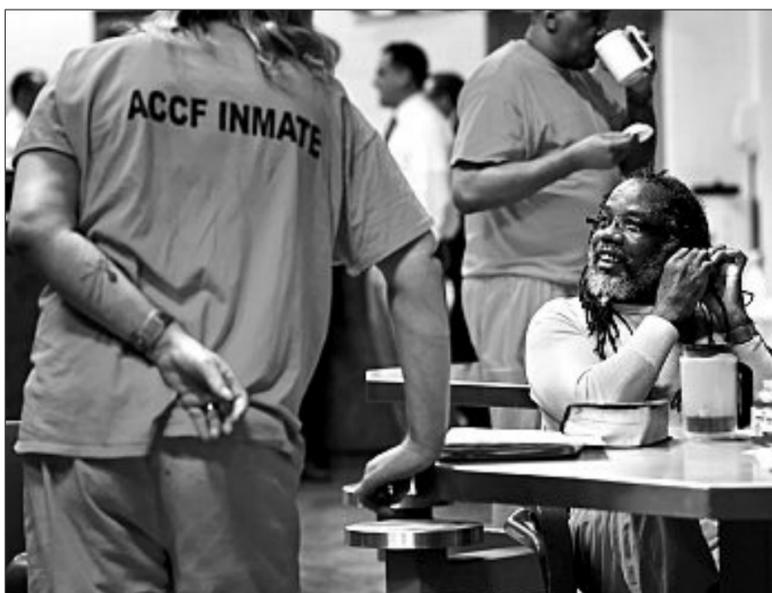
counted for 8 percent of all inmates, and there are at least 86 prisons and jails with designated veterans’ housing, according to federal government statistics. Many of the programs were started in the last five years.

Some of the half-dozen veterans’ dorms in Florida prisons feature daily flag raisings or monthly formations. Others, like Albany, tend to avoid military trappings. The San Francisco Sheriff’s Department offers yoga and meditation and works with a local veterans treatment court. But their common aim is to create an esprit de corps and a “safe space” to help veterans deal with their issues and reintegrate into society.

Army veteran Roberto James Davis, 62, said a two-month stay in veterans housing at San Bruno in the San Francisco Bay area in 2016 helped him change his mindset after decades of arrests and substance use. He now has steady work as a truck driver.

“I really started listening this time around,” Davis said. “I was determined that if I got another shot I was going to make the most of it. And I have.”

Albany’s pod, a Spartan common area flanked by



JULIE JACOBSON/AP

Lanthyony Colbert talks with inmates in the veterans’ unit at the Albany, N.Y., County jail.

two stories of single-bunk cells, recently housed about a dozen men who served in different branches and in different decades stretching back to the Vietnam War.

But for the military branch emblems on a far wall, it looks like any jail block. The difference here is that the veterans receive intensive counseling and help from the nonprofit group Soldier On.

On a recent morning, 10 men gathered around the

pod’s bolted-down tables and drew pictures representing what they were doing in past years. The exercise helped them reflect on the choices they made that eventually landed them in jail.

“I’ve held a lot of conversation — good conversations — with some of you guys,” Wesley Merriwether, 23, said during a recent group session. “Like I said, I’m young I can’t give you much advice, but the advice

I can give you: Just keep your heads up.”

Inmates and officials say the Albany pod is cleaner and less troublesome than other tiers. When a guard was attacked here in 2016 by an inmate from another unit, the pod inmates ran from across the common area to the guard’s aid.

“We send all these young men and women overseas and when they come back, a lot of them with PTSD, domestic violence, drug is-

sues,” said Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple, who started the veterans pod more than three years ago. “And I just felt we could have treated them better or done something for them.”

Apple said 6 percent of the roughly 331 participating veterans in Albany over the years have returned to jail, far better than the typical jail recidivism rates of more than 40 percent.

It helps that Soldier On also provides post-release services like housing. So when Tommy Hartmann was released from the Albany jail last year after 90 days he had a place to go. The 29-year-old Army veteran moved into Soldier On’s transitional housing in Leeds, Mass.

He also got a job with Soldier On, on the resident staff. When the group helped serve a holiday meal recently, Hartmann returned to his old block to chat up inmates he knew.

This time he wore khakis and a tie. And he got to go home at the end of the night.

“They set me up to succeed when I got out,” Hartmann said before his visit. “Rather than just sitting on the tier, playing cards, watching TV, doing pushups, whatever, I was doing positive stuff toward my recovery and becoming a better part in society.”



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This motion camera photo shows a bighorn sheep at the Kofa Wildlife Refuge in Arizona.

Motion cameras capture animals being wild, weird

BY MEAD GRUVER
Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — How does a bighorn sheep say “cheese?”

Some charismatic critters caught by motion-detecting wildlife cameras seem to know how to strike a pose.

But it’s not just show business. As these devices get ever smaller, cheaper and more reliable, scientists across the U.S. are using them to document elusive creatures like never before.

“There’s no doubt — it is an incredible tool to acquire data on wildlife,” said Grant Harris, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service wildlife biologist based in Albuquerque, N.M.

Remote cameras have photographed all from desert cats called ocelots to snow-loving lynx high in the Northern Rockies.

Harris cited images of javelinas, pig-like desert mammals, and coatiundi, members of the raccoon family, captured at higher latitudes in recent years. That could mean global warming is expanding their range northward, he said.

Scientists deploying remote cameras in their work include researchers with the Wyoming Migration Initiative, who use global positioning to map the movements of elk, mule deer and antelope in and around Yellowstone National Park.

They only have so many collars to track animals, meaning there’s a limit to the GPS data they can gather, said Matthew Kauffman, a University of Wyoming associate professor and initiative director.

“You see one animal migrating, you don’t know if it’s migrating by itself, if it’s migrating with a calf, or if it’s migrating with 40 other animals,” Kauffman said.

Remote cameras — which can be left in the backcountry for days, weeks or even months — help fill in blanks by showing how many animals are on the move over a given period, he said.

Where to position them requires careful forethought. Clustering several around a watering hole might produce many images but not a thorough profile of a population.

“There’s this tension be-

tween subjectivity in where you put your camera and where it’s statistically sound,” Harris said.

Remote video can also reveal details about animal behavior, including the mewling sounds of migrating mule deer. And live-streaming cameras for everything from bison in Saskatchewan, Canada, to the underwater kelp forest off California’s Channel Islands are always popular.

As with all human intrusion into nature, remote cameras have downsides. Animals such as wolverines and bears have been known to attack them, though whether out of curiosity or aggression is hard to say.

The devices have become popular tools to help hunters scout for game, sparking a debate over fair-chase ethics. Then there’s the whole subjective thing about going into nature to get away from it all, including surveillance cameras.

Anyway, to answer the question: A bighorn sheep that looks like it’s smiling probably isn’t saying “cheese” but sniffing pheromones and other scents in what’s called a flehmen response, said Harris.

Starting Mideast trip, Pence seeks to patch rift with Egypt

BY KEN THOMAS
Associated Press

CAIRO — Vice President Mike Pence and Egyptian leader Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi pledged a united front against Mideast terrorism on Saturday as Pence, the highest-level American official to visit the U.S. ally in nearly a decade, began a trip through the region amid a government shutdown in Washington.

Pence told reporters that he raised the issue of two Americans who have been imprisoned for several years in Egypt and that el-Sissi said “he would give personal attention” to their cases. “We’d like to see our people come home. I made that clear to him,” Pence said before flying to Jordan.

Pence and el-Sissi held 2½ hours of talks at the presidential palace in Cairo, with acknowledgements of friendship and partnership between the two countries. Through a translator, Pence listened as el-Sissi cited the need to address “urgent issues,” including “ways to eliminate this disease and cancer that has terrified the whole world.”

Pence pointed to President Donald Trump’s efforts to forge stronger ties with el-Sissi “after a time when our countries seemed to be drifting apart.”

The vice president said that “we stand shoulder to shoulder with you and Egypt in fighting against terrorism” and that “our hearts grieve” for the loss of life in recent terrorist attacks against Egyptians.

The vice president noted the attack against Christians in late December, when a militant opened fire outside a suburban Cairo church, killing at least nine people. He also cited the killing of 31 worshippers at a mosque in northern Sinai in November.

“We resolve to continue to stand with Egypt in the



KHALED DESOUKI/AP

Vice President Mike Pence discussed fighting terrorism with Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi Saturday.

battle against terrorism,” Pence said.

Pence arrived in Cairo hours after the U.S. Congress and Trump failed to reach agreement on a plan to avert a partial federal closure. He went ahead with his four-day trip to the Middle East, citing national security and diplomatic reasons.

The vice president called his meetings “very productive” and said he pressed el-Sissi to cut diplomatic ties with North Korea, urged him to respect religious diversity and told him the U.S. was committed to the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

His visit to the region came more than a month after Trump announced his decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel’s capital, a step that’s enraged Palestinians. El-Sissi identified “the peace issue” as one of the most important issues in their discussions.

“We heard President el-Sissi out,” Pence said. “He said to me about what he said publicly about a disagreement between friends over our decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.”

Pence said he assured el-Sissi that “we’re abso-

lutely committed to preserving the status quo with regard to holy sites in Jerusalem, that we have come to no final resolution about boundaries or other issues that will be negotiated. I reminded President el-Sissi that President Trump said that if the parties agree, we will support a two-state solution. My perception was that he was encouraged by that message.”

When Pence’s motorcade arrived at the palace, journalists traveling with the vice president were initially barred from exiting their bus. After they were taken into the palace, media were not allowed into a photo session with the two leaders. Negotiations between U.S. and Egyptian officials followed, and Pence personally spoke with el-Sissi before the journalists were eventually taken into the meeting and heard the leaders deliver short statements.

Pence was to meet Sunday with Jordan’s King Abdullah II in Amman and visit with U.S. troops in the region.

He is scheduled to travel to Israel later Sunday but is not expected to meet with Palestinian officials.

Getty takes shielding its treasures from weather to art form

BY JOHN GITTELSON
Bloomberg News

As flames lit up the hills just across the freeway, torching mansions, the thousands of works of art in the Getty Center hung unperturbed. Nobody did anything to them. They didn’t have to.

The Getty’s bucolic setting on 750 acres of forested hills above Los Angeles would appear to expose it to the kinds of infernos still charring huge swaths of Southern California.

But its setting is by design part of an elaborate system of fireproofing to shield irreplaceable art as blazes bred by climate change pose a growing threat.

“The safest place for our collections, in the event of a fire, is right where it is,” museum spokesman Ron Hartwig said in a phone interview as he watched helicopters battle smoke and flames out his office window.

As climate change magnifies the threats from fires and floods, museums are taking sophisticated mea-

sures to protect their collections from extreme sunlight, humidity and temperature.

“Climate change is the strongest thing that’s come up over the past 10 years, from an environmental perspective that people are looking at,” said Doug Hall, deputy director of the Office of Protection Services for the Smithsonian Institution in Washington.

The 2017 Atlantic hurricane season set a record as the costliest in history, with more than \$200 billion in damages from June through

November.

Cost estimates for this year’s California wildfires also top \$200 billion, and they’re likely to keep increasing in the future as droughts and rising temperatures turn more land to tinder.

“This is the new normal,” Gov. Jerry Brown of California said during a news conference last month.

At the Getty Center, celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, fire protection begins with the landscaping. Its lush, irrigated lawns

and gardens form a moat-like barrier against any advancing blaze.

The fortress-like walls of the buildings, designed by Richard Meier, are clad in fire-proof travertine, their windows protected by outdoor sprinklers that wash and cool the glass.

The structures also incorporate the lessons of the 1994 Northridge earthquake, such as how to weld steel beams so the joints don’t crack under stress.

Inside, air-filtration systems purify and pressurize

the atmosphere around the clock, especially when smoke or smog cloud the skies.

Even before the recent Skirball fire broke out nearby, sparked at an encampment for the city’s growing number of homeless, the museum had closed its doors to visitors so as not to let smoke and ash from the region’s other blazes enter its buildings.

As a last resort, “dry pipe” sprinkler systems can douse flames without damaging art.

In China, it's economy vs. environment

Crackdown on pollution has big social price

BY SIMON DENYER
The Washington Post

BEIJING — One year ago, China's capital city was in the grip of suffocating and potentially fatal smog that made life a misery and breathing downright dangerous.

This month, the air in Beijing has been clear and the skies blue.

Favorable wind and weather have played a part, but this is no fluke.

Last year as a whole, Beijing recorded its largest improvement in air quality on record. The average concentration of tiny "PM2.5" particulates fell by more than 20 percent, according to Greenpeace East Asia.

In a mad dash to meet year-end air pollution targets and combat the traditional winter smog, 5,600 environmental inspectors were dispatched into the industrial heartland surrounding the capital.

Tens of thousands of polluting factories were forced to clean up their operations or were simply closed, while millions of households were hurriedly shifted off coal-fired heating and onto natural gas.

There was a price: The factories that were closed had supported thousands of jobs. Millions living in the region surrounding Beijing lost their coal-fired heating without receiving gas heat to replace it and have suffered through freezing weather.

With that social price will inevitably come pressure to back off the clean-air policy.

For now, though, the result represents a powerful show of political will that

has upended a long-standing assumption — that the Communist Party would always put the economy ahead of the environment. It has raised expectations that the country could be turning the corner in addressing its infamous pollution problem.

Spurred on by last winter's "airpocalypse," as it was colloquially known, Chinese Premier Li Ke-qiang vowed at the annual meeting of the National People's Congress last March to "resolutely fight a good battle to defend blue skies."

In 2014, Beijing's mayor said he had made a "life and death" contract with the central government to reduce the city's PM2.5 concentration to 60 micrograms per cubic meter from about 90 at the time. In late 2016, with the target apparently out of reach, he was replaced.

Even in recent months, few people would have thought Beijing would hit its target, said Li Shuo, a senior policy adviser with Greenpeace.

"There were so many actors involved, it was so difficult to get enforcement on the ground; it's not only the energy sector, it's heating, it's iron and cement, it's construction and transportation," he said. "And who knows which direction the wind will blow?"

Against the odds, and with a little help from the wind, the target was met.

In Beijing, sales of face masks and air purifiers are reported to have fallen, as the number of "heavy pollution days" fell to 23 in 2017 from 58 in 2013. Partly thanks to the weather,



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Beijing's central business district enjoys a clear day Jan. 6. Last year the city recorded its best air quality in years.

PM2.5 levels in Beijing in the fourth quarter of last year were less than half what they had been a year earlier, Greenpeace calculated.

But the measures have also been a double-edged sword, or a clumsily wielded one.

In the province of Hebei, which surrounds Beijing, factory workers complain of slowdowns and closures that threatened their livelihoods, while householders have struggled for weeks in freezing conditions because their coal-fired heaters were demolished without supplies of natural gas being provided immediately.

This is the heart of the worst industrial-air-pollution hot spot in the world, a province that alone produces more steel than all of Western Europe produces. Cement, ceramics and chemical factories belch thick smoke into the air, and when the wind blows from the south, a toxic cloud is sent toward the capital.

For years, Hebei's leaders had been reluctant to do anything to undermine their own economy, throw

people out of work and potentially generate social unrest.

Factories that polluted but also generated tax revenue and jobs were seen as untouchable, and inspectors from the Ministry of Environmental Protection appeared impotent.

Last year, that changed. Beijing's middle class was too important a constituency to be ignored, and the capital's awful air was a global embarrassment.

As part of a "winter action plan," inspectors recruited from other parts of the country were given a much stronger mandate.

Huge numbers of small factories were shut down, while larger ones were forced to switch from coal to natural gas, and to use filters to clean their emissions.

Major construction projects were halted, and coal-fired stoves in millions of homes were demolished.

All over Hebei, signs announce "coal-free" zones.

In their zeal to please the central government, some officials overstepped the mark, demolishing millions

of coal heaters before installing replacement natural gas systems. Other householders had the new systems installed but found no gas in the lines; factories had sucked up all the available supplies.

As millions of people shivered through freezing conditions and took to social media to express their anger, the government changed course in early December, relaxing its ban on coal.

In Zuogezhuang township, the Langfang Xinsitong Wood Industry Company, which normally has about 100 employees making plywood and blockboard, stood idle earlier this month.

It spent two months and \$150,000 last year demolishing its coal-fired boilers and installing natural gas, said saleswoman Zhang Caihong, but now there is no gas after that two-month loss of production for the coal-to-gas conversion.

"The situation in Zuogezhuang is in a mess," she said.

Her company lost another four months' production

to various government-mandated shutdowns last year, sometimes to ensure the sky was blue during "important meetings" in Beijing, and is likely to struggle to survive if this year is as bad.

"More than half the companies here are not functioning right now," she said. "If you come back next year, you will see that some of them will not exist."

These experiences are replicated all over Hebei, raising the question of whether the recent "shock and awe" campaign will be sustained this year. The pendulum has swung back and forth between the economy and the environment in the recent past.

Overall, over the past four years, average PM 2.5 levels in the 74 cities across China for which data is available fell by 35 percent, Greenpeace calculates.

But the more recent, dramatic improvement in Beijing and Hebei in the fourth quarter was offset by deterioration in other parts of the country, including in the provinces of Anhui and Jiangsu that abut Shanghai.

Much of Syrian rebel 'capital' abandoned

Nearly four years later, Homs a ghost of once vibrant self

BY BASSEM MROUE
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HOMS, Syria — Sumaya Bairuty walked through abandoned streets pocked with shell craters amid rows of destroyed buildings, at times climbing over giant sand barriers before reaching her parent's apartment in the once rebel-held district of Bab Dreib in this central Syrian city.

The 38-year-old English-language teacher, who works in Damascus, comes to Homs by bus once a week to spend two days with her parents, who live alone in their repaired apartment in the heavily destroyed and mostly deserted area.

It has been almost four years since the last rebels and civilians withdrew from strongholds in the ancient heart of Homs in May 2014, surrendering to President Bashar Assad a bloodstained city once dubbed the "capital of the revolution."

Few have returned, and large parts of the once vibrant old city are still abandoned and destroyed,

as if time has stood still since the guns fell silent.

For Bairuty's family, the main sorrow remains the loss of her youngest sibling, Rabi, in 2015. He was killed by insurgents in the rebel-held northwestern province of Idlib.

"This was the biggest loss. Neither the house nor the work or any other thing was as painful as losing Rabi," she said.

The family's home in Bab Dreib is in the heart of the former rebel-held districts of Homs. The streets are so shell-pocked and destroyed that cars cannot travel over them, and the nearest area with shops and vehicles is a 20-minute walk away.

As Sumaya walked into her parent's second-floor, two-bedroom apartment, she found her father sitting on the floor next to a diesel heater eating fried cauliflower and bread for lunch while watching a soccer match on TV as her mother sat nearby.

She explained that the family had to change homes eight times since the Syrian conflict erupted seven years ago, after their main home was destroyed.

In 2012, the Bairuty family fled to Damascus after their neighborhood fell into

rebel hands.

A year later they returned to Homs, renting several homes before moving into the building of Sumaya's maternal grandparents in October 2016, a bit more than two years after government forces recaptured all of central Homs.

After they moved into their latest apartment, the U.N. helped them fix it up by installing new windows and doors and closing the gaping holes in the walls.

Sumaya's younger brother was about to turn 18 in 2015 and wanted to move to Turkey to find a job and escape compulsory military service. The family contacted relatives in the rebel-held village of Saraqeb, in Idlib, who promised to help him move to Turkey.

Bairuty and her mother, Tamador Shilar, said their relatives tipped off the extremist, Islamic State-linked group Jund al-Aqsa about him, telling them that he and his family were government supporters.

Within days, the young man was put on so-called trial by the group, which sentenced him to death for being a government supporter and ruled in favor of punishing his elder sister, who teaches at a govern-



HASSAN AMMAR/AP

Sumaya Bairuty's brother was killed by insurgents in the rebel-held province of Idlib.

ment-run school.

Weeks later, the family received Rabi's identity cards and belongings through a taxi driver who drives between the rebel-held Idlib province and Homs. A letter said that he was killed because he did not join the "holy war" against the government, Shilar and Bairuty said.

Shilar said she cannot shake off the grief.

"It's the feeling of any woman who lost her son, and he was not guilty," she said, as she wiped tears from her face.

Bairuty's father, Mohammed Riad, said they are lucky to have a home, adding that they now get 12 hours of electricity every

day and two hours of drinking water. He walks for about half an hour to reach the market to buy groceries.

Amid an ongoing civil war, no Western countries have stepped up to help finance Syria's reconstruction. The governorate has renovated the old covered marketplace as well as some of the city's old churches, and the city's famous Khaled bin al-Waleed mosque is undergoing renovation. But most of the neighborhoods are ruins.

The residents who have trickled back are using their own money or U.N. assistance to fix their homes just enough to be livable.

Homs Gov. Talal Barazi said that 21,000 families —

30 percent of Homs city's original population of 1.2 million — have returned.

Riad said he hopes to find work once reconstruction begins. The 70-year-old was a construction worker for most of his life.

"The situation in general is good, but our main problem is that there is no transportation here," he said as he watched the soccer match on an Iraqi channel.

Shilar worries about the future and thinks that even if Homs is rebuilt, reconciliation is a long way off.

"The city needs a lot of effort to be alive again. It is not only the buildings (that were damaged) but also our souls," she said.

Italian who survived Nazi death camp as a child given top honor

BY FRANCES D'EMILIO
Associated Press

ROME — A Jewish woman who was one of the few Italian children to survive deportation to a Nazi death camp has been made a senator-for-life in Italy.

President Sergio Mattarella's office said Friday that he chose Liliana Segre, 87, for the honor because she had made the nation proud with her commitment to telling schoolchildren about the Holocaust.

Italy is marking 80 years since the country introduced Fascist-era racist laws discriminating against Jews.

Segre and her family went into hiding after the 1938 law was introduced. They were arrested in 1943, and put onto trains departing from Milan to Nazi-run deportation camps.

Only 25 of 775 Italian children survived the Nazi death camps.

For decades, Segre appeared reluctant to discuss her experiences in

Auschwitz, the Corriere della Sera daily said.

But in the 1990s, she began speaking to students throughout Italy about the Holocaust.

Senators-for-life vote in Parliament's upper chamber along with elected senators. Considered role models because of their achievements, they include figures from politics, business, the arts and science.

Segre says being chosen for the honor caught her by surprise.

"I cannot assign myself

importance other than that of being a herald, a person who recounts what she has witnessed," the ANSA news agency quoted her as saying. "I feel like any other woman, a grandmother, and I never thought about this. Knowing I'll be among senators-for-life is an honor and a great responsibility."

"Liliana Segre's life is testimony to freedom," Premier Paolo Gentiloni said in a tweet. "As a senator she will point out the value of memory. A precious decision 80 years after the racial

laws."

Benito Mussolini's Fascist regime introduced the laws targeting Italy's tiny Jewish minority, forcing them out of institutions such as schools and discriminating against them economically. When German troops occupied Italy during World War II, many of Italy's Jews were rounded up in Rome and elsewhere for deportation to Nazi-run death camps.

The laws were abolished with Mussolini's demise in 1945.



LUCA BRUNO/AP

Liliana Segre has made Italy proud with her commitment to tell children about the Holocaust, officials say.



FLAVIO FORNER/PHOTOS FOR THE TIMES

Brazilian federal police question Emmanuel, a Nigerian who has the two medications most used by traffickers who swallow drugs and fly out of Guarulhos International Airport.

A dance of smugglers, police

Sao Paulo's airport a hub of drug transport to rest of world

BY JILL LANGLOIS
Special to Los Angeles Times

SAO PAULO, Brazil — The gray carry-on glides along the conveyor belt toward the X-ray machine.

It's almost midnight at Guarulhos International Airport, just outside Sao Paulo, and the suitcase and its owner, a bald Nigerian man in jeans and a T-shirt, are first in line at Terminal 2 security for the 2:30 a.m. flight to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The X-ray machine operator peers at the images on her screens, then asks federal agent Elza Lucia de Melo to take a look and decide if the bag should be searched. Melo gives a curt nod.

Hard-shell suitcases like this one have become a staple for drug traffickers, who slip a second shell inside to create a thin hiding spot for their illegal cargo. The flight to Ethiopia, a transit point for cocaine destined for markets in southern Africa, is a favorite too.

At Guarulhos — the busiest airport in South America, with 6.5 million people passing through its corridors every month — federal agents confiscated more than 1.34 metric tons of cocaine in the first 11 months of 2017. Seizures for the year were expected to top the previous total of 1.41 metric tons.

Brazil has become one of the most important shipping points for cocaine in the world. While the main trafficking routes to the United States — the biggest consumer of cocaine — go through Central America and Mexico, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in 2017 identified Brazil as the most frequent point of departure for shipments bound for Europe and Africa from 2010 to 2015, the most recent period measured.

The reason is probably geography: Brazil borders the world's top three producers of cocaine — Colombia, Peru and Bolivia — and the airport at Sao Paulo offers direct flights to four continents.

Brazil has become South America's biggest destination market for cocaine in recent years, the U.N. reported, but exports can be even more lucrative. The street value of cocaine rises dramatically the farther it moves from its source — a gram is \$12 in South Ameri-



Security personnel monitor surveillance feeds at Guarulhos International Airport, South America's busiest airport.



Brazilian federal police test capsules that they say a Nigerian man swallowed in an attempt to smuggle drugs. Sao Paulo's airport has become major hub for smugglers.

ca, \$60 in parts of Europe and up to \$300 in Australia.

The airport isn't Brazil's only transit hub: In January 2017, Djibouti authorities reported the seizure of half a ton of cocaine from a container ship en route from Brazil to Spain.

It was disguised as flour. The man with the gray suitcase fidgets with an envelope as he approaches the metal detector. In her 32 years as a federal agent, Melo has learned to notice such things.

When she asks to see his passport and ticket, he pulls them out of the envelope and hands them over. Melo recognizes his name. It was on a list of targets she memorized.

"How long will you be staying in Addis Ababa?"

"Until March," he says. That's three months.

"You already speak Portuguese well," Melo says. "You must be living here for some time now."

She drops her eyes to the passport, then raises them back up to his face. He's been in Brazil since 2008, he says, shifting from one foot to the other.

As an airport employee goes through the clothing in the suitcase, Melo walks around the conveyor belt to talk to a bearded agent on her team named Momm.

"Those sandals," she says. "They're the same kind that had cocaine in them that other time, remember?"

Momm — who like most of the security workers agreed to a reporter's presence one weekend last month only if his full name was not published — nods slowly.

"We need to swab the suitcase," he says.

With gloved hands, the employee who emptied the bag passes a wand over the suitcase and inserts it into a small blue machine that detects traces of explosives and narcotics. The readout

appears in a few seconds: 14 percent cocaine.

That's not enough to take action. Drug shipments register at least 50 percent. Anything less could mean the man used cocaine and left traces when he picked up his suitcase. Another bag touching his could also lead to the low-level reading.

The team swabs it again, this time on the inside lining. It comes back 8 percent.

Momm calls the desk at Ethiopian Airlines to ask somebody to bring over the man's two checked items. Nobody answers. At this time, especially on a Saturday night, airlines have a limited number of staff working.

He calls again, the phone resting between his left shoulder and ear.

"They're already in X-ray downstairs," he tells Melo.

"They'll bring them up," Melo tells the man to wait in one of two chairs

well known to the agents looking for drug mules who swallow narcotic-filled capsules or balloons. The box of loperamide, an anti-diarrhea drug, is empty. The box of bisacodyl, a laxative, is full.

Melo arrives. "He was clean," she says of the first passenger, who is allowed to board the flight to Ethiopia but will remain on a watch list.

When Dennis asks for Emmanuel's tickets, he passes them over. His hands are shaking.

The team takes him back to the security area.

The agents pull everything out of the small suitcase that is his sole piece of luggage: a cellphone, wooden prayer beads, an empty duffel bag, clothing, shoes.

"What do you do for work here, Emmanuel?" Melo asks.

"I sell clothes on 25 de Marco Street," he says.

"How much do you make doing that?"

"Around \$75 a day."

He says he's going on to Nigeria after Ethiopia. Melo asks if he has any drugs with him.

"There are no drugs here," he says.

The medication, he says, is for a sore stomach.

Melo calls the federal police station in Terminal 3 to explain the situation. She needs paperwork drawn up to be able to take Emmanuel to a nearby hospital for an X-ray, the only way to know for sure whether he has capsules of cocaine in his stomach.

After a full body search behind closed doors, Melo and Dennis take Emmanuel down a series of long, winding corridors to the station. There, he gives an agent his basic information. He entered the country in 2014 seeking refugee status, he says, and has a wife, daughter and legal residency here. The story checks out.

He continues to deny that he's carrying drugs. If he is lying — and a capsule bursts — he could die in seconds.

The agents take him to a door at the back of the station that leads to a parking lot where a black SUV is waiting.

"We won't be back tonight," Melo tells another agent before turning on the siren.

"With all the medication he took, this could take days," she says.

Hours later, Emmanuel's X-ray shows he swallowed upward of 100 capsules, all positive for cocaine. By Monday morning, 90 were expelled. Pairs of agents would wait in shifts with him for the rest.

Langlois is a special correspondent.

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North Korea to have 22 athletes in 5 Olympic sports, IOC says

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — A Korean unity deal for the Pyeongchang Olympics will bring 22 North Korean athletes across the border to South Korea, where they will march as one under a unification flag at the opening ceremony and compete together in one sport.

In the most symbolic agreement approved Saturday, 12 North Korean women's hockey players will join their neighbors in

a united roster playing in special uniforms with a Korean song as their anthem.

North Koreans will also compete in figure skating, short track speed skating, Alpine skiing and cross-country skiing after being given exceptional late entries by the International Olympic Committee. The North Korean delegation will also include 24 coaches and officials, plus 21 media representatives at the Feb. 9-25 Games.

Ryan calls for ethics probe into Pa. congressman's settlement

HARRISBURG, Pa. — House Speaker Paul Ryan called for an ethics committee investigation Saturday after The New York Times reported that U.S. Rep. Patrick Meehan used taxpayer money to settle a complaint that stemmed from his hostility toward a former aide who rejected his romantic overtures.

The story cited unnamed people who said Meehan, R-Pa., used money from his congressional

office fund to settle the sexual harassment complaint the ex-aide filed last summer to the congressional Office of Compliance. Meehan is being removed from his position on the committee, and Ryan told Meehan that he should repay any taxpayer funds that were used to settle the case.

The congressman's office denied that Meehan sexually harassed or mistreated the ex-aide.

2 Americans and 2 Canadians abducted in Nigeria are freed

YOLA, Nigeria — Two Americans and two Canadians who were kidnapped in Nigeria's north-central Kaduna state Tuesday have been freed and are in good condition, police said Saturday.

Police and a special anti-kidnapping squad rescued the foreigners in the Kagarko local government area Friday night after a massive manhunt, state police commissioner Agoye Abeh said.

"No ransom was paid. It was the efforts of the police through the directives of the Inspector General of Police that led to their release," he said.

One suspect was arrested and police were on the trail of other suspects, Abeh said.

The Americans and Canadians have not been publicly identified.

Kidnapping for ransom is common in Nigeria, authorities said.



VINCENZO PINTO/AFP

Pope Francis blesses a woman Saturday as he tours Plaza de Armas in Trujillo, Peru.

Pope consoles victims in Peru reeling from floods, violence

TRUJILLO, Peru — Pope Francis consoled Peruvians who lost their homes and livelihoods in devastating floods last year, telling them Saturday they can overcome all of life's "storms" by coming together as a community and stamping out the violence that plagues this part of the country.

Francis traveled to an area of northern Peru that is frequently hit by "El Niño" storms and was inundated in 2017 by flooding that killed more than 150 people and destroyed hundreds of thousands of homes. Some residents are still living in tents.

At a seaside Mass for

some 200,000 faithful, Francis said he wanted to come to the area to pray with those who lost everything and who must also contend with the "other storms that can hit these coasts, with devastating effects on the lives of the children of these lands."

He cited organized violence and contract killings, a major problem in Peru and in the north in particular. He said Peruvians have shown life's greatest problems can be confronted when the community comes together "to help one another like true brothers and sisters."

The first pope from Latin America has traveled

throughout the region since becoming pontiff five years ago.

Francis sparked a national uproar in Chile on Thursday when he accused victims of the country's most notorious pedophile priest of having slandered another bishop, Juan Barros.

The victims say Barros knew about the abuse and did nothing to stop it — a charge Barros denies.

On Saturday, Francis' top adviser on clerical sex abuse implicitly criticized the pontiff over his accusations against victims, calling his words "a source of great pain for survivors of sexual abuse."

Thai police arrest suspected wildlife trafficker

BANGKOK — Thai police arrested a suspected kingpin of wildlife trafficking who allegedly fueled much of Asia's illegal trade for over a decade, officials said Saturday.

Boonchai Bach, 40, was arrested Friday in the northeastern border province of Nakhon Phanom in

connection with the smuggling of 14 rhino horns worth over \$1 million from Africa into Thailand last month, in a case that also implicated a Thai official and a Chinese and a Vietnamese courier, police said.

Boonchai allegedly ran a large trafficking network on the Thai-Laos border

that spread into Vietnam.

Meanwhile, Gabon says a major trafficking ring that smuggled six tons of ivory out of the country in 2017 has been dismantled, in a victory against poachers who have killed large numbers of forest elephants in the Central African country.

Turkish jets bombard Kurdish-run city in Syria

KOCABEYLI, Turkey — Turkish jets bombed the Kurdish-controlled city of Afrin in northern Syria on Saturday, as President Recep Tayyip Erdogan promised to expand Turkey's military border operations against a Kurdish group that has been the U.S.'s key Syria ally in the war on the Islamic State group.

The raids came on the heels of a week of threats by the Turkish government, promising to clear the Kurdish People's Protection Units, or YPG, from Afrin and its surrounding countryside, also called Afrin.

Turkey said the YPG — a group it considers a terrorist organization — is an extension of an outlawed Kurdish rebel group that it is fighting inside its own borders.

Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim said a ground offensive could begin Sunday.

A bus carrying mostly people going on a ski trip crashed into trees on the side of a road, killing 11 passengers and injuring 44 others, officials in Turkey said Saturday. The bus was traveling from Ankara to the western city of Bursa. The bus driver reportedly told police he veered to avoid what he thought was a stray dog.

A fire broke out at a firecracker factory Saturday on the northern outskirts of the Indian capital of New Delhi, killing 17 workers and injuring one worker. A search operation was continuing for any more workers trapped in the two-story structure gutted by the blaze. The cause of the fire was not known.

OBITUARIES

PAUL BOCUSE 1926-2018

Globe-trotting chef known as 'pope of French cuisine'

BY ELAINE GANLEY
Associated Press

PARIS — Paul Bocuse, the master chef who defined French cuisine for more than half a century and put it on tables around the world, a man who raised the profile of top chefs from invisible kitchen artists to international celebrities, died Saturday at 91, French officials announced.

Often referred to as the "pope of French cuisine," Bocuse was a tireless pioneer, the first chef to blend the art of cooking with savvy business tactics — branding his cuisine and his image to create an empire of restaurants around the globe. His imposing physical stature and his larger-than-life personality matched his bold dreams and his far-flung accomplishments.

Bocuse died in Collonges-au-Mont-d'Or, where he was born and had his restaurant, French President Emmanuel Macron said in a statement.

"French gastronomy loses a mythical figure. ... The chefs cry in their kitchens, at the Elysee (presidential palace) and everywhere in France," Macron said.

Interior Minister Gerard Collomb tweeted, "Mister Paul was France. Simplicity and generosity. Excellence and art de vivre."

Bocuse, who underwent a triple heart bypass in 2005, had also been suffering from Parkinson's disease.

Bocuse's temple to French gastronomy, L'Auberge du Pont de Collonges, outside Lyon in southeastern France, has held three stars since 1965 in the Michelin guide, the bible of gastronomes.

As early as 1982, Bocuse



LAURENT CIPRIANI/AP 2011

Paul Bocuse outside his famed restaurant L'Auberge du Pont de Collonges in Collonges-au-Mont-d'Or, France.

opened a restaurant in the France Pavilion in Walt Disney World's Epcot Center in Orlando, Fla., headed by his son, Jerome, also a chef. In recent years, Bocuse even dabbled in fast food with two outlets in his home base of Lyon.

"He has been a leader. He took the cook out of the kitchen," said celebrity French chef Alain Ducasse, speaking at a 2013 gathering to honor Bocuse. More than 100 chefs from around the world traveled to Lyon for the occasion — one of a string of honors bestowed on Bocuse in recent years.

"Monsieur Paul," as he was known, was placed in the center of a 2013 cover of the newsweekly Le Point that exemplified "The French Genius." Shown in his trademark pose — arms folded over his crisp white apron, a tall chef's hat, or toque, atop his head — he was winged by Marie Curie, Louis Pasteur and Coco Chanel, among other French luminaries.

While excelling in the business of cooking, Bocuse never flagged in his devotion to his first love, creating a top-class, quintessentially French meal. He

eschewed the fads and experiments that captivated many other top chefs.

In traditional cooking like his, he said, there is no room for guesswork.

"One must be immutable, unattackable, monumental," he declared.

Bocuse stood guard over the kitchen of his world-famous restaurant even in retirement, keeping an eye on guests, sometimes greeting them at table.

While Bocuse's kitchens were meticulously in order, his personal life was on the unorthodox side. He acknowledged in a 2005 biography that he had been quietly sharing his life with three women, each with a pivotal role in his life.

His wife, Raymonde, helps watch over his restaurant.

Despite accolades from the world of gastronomy, Bocuse saw a restaurant's reservation book as the real measure of any chef's talent. "If the restaurant works, if it's full of clients whatever the cuisine, he (the chef) is right," he said.

He is survived by his wife, Raymonde, their daughter Francoise and son Jerome.

DEATHS IN THE NEWS

Bruce Cole, 79, renaissance scholar who retired from Indiana University, chaired the National Endowment for the Humanities for much of the George W. Bush administration, led the American Revolution Center in Valley Forge, Pa., and served on the board of trustees at IU and as a senior fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington; Jan. 8, in Cancun, Mexico, of a heart attack.

Kenneth Fiske, 92, head of the McHenry County Conservation District in the 1970s and '80s who scooped up open land to ensure its protection and preservation while serving for more than 30 years on the board of directors of what is now the McHenry-Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District and who was an inductee into the Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame by the Illinois Conservation Foundation (2004); Dec. 20, in Bull Valley.

Joe Frank, 79, syndicated radio show host who inspired storytellers like Ira Glass and David Sedaris; received a Peabody Award for his show "Joe Frank: Work in Progress" (1991), which evolved into "In the Dark," "Somewhere Out There" and "The Other Side"; and received a lifetime achievement award from the Third Coast International Audio Festival (2003); Jan. 15, in Beverly Hills, Calif., of colon cancer.

Dan Gurney, 86, first race car driver with victories in each of the Formula One, IndyCar and NASCAR Cup series, who in 1967 won the Belgian Grand Prix in his own car and also won (with A.J. Foyt) the 24 Hours of Le Mans in a Ford GT40; and who retired in 1970 with 51 victories; Jan. 14, of complications from pneumonia.

Edwin Hawkins, 74, gospel musician best



CHICAGO TRIBUNE 1978

Commissioner Mary Mix McDonald chaired the Cook County Board's Chicago Botanic Garden committee.



Jackson



O'Riordan

known for the crossover hit "Oh Happy Day," which won a Grammy for the Edwin Hawkins Singers (1970), and who won four Grammys in all and was a major force for contemporary inspirational music who was voted into the Christian Music Hall of Fame (2007); Jan. 15, in Pleasanton, Calif., of pancreatic cancer.

Keith Jackson, 89, sportscaster who laid down the soundtrack to Saturday for a generation of college football fans with phrases like his signature "Whoa, Nelly!" and also covered the Olympics, NFL and NBA over five decades with ABC Sports, later consolidated with ESPN; Jan. 12, near his home in Sherman Oaks, Calif.

Mathilde Krim, 91, AIDS researcher who galvanized worldwide support in the early fight against the deadly disease, was founding chairman of the Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR), and received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor in the U.S. (2000); Jan. 15, in Kings Point, N.Y.

Robert Mann, 97, violinist, founder and longtime leader of the Juilliard

String Quartet, which played an incomparable role in the revival of chamber music and received 16 Grammy Award nominations and four awards as well as the Recording Academy's Lifetime Achievement Award (2011) under Mann's leadership; Jan. 1, in New York City.

Mary Mix McDonald, 92, first Republican woman elected to the Cook County Board of Commissioners (1974), who also served on the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (1974-94) and the Regional Transportation Authority board (1995-2007); Dec. 12, in New Berlin, N.Y., of complications from a stroke.

Dolores O'Riordan, 46, lead singer of the Cranberries, an Irish band that became an international star in the 1990s with hits including "Zombie" and "Linger," made five albums before splitting up in 2003 and reuniting a few years later, and who recently revealed she was diagnosed with bipolar disorder in 2015; Jan. 15, in London, after being stricken by an undetermined ailment.

Arthur Rorheim, 99, co-founder of the ministry now known as Awana Clubs International in the 1940s as an engaging way to get Chicago-area young people to understand the Bible and know Jesus and who in 1972 took Awana global with the first international Awana club in Bolivia and traveled for the ministry well into his 90s; Jan. 5, in Oregon, Ill.

Milton Shadur, 93, former U.S. District Court judge who presided over a pivotal Chicago school desegregation case and a long-running lawsuit about overcrowding at Cook County Jail and wrote more than 11,000 opinions during 37 years on the federal bench; Jan. 15, in Glenview, after complications from surgery.

OBITUARIES

RALPH JOHNSON 1929-2017

Retired educator, guide for travelers at O'Hare

BY JOAN GIANGRASSE KATES
Chicago Tribune



FAMILY PHOTO

Ralph Johnson was District 69's superintendent from 1967 to 1989.

Whether it was a question on where to eat, how to catch a train into the city, how to find a lost bag — or even a lost travel companion — Johnson, a longtime volunteer with Travelers Aid Chicago, was the answer man.

Travelers Aid Chicago, a program of the nonprofit group Heartland Alliance, with about 180 volunteers, assists more than 500,000 passengers each year with resources and referrals, crisis intervention and protective travel services at O'Hare.

“We were so lucky to have Ralph on our team,” said O'Hare's volunteer manager, Tony Medina. “He was a delight, and as nice and as sharp as they come.”

Johnson, 88, a retired school superintendent who volunteered at O'Hare every Thursday for two decades and logged more than 2,000 hours, died Dec. 8 at The Moorings, a senior care facility in Arlington Heights, following a bout with pneumonia.

A former longtime Des Plaines resident, Johnson had spent his entire 37-year career in education with Skokie-Morton Grove School District 69, working his way up from teacher to principal to superintendent. Medina said that experience served him well at O'Hare.

“Everyday things change at the airport and we have to constantly adjust our information,” Medina said. “But nothing ever threw Ralph. As an educator, he was great at explaining things to passengers and helping them on their way.”

In addition to serving the everyday needs of airline passengers at O'Hare, Johnson oversaw groups of German foreign exchange high school students upon their arrival at the airport, ensuring that each found their connecting flight in order to join their American host families in cities across the country.

He was also the point person for a program to greet officials carrying newly adopted babies from South Korea and guide them through customs and immigration. Then he'd deliver the babies to their adoptive families waiting eagerly outside of security.

“He would carry the babies in his own arms through the airport and place them into the arms of their new parents,” Medina said.

The son of Swedish immigrants, Johnson was born in Geneva and raised in Batavia. He contracted polio in his junior year at Batavia High School, but made a complete recovery and played football during his senior year.

After graduating in 1952 from Northern Illinois State Teachers College, now Northern Illinois University, he joined the faculty at Lincoln Junior High

School in Skokie, where he was promoted to principal several years later.

“When he began at Lincoln, he was one of only two male teachers in the school, but he took pride in that,” said his son, Scott. “He wanted the boys to have strong role models.”

From 1967 to 1989, Johnson served as superintendent of District 69, overseeing a period of great growth, both in enrollment and in the construction of three new elementary schools.

In the early 1980s, he established a smaller Japanese-speaking school to meet the needs of students from Japan living in the district, whose parents had moved to the area to work in high-tech jobs.

“He was wonderful with people of all ages, but particularly youth,” his son said. “He was friendly, outgoing and positive. He loved helping kids succeed.”

For years, Johnson served as a consultant to an architectural firm that built schools and was an adjunct professor teaching a course on school law and finance at Northwestern and DePaul universities.

He married his childhood sweetheart, became the father of two and earned master's and doctorate degrees in education from Northwestern.

An avid traveler, Johnson visited all seven continents. In his early 60s, he also fulfilled a lifelong dream of earning his private pilot's license.

“He just wasn't one to sit around much,” his son said. Johnson's wife of 64 years, Jean, died in 2016.

Other survivors include a daughter, Carol Ann; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A service of remembrance will be held at 3 p.m. Feb. 25 at The Mooring's Odean Johnson Chapel, 811 E. Central Road, Arlington Heights.

Joan Giangrassse Kates is a freelance reporter.

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Two side by side burial plots for sale at Shalom Memorial Cemetery in Arlington Heights, IL, located in the desirable Gilboa Section 12, Estate 142C. Retail Value is \$12,000. Asking \$7000 for both, which includes ALL fees. No reasonable offer refused. Please contact panglick455@gmail.com

In Memoriam

ROBERT LEE TADMAN
In Memoriam

To the memory of our darling son and brother, Bobby, spending his 88th birthday in Heaven. Heartbroken. Mommy, Daddy, and Glor

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Death Notices

Alberts, Arthur F.
Arthur F. Albert, age 88, of Elgin passed away on January 18, 2018 surrounded by his family. He was born in Chicago on December 26, 1929 to the late Bernard and Harriet Albert. On July 7, 1977 he married Rebecca (nee Bohlin) Albert. He is survived by his Children: Mark (Joan), Grant (Marlena), Kristin, Karina (John) Albert-Shepard; grandchildren: Amanda, Tyler, Laura, Eden, Hannah, Bethany, Canyna; great grandchildren: Violet, Harold, Marilyn. He is preceded in death by a sister, Marlene. A service celebrating his life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Elgin Community Crisis Center. Wait Ross Allanson Funeral & Cremation Services, Elgin. 847-742-2100 or www.lairdfamilyfuneralservices.com.

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Amenta, Jr., Dr. Charles Anthony
Dr. Charles Anthony Amenta Jr., 88, of Arlington Heights, born in Chicago; devoted son of the late Charles Sr. and the late Josephine; loving father of Charles III (Marie), Edwin (Francesca Polletta), Francis (Paula), Marybeth, Kerry Garesché (Claude), Cara, and the late Thomas (Lynn Bromstedt); proud grandfather of Russell, Gregory Edwin, Benjamin, Madelyn (Scott) Burbank, Christina, John, Kyle Garesché, Thomas Garesché, Gregory Charles, and Luisa; great grandfather of Josephine and Joshua Burbank. Ex-husband of Mary. Ex-husband of Beverly. Pre-dental coursework at St. Norbert's WI, Graduate of Loyola Dental School, USAF Captain, Principal of thriving Jefferson Park dental practice and later successful Des Plaines practice. Organizer of Chicago group for charity dental work. Co-Founder of the American Society for Preventive Dentistry. Organized pathbreaking Prevention Conventions, '71 and '72, Conrad Hilton Hotel. Chairman of the Loyola Dental School building drive. American Contract Bridge League regional master and six-handicap golfer. Visitation Sunday, January 21, 2018 from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. at **COLONIAL-WOJCIKOWSKI FUNERAL HOME** 6250 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Funeral services Monday, January 22, starting with prayers at 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home, proceeding to St. Tarcissus Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment will follow at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines. Donations to Autism Society of Illinois appreciated. Info 773-774-0366 or www.colonialfuneral.com

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Baran, Mildred
Mildred Baran, nee Ptak. Beloved wife of the late Bruno; loving mother of William (Sara) Baran; cherished grandmother of Nathan (Billie) Baran and Joseph Krygowski; great-grandmother of Zevon Baran, Cassidy Krygowski, and Victoria Krygowski. Mildred was a longtime resident of the south side of Chicago and belonged to St. Turibius Parish. She moved to the Austin Texas area in the fall of 2017 to be near family. She passed away on January 17, 2018 due to complications with pneumonia. Entombment will be held privately at Resurrection Mausoleum. For information contact **Richard Modell Funeral Home & Cremation Services** (773) 767-4730 or www.rjmodellff.com

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Bateman, Carol L.
Carol L. Bateman, 86, beloved husband of Marion, nee Carver; devoted father of Carolyn Bateman, James (Sherry), Sharon (Dale) Crites, Tamara (John) Neilly-Bateman, Jennifer (Phil) Vervaet, the late Linda Bateman and Timothy Bateman; proud grandfather of 18; great-grandfather of 19; loving brother of Judith (the late Richard) Knox, Robert (Jane) Bateman, the late Elizabeth Olson and Winfield Scott Bateman Jr.; also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM at **Blake-Lamb Funeral Home**, 4727 W. 103rd St., Oak Lawn. Funeral Monday, 11:00 AM at Hope Covenant Church, 14401 West Ave., Orland Park. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery. Member Oak Lawn Masonic Lodge and The Shriners, Past President of Midlothian Country Club, Past President Orland Park Rotary. Info 708-636-1193 or www.blakelamboaklawn.com

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Behrens, Betty L.
Betty L. Behrens, 88, peacefully passed away on January 11, 2018, surrounded by her family. Born on Dec 26, 1929 in Oak Park, IL. Was the devoted daughter of the late Marie E. and Frank A. Behrens, Sr. Beloved sister of Suzanne (Richard) Buerger and the late Frank A. Jr. (Ellen) Behrens. Dear Aunt of Betty (Bill) Dietrich, Richard F. (Elizabeth) Buerger, Audrey (Bob) Altmayer, Kim (Rick) Ciccione, Lisa (Aubrey) Kennedy, and Frank K. Behrens. Loving great aunt of 7. For many years a proud member of the Berwyn Women's Club. Donations appreciated to: Musella Foundation for Brain Cancer Research, 1100 Peninsula Blvd. Hewlett, NY. 11557.

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Blews Jr, William Robert
William Robert Blew, Jr., aged 90, of Palos Heights, IL, and Vero Beach, FL, passed away at home on January 11, 2018, surrounded by his family. Born in Chicago, IL to William Robert (Bob) Blew, Sr. and Adele Binney Blew on March 20, 1927. He grew up on Chicago's South Side and was a 1945 graduate of Morgan Park High School. Drafted to the U.S. Army in 1945 serving until 1947. He earned his degree from Purdue University in 1951 in chemical engineering and was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. While at Purdue, Bill wed Marilyn Whitehead of Blue Island, IL in 1950. They were married for 67 years until his death. Employed for 18 years with Swift & Co. as a chemist and then as a manager in Swift's industrial soap and chemical division, he started Blew Chemical Company in 1971. Bill was raised to be of service to others. He earned the Eagle Scout as a teen and became a Boy Scout leader in Palos Heights, helping many others earn the rank of Eagle and receiving one of adult scouting's greatest honors, the Silver Beaver. He served on the board of Metropolitan Family Services, was an elder and active member of the Palos Park Presbyterian Church and volunteered to help tutor school children through the Community Church in Vero Beach, FL. For eight decades he traveled to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness between Minnesota and Canada to canoe and camp with Boy Scouts and with his family and many friends. During the late summer and fall of 1992, when he was 65 years old, he and his best friend, Bob Mains, traveled by canoe from Palos Heights, IL, to New Orleans, LA camping all the way. Not satisfied with this epic 52-day, 1400 mile trip, two years later the two of them journeyed to the headwaters of the Mississippi River in Minnesota and paddled to Grafton, IL, where the Illinois River meets the Mississippi, so they could rightly claim to have traveled by canoe the entire length of the storied river. Bill is survived by his wife, Lynn, and by his three daughters, Susan Blew (Dennis Puglisi) of Berkeley, CA, Betsy Blew-Ochoa (Rogelio Ochoa) of Palos Heights, IL, and Jane Blew Healy (Michael Healy) of Blue Island, IL, and 7 grandchildren, Gianmarco Puglisi, Jacoby Puglisi (Rachel McQueen), William Daniel Ochoa, Alexandra Ochoa Halleran (Ryan Halleran), William Healy, Kathleen Healy, and Genevieve Healy. He is also survived by his sister, Ann Blew McKenna (the late Thomas McKenna) of Lincoln, CA, and his brother, John Blew (Joan Nevin Blew) of Chicago, IL. The family is very grateful to the dedicated team of caregivers and to Great Lakes Caring Hospice who have supported and enabled Bill to remain in comfort at home during the last two years of his life. A memorial service will be held at the Church of the Transfiguration at 12219 S. 86th Avenue in Palos Park on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness at 401 N. Third Street, Suite 290, Minneapolis, MN 55401 or online at https://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/51407/donate_page/main or to the charity of your choice. Arrangements entrusted to Krueger Funeral Home, 13050 S. Greenwood Ave., Blue Island. 708-388-1300 www.kruegerfuneral.com

Blair, Bette Rose
Bette Rose Blair (nee Katz) died at age 96 on January 19, 2018, of multiple natural causes. A woman of valor, she never let adversity stop her. Overcoming partial paralysis from polio at age seven, she went on to earn a bachelor's degree at the University of Chicago, marry (late Harold Blair), raise three children, and volunteer in many capacities — as a Regional Chair of Women's American ORT, a Girl Scout leader, and PTA worker. Her constant aim was to do good for others, always remembering birthdays and anniversaries of family and friends and making donations to help those in need. Workmen, doctors, and hairdressers who encountered her initially as employees invariably became friends. Bette is survived by three children, Lisa Blair Yondorf (late Eric), Michael Blair (Helen), and Ellen Blair Kircher (Robert); seven grandchildren, Katherine Blair Mead (Daniela), Maxwell Blair (Debra), David Blair (Cassie), Miriam Yondorf Arlin (Ilan), David Yondorf, Christopher Kircher, and Elizabeth Kircher Szczypka (Paul); and four great-grandchildren, Atara, Betzalel, and Tikva Sara Arlin and Eleanor Szczypka. A future memorial event will be arranged. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Greater Chicago Food Depository, www.chicagosfoodbank.org. For info: 847-256-5700.

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In 1738 Ethan Allen, leader of the Green Mountain Boys militia during the American Revolution, was born in Litchfield, Conn.

In 1793, during the French Revolution, King Louis XVI, condemned for treason, was executed on the guillotine.

In 1861 Jefferson Davis, of Mississippi, and four other Southerners resigned from the U.S. Senate.

In 1924 Russian revolutionary Vladimir Ilyich Lenin died; he was 54.

In 1942 pinball machines were banned in New York City after a court ruled they were gambling devices that relied on chance rather than skill. (The ban was lifted in 1976.)

In 1950 former State Department official Alger Hiss, accused of being part of a Communist spy ring, was found guilty in New York of lying to a grand jury. (Hiss, who always maintained his innocence, served less than four years in prison.) **Also in 1950** novelist and essayist George Orwell died in London.

In 1954 the first atomic submarine, the USS Nautilus, was launched at Groton, Conn. (However, the Nautilus did not make its first nuclear-powered run until nearly a year later.)

In 1968 the North Vietnamese Army launched a full-scale assault against the U.S. combat base in Khe Sanh, South Vietnam, in a siege lasting 11 weeks; although the Americans were able to hold back the communists, they ended up dismantling and abandoning the base.

In 1976 the supersonic Concorde jet was put into service by Britain and France.

In 1977, on his first full day in office, President Jimmy Carter pardoned almost all Vietnam War draft evaders.

In 2000 the grandmothers of Elian Gonzalez traveled to the United States to plead for the boy's return to Cuba.

In 2003 the Census Bureau announced that Hispanics had surpassed blacks as America's largest minority group.

In 2005 a car bomb outside a Shiite mosque in Baghdad killed at least 14 people; a suicide bombing at a Shiite wedding south of the capital killed at least seven people, including the bride and the groom.

In 2011 disgraced former Chicago police Cmdr. Jon Burge, long suspected of

torturing suspects and sending men to prison for crimes they did not commit, was sentenced to 4 1/2 years in prison after being convicted on charges of obstruction of justice and perjury for denying in a civil lawsuit that he knew about the abuses. **Also in 2011** Lake Forest-based Hospira Inc. said it would stop making a key anesthetic used in the execution of U.S. prisoners on death row in 34 states.

In 2014 secret church documents detailed how the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago for decades failed to protect children from abusive priests.

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Borg, Jerold A. 'Jerry'

Jerold A. "Jerry" Borg, age 92, a resident of Naperville, IL since 1963, passed away Sunday, January 14, 2018 at Edward Hospital in Naperville. He was born September 5, 1925 in Stratford, IA.



Beloved husband of Corrine Borg (nee Bleske), whom he married September 3, 1949, loving father of Karen (Jim Rose) Van Iten of Naperville, Linda (Robert) Whitney of Plainfield, IL and David A. Borg of Naperville, proud grandfather of Matthew (Alyssa) Van Iten, Scott Van Iten and Michal (Ally) Van Iten, Steven Whitney, Angela Whitney, Mark (Kristin) Whitney and Jennifer (Sean) Lyell; Garrett and Grant Borg, cherished great-grandfather of Thomas, Emmy, Michal "Mack", Archer and Charlie Van Iten; Josie and Colin Whitney; Jackson Whitney; Keira and Kinsley Whitney and Whitney Lyell, devoted son of the late Oscar and Mildred (nee Newburg) Borg, dear brother of the late Arnold (the late Thelma) Borg, father-in-law of the late Tom Van Iten, fond uncle of many, including Julie (Al) Borg DuFaux, great-uncle and friend of many.

Jerry grew up in Stratford, IA, served as a pilot in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a graduate of the University of Dubuque, Dubuque, IA, where he lettered in basketball and track and was inducted as a member of the Hall of Fame. Jerry had a long and successful career in the automotive industry, owning and operating Borg Pontiac in Downers Grove, IL from 1963-1995. He was a member of Chicago Automobile Trade Association (CATA), National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) and a member of the Chicago Auto Show committee.

Jerry was a longtime member of Knox Presbyterian Church and Cress Creek Country Club, both in Naperville and Bear's Paw Country Club, Naples, FL. Jerry was a founder of the Indian Boundary YMCA in Downers Grove, was instrumental in establishing Samaritan Interfaith Counseling Center in Naperville and was active with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Downers Grove. He enjoyed playing golf and held a private pilot license.

Visitation Sunday, January 28, 2018, 2:00-6:00 PM at **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville, IL.**

A celebration of Jerry's life will be held Monday, January 29, 12:00 PM at Knox Presbyterian Church, 1105 Catalpa Lane, Naperville with Rev. Cindy Karis officiating.

PRIVATE Interment: Naperville Cemetery, Naperville. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Knox Presbyterian Church, 1105 Catalpa Lane, Naperville, IL 60540, (630) 355-8181, knoxpres.org or Alzheimer Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, D.C. 20090-6011, (800) 272-3900, www.alz.org/donate_overview.asp

For more information, please call (630) 355-0213 or visit www.friedrich-jones.com



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Bostrom, Garth Clifford

70, of Lisle passed away January 18, 2018. Loving husband of Becky Dahlgren; beloved father of Tracy, Natalie (Dustin) Cook and Jamie (John) Dabrowski; cherished grandfather of Emma and Jace. Visitation Thursday, January 25, 2018 from 3pm to 8pm at **Mount Auburn Funeral Home, 4101 S. Oak Park Ave. Stickney, IL.** Chapel Service Friday at 10am. Interment Mount Auburn Cemetery Stickney, IL. Info (708)749-2033 or www.mountauburnfuneralhome.com



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Brandt, Henry J. 'Hank'

Henry J. Brandt, 90, of Glenview, passed away January 10, 2018. Beloved husband for 66 years of Lois Brandt nee Klinkhammer; loving father of Deborah, Christine and the late Gary Brandt; cherished grandfather of Lauren, Carly, Amber and Kori; proud great grandfather of Lyla Rose, Kellan, Garryn and Irelynn; dear brother of Irma (Zig) Sokolnicki; fond uncle of Wendy and Christopher.

Hank was a union electrician and was involved in the building of some of Chicago's most famous skyscrapers and the expansion of O'Hare Field. He was a proud member of IBEW 134. After moving from Chicago to Glenview, he became active in his community by joining the Jaycees and the Glenview Community Church. He played tennis at least twice a week with a group of his close friends. He worked with several civil rights organizations and was involved with the Peace Now Movement. Hank taught confirmation at his church and upon retirement he began to attend classes at Common Ground to further his understanding of world religions and cultures. Hank and Lois enjoyed traveling and yearly trips to Minnesota and Florida, often joined by their children and grandchildren. He was an inspiration to his whole family. A loving, caring, kind, gentle and thoughtful man, he led by example and encouraged all to be active in our communities and to work for causes that are close to our hearts.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Glenview Community Church, 1000 Elm St., Glenview, IL 60025.



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Brenner, Beth Astrid

Beth Astrid Brenner, nee Pearson 42, of Arlington Heights, IL. Beloved wife of Darren Brenner, MD. Loving mother of Ava Claire. Adoring daughter of Joanne and the late Lenart Pearson. Best friend of Missy Holder. Cherished sister of Glenn (Elaine) Pearson, Karen (Larry) Kucharski and Allen Pearson. Devoted companion of Blue. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University, 303 E. Superior L3 - 125, Chicago, Illinois 60611, The Beth Brenner Memorial Scholarship Fund at North Shore Dojo, 2081 Johns Court, Glenview, IL 60025, METAvivor, 1783 Forest Dr., #184 Annapolis, MD 21401 or LCC K-9 Comfordog Ministry, 3020 Milwaukee Avenue, Northbrook, IL 60062. Memorial visitation Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 12 PM until time of Memorial Service at 2 PM at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 185 E. Northwest Hwy., Palatine.** 847-359-8020 or www.smithcorcoran.com.



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Brostoff, Ben C

Loving husband of the late Gertrude "Trudy" Brostoff, nee Reisberg. Cherished father of Fred (Shelly) Brostoff, Dan (Diana) Brostoff and Janice (Eric) Henry. Adored grandfather of Alan (Merydith) Brostoff, Jennifer (Brian) Kramer, Kevin Brostoff, David and Drew Cardaci, Sarah and Jacob Henry, Lisa Grossman and Dina (Douglas) Borchardt. Treasured Great Grandfather of Hannah, Evan, Ethan, Aria, and Zechariah. Dear brother of the late Harry (the late Francis) Brostoff, Herman Brostoff, Rose (the late Louis) Kagan, Abe (the late Florence) Brostoff, Irving (the late Laura) Brostoff and Eva (the late Leonard) Gordon.

As the youngest of 7 children, Ben was born and raised in Chicago during the "Roaring 20s" and the ensuing Depression. Ben enlisted in the Navy in February, 1942, right after the attack on Pearl Harbor...even though, at age 27, he had just graduated from law school and had passed the Illinois bar exam. In June, 1942, while in the Navy, Ben married his beloved Gertrude "Trudy," also of Chicago. Theirs was a true love affair which lasted almost 65 years, until her death in 2007.

Seeking more action, in March of 1943, Ben resigned from the Navy to enlist in Officers Candidate School of the U.S. Marine Corps. As part of the Third Marine Division, Ben participated in the assault on Iwo Jima and received a Purple Heart medal as a result of injuries sustained while on Iwo Jima. He was later awarded the rank of Captain while in the USMC reserves.

After WWII, Ben resumed his law practice in Chicago, focusing on immigration and international adoption. While it was far from lucrative, he was committed to helping people create families and supporting the legal requirements of those in need. After years of strategizing and brainstorming with his beloved brother-in-law, the late Ira Eichner, Ben joined the company founded by Mr. Eichner, becoming the General Counsel for AAR Corporation at age 50.

While he was developing a highly respected business and legal reputation, Ben was also busy raising 3 children with his wife Trudy. Always present at his kids' activities and ensuring his larger family stayed connected, he was truly cherished by all around him. He was a committed community member, supporting a variety of local organizations and was quite proud when he was asked to serve on the Park District Board. He was later named to the Board of Directors of AAR Corp, another role of which he was quite proud. He retired at age 75 in 1990.

A few years ago, General Peter Pace, then-Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, presented Ben with a plaque recognizing Ben's contribution to the military efforts of the United States during World War II.

Ben continued to played golf into his 90s. He enjoyed bridge and poker with his friends at Sedgebrook, an independent living retirement community where he resided for the last 11 years. While at Sedgebrook, he was actively involved with and held positions in several organizations within the community, even creating bylaws for one of those groups. He never backed down from a challenge and continued to write to his government representatives well into his 90s, advocating for matters of importance to him, especially the environment.

At age 92, Ben bought an environmentally friendly Toyota Camry Hybrid and purchased a 7 year extended warranty. Always the optimist, he proved himself right by outliving the warranty.

Ben continued to provide sage advice to his 3 children, 9 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren until he peacefully passed away in his own apartment, where he was cared for by his dedicated and loving caregiver, Yelesani Mwale.

Services Monday, 10 AM at Temple Chai, 1670 Checker Rd., Long Grove. Interment Shalom. Memorials in his memory to The Heart of A Marine Foundation, www.heartofamarine.org, or Temple Chai, www.templechai.org would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com



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Brownstein, Sherry

Sherry (Zweig) Brownstein, 83, died peacefully in her home, surrounded by loved ones on Jan. 20, 2018. She was born in St. Louis on February 10, 1934. Her family moved to Chicago when she was a young girl. She attended Senn High School and went on to graduate from University of Chicago which she was extraordinarily proud of. It was there she met her husband and love of her life, Daniel Brownstein. She was hooked on his laughter and sweet disposition, and they remained married for 53 years. She worked for the American Cancer Society in a variety of different positions for over 23 years, and was extremely proud of her contributions. She moved to Rockford in 2013 and enjoyed living close to family and a new circle of friends. She is survived by her 3 children, Julie Hutt (Peter), Dan Brownstein, Jr., and Rabbi Binah Wing (Shlomo), 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Predeceased by her husband and brother. Services will be 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 23, 2018 in Temple Beth-El, 1203 Comanche Dr., Rockford with interment to follow in Rockford Hebrew Cemetery. Arrangements by **Sundberg Funeral Home, Ltd., 215 N. Sixth St., Rockford.** Online condolences at sundbergfh.com. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Temple Beth-El.

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Calhoun, Roland Blanchard 'Cal'

Roland Blanchard Calhoun passed away peacefully on January 10, 2018, in Centennial, Colorado. Born on November 30, 1925, to Blanche and James Kent Calhoun, he was raised in Glencoe and graduated from New Trier High School. He attended the University of Arizona, then joined the Navy in 1944; after the war, he earned a degree in electrical engineering at Northwestern University, where he met his future wife, Shirley Somers. Roland (who most people knew as Cal) worked for Mills-Winfield Engineering Sales for almost three decades. He and Shirley raised their five children in Glencoe, where he held various public positions, including village president; he served on the board of the Harris Bank of Glencoe for twenty years and was active in the North Shore Senior Center and the Glencoe Union Church.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley; his five children -- Geoffrey Calhoun (married to Deborah) of Conifer, Colorado; Patricia Calhoun of Denver, Colorado; Susan Nicholl (married to Matthew) of Framingham, Massachusetts; Catherine Calhoun (married to Nathan Ward) of Brooklyn, New York; Donna Weinstock (married to Ray) of Lake Geneva -- a dozen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. A memorial service is set for 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 3, at the Glencoe Union Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Glencoe Union Church, the Seeley Lake Fire Fund at Missoula United Way or StepDenver.org.

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Carter, Susan Lynn 'Susie'

Passed away peacefully on Mon. Jan. 8, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Michael Carter. Daughter of the late Michael and Laverne Tomljanovich (Poltrock). Will be missed by her aunts, cousins and many friends. Her body has been donated to science. A memorial will be planned at a later date.

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Collins, Virginia M.

Virginia M. Collins nee Vance. Age 85, late of Midlothian. Beloved wife of the late George Collins. Loving mother of William (Vicki) Collins. Proud grandmother of Brandon and Haley Collins. Dear sister of Gerald Vance, the late Laurence (Carol) Vance & the late Dennis (Grace) Vance. Fond aunt of many nieces & nephews. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to a cancer charity of your choice. Private interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated Monday 1/22/18 11:00 AM at St. Christopher Church. Memorial visitation Sunday 2 - 6 PM at the **Hickey Memorial Chapel 4201 W. 147th St. Midlothian.** For more information or online register www.hickeyfuneral.com 708-385-4478



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Connolly, Nancy J.

Nancy J. Connolly (nee Garrity) 75, Jan.16, 2018. (Ret. C.P.D.) Beloved wife for 51years of John R. "Jack" Connolly. Cherished mother of John B. Connolly (W.P.D.), Kristen (Bill) Cahill and Katie (Michael) Vreeland. Dear nana of Emily, Liam and Grace Cahill, Mickey, Peter and Andrew Vreeland. Adored sister of James (Carole) Garrity, Patricia (Frank) Pasterz, Michael (the late Betty) Garrity and Betsy (Mike) LaRocco. Aunt, great-aunt and cousin of many. Preceded in death by her loving parents John and Jane Garrity, mother-in-law Angeline Connolly and her dear triplet grandchildren Morgan, Jack and Joe Vreeland. She was a friend to all who knew her. Nancy was a member of the F.O.P., St. Jude League, a longtime parishioner of St. Barnabas Parish and Mercy High School Class of '60'. Funeral Tuesday 10 a.m. from **Donnellan Funeral Home 10525 S. Western Ave to St. Barnabas Church 10134 S. Longwood Dr.** Chicago for Mass 11 a.m. Int. Private. Visitation Monday 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Misericordia Heart of Mercy 6300 N. Ridge Ave. Chicago, IL. 60660-1017 or the St. Barnabas Education Fund 10134 S. Longwood Dr. Chicago, IL. 60643. Info (773) 238-0075. Sign guest-book at www.donnellanfuneralhome.com

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Costouros, Spiro C.

Spiro C. Costouros, 99, passed away on Thursday, January 18, 2018. He is the beloved husband of Ann (nee Bilder); loving father of Thalia, Paul (Christina) and Cathy (Ed); proud grandfather of Anna, Konnie (Vlad), John and Patricia; cherished uncle of Peter, George, Aleko, Mary, Aleka, Christina, Andria, Cynthia and Chris; fond uncle to many great-nieces and nephews. WWII veteran, avid gardener. He loved family most of all. Family and Friends will meet on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 2701 N. Sheffield Ave., Chicago for visitation at 10:00 am until the time of Funeral Service at 11:00 am. Interment in Elmwood Cemetery. Kindly omit flowers, donations may be made to St. George Greek Orthodox Church. Arrangements by John G. Adinamis Funeral Director, Ltd.



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Damato, Mary Jane Brill

Mary Jane Brill was born in Racine, Wisconsin, on September 22, 1939, the youngest of three children born to Mildred (nee Sadowski) and Edward Brill. Edward, a machinist and a musician, died of a heart attack at the age of 39 when Mary Jane was a baby; Mildred then returned to work as a foreman at an aircraft factory during World War II. Mary Jane's beloved grandmother, Martha Sadowski, moved in with the young family and helped raise her. Mary Jane often rhapsodized about her idyllic childhood spent a few blocks away from Lake Michigan, as well as trips back to the family homestead in Winona, Minnesota.



When Mary Jane was a young teenager, her mother moved the family to Chicago while the other two children attended college there. After a few false starts, the independent-minded Mary Jane found an academic home at St. Willibrord's Catholic High School where she formed lifelong friendships, including one with Lucille (nee Olosi) Barkley. Mary Jane looked forward to St. Willibrord reunions and attended the last one, her class's 60th, in September 2017.

She began working as a legal secretary at the law firm of Rudnick & Wolfe in Chicago, back in the day when one was expected to wear heels and gloves even to commute to work by train. In 1960, she was introduced by mutual friends to the love of her life, Andrew Joseph Damato. They were married in April 1962 at St. Catherine's Church in Oak Lawn, Illinois. The young couple settled in Calumet Park, Illinois, and welcomed their first and only child, Marcia Lynn, in 1964, along with a lifelong succession of wire hair fox terriers due to Andrew's admiration of Asta in The Thin Man movies. They built a home in Oak Forest, Illinois (so far from the city as to be deemed "where Christ lost his sandals" by Andrew's Italian mother). Mary Jane lived in that home for just over fifty years.

Mary Jane was many things: a loving wife, a wonderful mother, a proud aunt and devoted family member, a talented baker, an animal lover, a voracious reader, a formidable Scrabble player and nobody's fool. She was also very fond of reading the Chicago Tribune's death notices, pointing out those she found especially pithy. It is hoped this one would meet her criteria.

Mary Jane passed away peacefully at the Joliet Area Community Hospice on January 6, 2018, after a valiant struggle to regain her health. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Andrew; her brother, Gerald; her sister, Nancy; and her parents, Mildred and Edward. She leaves behind her daughter, Marcia, who will try to rely on her mother's example of grace, humor, and strength to navigate her life; as well as her furry companions, Andy, Bernie Sanders, Maggie Mae, and MaryAnn.

Private funeral services will be conducted later this year at St. Damian Catholic Church in Oak Forest, Illinois, with interment to follow at Good Shepherd Catholic Cemetery in Orland Park, Illinois. If desired, charitable contributions may be made to any animal welfare cause.

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Davini, Norma Jean 'N.J.'

Davini passed away peacefully on January 14, 2018 surrounded by her daughters. Beloved mother of Gina Minas (John, CFD), Jackie Freund (Lee), Kelly Davini and Jessica Arnold (Ben). Fun loving grandmother of Megan, Lauren, Jordan, Brooke, Gracie, Evie, Addison & Banks. Dedicated dog mom to many Schnauzers including Alaster, Guy, Darby, Gunny, M.J. & Maddy. Celebration of Life Service will be held on her birthday, April 8th-12th at the William Tell, 6201 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL.

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Donovan, Mary F.

Mary F. Donovan, nee Bostic, beloved wife of the late Robert; loving mother of Teri (Tom) Wilger; cherished grandmother of Matthew (Fiancée Shelby Fredericksen), Marissa and Gavin. Visitation Monday 3 to 9 pm at **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien where a funeral service will be held Tuesday at 10:30 am. Interment private. For funeral information call 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com.

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Durkin, Father Eugene

Fr. Eugene Durkin, 94, went to be with the Lord on January 19, 2018. He is survived by his sisters Dolores Durkin and Rosemarie Cargie. He is preceded in death by his parents, William and Nora Durkin, his sister Herbertine Hartray and his brother William Durkin. Fr. Durkin spent his life in service to others through his priesthood in the Catholic Church. Fr. Gene served at the parishes of Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Thomas the Apostle, St. Paul of the Cross and Holy Name Cathedral. Mass of Christian Burial to be held January 23, 2018, at 10am at St. Patrick's Residence, 1400 Brookdale Road, Naperville, IL 60563. Interment at Holy Sepulchre, Alsip IL. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Catholic Charities of Chicago. For more information contact **Drake and Son Funeral Home** 773-561-6874.

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Ellis, Otto Clark

Otto Clark Ellis was born March 21, 1933, in Spring Hill, to Dora Ellis (maiden name Bays).



Otto Clark Ellis is retired from the United States Army as Command Sergeant Major, where he served active duty during the Korean War and served in the United States Army Reserves for total service of 44 years.

Otto C. Ellis worked as General Manager for Spectra Merchandising in Chicago, Ill., prior to retirement.

Otto Clark Ellis was a dedicated husband to Ellen Elizabeth Ellis (maiden name Daniels) 1934-2001. Ellen and Otto welcomed all into their home to have an enjoyable time and share a delicious meal together. Mr. Ellis was a loving, caring man who worked hard and shared his kindness with family members, loved ones and friends. He shared a compassion for animals and making sure his pets and any others were well taken care of.

Otto C. Ellis was born in West Virginia, lived for many years in Chicago, and returned to live in Cottageville. His hobbies included golfing, bowling, enjoying nature and he enjoyed a good card game. Surviving family members include his daughter, Regena Marie Ellis of Las Vegas, Nev.; grandson, Reginald Anthony Vargas of Las Vegas; grandson, Vaun Christian Ellis of Downers Grove, Ill.; and three great-granddaughters, Sarah Ellis, Penelope and Julianna Vargas.

Special mention with gratitude to loved ones and friends of Otto C. Ellis. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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Erdmann, Arthur G. 'Joe'

Arthur "Joe" G. Erdmann, Jr., 92, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family on Saturday, January 13, 2018. He was the beloved husband of the late Dolores S., nee Corcoran, the cherished father of Mary K. (Terry Leighty) Fox, Joanne C. (David) Jaynes, Margaret L. (Raymond) Witaske, Arthur G. III (Joyce) Erdmann and John S. (Nancy) Erdmann.



Joe was the proud grandfather of Laurie Radtke and David Fox, Christopher and Carolyn Witaske, Jamie Krzykowski, Kelsey and Alison Erdmann. He was also the kind, sweet great grandfather of Taylor and Blake Radtke, Duncan and Cade Fox and Payton and Kash Krzykowski. Joe was educated at Northwestern University and then, after completing his senior year at the University of Miami, received his degree in finance. He followed his father into the Savings and Loan business in Chicago, working at Bell Savings, which his father founded. The experience gained allowed him to continue an expertise in the related insurance business, allowing the family to relocate to the sunshine state. Following a 6 year period there, Joe received an opportunity to return to Chicago where he acquired Oak Park Savings. Shortly thereafter, he was granted approval for the first branch office of a S&L in Illinois. Joe was at the forefront of a new era of "branch banking" in the country. Throughout his career at the newly named, American Savings Association, and then Talman Federal Savings, through an acquisition, Joe served on the Board of other Savings and Loans, as well as many S&L legislative committees. Retirement was joyful, as Joe and Dee enjoyed homes in Lake Geneva and North Palm Beach, Florida. They completed a number of fascinating road trips, as they drove around the country to many historical points of interest, and to visit family and friends. They were especially captivated by the spectacular ocean. Boating was a relaxing hobby for many years. Following his wife's passing, Joe continued to be surrounded by family and friends. He had a thirst for knowledge with reading being a top priority. He enjoyed "easy listening" music and became an iPad expert. And, of course, sports were an exciting interest. He was on top of all the golf, college and professional football and baseball games and was ecstatic when the Cubs won the World Series, flying the "W" with pride. Joe's strong faith remained with him for life. A perpetual optimist, he was a man of strength, bravery and patience, guided always by that faith and by his generous, kind spirit. Of highest priority to Joe was spending quality time with his family, teaching and guiding them through life's challenges, until the end. Mass was offered and burial was held privately with his family. In lieu of flowers, his family would appreciate prayers for Joe and an act of kindness in his honor. (847) 359-8020 or www.smithcorcoran.com

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Falk, Sara Goot

Sara Goot Falk, nee Edelstein, age 98, beloved wife of the late William Goot and the late Jerry Falk, cherished mother of Rosalyn (Martin) Rubin, Marsha (Errol) Friedman, Dr. Arnold (Cindy) Goot and Marla (Dr. Andrew) Savin, devoted grandmother of Dr. Julie (Steve) Albert, Debbie (Steve) Wilensky, Bradley Rubin, Mindy Bear, Dr. Marcy Rubin, Wesley Friedman, Laura (David) Radom, Michael (Sherry) Goot, Mark Savin, Eric Savin, proud great-grandmother "Boubie" of Emily, Alison, Emily, Brooke, Blake, Nicole, Adam, Max, Zoe, Eva and Abigail, dear sister of the late Sam (Lillian) Edelstein, Rose (Philip) Twersky and Harry (survived by Bernice) Edelstein, fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Monday 12:30 PM at Westlawn Cemetery's mausoleum chapel, 7801 W. Montrose, Norridge. Interment to follow. Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-MITZVAH (630-648-9824) or www.mitzvahfunerals.com

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Faulhaber, Elfrieda

Elfrieda L. Faulhaber, 103, of Chicago, IL passed away peacefully on January 19, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Andrew; loving mother of Andrew (the late Norma) significant other Judy Eber; cherished grandmother of Cheryl (Martin) Beermann and Lynne Faulhaber; adored great-grandmother of Alyson, Jason, Samantha, and Cole. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 12:00 pm at Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home, 1787 Deerfield Rd. Highland Park, IL 60035. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, River Grove, IL. Memorial contributions may be made in Elfrieda's name to Catholic Charities, 721 N. LaSalle St. Chicago, IL 60654 or to SHALVA, P.O. Box 46375, Chicago IL 60646. For info or directions please contact Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home at 847-831-4260 or www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com.

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Franch, John V.

John V. Franch, beloved husband of the late Irene; loving father of Charles, John, Valerie and Jennifer Franch (Craig Blackwell); dear grandfather of Madeline Blackwell; fond brother of Robert (Cheri), Richard (Sue Rice), Julie (Al) Favata and the late Charles Franch. Retired Treasurer Village of Bellwood and longtime member of the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Feast Committee. Visitation Monday 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at **HURSEN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY**, SW corner of Mannheim & Roosevelt Roads, Hillside/Westchester. Prayers Tuesday 10:00 am at the funeral home to Mt. Carmel Church, Melrose Park. Mass 11:00 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Kindly omit flowers. Funeral info: 800-562-0082 or www.hursen.com.

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Frank, E. Irma

E. Irma Frank nee Brunner age 86; beloved wife of the late John C., Jr.; loving mother of Rev. Robert (Nina) Frank and Linda (Steven) Rehnberg; cherished Grandmother of Eric (KeriAnn), Kyle (Melissa), Rachel (Randy) and David (Jackie); Great Grandmother of Rey, Aaron, Sofia and Nolan; fond sister of Betty (Elmer) Sitkowitz and sister in law of Laverne (late Bill) Schillinger. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Joliet Area Community Hospice or St. Peter Ev. Lutheran Church appreciated. Visitation Tuesday January 23, 2018, 3 pm to 8 pm at **Kosary Funeral Home** 9837 S. Kedzie, Evergreen Park. Funeral Wednesday January 24th; Lying in State 10 am; Funeral Service 11am at St. Peter Ev. Lutheran Church 8550 S. Kedvale, Chicago Interment Chapel Hill Garden South Cemetery (708) 499-3223 or www.kosaryfuneral-home.com

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Froustis, Peter N.

Peter N. Froustis, beloved husband of the late Anna; loving father of the late Nick, Michael (Polyxen) and Ellen (Louis) Politis; proud grandfather of Peter (Lisa), Anna (Brad), Gus, Peter, Anna (Anesti), Dina, Maria (Joe), Nicole and Nicholas; cherished great-grandfather of Maria, Stacie, Alex, Julianna, Zoe, Nicholas, Evelyn, Victoria, Sofia, Juliana, Thanasia and Eleni; dear great-great grandfather of Leena; devoted brother of Stavroula and Demetri; fond uncle to many nieces and nephews. Peter was a strong hard working devoted family man who will be extremely missed by his family and friends. Visitation from 4:00 - 9:00 pm on Tuesday at Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago. Family and Friends will meet on Wednesday at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 2727 W. Winona for Funeral Service at 10:30 am. Interment in Elmwood Cemetery. Arrangements by **John G. Adinamis Funeral Director, Ltd.**



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Fuller, James

James Fuller, age 71, of Portage, IN formerly Orland Park; Beloved son of Charlotte Wivinis and the late James Odell Fuller; father of Melissa (Greg) Ronda, David Fuller, and James Jr. (Renee) Fuller; grandfather of Dorian, Virginia, Tyler, and Brittany; loving brother of the late Doreen Fuller. Memorial Gathering Wednesday, January 24th, from 4:00 PM until 9:00 PM, at **Knollcrest Funeral Home**, 1500 S. Meyers Rd. (3 blks. S. of Roosevelt) Lombard. Interment private. Funeral info: www.knollcrest.net or 630-932-1500.

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Garcia, John C.

John C. Garcia, age 71, of Naperville, IL., at rest January 17, 2018. Proudly served his country as a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam era. Beloved husband of Mary (nee Leeland) loving father of Angela (Todd) Mistina, John Garcia Jr. and Jennifer Garcia; dear stepfather of Loretta (John) Wawrzyniak; devoted grandfather of Zack Garcia, Briana and Tyler Mistina, Emily and Hailey Wawrzyniak; dearest brother of Gilbert, Paul, Sylvia, Marlene, Rose and several late brothers and sisters. Inurnment Thursday January 25, 2018 at 11 A.M. at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. Arrangements entrusted to **West Suburban Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, Westmont, IL. Info 630-852-8000 or www.westsurbanfnh.com



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Gonzales, Cresencia S.

Cresencia S. Gonzales, nee Sinió, of Bartlett, cherished wife of Erasmo; beloved mother of Edwin (Michelle), Edsel (Carla) and Chris (Michael); loving grandmother of Jenna, Jared, Maya, Evan, Emily, Micaela and Edison; cherished sister of Gloria, Rosario, Rosita, Elisea, Jose, Leticia, Carina and Nenita; devoted daughter of the late Teodoro and the late Virgines, nee Maderas. Visitation Monday, January 22nd, 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the Countryside Funeral Home and Crematory 950 South Bartlett Rd. (at Stearns Rd.) Bartlett. Funeral Tuesday 9:15 am prayers proceeding to St. Peter Damian for a 10:00 am mass. Interment Mt. Hope. For information (630)289-7575 or www.countrysidefuneralhomes.com.

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Haberkorn, Pearl Helen

Pearl Helen Haberkorn nee Goerres. Age 93. Beloved wife for 75 years to John Haberkorn (Ret. Chicago Police Commander and Chief of Police O.L.P.D.). Loving mother of John (Maureen), Robert (Kathleen), Thomas (Jane), Carole (Walter) and the late John Frank) Dettmann, William (late Sharon), Mark (Janet) and Pamela (Hugh) McGivern. Proud grandmother of 22; Great-grandmother of 43. Dear sister of the late Robert, Roy and James Goerres, Anna Mae Houde and Dorothy Englund. Visitation Monday 2:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at Curley Funeral Home 6116 W. 111th St. Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. Family and friends will meet at St. Germaine Church, 4240 W. 98th St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453 on Tuesday morning for Mass of Christian Burial 9:30 A.M. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Pearl was a volunteer for Neat Repeats for over 20 years. Memorials to St. Jude Children's Hospital 262 Danny Thomas Way Memphis, TN 38105 appreciated. For Funeral info 708-422-2700 or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Handler, Kenneth

Kenneth Handler, 89, beloved husband of the late Joan nee Lewis; loving father of Karen (Steve) Braun and Susan Handler; devoted grandfather of Lauren (Jacob) Orlofsky and David Braun; dear uncle and friend to many. Funeral service Monday, January 22, 1:30 PM at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. A private interment will follow at Westlawn Cemetery. Info: 847-256-5700.



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Hanley, Elizabeth "Bette"

Elizabeth "Bette" Hanley nee Murphy age 91. Beloved wife of the late Jack Hanley; loving mother of John (Mary), Daniel (Barb), Patrick (Renee), Meg (Mike) Verdonck, Timothy (Carol), Michael (Pam), Marybeth (Phil) Langan, the late Barbara Hanley-Minarcik (John) and the late Tommy Hanley; proud grandmother of Erin Hanley and Katy (Kevin) Lewis, Meggie and Patty Hanley, John (Ali) Minarcik, Julia Minarcik, Danny (Meg) Hanley, Ryan (Jen) Hanley, Sarah (Dan) Hopwood, Michael and Sean Verdonck, Michael (Greta) Hanley, Colleen (Jim) Fitzgerald, Annie and Laura Hanley, Kyle (Allison) and Jaclyn Hanley, Elizabeth, Jack and Danielle Langan; great-grandmother of 9; fond aunt to many nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday January 27, 2018 9:30 until time of Funeral Mass 11:00 a.m. Saint Lambert Church, 8148 Karlov Avenue, Skokie, IL 60076. Interment All Saints Cemetery, DesPlaines. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Misericordia, 6300 N. Ridge Ave. Chicago, IL 60660. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.

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Harder, Leonard Joseph

Leonard Joseph Harder, Jr., age 75, was a resident of Ivanhoe-Mundelein for 13 years and formerly of Lakeland Estates-Wauconda, IL for 27 years. Leonard was the beloved husband for 53 years of Marilyn; loving father of Douglas (Kathryn) and Holly (Ron) Rogers; cherished grandfather of Ryan, Graham, Paige and Ian. Leonard said to Holly "The best thing I ever did was your mom, your brother and you".



Leonard was born June 9, 1942 in Evanston, IL and passed away Friday, January 19, 2018, at home, surrounded by his loving family. In 1965, at the age of 23, Len went to work at Morgan Bronze Products. Shortly thereafter, he purchased the company and continued to work there for over 50 years, moving it from Chicago to Wauconda and eventually Lake Zurich, IL. Len put his mark on the bronze bushing industry, by being one of the first to implement CNC machining equipment and computer management software. Len surrounded himself with people that he loved and trusted. In 2010, after many years of sharing his knowledge with his son-in-law, Ron, he sold the business to Holly and Ron. He stayed involved as a trusted advisor, until his passing. Leonard loved to be with his family and friends, telling a funny story and eating good food. His childhood friends were his life-long friends and were with him until the end. Leonard was a member of Lake Barrington Shores Golf Club, then the Ivanhoe Country Club and Quail Creek Country Club, Naples, FL. He was a member of the Copper Development Association and the Shriners. He also liked to fish and snowmobile. Visitation will be Monday, January 22, 2018, from 4-8 pm, at **Kisselburg-Wauconda Funeral Home** 235 N. Main St., Wauconda, IL 60084. On Tuesday, prayers will start at the funeral home at 10:30 am, proceeding to Transfiguration Parish 348 W. Mill St., Wauconda, IL 60084, for Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 am. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorials are appreciated to the Leukemia Research Foundation, 2700 Patriot Blvd., Suite 100, Glenview, IL 60026, (847-424-0600), www.leukemia-research.org. Funeral information: 847-526-2115 and sign the guest book at: www.kisselburgwaucondafuneralhome.com

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Hartman, Herbert I.

Herbert I. Hartman, 79. Beloved brother of Marshall (Pat) Hartman and Evelyn (Saul) Liskin. Dear uncle of Ann (Mike) Luban, Judy (Aaron) Gadiel and Danny (Lindsey) Hartman, Lauri Liskin and Michael (Rebecca) Liskin. Cherished great uncle of Rebecca, Marc, Adam, Rachel, Josh, Zev, Henry, Elodie and Adina. Philosopher professor, singer, guitarist, composer, commodities analyst, published author on physics, and cantor. Service Sunday 10AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd., (at Niles Center Road) Skokie. Interment Waldheim. Memorials to the Friedman Place, 5527 N. Maplewood Ave., Chicago, IL 60625, www.friedmanplace.org would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals-Skokie Chapel**, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com.



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Hasenkamp, Joanne J.

Joanne J. Hasenkamp nee Badali, age 77. Longtime Tinley Park resident formerly of Logan Square and Chicago's Roseland neighborhood. Beloved wife for 61 years of Robert Hasenkamp. Fond mother of Ronald (Doris) Hasenkamp, Catherine (Mike) Moran, Mary (Daniel) Uthe, Sharon (John) Taylorson, Christa, and the late Robert Jr. (Kathi) Hasenkamp. Loving



grandmother of Erik and Lexi Hasenkamp, Maggie (Arjune) Patel, Kate Moran, Zachery (Talia), Adrienne and Nicholas Uthe and Renee (Brad) Johnson. Great grandmother of 4. Devoted sister of Marianne (late Joseph) Tholl, Carol (late David) Chiarappa, August (Marge) and Raymond (late Mary) Badali. Aunt to many nieces and nephews. Member of the Tinley Park Library Board of Trustees and Youth Commission Board Bremen Township. Active participant in local sports activities, including Tinley Park District Bulldog's Football. Friend to many and a beautiful, generous person to all. Resting at **Panozzo Bros. Funeral Home**, 530 W. 14th St. (US Rt. 30, 3 blks E. of Western Ave) Chicago Heights on Sunday January 21st from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Funeral Monday 9:00 AM at St. George Church, 6707 W. 175th St., Tinley Park. Mass 10:00 AM. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Worth, IL. (708) 481-9230 or panozzobros.com

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Hoellerich, Jeffery Allen 'Jeffbo'

Jeffery Allen Hoellerich age 63, of Marana Arizona, formerly of Wilmette and Glenview Illinois, passed away in Marana on January 10, 2018. Jeff is survived by his wife Lindy, and 3 children; John, Jesse (Kathleen), and Shannon, and one grandson; Jett, after college Jeff served in the U.S. Airforce and pursued a career as a cabinet maker. A private memorial is planned.

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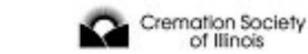
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Hyer, Nancy Pinkett

Nancy Hyer passed away quietly on Jan. 3, 2018, at the age of 91 years. A native of Denver, she attended Colorado College but left after sophomore year to marry Bill Hyer. They moved to Chicago where they were active in the Old Town Triangle Association. Nancy also served as President of the Parent's Council of the Latin School, and President of the Girl Scouts of Chicago. Bill Hyer preceded her in death in 1993, and their daughter Sally Hyer Kristin in 2003. Mrs. Hyer is survived by her son Richard, his wife Kathryn and their daughter Emma. A requiem mass will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20th at 2pm, at the Church of the Ascension, 1133 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago 60610. Donations should be made to the church.



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Ives Iwaniukowicz Opychany, Lillian 'Lily of the Valley'

Loving mother of Michael, grandmother of Benjamin, Josie and Ian, GG of Amelie, James and Bravery passed away at the age of 94 on January 4, 2018. To receive more information call 480-854-6830.

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James, Christophersen R 'John'

James R. Christophersen (Jim), age 77, of Beach Park, IL; formerly Skokie, IL, passed peacefully on January 16, 2018 surrounded by his family. Born February 26, 1940 in Chicago IL.

He worked at AT&T (formerly Teletype in Skokie) for 40+ years. He served in the US Army from 1963 until 1965 in Korea.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Patricia (nee Johns); Sons, Glen (Valerie) Christophersen and Kevin (Mark Marple) Christophersen; Papa to Bret and Kyle; brother-in-law Norman (Karen) Johns and nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews.

Anyone who knew him knew that he was an avid Green Bay Packer fan.

Family will be celebrating his life privately. Please feel free to make a donation on his behalf to a charity of your choice. The family is being assisted by **Gurnee Salata Funeral Home**.

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Jaris, Marilyn L

(nee Tucker) Beloved wife of Charles F; loving mother of Charles B (Nancy), Paula (Nick), Rachel; proud grandmother of Charles M, Sarah, Molly, Caroline, Nicholas, Lillian; long time college friend of Joan (Fred) Pacer; born in South Chicago (1930), attended St Kevin's elementary school, valedictorian at St Aquinas high school, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Mundelein college; taught in Catholic elementary and Chicago public schools, Harlan HS and Tilden HS; loved music, played organ, avid reader reading 1000s of books, favorite recreation was walking nature trails with her husband, traveling widely with her daughters; visitation 1 - 5pm Monday January 22; funeral services 1pm Tuesday January 23 2018 at Leak Funeral Home, Country Club Hills IL

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Johnson, David Jay

David J. Johnson of Chicago, IL, Founder, of Wizards Software Solutions and former partner at Eastlake Studios, passed away on Dec. 31, 2017, surrounded by his loving family. He was preceded in death by his parents Robert and Barbara (nee Holmes) of Ann Arbor, Michigan. He is survived by his wife, Mary (nee May), his children, Case (Sara), Kyle and Cooper, his brothers Doug and Cliff (Marcia), and his sister Ellen Fishel (David) as well as numerous friends and family. His unyielding spirit embraced life with gusto. He was an accomplished golfer, hiker, cyclist, photographer, world traveler, and diehard Cubs fan.

A funeral mass will be held on Saturday, January 27 at 10am at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Libertyville, Ill with a luncheon to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Moores Cancer Center, UCSD Health - La Jolla, CA.

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Johnson, Marion D.

Marion D. Johnson (nee Kaminski) of Chicago, age 83, passed away January 13, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Norton; loving mother to Nort (Annette); Todd (Barbara), and Heather (Frank) Kraft; dear grandmother to Dustin, David, Mason, and Kailey; fond great-grandmother to Cameron; cherished sister to Joseph Kaminski, Penny Wolowinski, and the late Dorothy Hatley; aunt and godmother to Raymond Ahrens; beloved cousin and forever friend to Audrey (Phil) Gordon; loving family member and friend to many. Memorial service Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 12:30 p.m. at Nazarethville Nursing Home, 300 N. River Rd, Des Plaines, IL 60016. In lieu of flowers donations to Orphans of the Storm Animal Shelter, www.orphansofthestorm.org, or the American Diabetes Association, www.diabetes.org, would be appreciated. Info: 773-774-3333



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Kelbus, Sr., Dennis A.

Dennis A. Kelbus, Sr. passed away January 10, 2018. For further information and service information please visit www.markiewiczfh.com

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Koch, Maureen Porth

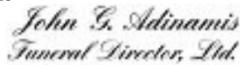
Maureen Porth Koch, age 78, of Buffalo Grove. Beloved wife of Glenn R. Koch and the late Donald L. Porth Jr. Devoted mother of Donald L. (Michelle) Porth III, Timothy J. (Lori) Porth, and Susan (Matthew) Kurland. Cherished grandmother of Anna, Luke, Charles, Adam, and Erin Porth and Quinn, Riley, and Ella Kurland. Visitation Sunday Noon-5pm at **Kolssak Funeral Home** 189 S. Milwaukee Ave. Wheeling, IL. Funeral Prayers Monday 9:15am at the funeral home followed by a 10am Life Celebration Mass at St. Mary Catholic Church 10 N. Buffalo Grove Rd. Buffalo Grove, IL. Interment in St. Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to Misericordia at www.misericordia.com appreciated. For more information 847.537.6600 or www.funerals.pro



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Kopsian, John J.

John J. Kopsian, U.S. Army Veteran, Beloved husband of Christine A. Kopsian, nee Patitsas. Loving father of Maria (Daniel) Abla and James Kopsian. Cherished grandfather of Amelia, Jonathon, Natalie, Timothy and Luke. Dear brother of Alex (Barbara) Kopsian, Vasio (Tom) Arvanites, the late Eleni, Nicholas (Harriet) Kopsian, Pota (Peter) Stantos and Katina (Anthony) Mikalis and brother in law of Nicholas (Jeanne) Patitsas. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. John was a member of The Medinah Shriners, Valley of Chicago and The Hellenic Lodge 1084. Visitation Sunday 4-9 pm at Smith Corcoran Funeral Home 185 E. Northwest Hwy., Palatine. Family and friends will meet Monday morning at St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church 133 S. Roselle Rd., Palatine, for funeral service at 10:00 am. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. Per John's wishes kindly omit flowers, Donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105 or Shriners Hospital for Children 2211 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago, IL 60707. Arrangements by JOHN G. ADINAMIS FUNERAL DIRECTOR, LTD (847) 359-8020



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Kowalski, Geraldine A.

Geraldine A Kowalski, 83, Forest Park, passed away January 16, 2018. Geraldine was the loving mother of Robert J. (Leisa) Kowalski and Christine A. (the late Dennis) Rosselli; cherished grandmother of Todd Rosselli, Adam and Matthew Kowalski. Geraldine was active in many fraternal women clubs, including the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge. She was the past President of the IL/IN PRCUA Womens Division. Visitation: Thursday January 25, 4-8 pm at **Woodlawn Funeral Home** 7750 W Cermak Rd Forest Park. Prayer Service: Friday January 26 @ 9:30 am at funeral home. Procession to St. Adalbert Cemetery in Niles, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Geraldine's name to The Howard Mohr Community Center 7640 Jackson Blvd Forest Park IL 60130.

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Lacy, Carol Dee

Carol Dee Lacy, nee White, beloved wife of the late Michael Lacy; loving mother of Valerie (William) Nicholl; cherished grandmother of Robert and Billy Nicholl; dear sister of Jeanne (Bruce) Albamonte; fond aunt and friend to many; and second mother to Morin Younan. In lieu of flowers donations to the American Cancer Society or any animal shelter in Carol's memory are appreciated. Visitation Monday January 22nd from 3-9 PM at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home** 6150 N. Cicero Ave. Chicago. Funeral service Tuesday January 23rd at 11 AM at Smith-Corcoran. Interment private. Info 773-736-3833 or visit Carol's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com



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Lajka, Joan Marie

Joan Marie Lajka, nee Abram, age 79. At rest on January 18. Beloved and devoted wife of the late John M. Lajka, Jr. Ever grateful to God for her loving and caring children: Mary (Dumitru) Lupou, John, III (Rosemarie), Melissa (Stephan) Wiecek and Yvonne (Joseph) Consoli. Cherished "GaGa" of her precious angels: Dumitru, Martin, Monica, Megan, Allison, John, IV, Justin, Clarissa, Joseph and Nicholas. Dear sister of Carolyn Lauschke, aunt of four and cousin of many. Loved daughter of the late Martin and Marie, nee Bechtold, Abram. Visitation Monday, January 22nd from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Cumberland Chapels 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Funeral services will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home, and will proceed to St. Monica Church for Mass at 11:00 a.m. Entombment to follow at St. Adalbert Cemetery, Mary, Mother of God Mausoleum. Info 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com



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LaPapa, Bartholomew

Bartholomew W. "Bart" LaPapa, age 80, of Shorewood, and formerly of Woodridge, died Friday, January 19, 2018. U.S. Navy veteran and owner of Bart's Barber Shop at 6268 Archer Avenue in Chicago for 54 years. Beloved husband of Maxine J. (nee Marszalek); loving father of Dawn (Scott) Breckinridge and David (Gina) LaPapa; dear grandfather of eight. Services Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at NOON, with visitation from 9:30 a.m. until NOON, at the Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, 3200 Black at Essington Roads, Joliet. For information, (815) 741-5500 or visit www.fredcdames.com



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Larrabee, Bruce

Bruce Larrabee, age 75 of Glen Ellyn, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family January 12, 2018. Bruce was the beloved husband of Patricia Larrabee. Loving father of Chris (Jennifer) Larrabee, Matt (Monica) Larrabee, and Trich (Jeff) Hrycyk. Cherished son of the late William and Ruth Larrabee. Proud grandfather of nine. Dear brother of William (Margot) Larrabee. Services were private. In lieu of flowers, donations to the cancer society of your choice.

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Lee, Patricia A.

Patricia A. Lee (nee Schack), age 73, of Streamwood. Former wife of John Rasmussen. Loving mother of Kristen (Steven) Garnett. Devoted "Grammy" of Alexis, J.D., and Spencer Garnett. Cherished sister, cousin, aunt, and friend of many. Long term employee of Wolf & Company, Oak Brook. Mem. Visitation 3 to 9pm, with a Mem. Service at 7pm, Wed., Jan. 24, 2018 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a charity of your choice. Funeral Info: (708) 352-6500 or hfunerals.com

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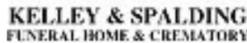
Luck, Irene L.

Irene Lillian Luck, nee Kohler, 90, of Park Ridge, formerly of Glenview, passed away on January 15th. Dear wife of the late Frank W. Luck, beloved mother of Julie(David)Jensen, Jim(Lisa)Luck, Lori(Paul) Ellinger, devoted grandmother of Joe(Katlyn)Ellinger, Trygve Jensen, Elise(Mark)Holmes, Tait Jensen, Joseph Luck, Elizabeth Luck and dotting aunt to many nieces and nephews. Irene served her community as a District 63 School Board Member and a District 64 teacher. Memorial service at 2 pm, Saturday, January 27th, at Messiah Lutheran Church, 1605 Vernon Ave., Park Ridge. Memorial gifts may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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Luth, Jolene

Jolene Luth, of Deerfield, 85 years young, passed into eternity on January 17, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Richard. Wonderful mother of Michael (Tammy), Robert, Charlene (Kevin), Janet, and Margaret. Treasured grandmother of nine. Mom was a lovely, joyful woman whose quiet strength never wavered. A funeral service will be held on Monday, January 22, 2018 11:00am at First Presbyterian Church of Deerfield, 824 Waukegan Rd., Deerfield, IL 60015. Reception to follow. Interment on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 1:30 pm at Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago, IL. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to Patty Turner Center or the church. For info or directions please contact **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home** at 847-831-4260 or www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com



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McDonagh, Barbara

(nee Conneely) - Native of Poulywerrin, Lettermore, Co. Galway Ireland; beloved wife of 58 years to the late Joseph; loving mother of Marie (Paul Stewart), Joseph (Monica), Michael (Lena) and Thomas CPD (Rebecca); adored grandmother of Anne Marie (Andres Padilla), Annabel, Maura, James, Molly, TJ, Mathieu and the late Jacqueline; great grandmother of Moritz, Liam and Maeve; dear sister of Anne (Andy) McDonagh. Much loved by the Harkin family. She will be dearly missed. The family would like to thank all who cared for her, prayed for her and visited with her. Visitation Monday 3-9 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** 3918 W. Irving Park Rd. Funeral Tuesday 9:15 a.m. to St. Andrew Church for 10 a.m. mass. Interment All Saints. In lieu of flowers, donations to The Mercy Home for Boys and Girls or the ALS Foundation would be appreciated. Info 773-588-5850 www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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McGann, Martin J.

age 33, resident of Park Forest. Cherished son of Sheila McGann nee Curran and James E. (Paulette Krygowski) McGann. Loving brother of Marcia (Joseph Hatzel), Robert (Kara) McGann, Nora (Ricky Flores), Margaret (Steven Turk), and Joan (Philip Sanfratello); Loving grandson of Joan McGann and the late James M. McGann and late Martin and Ellen Curran; Dear nephew to many; Fun loving uncle to Trace, Steven, Patrick, Shannon, Theresa, Claire, Jimmy, Mary, Elizabeth, Eileen, Alyssa, Audrey, Grace, Jaylen, Steven, Teagan and Lillian; Proud Godfather to Shannon and Steven; Master to Canine Crede. Family and friends will gather Monday, January 22, 2018 for a memorial visitation 9:30 a.m. until time of mass 11:00 a.m. at St. Ireneaus Church, 78 Cherry St. Park Forest, IL 60466. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers contributions to American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, 120 Wall Street 29th Floor New York, NY 10005 or www.afsp.org or to Haymarket Center of Catholic Charities , 932 W. Washington, Chicago, IL 60607 or www.hcenter.org would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Lain-Sullivan Funeral Home** 50 Westwood Dr. Park Forest, IL 60466. For information or to express your condolences please visit our www.lain-sullivan.com or call 708-747-3700



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McGirr, Kathryn Mae

Kathryn Mae McGirr, 99, of Chicago, formerly of Hinckley and Joliet, passed away Friday, January 19, 2018 at The Clare in Chicago. She was born May 17, 1918 in Somonauk, IL, the daughter of Charles and Ida (Dellenback) Colbe. Kathryn graduated from Hinckley High School in 1936 and graduated from Metropolitan Business School in Aurora. She was employed as a secretary before her marriage to Kenneth L. McGirr on February 3, 1945. Kathryn capably served as the tax assessor for Squaw Grove Township in DeKalb County for 21 years. She enjoyed baking and gardening and was also a member of her home parish, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Somonauk for over 80 years.

She is survived by three sons, Vincent McGirr of Joliet, IL, Kevin McGirr of Chicago, IL, and Craig (Barbara Schwaderer) McGirr of Big Rapids, MI; her grandchildren, Sean, Kira (Charles McGuire), and Frederick (Shahar Ben-Josef); as well as two great grandsons, Elliot and Theodore McGuire; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Ida; her husband, Kenneth; her sisters, Gladys (Clarence) LaBolle and Shirley (Russell) Houghtaylen.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Somonauk. Burial will follow at the family plot at St. John Catholic Cemetery in Somonauk. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at **Turner-Eighner Funeral Home** in Somonauk. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to The Clare Gift Trust, which benefits the kind and caring staff of The Clare. For more information or to sign the online guest book, go to www.EighnerFuneralHomes.com **Turner-Eighner Funeral Home** at 13160 Rt. 34 W - PO Box 404 in Somonauk, IL 60552 815-498-2363

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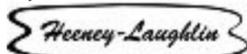
McGrath, Mary

Mary McGrath, 87, of Holmes Beach, FL and Chicago, died December 23, 2017. Beloved wife of 31 years to Frank, survived by many relatives and friends. Services were Saturday, January 20, 2018 on Anna Maria Island, Florida. For full obituary and condolences pleas go to www.brownandsonfuneral.com

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McGrath, Michael W.

Michael W. McGrath, Age 57, Born into Eternal Life on January 17, 2018. Beloved son of William F. and the late Jean R. McGrath (nee Sweeney). Loving brother of Peggy (Tim) Carey, Jeanne (Jim) Marion, William (Kim), and Tim McGrath. Proud "Uncle Mike" of Katie (Randy) Botica, Bridget and Tim Carey; Meagan (Matt) Dominick, Bill Marion, Courtney Mineiko, and Frank McGrath. Grand uncle of Gabrielle Botica. Treasured friend of the South Side and Western Avenue Warrior who will be missed by countless friends. Hoisting Engineer for the City of Chicago and Member of I.U.O.E. Local #150. Visitation Sunday 3-8pm at the **Curley Funeral Home (Heeney-Laughlin Directors)** 6116 W. 111th St., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. Family and friends will meet at Christ the King Church, 9235 S. Hamilton Ave., Chicago, IL 60643 on Monday morning for visitation 10am-11am. Mass of Christian Burial at 11am. Interment St. James Cemetery at Sag Bridge in Lemont, IL. Memorials to Christ the King School Foundation are most appreciated. Info: Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors 708-636-5500 or www.heeneyfh.com



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Meegan, Martin Cooney

83, of Orland Park passed away peacefully on January 18, 2018. Marty was born in Chicago to Patrick and Veronica (nee Cooney). Devoted husband of the late Donna Lee Meegan. Loving father of Laura (Michael) Blote, Gina (Richard) Geith, the late Michael, Rose Marie (Terrence) McBride, Kathleen Mathews, and Dennis (Carol) Meegan. Cherished grand-

father to Rosie, Brigit, Teresa, John, Emily, Daniel, Julie, Colleen, Michael, Kevin, Jackie, Amanda and Charlotte. Dear brother of the late Patrick, Donna (Patrick) Foley, Therese (the late Donald) Dion, and Marge Meegan. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Marty cherished his Catholic faith. Visitation Sunday, January 21 from 3 to 8pm at **Kerry Funeral Home**, 7020 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights. Prayers 10am **Kerry Funeral Home**, proceeding to 10:45am funeral mass at St. Michael's, 14327 Highland Ave, Orland Park. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

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Merlino, Julian Alexander

Julian Alexander Merlino, 15, of Naperville, IL passed away suddenly on Saturday, December 30, 2017. He was born February 13, 2002 in Naperville, IL, to Greg and Elsa (Sanmiguel) Merlino. Julian was a sophomore at Neuqua Valley High School. He enjoyed spending time on the water at the lake, listening to music, and taking care of his friends. As a talented running back, Julian loved to run the ball, scoring numerous touchdowns for his team while at Benet Academy. Julian is survived by his loving parents, Greg and Elsa (Sanmiguel) Merlino; sister, Sophia; grandparents, Dr. Ruben and Ruth Sanmiguel, John and Carolyn Merlino; many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Services were held with arrangements by **Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory**. Memorials in Julian's name may be made to DBSA at <https://goo.gl/F8Z2xa>. DBSA provides hope, help, support, and education to improve the lives of people who have mood disorders. Info: 630-922-9630 or www.beidelmankunschfh.com

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Mickie, Irene C.

Irene C. Mickie, nee Pusateri, age 69, of Glenview, beloved wife of the late Lind Mickie; loving mother of Melissa, Keith and Chris L. (Denise) Mickie; cherished grandmother of Zachary, Josh, Athena and pet grandson Boomer; dear sister of Sam, Debbie and Marianne Pusateri; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Tuesday 3:00 - 8:00 pm at the **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home** 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles. Funeral Service Wednesday 11:30 am. In lieu of flowers Donations to PADS Shelter Program "Journeys the Road Home" appreciated. For more information 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com



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Musser, Anna Maria 'Ann'

Age 96. Cherished mother of the late Kathleen Larson (the late Harry), Beverly Szieder, Janice Langford, Cynthia Benton and Jennifer (Jeffrey) Massey. Loving grandma of Lana, Scott, Harry, William, Gina, Robert, Amy, Daniel, Jacob, Richard and Renee. Dear great grandma of 22, plus 1 more due to enter our world in February. Born in Chicago and resided in her little "pink" house in Addison for 49 years, where many fond memories of Christmas Eve parties were made. Employed by Reliable Electric in Franklin Park for many, many years, until she was laid off at the young age of 81. With her constant smile and endless energy, Ann will be sorely missed.

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Nabicht, Madelyn Martino

Madelyn Martino Nabicht, 54, of Chicago. Beloved wife Richard A. Most loving mother of Tara. Cherished daughter of Teresa and the late Frank Martino. Dearest sister of Maria (Darwin) Moen and Angela (William) Kenny. Adored aunt of Frank, Nicholas and William. Beloved daughter-in-law of Elaine Nabicht. Visitation Monday 3:00-9:00pm at Russo's Hillside Chapel, 4500 W. Roosevelt Rd., Hillside, IL 60162 (Between Mannheim and Wolf Road). Friends to meet Tuesday, 10:45am at St. Giles Church 1045 Columbian Ave., Oak Park, IL where a Mass of the Christian Burial will be held at 11:00am. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Garden Mausoleum. For additional info. (708) 449-5300. Please visit Madelyn's personal tribute website at www.russoshillsidechapels.com and sign the guestbook.

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North, Martha 'Marty'

June 9, 1931 to January 10, 2018



Martha Snowdon North, called Marty by her family and friends, died at Marin General Hospital on January 10, 2018 with her husband and family around her, after a fall in her home.

Marty was beautiful, gentle, friendly, loyal, considerate, generous and thoughtful. She was gracious and had a great sense of humor. However, words cannot do her justice. She was simply a wonderful, amazing person.

Marty and Mike lived in Belvedere, CA with their little dog Muffin. Marty met Mike when she was married to Douglas Kinney, a classmate and friend of Mike's at Harvard Business School and Marty asked Mike to be the godfather of her first child and oldest son, Tad. They saw each other occasionally over the years, then reconnected on December 23, 2004, over dinner at Tad's house. Mike knew instantly that he wanted to be with Marty for the rest of his life. They were married on September 4, 2005. They both felt their years together were the happiest years of their lives.

In addition to her husband, Marty is survived by her six children and fifteen grandchildren. She was always there for their births, weddings, birthday parties, school events and sports. She is also survived by Mike's four children and seven grandchildren. Marty had the inspired idea of the two families getting together at Stinson Beach in the summer and the two families bonded as a result.

Marty was born in Pittsburgh, PA on June 9, 1931, to Felix Snowdon and Martha Guthrie. After her parents divorced, Marty was raised by her father and Aunt Lida. They lived in a great old mansion at 5030 Fifth Avenue in the center of town. For a number of years, Marty went to Florida in the winter, driving there with Aunt Lida, her grandma, Lizzie Mae, her beloved nanny, and Frank the chauffeur. During these trips she saw how badly African Americans were treated. It was the beginning of a concern for social justice that lasted her entire life.

She attended the Ellis School in Pittsburgh through the 9th grade, then went on to Chatham Hall in Virginia, class of '49, where she was president of the student council and excelled in sports. She then went to Vassar College, but demonstrated her sense of adventure by transferring to Stanford for her junior year. Despite her love for California, she returned to Vassar for her senior year, graduating in 1953.

After graduation, she returned to California briefly then came back to Pittsburgh to be with her ailing father. She married Doug Kinney in February 1954 and moved to Boston. After his graduation from Harvard Business School in 1956, they moved to Flint, Michigan for two years, then to Lake Forest, Doug's hometown. They had five children all born within five and a half years. Doug and Marty divorced and she married William Rentschler with whom she had one child.

Soon after the birth of her sixth child, Marty became a nurse's aide at Lake Forest Hospital. To become a registered nurse, she brought her youngest child, born in 1973, with her while she went to nursing school in Evanston, IL.

While working as a nurse, she went back to school to get her Master's degree in Social Work at Northwestern University. Marty helped found and became the Director of Hospice at Lake Forest Hospital for ten years. She would go out in the middle of night to unfamiliar places to help grieving families. It took incredible dedication and love.

She somehow found time to head two of the largest non-profit organizations in the Chicago area: Chicago Commons and Infant Welfare.

After her divorce from William Rentschler in 1991, Marty continued to live in Lake Forest until she moved to California in 1997 to be with more of her children. She joined the Belvedere Tennis Club, was captain of one of the tennis teams and loved her tennis group. She joined St. Stephen's Church where she was on the altar guild, a eucharistic minister and was elected to the vestry. One of her proudest experiences was going to Honduras with a church team to help people with AIDS.

She was living in Shelter Bay in Mill Valley when a miracle happened. She met Mike again in December, 2004 and their years of happiness together began.

Marty's five children from her marriage to Doug Kinney are Ansel (Tad) Kinney who lives in San Francisco, Douglas Kinney, Jr., Lake Forest IL, Elisabeth Robinson, Portsmouth, NH, Martha Perry, San Francisco and Hilary Kinney, San Anselmo, CA. Her daughter Hope Garbo from her marriage to William Rentschler lives in Ross, CA. Mike's four children are Amanda, Cecil, John and Alex.

Marty was a warm person with a great smile. She had the wonderful ability to connect with anyone and everyone. She did her best to make the world a better place and to stand up to social, racial and any other injustice. She lived her golden years to the fullest with her treasured husband Mike and their beloved dog Muffin.

Martha Snowdon North's Memorial Service will be at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Belvedere on Friday, February 2 at 4:00 PM.

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Panagakis, Patricia A.

Patricia A. Panagakis, passed away on Monday, January 18, 2018. She is the beloved wife of the late Peter; loving mother of Louie (Sylvia) and Billy (Diane); proud grandmother of Sophia; dear sister of Mary (Ray), Carol (Art), the late Richard (Terri); fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation 4:00 - 9:00 pm Monday, January 22, 2018 at Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago. Family and Friends will meet on Tuesday at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 2727 W. Winona St., Chicago for Funeral Service at 10:30 am. Interment in Elmwood Cemetery Arrangements by **John G. Adinamis** Funeral Director, Ltd.

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Papastefan- Fank, Elena

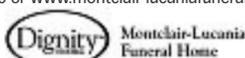
Elena Papastefan- Fank, Beloved wife of Ronald Fank. Devoted daughter of Evangeline and the late John Papastefan. Dear sister of John (Nancy) Stefan, Ted (Zofia) and Bill (Amalia) Papastefan. Fond daughter in law of Phillip (Decilia) Fank and Debi (Floyd) Kitchens. Sister in law of Robert and Andrew Fank. Proud aunt of Stanley, Evangelos, Ioannis, Sofia, Victoria and A.J. Loving mommy of Gigi, Homer, Cookie and Dexter the cat. Visitation Tuesday 4:00pm to 9:00 pm at Smith Corcoran Funeral Home 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago. Family and friends will meet Wednesday morning at St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church 5649 N. Sheridan Rd., Chicago for funeral service at 10:30am. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. Kindly omit flowers memorial donations can be made to Heartland Animal Shelter 2975 Milwaukee Ave, Northbrook, IL 60062. Arrangements by JOHN G. ADINAMIS FUNERAL DIRECTOR, LTD. (773)736-3833

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Paradise, Marie

Marie Paradise, 85, nee Carlino of Chicago. Devoted wife of the late Frank; beloved mother of Michael; cherished sister of Jeanette (Kenneth) Jordan and the late Margaret (the late Robert) Slominski; loving aunt and great aunt of many. Preceded in death by her parents Charles & Tillie Carlino. Visitation Sunday 3-9pm at The Montclair-Lucania Funeral Home 6901 W. Belmont Avenue Chicago where services will be held 11:30am Monday. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery River Grove. For information 773-622-9300 or www.montclair-lucaniafuneral.com



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Peconio, Oronzo

Oronzo Peconio, 67, of Bensenville. Beloved husband of Concetta nee Friari; devoted father of Joseph and the late Oronzo, Jr.; Cherished brother of Erminia (the late Giuseppe Leone) Peconio, Nicoletta (Frank) Sasanelli, Anna (Nick) Rubino, John (Silvana) Peconio, Antoinette (Mike) Ettorre, Josephine (Chris) Chukas and the late Stella Peconio; dear uncle, great uncle, great great uncle of many nieces and nephews; fond cousin, and friend to many. Oronzo was a huge people person. He was a past and active member of many organizations as well as a community activist for the Village of Bensenville. Visitation Sunday 3-9pm at The Montclair-Lucania Funeral Home 6901 W. Belmont Avenue Chicago, where prayers will be said 9:00 am Monday to St. Charles Borromeo Church Bensenville for an 10:00 am mass. Interment Maryhill Cemetery Niles, IL For funeral Info 773-622-9300 or www.montclair-lucaniafuneral.com



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Perez, John

John Perez, born November 14, 1933 & passed away January 14, 2018, beloved husband of Jackie. Loving father of Joey Perez, Tony (Cari) Perez, Felina Perez, Mary Perez, Nancy (Chris) Valenziano, Eddie (Eileen) Hampton & Frank (Annette) Hampton. Grandfather, great grandfather, brother & uncle of many. Memorial mass Saturday, January 27th, 11:00 a.m. at St Hyacinth Basilica 3637 W. George St. Chicago. Arrangements by **Giancola Funeral & Cremation** 800.975.4321



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Pierce, Freda Irene

Freda Irene Pierce, age 91, beloved wife of the late Stanley J.; loving mother of Terrence (Kathleen), John (Vicki) and Maureen (Robert) Manola; cherished grandmother of Patty (Kerry) Pierce-Demski, Suzanne (John) Pierce-Coggins, T.J. (Jackie) Pierce, Megan (Mark) Altaweel, Andrew (Amy) Pierce; dear great-grandma of T.J., Drake, Kaylyn, Braedyn, Gwyneth, Griffin, Gabriel, Melinda and Jonah; she was loved by Dina, Mike, Tom, the late Denise and their families. Memorial visitation Wednesday, January 24, from 9 am until time of Memorial Mass 10 am at Glen St. Andrew, 7000 N. Newark, Niles. Visitors to meet at St. Joseph Cemetery immediately after. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to a charity of your choice. For more info www.kolbus-mayfuneralhome.com or 773-774-3232.



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Raab, Tracie Parrott Yoder

Tracie Raab (nee Parrott) passed away at age 45 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, IL on Tuesday, January 16, 2018. She was surrounded by her husband David, sons Andrew Yoder and Brock Raab, family Donald and Anne-Marie Raab and her sister-in-law Erica (John) Burke.



She is survived by her parents, John and Melba Parrott and by her brother Scott Parrott of Crestview, Florida. She will be greatly missed by her dear nephew Daniel Burke and niece Katherine Burke, aunt Dr. Nancy Raab-Traub, cousins Emily Traub and Donald Traub, uncles Michael (Diane) Valliere and William (Sonia) Valliere and their children.

Tracie attended many schools as a young girl including several years in England while her family was stationed there. She graduated from Crestview High School in Florida and was a graduate of University of Iowa at Iowa City. Tracie was a talented musician. She played the flute and was a member of the College of Lake County Wind Ensemble. She was the proprietor of the Little Gym of Gurnee. She actively participated in classes and was affectionately called Miss Tracie. She also enjoyed horseback riding and boating on the Chain of Lakes with family and friends. She could be described as vivacious, optimistic and loyal.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 from 4 to 8 p.m. at **Ringa Funeral Home**, 122 S. Milwaukee Ave. Lake Villa, IL 60046. A funeral service will begin at the funeral home at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 with prayers and a procession to Prince of Peace Church for a 10 a.m. Mass. Burial will follow at St. John the Baptist Cemetery in Johnsbury, IL. In lieu of Flowers, the family asks that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000 - Dept 142, Memphis, TN 38148-0142.

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Reich, James R.

James R. Reich passed away January 15th, 2018 in Durham NC. Born June 3rd, 1957 to Robert and LaVerne (nee Garvey) Reich. Loving brother of Theresa Roemer and Donald (Stacy) Reich. Dear uncle of April (Mathew) Ganskop, Amy (Sean) Skowron, June (David) Durbin, Kevin Reich, and the late Danielle and David Reich. Fond step-uncle of Wade (Caitlin), Emily and Will Stonesifer, great-uncle of five nieces and nephews. A memorial visitation will be held Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 10:30 AM until time of service at 12:00 PM at **Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home**, 8025 W. Golf Rd, Niles, IL. Inurnment Maryhill Cemetery. Memorials to American Cancer Society appreciated. Info: 847-581-0536 or www.colonialfuneral.com.



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Riley, Patricia M.

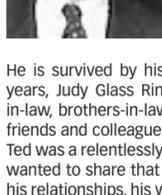
Patricia M. Riley, nee Kelly, loving wife of the late John T. Riley. Dearest mother of Patricia (Donald) Storino, Sheila (Ronald) Salemme, Maureen (James) Westfall, Kathleen (James M.D.) Walsh and Mary Beth (Joseph) Hoerner. Beloved grandmother of Don (Lacy), John (Claire), Dan (Katie) and Tim (Maggie) Storino. Mike, Matt (Jackie), Michelle (Frank) Rapisarda, Mark, Martin, Ron and Ryan (Jennifer) Salemme. James (Cheryl), Tom, Katie (Kat Hurst), John (Krista), Bill (Leslie) and Michael Westfall. Mary Kate (Mike) Keppler, Meghan, Sheila and Anne Walsh and Riley Hoerner. Proud great-grandmother of Mary, Anne, Catherine, Bianca, Violetta, Serafina, Jack, Kelly, Libby, Sophia, Sadie, Sloane Storino. Jack, Andrew, Leilani, Jacob, Kaylee, Luke, Charlotte and Anthony Salemme. Rocco, Gigi, and Frankie Rapisarda. Maggie, Mary, Emma, Jack, Grace, and Patrick Westfall. And Charlie Keppler. Dear sister of Sharon (Jim) Thomas. Patsy is predeceased by her parents Margaret and Gilbert Kelly and her siblings Joan (Frank) Herbert, Gilbert Kelly, and Maureen (John) Winston. Donations to St. Anne's are appreciated. Visitation Saturday January 27th from 9 am until time of mass at 11 am at St. Anne Catholic Church 120 N. Ela St. Barrington, IL 60010. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Info 847-359-8020 or visit Patsy's memorial at [www.smithcorcoran.com](#)



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Ringman, Ted Carl

Asheville, NC - Ted Carl Ringman was born January 12, 1948 in Chicago, IL and passed away on December 31, 2017 in Asheville after a hard-fought battle with cancer. Ted was an extremely positive person and never gave up hope for restoring his quality of life.



He was preceded in death by his parents, Ted C. Ringman and Eleanor Smith Ringman.

He is survived by his wife and best friend of 50+ years, Judy Glass Ringman, as well as his sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, and many friends and colleagues. Ted was a relentlessly upbeat and happy person and wanted to share that with others. He gave his all to his relationships, his work, and his hobbies. He had a great sense of humor and infectious smile. He was a true gentleman with a high degree of integrity.

Ted earned a B.S. in Printing Management from Rochester Institute of Technology. His education led him into an in-depth career in the web-offset press and auxiliary market, which included Harris Web, Graphic Sales Associates and Goss International. Throughout his nearly 50 years of service to printers, Ted was active in industry technical organizations, served as chairman for a number of years of the Web Offset Suppliers Advisory Board within the Printing Industries of America, served on the Research and Engineering Council of the Graphic Arts and, in 2011, was elected Chairman of the graphics industry's Ben Franklin Honor Society. In his retirement, he became a Vice-President of the Print and Graphics Scholarship Foundation, where he became a tireless and effective advocate and fundraiser for that organization, which is dedicated to providing scholarship assistance to young professionals in printing and publishing.

In 2015, Ted and Judy relocated from Inverness, IL, and their beloved Wisconsin lake retreat to North Carolina to enjoy their love of nature. The peace of a beautiful trout stream was an ever-present joy for Ted, who was an avid fly-fisherman. He also enjoyed hiking, kayaking, and exploring our great land. Friends and family will gather from 12:00-3:00 PM on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at the Hilton Asheville-Biltmore Park (43 Town Square Blvd, Asheville, NC 28803) at a reception to celebrate Ted's wonderful life.

In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ([stjude.org](#)), the North Carolina Arboretum, 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville, NC 28806, or to a charity of one's own choice. Groce Funeral Home at Lake Julian in Arden is assisting the family and a memorial guest register is available at [www.grocefuneralhome.com](#).

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Sampson, Stanley C.

Stanley C. Sampson, 93, of Mt. Prospect passed away at 7:15 in the evening on January 18th, 2018 at home surrounded by the women that he loved. Stan, or Swede he was often called, was born October 19, 1924 in Chicago to Carl and Anna (Anderson) Sampson. He was the youngest of five children who have all preceded him in death.

Stan grew up blocks from Wrigley field. As a young boy he would help to collect trash in the stands after games for a ticket to an upcoming game. This was the start of his love for the cubs. Stan was beyond ecstatic when the cubs won the World Series after a lifetime of waiting. Stan joined the Army in March of 1943 following his January graduation from Lane Technical High School.

Stan is a veteran of World War II, where he was a General Mechanic stationed in the Philippines. Stan was discharged in 1946. Upon returning home to Chicago, Stan met his wife, Madeline, at a CYO dance and started his career at Schindler-Haughton Elevators. He worked his way up to District Construction Manager. After 45 years in the elevator business, Stan retired in 1990 to take on a new role as grandfather and spend quality time with his family. His wife, daughter, granddaughter and sister-in-law were the apples of his eye. He did everything he could for his ladies, which they are forever grateful.

Stan was always ready to lend a hand to friends, family and strangers. He especially loved doing handyman chores around the house and you could often find him out tinkering in his garage. In his later years, neighbors would find Stan still out in the garage, but instead, sitting in a lawn chair watching the neighborhood.

Stan is survived by one daughter, Linda (Rodger) Allhands of Dewey; Granddaughter, Jessica Allhands of Bloomington; Sister-in-Law, Mary "Katie" Kilfoy. He is preceded in death by his wife, Madeline Kilfoy; and four sisters: Alice, Margaret, Betty, and Ethel.

He was a member of the International Union of Elevator Constructors Local No. 2 and American Legion Morton Grove Post 134. A special thanks to our two wonderful caregivers from Home Instead, Alicja and Kemi, and our compassionate physicians: Dr. McShane, Dr. Mitra, and Dr. Scott.

Visitation Wednesday January 24, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at **Friedrichs Funeral Home**, 320 W. Central Rd., (at Northwest Highway) Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Visitation Thursday January 25, 9:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 10:00 a.m. at St. Raymond Church, Elmhurst Rd., (Rt. 83) & Lincoln St., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Entombment All Saints Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to JourneyCare Foundation, 405 Lake Zurich Road, Barrington, IL 60010. Funeral information (847) 25-7800 or [www.friedrichsfh.com](#).

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Sandner, Bradley A.

Bradley A. Sandner, age 40; loving son to Geraldine Murphy (James) and late James L. Sandner (Erica); dear brother to Cheryl L., Douglas S. (Brandi), Leanna M., Jacqueline A., and Ellen L.; fond uncle to Aidan and Colin Brown and Anabelle and Holden Sandner; dear nephew of John F. "Jack" and Carole Sandner, Patricia and Ronald Ozmin and Nancy and Mike Novak. Fond cousin of many. Bradley was a proud graduate of Tulane University where he received his undergraduate degree and Loyola University where he received his MBA. Bradley loved music, politics and scuba diving. Visitation, Monday January 29th at 9:30 followed by a mass at 10:30 at St. Michael Church in Old Town. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to American Cancer Society. For info 773-736-3833 or [www.smithcorcoran.com](#)



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Schatz, Martin

Beloved life partner and best friend of David Farr. Marty was born and raised in Chicago. He attended Lawson Elementary, graduated from Marshall High and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Roosevelt University. He honorably served on active duty with the U.S. Army Engineer Corp in Pusan, Korea. As a returning veteran, Marty



enjoyed a career spanning 45 years, employed by Sears, Roebuck & Co., retiring as their Senior Systems Consultant for Data Processing. As a second career, he chose to enjoy each day aboard the Odyssey Cruise Ship as host "extraordinaire" retiring after 15 wonderful years to spend time with his Yorkie during Haley's waning years. Marty has admirably donated his body to science and at his request, there will be no services. Remembrances in Marty's name may be made to The Anti-Cruelty Society, [anticruelty.org/donate](#). Arrangements by **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-Mitzvah (630-648-9824) or [www.MitzvahFunerals.com](#).



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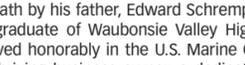
Schmider, Eleanor

Eleanor Schmider, age 90 of Melrose Park; devoted daughter of the late Fred and Sophie (nee Gunser) Schmider; friend of many; long time member of Grace Lutheran Church in River Forest and member of the IBEW Union. Memorial Service 11 a.m. Saturday, January 27, 2018 at Grace Lutheran Church, 7300 Division Street, River Forest, IL. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations to Grace Lutheran Church are appreciated. Funeral info: [drechslerbrownwilliams.com](#) or 708-383-3191.

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Schremp, David S.

David S. Schremp, age 44, a resident of Johnson Creek, WI, passed away unexpectedly on January 17, 2018. He was born on October 9, 1973 in Naperville, IL. Dave is survived by his loving mother, Gerry Schremp; his siblings, Debbie Schremp, Eddie Schremp, Ray (Debb) Schremp, Donna (the late Ron) Romadka, Karen (Brian) Olsen and Gail (John) Rhodes; his children, Ray and Julia Schremp; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Edward Schremp, Jr. Dave was a graduate of Waubesa Valley High School and served honorably in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a thriving business owner, a dedicated Scout leader and was actively involved in his church. He was a talented individual in many ways and will be remembered for his wit and humor, as an accomplished musician and cook, but mostly as the loving dad, son and brother that he was. Visitation Wednesday, January 24, 3:00-8:00 PM at the **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville. Closing prayers will begin Thursday, January 25, 9:15 AM and proceed to the 10:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, 701 S. Eola Rd., Aurora. Interment SS. Peter & Paul Cemetery, Naperville. For information please call 630/355-0213 or visit [www.friedrich-jones.com](#)



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Schwartz, Daniel G.

Daniel G. Schwartz, 71, of Rockledge Fl. passed away Thursday, January 18, 2018. He is survived by his children Robin (Renand) Forestal and Kevin Schwartz, friend Joan Bucaro and three grandchildren Rebecca, Ryan and Riley. He was predeceased by his wife Nancy of 30 years and parents George and Marie Schwartz. He was a loving brother to Wayne, (Cindy) Denise (Gary) and Jeff Harriette. He was the funny Uncle and the life of the party and friend to all. He will be greatly missed. Services will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Rockledge, Fl 11:00 A.M. January 22, 2018 followed by interment and Military honors at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery, Mims, Fl. You may sign Daniel's guestbook at [www.beckmanwilliamson.com](#).

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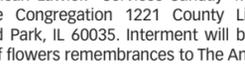
Shapiro, Alvin R.

Alvin R. Shapiro, beloved husband of Gloria Shapiro nee Brooks and the late Lenore Shapiro. Loving father of James (Pam) Mallicote-Shapiro, Lisa (Chad) Shapiro-Mendell and Ariella (Daniel) Lawler. Cherished grandfather of Lane and Parker Mendell and Duncan Lawler. Services Sunday 4:00 PM at Lakeside Congregation 1221 County Line Road Highland Park, IL 60035. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers remembrances to The Anti-Cruelty Society of Chicago [http://anticruelty.org](#) would be appreciated. Arrangement by **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-Mitzvah (630-648-9824) or [www.MitzvahFunerals.com](#)

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Sheehan, Mary T.

Mary T. Sheehan, 71, a lifelong Chicago Area resident, passed away peacefully in her sleep. She was the adored daughter of the late Francis and Helen Sheehan and beloved sister of Lawrence J. (Martyn J. James) Sheehan of Australia, Veronica (Christopher) West of Wilmette, and the late Francis Sheehan, Jr. Mary had a long and distinguished nursing and administrative career at the University of Illinois Hospital at Chicago (UIC) followed by 20 years of dedicated service as an early childhood educator and volunteer at St Vincent de Paul Center. Most cherished to her were her family and friends. Mary's family thanks all of her friends through the years for their kindnesses and support, especially the Spierling and Watkins clan, Clark (Carlin) family, Escobar family, Miller / Marek family, as well as Mary's dedicated health team. A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Greater Chicago Food Depository, [www.chicagosfoodbank.org](#), or Marillac St Vincent Family Services, [www.marillacstvincent.org](#). For information, please call **Wm. H. Scott Funeral Home**, 847-251-8200.



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Silverman, Sheldon 'Shelly'

SILVERMAN, SHELDON, 91, passed away on January 8th, 2018 in Tucson, AZ after a long illness. Shelly was born on December 25th, 1926 in Chicago, IL, and had lived in Tucson since 1992. He served in WWII as a Private in the US Army Air Corps. In 1950 Shelly graduated from Roosevelt University in Chicago with a Bachelor's degree in Sales and Marketing. He was the Regional Sales Manager for Goody for 22 years. Shelly also had a passion for photography and joined a photography club with his wife. They travelled all over the world taking pictures. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, and his nieces and nephews; Susan and Joel Leeb, David and Barbara Silverman, Merle and Mark Gold, and Richard and Barbara Silverman, as well as several great-nieces and great-nephews. A Celebration of Life will be held at The Forum in Tucson, 2500 N Rosemont Blvd on Sunday, February 11th, 2018 at 2:00pm. In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to Americans United.

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Sippy, Dr. John C.

Dr. John C. Sippy, age 79, a longtime resident of Naperville, IL, formerly of Downers Grove, IL, passed away on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at Edward Hospital in Naperville. He was born January 19, 1938 in Richland Center, WI.

Arrangements by **Friedrich Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL**

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Skogsberg, Nancy Ann

Nancy Ann Skogsberg, age 78, of Hammond, IN, passed away on January 12, 2018. She is survived by her cousin: Dirk (Judith M.) M. Skogsberg. She was preceded in death by her parents: Felix W. and Alma (nee Keay) Skogsberg; and sister: Susan Marie Troyan. Nancy loved cats and belonged to the Calumet Corner Chorus "Sweet Adeline". Services are private. Please make donations in her loving memory to your local humane society. **Burns-Kish Funeral Home** has been entrusted with the arrangements (219-836-5000). Please visit www.burnskish.com.

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Slomiany, Donald E.

Donald E. Slomiany, age 76, a resident of Carillon in Plainfield, IL since 2001, formerly of Downers Grove, IL, passed away on Friday, January 12, 2018. He was born January 9, 1942 in Oak Park, IL.

Beloved husband of Gloria Slomiany (nee Kuchar), whom he married November 9, 1963, loving father of Scott (Dorris) Slomiany, Steven Slomiany and Sherry (Dave) Menelli, devoted grandfather of Alex Menelli, Avery Slomiany, Ryan Menelli, Ethan Slomiany and Kyle Menelli, dear son of the late Edward and Elizabeth Slomiany, son-in-law of the late Frank and Charlotte Kuchar, friend of many.

Donald grew up in Cicero, IL and was a 1960 graduate of Morton East High School. A sheet metal journeyman by trade, Donald was retired from AMS Mechanical, Burr Ridge, IL.

Donald was an enthusiastic fan of the Chicago Cubs and Blackhawks. He loved playing cards and games and attending live music and entertainment performances. Attending his grandchildren's games and events was what he enjoyed most. For more information, please visit www.overman-jones.com or call (815) 436-9221.



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Sparacio, Dorothy F.

It is with great sadness that the family of Dorothy F. Sparacio, nee Schleicher, announce her passing on December 22, 2017 at the age of 85. Dorothy ("Dot") was a faith-filled woman, with a heart of gold. Family was everything to her. She was a die-hard Chicago Cubs fan her entire life and was able to witness and celebrate their 2016 World Series win.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Lillian Schleicher and the love of her life, her late husband, Peter.

Dorothy was an incredible mother, devoted grandmother, loving great-grandmother, amazing sister, cherished aunt and adored friend. Dorothy is survived by her children Peter (Diane) Sparacio, Gail Woollard, Diane (Edward) Thomas, grandchildren Natalie (Bob) Hayden, Peter Sparacio, Greg (Annie) Sparacio, Brittany (Tyler) Eters, Bryce Woollard, Luke Thomas, Jake Thomas and great-grandson Reid Hayden. Dorothy was also the treasured sister of Geraldine (James) Noverini and aunt to many nieces and nephews.

A private memorial service will be held with immediate family and interment will follow at **St. Michael Cemetery** in Palatine, IL.

In lieu of flowers, those who so desire may make donations in memory of Dorothy, to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org or to VITAS Hospice at www.vitascommunityconnection.org.

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Speed, Marilyn

Marilyn O'Boyle Speed of Deerfield, IL passed away peacefully at home on January 14, 2018, surrounded by her husband and two sons. Born and raised in Geneva, NY to loving parents William R. and Phyllis O'Boyle (Rector). In 1967, she married Curtis B. Speed and soon after they moved from Rochester, NY to South Natick, MA, where their two sons were born. Her family moved to Deerfield in 1976. Marilyn was blessed with so many close friends and is survived by her husband Curt of Deerfield; son Greg Speed and wife Lona Valmore of Washington, DC; son Todd Speed and wife Lisa Speed of Northbrook, IL; her grandchildren Laurel, Scarlett, Andrew and Julia; her sister Susan O. Lyman and brother-in-law Daniel Lyman of Wellesley, MA; sister Sandra J. O'Boyle of Geneva, NY; and her beloved nieces and nephew. Marilyn leaves an indelible mark on everyone she touched. Please join her family in celebration of her wonderful life at a memorial service on Saturday, January 27th at 2:00pm at the First Presbyterian Church of Deerfield, 824 Waukegan Road, Deerfield IL 60015. Donations made in Marilyn's honor to NorthShore Kellogg Cancer Center, 777 Park Ave W, Highland Park, IL 60035 or First Presbyterian Church of Deerfield would be graciously accepted. For info or directions, please contact **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home** at 847-831-4260 or www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com



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Sula (Chvatal), Jaroslavia

"Slavia/Jarry," 99, was born at home in Cicero, IL on April 5, 1918, passed away January 8, 2018, at Central DuPage Hospital, following a short illness. She married Frank Sula on October 7, 1939, and in 1943 they moved to their Broadview Home, where she lived for 73 years. Belmont Village in Carol Stream was her home for the last 14 months of her life. She was active in Sokol and CSA her entire adult life, and volunteered for many organizations during her lifetime. She remained physically fit, enjoying exercise classes at Sokol Spirit and the Broadview Park District well into her 90s. She is survived by her three children, Dorothy (Jack) Barry, Terry (Kim) Sula, and Linda Sula, six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, sister-in-law Rita Chvatal, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank, in 1986, parents Jerry and Anna Chvatal, brothers Jerry Chvatal, Jr., and Laddie Chvatal. A Celebration of Life will be held April 7. Memorials may be made to Sokol Spirit. Interment at Woodlawn Cemetery. Arrangements by **Ridge Funeral Home, Chicago, 773-586-7900.**

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Swaback, Gail M.

Gail M. Swaback (nee Anderson) age 78, longtime resident of Western Springs. Beloved wife of the late David S.; devoted mother of Karen (Ray Hacker) Swaback, Sandy (John) Campo, Eric Swaback and David Swaback; cherished grandmother of Michael, Jack, Betsy, Hailey and Brooke; dear sister of Al (the late Mary Ann) Anderson and the late Leroy (Geri) Anderson; kind aunt of many. Gail was devoted to her family and an accomplished athlete, who's favorite sport was tennis. A visitation will be held on Monday, January 22, from 3 until 9pm at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home** 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Family & friends will gather on Tuesday, January 23, for an additional visitation from 8:45am until time of a 9:45am Funeral Mass at St. John of the Cross Church, 5005 S. Wolf Rd., Western Springs. Interment will follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. If desired, memorials to the National Kidney Foundation would be appreciated. Service Info: (708) 352-6500 or www.hjfunerals.com

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Theobald, Donald

Donald Gene Theobald "T-BONE" beloved husband of the late Wilma. Loving father of Terry, Ricky (Pam), Dale (Elaine), Denise (Julie Forbes) and the late Debbie Theobald. Proud grandfather of Tony (Maribeth) Theobald and Jennifer (Zack) Romando. Dear brother of the late Marilyn Brown and uncle of Kysa and Sean. A Memorial Visitation will be held Sunday January 28th, 10:00am until time of Memorial Service 11:00am At Sax-Tiedemann Funeral Home 9568 Belmont Avenue, Franklin Park, Rose Lamb, Director. Don was a life long, passionate entertainer of kids and adults alike as T-Bone, the worlds greatest magic clown!! For information call 847-678-1950

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Trudeau, James L.

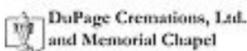
Age 71, of New Lenox, passed away, Thursday, January 18th, 2018 at his home in New Lenox. James is survived by his loving family, wife, Bonnie Trudeau (Broom), daughter, Collette (James) Turnbull, brother, Bernard (Christine) Trudeau, granddaughter, Cara Trudeau, nieces and nephews, Dr. Kevin (Carolyn) Trudeau, Claudine (Michael) Arseneau and Kenneth Trudeau. James was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence & Margaret Trudeau (Harrington). James was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church in New Lenox. He grew up in Oak Lawn and was the first Bone Scholar recipient and a graduate of Illinois State University. James was a math teacher and tennis coach at Homewood Flossmoor High School for 33 years and then taught at The University of St. Francis for 8 1/2 years and coached there for 15 years.

Family will receive friends at **Kurtz Memorial Chapel**, 102 E. Francis Road, New Lenox, IL 60451 on Monday, January 22nd 2018 from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Funeral Mass, St. Jude Catholic Church, 241 W. 2nd Avenue, New Lenox, IL 60451, on Tuesday January 23, 2018 at 10:00 AM. Interment, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Alsip, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Cancer Association or the Woman's Tennis Team at the University of St. Francis. For information www.kurtzmemorialchapel.com or 815-485-3700.

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Valentino, Frances Marie

Frances Marie Valentino nee Laterza, age 99 of Schaumburg. Beloved wife of the late Nicholas. Loving mother of Frances (Frank) DeBoni, Eileen (the late James) Maggiore and Leonard (Jeannie Moy) Valentino. Beloved daughter of the late Genevieve and Anthony Laterza. Proud grandmother of Frank (Gina), Kevin (Michelle), Thomas (Erin), Ryan (Jessica), Sean (Renee), Katie, Lauren, Hillary and Michael. Great grandmother of 11. Dear sister of Elaine Castanoli, the late Pearl Kahler and the late Michael Laterza. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers donations to St. Joseph Home for the Elderly-Little Sisters of the Poor- Palatine would be appreciated. Family and friends to gather Saturday, January 27th for memorial visitation 9:30AM until time of Memorial Mass 10:30AM at St. Joseph Home for the Elderly 80 W. Northwest Hwy, Palatine 60067. Arrangements by **DuPage Cremations, Ltd. and Memorial Chapel** (630) 293-5200.



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Varley, Joseph Roe

Joseph Roe Varley died peacefully surrounded by his family on January 15, 2018 in Evanston, IL at the age of 95. He was a veteran of WWII, serving in the U.S. Army Air Forces on a B-25 bomber crew based in Kunming, China.

Joe graduated from the Taft School (1941), Williams College (Cum Laude, 1945), and Harvard Business School (1949).

He spent his business career in the Chicago area and was President of Varley Products, a manufacturing company located in Crystal Lake, IL.

Throughout his life, Joe was an active civic and community leader. He was an officer of the Williams College Alumni Association of Chicago and President of the Winnetka Park District Board. He was an active member of Christ Church Winnetka. Joe was also a longtime member and served on the boards of the Indian Hill Club, Hillsboro Club in Florida and the Coleman Lake Club in Wisconsin. Joe was perhaps best known and loved for his friendly, outgoing nature, and his wonderful sense of humor.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Rachel; daughters Elizabeth Varley Camp, Katherine Roe Varley and Rachel Varley Brannan; four grandchildren; brother Richard L. Varley; and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Joe's memory can be made to Trout Unlimited - Memorial Gifts, 1777 North Kent Street, Suite 100, Arlington, VA 22209, or by phone 1-800-834-2419.

A memorial service in celebration of his life will be held later this spring at Christ Church. Info: 847-675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com.



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Wayne, Joan C.

Joan C. Wayne, nee Ziska, longtime resident of Glenview, passed away January 18, 2018. Wife of Jerome Wayne; sister of the late Lois (Edwin) Fish; aunt of John (Dee) Fish; great aunt of Jacqueline (Eitan) Reshef and Michael Fish; cousin of Frank (Elaine) Klicka. She will also be greatly missed by her loving caregiver, Godfrida Hudson. Mrs. Wayne worked at Kraft Foods for many years. A memorial visitation will be held Saturday, January 27 from 10am until time of the mass 11 am at St. Catherine Laboure, 3535 Thornwood Ave., Glenview. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Catherine Laboure School, 3535 Thornwood, Glenview, IL 60026 or Rainbow Hospice, 1550 Bishop Ct., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Funeral information 847-998-1020.



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Weiss, Zelda

Zelda Weiss, 95, of Niles. Beloved wife of the late Hymen Weiss; loving mother of Howard Weiss and the late Elaine (Sheldon) Holzman; proud grandmother of Dr. Burt (Kyra) Holzman, Mike (Randi) Holzman, and great grandmother of Alex, Kyle and Sarah. Memorial contributions to The Ark, 6450 N California Ave, Chicago, IL 60645 or www.arkchicago.org appreciated. In accordance with Mrs. Weiss' wishes, private services were held. Information 847-256-5700.



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White, Sonja E.

Sonja White nee Johnson, age 76, of Elmhurst. Loving wife of Gary C.; beloved mother of Elizabeth White and Victoria (Andrew) Hynes; grandmother of Katie and Jack Hynes. Memorial Visitation Sunday, January 28, 2018, from 1 PM until time of Funeral Service at 4 PM at **Brust Funeral Home**, 135 S. Main St., Lombard. Memorials to the American Cancer Society, 1801 S. Meyers Rd., Suite 100, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181 appreciated. Info www.brustfuneralhome.com or 888-629-0094.

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Wojtczak, Dolores H.

Dolores H. Wojtczak (neé Brooks), age 85, late of Dolton, formerly of West De Pere, Wisconsin. Beloved wife of the late Leo T. Wojtczak, Sr., WWII 3rd Cavalry, U.S. 3rd Army; devoted mother of Susan M., Howard, the late Leo M. (Terry King Watkins), Norbert, and baby boy Wojtczak; grandmother of four; great-grandmother of one; and loving aunt to many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday, January 26th, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. until the time of prayers at 9:30 a.m. from **Thornridge Funeral Home (Janusz Family Funeral Service)**, 15801 S. Cottage Grove Avenue, four blocks North of 162nd Street (Rte 6), Dolton/South Holland to St. Jude the Apostle Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Animal Welfare League. (708) 841-2300 or thornridgefuneralhomes.com.

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Wolff, Corrine

Corrine Wolff, nee Berebitsky, 93, beloved wife of the late Sam; loving mother of Marcy Canel; cherished grandmother of Beth (Scott) Berk and Bradley (Kelly) Canel; adored "G.G." of Eli and Drew Berk, Samuel and Brynn Canel; treasured daughter of the late Blanche and Morris Berebitsky; dear sister of the late Harvey Berebitsky; fond aunt, cousin and friend of many. Chapel service Monday 10 AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Children's Medical Center Dallas, Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders. In loving memory of Corrine, please donate blood. Each donation saves lives. For information and condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Worthington, John

John Worthington gracefully passed away Wednesday, January 10, 2018, a manner befitting for John, as that was how he did everything in life. John Worthington was born in St. Paul Minnesota to Leslie and Dorothy Rice Worthington. He attended New Trier high school in Winnetka Illinois. He graduated from the University of Michigan with a BA in 1952 and an MBA and JD in 1955; thereafter, John remained a loyal fan of the Michigan Wolverines and a supporter of the University of Michigan Law School. He served in the US army for two years where he was stationed in France.

John then started his law career in Chicago with Jenner and Block. It was John who introduced Jack Goeken, the founder of a start-up telecommunications company to Bill McGowan who transformed MCI into a telecommunications giant. In 1968, he then joined Bill McGowan at MCI as the General Counsel, Corporate Secretary and member of the Board of Directors, and led the historical anti-trust case against AT&T, which resulted in the United States Justice Department's breakup of its monopoly.

John was passionate about the arts. During John's distinguished career at MCI, he resided in Washington, DC where he served on the Board of Directors for the National Symphony Orchestra and on the Board of The French Heritage Society. After retiring in 1995, John and his wife Christine settled in Reno, Nevada and increased his philanthropic involvement with non-profits that he believed made the world a better place. He served on the boards of the Reno Philharmonic Orchestra, Nevada Museum of Art, Desert Research Institute, Saint Mary's Hospital Foundation and the University of Nevada Foundation. John was both a strong supporter and advocate for many local organizations that served the underprivileged.

John was a trustee for the William G. McGowan Charitable Fund. He served as the Governance Committee Chair where he helped implement best practices and led the family foundation through succession planning and implementation. John believed that education and the arts were vehicles with the power to change the lives of underserved children and youth. He deeply valued the McGowan Fellows program which supports aspiring leaders from some of the country's finest MBA programs. Steeped in ethics and leadership, John believed that this program honored the legacy of Bill McGowan. John, being a man who enjoyed the finer things in life such as wine and fast cars, was a member of both the Chevaliers du Tastevin and the BMW Club. John was a quiet man, but a great communicator, whose graciousness put people at ease.

John is survived by his wife Christine and his two children: Claudia Hess, Walnut Creek, CA and John Worthington, Hinsdale, IL, and his grandchildren: Elizabeth Worthington, Chicago IL, Andrew Worthington, Denver CO, Kristen Worthington, Chicago IL, Alexander Hess, Brooklyn NY and Madeleine Hess, Los Angeles CA.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Nevada Museum of Art or the Reno Philharmonic Orchestra.

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Yancovich, Michael

Michael Yancovich, 21, died unexpectedly on Thursday, January 18, 2018. Beloved son of Stan (Sarah) Yancovich and Monica (Pam) Grolber, brother of Katie, step-brother of Charlie and Miriam, grandson of Harold and Bernice, Fred and Shelley, the late Chris and Barbara and the late Jo and Mort, nephew of Matthew (Lynn) and Krista (George),

cousin of Brad, Nate, Harrison and Gabrielle. Michael was a true Renaissance man in the body of a young man. He excelled in theater, singing, guitar, piano, art and enjoyed conversation and story sharing with people of all ages. He loved animals and music, embracing bands of all types with a special love for the Beatles. Michael's joy and enormous sense of humor were like no-other. He was comfortable being on a stage from his early roles in middle-school musicals, to high school acappella, to his aspired lifelong passion of stand-up comedy. His empathy, wit and loving heart will never be forgotten.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by **Burnett-Dane Funeral Home** in Libertyville, IL (120 West Park Avenue, Libertyville, IL). Visitation will be Thursday, January 25th from 4-7 pm with a Memorial service starting at 7pm. In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated to the ASPCA www.aspcap.org/

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Long odds in battle for net neutrality

Open-web backers may gain even if push loses this time



ROBERT REED

The internet, as we've come to know it, is not going down without a fight.

Hooray! A dogged and determined effort is shaping up in Congress and the courts to roll back a recent

Federal Communications Commission decision that essentially hands the web over to an oligopoly of mighty internet service providers. That group includes Verizon, Comcast, Time Warner and AT&T.

Although victory is uncertain, this is an important battle on behalf of consumers and businesses of all sizes and types, including companies like Netflix and Amazon.

Keeping net neutrality is crucial because it compels internet service providers to treat all traffic, websites and content on their networks equally. Without it, cable and phone companies can dice up the web into fast and slow lanes, and charge companies a hefty bounty for speedier online access and exposure.

Those that can't afford or refuse to pay the pumped-up fees could find their sites slowed down or even obscured from view.

Some powerful Illinois politicians are in the thick of the brawl. They want to restore Obama-era "net neutrality" regulations designed to keep the web available and affordable to the many, instead of a wealthy few.

"The FCC rolled back net neutrality rules and effectively permitted providers to freely block, slow down or manipulate a consumer's access to the internet," said Sen. Richard Durbin in an email statement.

Durbin and fellow Illinois Sen. Tammy Duckworth back a repeal of last month's FCC ruling on net neutrality by supporting a little-known and sparingly used law called the Congressional Review Act.

As of last week, net neutrality backers have 50 votes, one shy of what's needed to pass a Senate resolution scuttling the FCC's decision.

Getting that lone vote may be a bridge too far in the Republican-controlled Senate. All 49 Democratic senators and

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Susie-Mae Woods plays bingo Thursday at St. Bernard Hospital in Chicago as nursing medical assistant Lisa Brown talks to her.

Hospitals warn of harm from Medicaid formula

As state revises how money is distributed, officials say layoffs and closures are possible

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ | Chicago Tribune

It wasn't long ago that Charles Holland was giving opening-day tours of the gleaming outpatient center at St. Bernard Hospital in the Englewood neighborhood, built to bring a bevy of health care services — and optimism — to a community in need of both.

A year and a half later, the carpets still look brand-new, but the CEO's tour is tinged with great anxiety about the future of the 114-year-old hospital.

As the state revamps an outdated formula that distributes hospital Medicaid funding, many hospitals like St. Bernard whose budgets rely heavily on the money are bracing for a financial hit they say they can't afford.

"We can't be cut a dollar," said Holland, who last year laid off more than 20 managers and instituted a pay and hiring freeze to control costs amid rising expenses. "In fact, I need more money to keep the hospital viable for the future."

"We don't want to put hospitals out of business. We want to make sure health care providers are available in communities to provide the care they need."

— Rep. Tom Demmer, R-Dixon, a member of the state legislature's Medicaid working group

St. Bernard is among the state's 22 safety net hospitals — those where more than half of patient stays are covered by Medicaid. Across the Chicago area, those institutions are worried that the revised funding formula will cut deeply into their budgets. They say the prospect of mass layoffs, reduced services or outright closures of their facilities will be devastating to the communities they serve, which already lack adequate health care and jobs.

"It's just unconscionable; it's detrimental to our very being," said George Miller, president and CEO of the 189-bed Loretto Hospital, where about 68 percent of inpatient stays are for Medicaid patients. Loretto is the largest employer in the Austin neighborhood, where the unemployment rate is nearly 20 percent, and 40 percent of its 585 employees live in the community, Miller said.

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How Amazon HQ2 contenders stack up

While the contenders for Amazon's second headquarters are clustered largely on the East Coast and in major metropolitan areas, there are notable differences among the 20 in demographics and statistics related to subjects Amazon has said are important.

City rankings represent data for the wider metropolitan areas, with the exception of Montgomery County, Md.

	Total population	College degrees	High-tech workers	Top universities	Housing units	Public transit use	Airport passengers
	For metro area, in 2016	Percentage bachelor's or higher	Workers in professional services sector	Total within 50 miles	Total in 2016	% workers over age 16 who ride	For area's largest airport, in 2016
	MOST	HIGHEST	MOST	MOST	MOST	HIGHEST	MOST
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Washington, D.C.	DC	DEN	MC	NV	PHI	BOS	MIA
Philadelphia	PHI	TOR	DAL	DC	NV	CHI	TOR
Miami	MIA	NYC	ATL	CHI	DC	PHI	NEW
Toronto	TOR	NEW	BOS	DAL	ATL	PIT	BOS
Atlanta	ATL	ATL	PHI	ATL	TOR	LA	PHI
Boston	BOS	CHI	MIA	MIA	BOS	DEN	MC
Denver	DEN	PHI	TOR	DEN	DEN	MIA	NV
Pittsburgh	PIT	COL	DEN	PIT	PIT	ATL	DC
Austin, Texas	AUS	PIT	PIT	NAS	COL	AUS	NAS
Columbus, Ohio	COL	NAS	COL	TOR	IND	COL	AUS
Indianapolis	IND	DAL	AUS	IND	AUS	RAL	RAL
Nashville, Tenn.	NAS	IND	IND	RAL	NAS	NAS	IND
Raleigh, N.C.	RAL	LA	NAS	AUS	RAL	DAL	PIT
Montgomery Co., Md.	MC	MIA	RAL	COL	MC	IND	COL
	LEAST	LOWEST	LEAST	LEAST	LEAST	LOWEST	LEAST

Note: Data for the wider New York-Newark metropolitan area were used to represent both of those contenders and data for the wider Washington, D.C., area were used for the Northern Virginia and Washington bids.

SOURCES: CensusReporter.com, Statistics Canada, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Transportation, U.S. News and World Report, Airports Council International

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Amazon creates new playbook for HQ searches

Public process generates publicity, spurs incentives

BY RYAN ORI AND LAUREN ZUMBACH
Chicago Tribune

Corporate relocation searches can be cloak-and-dagger affairs, complete with secretive office tours, project code names and hotel rooms booked under aliases.

Amazon, one of the world's most powerful and recognizable companies, is turning that model upside down as it considers Chicago and 19 other contenders for its second headquarters, also known as HQ2.

The online retailer's highly publicized search has already generated months of publicity. It energized North American cities and regions that responded with fine-tuned pitches and, in some cases, incentive packages worth billions of dollars.

In doing so, the Seattle-based giant may be creating a new playbook that other major corporations can follow.

"I think we saw confirmation of that earlier this week," Ron Starnier, executive vice president at Atlanta-based Conway, a corporate expansion and relocation consultancy, said Friday, referring to Apple's announcement about plans for a second major campus.

Although Apple's exact plans are unclear, it appears to be the first example of another company following Amazon's approach of tipping its intentions by megaphone rather than whisper.

Amazon and Apple may not spark a widespread trend, but it's possible other

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WEEK IN REVIEW

Summing up the Tribune's business coverage

Chicago to seek Apple campus

Chicago has another technology behemoth to woo: Apple. The Cupertino, Calif.-based company said it plans to create more than 20,000 jobs at a new campus and in its existing offices. It's not clear whether the company already has a location in mind for the new facility, which it said would be announced later this year. Mayor Rahm Emanuel said Chicago would make a bid for the project.

American Airlines adds weekday shuttle to N.Y.: American Airlines is launching a new shuttle service between Chicago's O'Hare International Airport and New York's LaGuardia Airport beginning April 4. The shuttle service will offer 15 flights per weekday on the half-hour, dedicated gates, expedited check-in and an in-flight perk to smooth out any turbulence: free wine and beer. The shuttle flights will use Boeing 737s.



ANTHONY SOUFFLE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Kendall College selling to National Louis: For-profit Kendall College, best known for its culinary arts school, is vacating its Chicago campus and selling its programs to National Louis University. The price tag for the financially struggling 84-year-old college is \$1, according to a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The agreement, which would fold Kendall's five degree programs into the broader academic offerings at National Louis, a private nonprofit university, is pending approval by federal regulators.

McDonald's selling off Oak Brook assets: As McDonald's prepares to move to new headquarters in Chicago's Fulton Market district, the fast-food chain is cutting ties with its longtime home in Oak Brook. McDonald's 74-acre campus — home to its global headquarters, Hamburger University and a Hyatt hotel — soon will be officially for sale, according to spokeswoman Terri Hickey. The company recently put McDonald's Plaza, a 16.5-acre site near Oakbrook Center, on the market.

Walmart, Jewel-Osco take steps to curb opioid epidemic: Walmart and Jewel-Osco are joining the list of retailers trying to address the opi-

oid epidemic. The world's largest retailer said it wants to limit abuse of prescription opioids by making it easier for patients to dispose of leftover drugs. Meanwhile, Jewel-Osco said it is making opioid overdose antidote Narcan available to buy over the counter.

Illinois attorney general wants law to give cannabis companies bank access: As the legal marijuana industry navigates uncertainty on the federal level, state attorneys general from 19 states, including Illinois, are asking Congress to pass a law allowing banks to work with cannabis companies. Without a federal law, banks hesitate to serve the growing industry.

What else happened last week? Catch up on all the news at www.chicagotribune.com/business.

School fundraiser markets junk food, critics say

Campbell's ceases rewards, but similar programs continue

BY CAITLIN DEWEY
The Washington Post

For 43 years, schoolkids and their parents have clipped the labels from cookie bags and cracker boxes as part of a popular rewards program called Labels for Education. Through this and similar programs — think Tyson's Project A+ or General Mills' Box Tops for Education — schools get cash and supplies in exchange for clipped labels from participating food items.

But these programs, most of which are wildly popular at U.S. schools, may have major downsides for students. Critics say they are designed to sell junk food to children too young to make good health decisions.

Just this month, as Labels for Education wound down — a result of declining participation, said its parent company, Campbell's — public health advocates cheered the end of a program widely beloved by teachers, schools and parents. The program included snack foods, such as cookies and crackers, that many health advocates say should be discouraged.

"It's just another form of junk-food marketing to kids," said Colin Schwartz, a senior nutrition policy associate at the Center for Science in the Public Interest. "We're glad to see Campbell's ending its program, and we're calling on other companies to take the same step."

Besides Campbell's, two other companies dominate school rewards: General Mills and, to a far lesser extent, Tyson. Each com-



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Schools can receive rewards for Box Tops logos clipped from General Mills products.

pany awards schools a set amount of money — roughly 5 to 38 cents — for each product purchase code or label collected from participating products.

Those products carry a distinctive logo on the front of the box or bag. Schools publicize that logo to parents via conferences and meetings, as well as through materials sent home with their kids.

Many schools also promote rewards programs directly to students, holding contests and constructing bulletin boards to encourage them to bring more labels in.

Once the labels are collected, schools exchange them for cash or supplies, ranging from pencils and markers to playground equipment.

The average payout is modest — \$750 per school per year, in the case of General Mills — but that can go a long way at some schools, program participa-

nts say.

At Glover Community Learning Center, a small, low-income elementary school in Akron, Ohio, money from Box Tops and Labels for Education has bought jump-ropes, gym balls, pencil sharpeners, paintbrushes, markers and an insulated water cooler.

"We're a small school, and these programs are a big help," said Kia Strickling, president of the school's PTA. "The alternative is teachers buying basic supplies out of their own pockets."

Critics don't object to schools getting much-needed funds. But they do protest the nutritional quality of the foods in rewards programs and schools' role in promoting them, which potentially undermines nutrition education and could boost kids' lifelong taste for unhealthy foods.

Campbell's, which also owns brands such as SpaghettiOs and Pepperidge

Farm, has slapped the Labels for Education logo on frozen desserts and queso dip. Tyson's Project A+ includes salty chicken nuggets.

When it comes to Box Tops, by far the most popular of the programs, a recent study by researchers at Harvard University's Chan School of Public Health and MassGeneral Hospital for Children found that two-thirds of the products bearing the Box Tops label do not meet federal nutrition requirements for sale in schools.

"The vast majority of these products can't be sold in schools, so they shouldn't be advertised in schools," Schwartz said.

Food companies point out that their rewards labels appear on healthier foods, too, such as vegetable soups and juices, in the case of Campbell's, or yogurt and Cheerios, in the case of General Mills.

And they argue that, even

if the labels sometimes appear on unhealthy foods, the program is designed to appeal to the parents making shopping decisions, not their school-age children. All three companies have strict policies on marketing to kids.

"The (Labels for Education) program's marketing is directed to adult coordinators and parents, not to kids," Campbell's said in a statement.

"Box Tops for Education is NOT a brand marketing program," echoed General Mills spokeswoman Mollie Wulff in an email. "It is a fundraising program for parents and a way for General Mills to support local communities and schools."

But for critics, this is another point of contention: Children are often highly involved in rewards programs, they say, and schools often advertise the programs directly to them.

At Strickling's school in Akron, the PTA holds contests to see which classroom can collect the most labels and awards a pizza party to the winner.

That type of in-school promotion can cause children to develop positive associations with both the labels and the products they appear on, said Jennifer Harris, a researcher at the Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity at the University of Connecticut. Those associations can be difficult to overwrite once they are established.

"There's a reason companies want to get kids when they're really young," Harris said. "When aimed at children, whose minds are still developing, marketing can create lifelong preferences and habits that contribute to obesity and other conditions."

Critics have proposed ex-

cluding from the rewards programs any product that doesn't meet the Department of Agriculture's minimum nutrition guidelines for in-school sales. Schools could also work harder to cut students out of rewards programs by promoting them directly, and only, to parents, critics said.

Many health advocates would like to see schools withdraw from these programs entirely. That's unlikely, said Faith Boninger, a researcher at the University of Colorado's National Education Policy Center, because many schools have grown accustomed to the payouts to supplement decreased public funds. With the exception of Campbell's Labels for Education, rewards programs remain highly popular.

"There are no good solutions for schools," said Boninger, who opposes the programs. "Schools don't have the money they need, which is why they resort to these food company hand-outs."

At the Glover school in Akron, Strickling said she thinks "good solutions" are indeed running out. Funding has dwindled for art and gym classes at the school, she said, a result of districtwide budget cuts.

The end of Labels for Education was a blow. Now Strickling is doubling down on General Mills' Box Tops for Education, with a wary eye on the public health advocates calling for the program to end.

She doesn't think rewards programs market to children. "I really disagree with that," she said. "Parents have to choose healthy snacks. If I buy Froot Loops when Nature Valley has the label — you can't blame the school or the company for that."

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Union persists on video cameras at Chicago Hyatt

Group: Hotel hasn't answered questions on software used

BY GREG TROTTER
Chicago Tribune

The union representing some 800 employees at the Hyatt Regency Chicago wants to know more about how the hotel's video cameras are tracking employees and guests.

At issue is whether the hotel's cameras have tracked employees using facial recognition software, according to the union. Illinois law prohibits companies from collecting biometric data without consent.

The National Labor Relations Board filed a complaint against the Hyatt Regency Chicago this week, alleging the hotel isn't bargaining in good faith because it's not providing information to the union related to the hotel's video cameras.

The hotel, meanwhile, disagrees with the board's decision and believes it's in full compliance with the law, Michael D'Angelo, Hyatt's vice president of labor relations, said in a statement emailed to the Tribune.

The NLRB's complaint follows an initial complaint,

filed in September, from UNITE HERE Local 1, the union representing most of the Hyatt Regency Chicago's employees and more than 8,000 workers in the city. Employees at the hotel are working under a contract that will not expire until Aug. 31.

Since that initial filing, the hotel has informed the union that its cameras do not use facial recognition software, said union spokesman Elliott Mallen.

But the Hyatt Regency Chicago still hasn't answered questions on whether its cameras used facial recognition in the past, and more generally, how it tracks and monitors employees, Mallen said.

The hotel requested that the union sign a confidentiality agreement because the information requested included details of its security program, D'Angelo said. The union refused, he said.

"This request for confidentiality is especially relevant given recent security concerns following the Las Vegas shooting and other worldwide terrorist events," D'Angelo said.

Hyatt has until Friday to file an answer to the NLRB's complaint.

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David Hanson, the founder of Hanson Robotics, poses with Sophia, a lifelike robot powered by artificial intelligence.

Helping a robot's social skills, one sense at a time

Hong Kong startup creating AIs with humans in mind

BY KELVIN CHAN
Associated Press

HONG KONG — David Hanson envisions a future in which AI-powered robots evolve to become “super-intelligent genius machines” that might help solve some of mankind’s most challenging problems. The Texas-born former sculptor at Walt Disney Imagineering and his Hong Kong-based startup Hanson Robotics are combining artificial intelligence with southern China’s expertise in toy design, electronics and manufacturing to craft humanoid “social robots” with faces designed to be lifelike and appealing enough to win trust from humans who interact with them.

Hanson, 49, is perhaps best known as the creator of Sophia, a talk show-going robot partly modeled on Audrey Hepburn that he calls his “masterpiece.” Akin to an animated mannequin, she seems as much a product of his background in theater as an example of advanced technology.

“You’re talking to me right now, which is very ‘Blade Runner,’ no?” Sophia said during a recent visit to Hanson Robotics’ headquarters in a suburban Hong Kong science park, her home since shortly after Hanson moved here in 2013.

“Do you ever look around you and think, ‘Wow, I’m living in a real world science-fiction novel?’” she asked. “Is it weird to be talking to a robot right now?”

Hanson Robotics has made about a dozen copies of Sophia, who like any human is a work in progress.

A multinational team of scientists and engineers is

fine tuning her appearance and the algorithms that enable her to smile, blink and refine her understanding and communication.

Sophia has moving 3D-printed arms and, with the help of a South Korean robotics company, she’s now mobile. Shuffling slowly on boxy black legs, Sophia made her walking debut in Las Vegas last week at the CES electronics trade show.

Her skin is made of a nanotech material that Hanson invented and dubbed “Frubber,” short for flesh-rubber, that has a flesh-like bouncy texture. Cameras in her eyes and a 3D sensor in her chest help her to “see,” while the processor that serves as her brain combines facial and speech recognition, natural language processing, speech synthesis and a motion control system.

Sophia seems friendly and engaging, despite the unnatural pauses and cadence in her speech.

Ties to Disney

Her predecessors include an Albert Einstein, complete with bushy mustache and white thatch of hair, a robot named Alice whose grimaces run a gamut of emotions and one eerily resembling the late sci-fi author Philip K. Dick, which won an award from the American Association of Artificial Intelligence.

They variously leer, blink, smile and even crack jokes.

Disney’s venture capital arm is an investor in Hanson, which is building a robot based on one of the entertainment giant’s characters.

An artist and robotics scientist, Hanson worked

on animatronic theme park shows, sculpting props and characters for Disney attractions like Pooh’s Hunny Hunt and Mermaid Lagoon. He studied film, animation and video, eventually earning a doctorate in interactive arts and technology from the University of Texas at Dallas.

Hanson says he makes his robots as human-like as possible to help alleviate fears about robots, artificial intelligence and automation.

That runs contrary to a tendency in the industry to use cute robo-pets or overtly machine-like robots like Star Wars’ R2-D2 to avoid the “uncanny valley” problem with human likenesses such as wax models and robots that many people find a bit creepy.

Some experts see Sophia as mainly a clever marketing gimmick.

“It’s a good advertising tool, whatever that company produces as a business plan,” said Roland Chin, chair professor of computer science at Hong Kong Baptist University.

Global market revenue for service robotics is forecast to grow from \$3.7 billion in 2015 to \$15 billion in 2020, according to IHS Markit. That includes both professional and domestic machines like warehouse automatons, smart vacuums and fuzzy companion robots.

Hanson Robotics is privately owned and has a consumer-oriented business that sells thousands of shoebox-size \$200 Professor Einstein educational robots a year.

Chief Marketing Officer Jeanne Lim says the company is generating revenue but won’t say whether it’s profitable.

Building blocks

For now, artificial intelligence is best at doing specific tasks.

It’s another thing entirely for machines to learn a new ability, generalize that knowledge and apply it in different contexts, partly because of the massive amount of computing power needed to process such information so quickly.

“We’re really very far from the kind of AI and robotics that you see in movies like ‘Blade Runner,’” said Pascale Fung, an engineering professor at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. “Sorry to disappoint you.”

Unlike toddlers, who use all five senses to learn quickly, machines generally can handle only one type of input at a time, she noted.

While Sophia’s repartee can be entertaining, she’s easily thrown off topic and her replies, based on open-source software, sometimes miss the mark.

Hanson and other members of his team like chief scientist Ben Goertzel have set their sights on a time when the computer chips, processing capacity and other technologies needed for artificial general intelligence could enable Sophia and other robots to fill a variety of uses, such as helping with therapy for autistic children, caring for seniors, and providing customer services.

As for tackling challenging world problems, that’s a ways off, Hanson said.

“There’s a certain expression of genius to be able to get up and cross the room and pour yourself a cup of coffee, and robots and AI have not achieved that level of intelligence reliably,” Hanson said.

BACK STORY

Alicia Driskill, founder of female co-working space

BY SAMANTHA BOMKAMP | Chicago Tribune

The rise of the remote workforce has produced a boom of bricks-and-mortar spaces designed for those employees who don’t report to a traditional office space.



Now Chicago has a new co-working space just for women, founded by former entertainment industry executive Alicia Driskill. EvolveHer, Driskill said, is designed to meet the needs of women balancing constant demands from work and family, while providing resources for members to reach goals through courses on everything from meditation to marketing.

Q: What is your main goal at EvolveHer?

A: I wanted to open EvolveHer in Chicago to find a place for women to come together, and have a group and community to support them in every aspect of life. There are so many places that focus on career only, and I think it’s important to look at all aspects of life, whether it’s professional or personal, and finding a community that brings those women together.

Q: What was your motivation to open?

A: One of the main drivers was trying to balance this career and life with my family. I’ve always struggled with, “Do I lean in or lean out?” and I realized that it doesn’t have to be so black and white. It’s all about evolving as a person. I wanted to create a life that supports myself, and that helped others as well. I have two kids at home, and it’s a tough balance. I think this opportunity has provided me a great platform to leave a legacy.

Q: How was the development process?

A: I started EvolveHer planning in June, and I originally planned for it to be a year to take the time to build it out and to pull the pieces together. Things happened a lot quicker than expected, which is great, and a little crazy-paced. The stars aligned, and we found an amazing space. We opened for a soft launch in December. We have members coming in, and partnerships and events, a lot going on. It’s been a great, fun journey.

Q: Do you have a favorite inspirational quote?

A: My favorite quote is “Actually, I can.” I love the energy behind it. That’s my mantra: You figure it out, and you get it done. And we will do it.

This interview has been edited for length and clarity.

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Financial apps may help you save money

Resolutions can become reality with a little help

BY SUZANNE WOOLLEY
Bloomberg

New year’s resolutions have a notoriously low success rate — only 8 percent of people achieve their goals. Losing weight, drinking less, being nicer to the cat — all these aspirations fall away as January wears on.

Success spikes, however, when the resolution has to do with money and finance.

This trend showed up in research by the goal-setting website StickK. Users create a commitment contract for a personal goal and can have a “referee” (usually a friend) verify their progress. They can also add a financial stake, such as pledging an amount to be automatically sent from their credit card on file with the site to a cause they detest if they fail to meet their goal. When a referee and a financial stake are used, the success rate for financial resolutions is 87 percent (and a healthy 73 percent for those wanting to lose weight).

The higher rate of successful resolutions for financial decisions may be tied to a symbiotic relationship between human psychology and financial technology. Specifically, willpower — or the lack thereof — can be taken out of the equation, said Meir Statman, a finance professor at Santa Clara University and author of “Finance for Normal People.”

“When it comes to diet or exercise, you have to muster self-control every time you are hungry, face a steak or dessert, and every time you have to get out of a warm bed to go to the gym,” he said. “With financial resolutions, you can set up a 401(k) or IRA and have payments go into it automatically.”

Many people underestimate how big a role inertia

plays in blocking decision-making, says Dan Egan, director of behavioral finance and investments at New York-based online investment adviser Betterment, which automates many financial tasks for clients. “Automation is a way of making a decision once and having it permanently overcome that inertia,” he said.

Across the country, many workplace savings plans are automatically enrolling workers, with some also bumping up workers’ contributions every year — without the employee doing a thing.

There are more ways to automate savings outside of workplace plans. The Digit app uses an algorithm to track a user’s cash-flow patterns to time the movement of small, almost unnoticeable amounts of money into savings. Betterment has a tool to manage cash flow automatically. Qapital allows users to create customized “if this, then that” rules that link with apps and move a set amount of money into savings based on certain conditions.

Digit Chief Executive Ethan Bloch’s advice on setting financial goals is first to reflect on the prior year, analyzing what went right, and wrong, with your money.

“Do something — take a walk, or sit down and write it out — where you put your perception of reality in front of you,” he said. “We are so constantly ... distracting ourselves, especially from painful things.”

Once you’ve chewed on 2017 and gotten your fiscal priorities straight, Bloch advises, set only one goal. “I’ve been spending time with executives at some of the highest-performing technology firms on the planet, and this is the recurring theme,” he said. “If you set five goals, you’re giving yourself five ways to fail. But choose the right goal, and it might just give you some leverage eventually to catch the other four.”

New rules spell out unpaid internships

Programs required to benefit worker more than company

BY REBECCA GREENFIELD
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The U.S. Labor Department rolled out new guidelines this month that make it easier for companies that want to hire interns but don’t want to pay them.

The new rules establish a “primary beneficiary test” that ratifies programs that help the intern more than the company. Seven factors determine whether the gig meets the standard. One says internships should provide training that “would be similar to that which would be given in that educational environment.” Another says the intern’s job should complement, not displace, the work of paid employees.

Unlike the previous standard, an unpaid inter-

ship doesn’t necessarily have to meet any prescribed threshold related to those seven factors. Each internship program will be justified on its own merits, a more forgiving benchmark for employers.

“This standard that the department is setting forth is easier for companies to satisfy in terms of internships qualifying as unpaid,” said Paul DeCamp, an attorney at Epstein Becker & Green who works with employers.

The old test was six factors, one of which prohibited employers from deriving “immediate advantage from the activities of the intern.” Companies found that standard overly rigid, arguing it was difficult for most internships to meet that requirement.

“If the intern did any productive work for the company it would — at least based on the strict reading of the test — be required

that activity be paid, which is, not to put too fine a point on it, ridiculous,” DeCamp said.

The change is a response in part to a string of intern lawsuits starting in 2011, when two former interns at Fox Searchlight Pictures filed a lawsuit alleging that their employer violated the Fair Labor Standards Act by not paying them for work they did on the movie “Black Swan.” In 2013, a court ruled in their favor, finding that their roles fell short of the Labor Department’s six criteria for unpaid internships.

That decision was reversed in 2015 by the U.S. 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals in New York, which found the government’s standards too rigid. The court established its own criteria, and that became the basis for the new Labor Department rules.

Eric Glatt, one of the plaintiffs in the Fox Search-

light case, said he had mixed feelings about the new guidelines. “I don’t like the legal implications of this new test,” Glatt said. “But the practical implications may make the kinds of internships that I did” — entry-level jobs disguised as educational opportunities — “go away.”

But some labor advocates worry that under the new guidelines, a company can justify any program, no matter how basic, as benefiting the intern.

“You could say working in the industry, even if you’re doing relatively mundane tasks, gives you some knowledge of how the industry works,” said Patricia Smith, senior counsel at the National Employment Law Project.

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Detroit didn't make the cut for HQ2, but boosters are optimistic others will come.

Cities see silver lining in failed Amazon bids

Pursuit of HQ2 considered trial run for other prizes

By COREY WILLIAMS
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For some of the 200-plus cities knocked out of the running for Amazon's second headquarters, the effort may turn out to be a trial run for other opportunities. But they're advised to not make the same kind of promises to just anyone.

Cities including Detroit; Memphis, Tenn.; and Gary, Ind., failed to make Amazon's first cut as the online giant narrowed its list to 20 prospective sites for the \$5 billion project that could employ up to 50,000 people.

Looking on the bright side, several leaders whose proposals didn't make it say the time spent putting together juicy tax incentives, massive chunks of land and infrastructure studies was not wasted.

"We used this opportunity to showcase all the options in Delaware not just for Amazon, but for any business looking for a location to set down roots and grow," said the state's governor, John Carney.

"This exercise showed us new ways to showcase our city that we are already using to attract other businesses," Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland said.

Seattle-based Amazon made clear that tax breaks and grants would be a big factor in its decision.

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan floated an incentive package of more than \$5 billion to lure the second headquarters to Montgomery County. New Jersey's pitch contains \$7 billion in tax breaks and Boston's offer includes \$75 million for affordable housing for Amazon employees and others.

Generous tax breaks and other incentives can erode a city's tax base. Economists have said the Amazon headquarters is a rare case in which some enticements could repay a city over the long run.

But the pursuit of Amazon could reignite an incentive war among cities, regions and states to lure companies and jobs, says Tim Bartik, a senior economist at the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Just because they offered certain things to Amazon doesn't mean every company should get the same, Bartik said. "Now that we've offered the store to Amazon, let's offer the store to someone else," he added. "I'd be little concerned with that."

Amazon's list includes Chicago, New York, Boston, Los Angeles, Indianapolis, Washington, D.C., Denver, Miami and Atlanta. Texas' Austin and Dallas made the cut, as did Philadelphia and Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania. The others are Columbus, Ohio; Montgomery County, Md.; Nashville, Tenn.; Newark, N.J.; Northern Virginia; and Raleigh, N.C. Toronto also is on the list.

Detroit's absence from the list muted what many see as an exciting time in the city as it makes progress since its 2014 exit from bankruptcy. Businessman Dan Gilbert led the team that put together the Motor City's proposal, which included a video showcasing the city and a more than 240-page color spiral-bound book. The cost of the proposal has not been revealed.

"We are not deterred in any way, shape or form," said Gilbert, founder of online mortgage lender Quicken Loans and Bedrock commercial real es-

tate. "Detroit is the most exciting city in the country right now, and the momentum continues to build every single day. There are numerous large and small deals you will continue to see develop into reality in the months and years ahead."

Some spent big on their pitches to Amazon. Worcester, Mass., released invoices showing that it spent more than \$10,500 on its proposal, most of it on a video. Connecticut shelled out \$35,000 for renderings and drone footage. Virginia Beach, Va., reported spending at least \$85,000. That included \$3,000 to build a sand sculpture at the beach to promote its application.

For areas considered long shots, going after Amazon was a bit of an experiment.

"As much as this process helped identify our major assets, it also helped us to assess our gaps and where we can continue to improve," said Birgit Klohs, chief executive of Grand Rapids, Mich.-based The Right Place Inc. The economic development organization was part of the team making the pitch for Grand Rapids.

Gov. Chris Sununu said New Hampshire's proposal "was the most comprehensive business marketing plan" the state had produced.

"We are excited that it is already serving as a template for other businesses that now have New Hampshire on their radar," Sununu said. He did not name specific companies, and Democrats argued that if Sununu truly wanted to attract businesses, he would invest more in education, workforce development and increasing the minimum wage.

AP's Josh Cornfield in Philadelphia contributed.

Publicity aids company; losing sites may feel sting

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large, well-known companies could try a similar approach. "Only companies with really deep pockets and wherewithal and stature can do site selection in this public a fashion," said John H. Boyd, principal of The Boyd Co., a Princeton, N.J.-based corporate site selection consultancy.

Amazon publicly announced plans to create HQ2, and up to 50,000 high-paying jobs, in September. The company received proposals from 238 North American cities and regions by its October deadline. The company on Thursday announced it had chosen 20 contenders, including Chicago, which proposed eight potential sites in the city and two in the suburbs.

"Usually a fairly quiet process, Amazon has brought corporate headquarters searches to a new level, making cities raise their game in assessing and quantifying the value of their physical, intellectual and cultural assets," Andrea Zopp, CEO of World Business Chicago, said in an emailed statement.

Headquarters searches typically have been treated more like state secrets than branding opportunities.

Real estate searches are often presented to prospective cities and landlords as vague-sounding code names such as Project Mitt (a Toyota-Mazda auto factory), Project Flying Eagle (a Foxconn manufacturing plant) or Project Plum (GE's headquarters).

Top company executives take private planes, check into hotels with aliases, and shun clothing or briefcases with corporate logos. CEOs tour skyscrapers on nights and weekends when offices in the buildings are closed.

Building owners put up with the anonymity, even though they're curious about the prospective tenant's identity.

"I've had landlords tell me they've reviewed security tapes so they can guess who it is," said office tenant broker Jason Schulz, CEO of Chicago-based J. Rich Co. "They're trying to determine how credible the tenant is, and the company's credit-worthiness."

Rich represented Archer Daniels Midland when the company moved its headquarters to Chicago in 2014, after also considering Atlanta, Dallas and Minneapolis.

That relocation, like many conducted in secrecy, was much different than Amazon's search. Although the deal involved a relatively small number of top

executives, it involved moving jobs away from the company's longtime headquarters in downstate Decatur.

Whether it's a move of some executives or an outright relocation of an office, most firms seek the utmost secrecy to avoid worrying employees about an impending shift of jobs, said Michael Sessa, an office tenant broker who leads Cushman & Wakefield's group that specializes in headquarters site searches.

Sessa's team worked on Toyota's North American headquarters deal in Plano, Texas, and global headquarters deals of Pfizer in New York and Kraft Heinz in Chicago.

"Most searches are more confidential in nature because those companies are trying to avoid disruption at their existing headquarters," Sessa said. "This open process is not for everyone, and there are reasons behind that."

Amazon's search reminds many longtime Chicago observers of another Seattle company's headquarters move here — Boeing, which chose Chicago in a public bake-off also involving Denver and Dallas as finalists.

Boeing's pool of contenders was far more limited than Amazon's nationwide call for proposals. Nonetheless, the aerospace company played it close to the vest.

On a scouting trip to Chicago, Boeing officials reportedly toured sites in helicopters and unmarked vans and slipped into a dinner meeting with then-Mayor Richard Daley and then-Gov. George Ryan at the Art Institute through a back door.

Boeing's search spurred fervent speculation and competition not only among the three cities, but within their metropolitan areas. Within a week of Chicago being named a contender, about a dozen Chicago-area towns had contacted state commerce officials to pitch themselves as a potential home for Boeing, which eventually ended up downtown.

At the time, a Boeing spokesman denied the company was trying to stir up competition or publicity. Going public with the shortlist helped the company get access to people and information it needed to help make its choice, Boeing said.

Going public almost guarantees the company plenty of free publicity in locations under consideration, while letting local governments know they need to put their best offer forward, Starnier said. "No

doubt they're going to get a more generous incentive package than they would have if they'd played the game the usual way," he said.

Amazon and Apple can orchestrate public searches because they're planning to create jobs in their new destinations, rather than uprooting existing workers, experts said. The companies are also ubiquitous, and savvy in the way they market themselves.

"Look at the competition they've created among all the applicants," said Peter Allen, a commercial real estate developer in Detroit and Ann Arbor, Mich., who is also a lecturer in the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business and Taubman School of Architecture. "It's brilliant to do this publicly, pitting one city against the other. They're really in the catbird seat to negotiate a good deal."

"And the publicity is gaining the attention of potential employees. Once they pick a location, they're going to have thousands of people lined up at the door to sign up."

The potential downside for Amazon is creating one winner, while 237 suitors feel the sting of public defeat.

Courting so much attention also could backfire if a winner that promised hefty incentives ends up with buyer's remorse, Starnier said. "It's a bit of a high-wire act. You're maximizing publicity and attention, but if you fall, if things go badly, they could go really badly."

Still, Starnier said he thinks others will try, even if they don't copy Amazon's playbook entirely.

All may not be lost for the 237 also-rans, though. They'll have thick books filled with available sites, potential incentives and glossy pages touting their best attributes, and they've learned lessons for their next big pitch.

"A positive outcome of this could be the self-reflection of communities throughout the country," Sessa said. "They've had to be very honest about where their strengths are and where their weaknesses are. Only one is going to be selected, and the other 237 will have assembled a lot of good information."

"If the weaknesses are addressed, the beneficiaries will be the companies who reside there now and the companies looking to move there in the future."

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More retailers find food and shopping a tasty mix

By ALEJANDRA REYES-VELARDE
Los Angeles Times

Retailer Mark Werts was dining in a Hong Kong restaurant a few years ago when he noticed most people were doing more than chewing.

"Of about 130 people, 129 people were on their phones," said Werts, who owns American Rag Cie clothing and Maison Midi home goods. "So it struck me that there's an enormous opportunity while you're eating to combine selling decor in a restaurant."

The epiphany led him to create Beau Soleil Kitchen & Bar in Huntington Beach, Calif., where people can buy home goods on display, colorful mismatched tiles on the floor and even the tables and chairs. The Maison Midi website is posted throughout the restaurant, giving diners tacit permission to keep their eyes glued to their phones in case they feel the urge to order something besides food.

"The whole experience is for sale," Werts said.

Werts' restaurant-retail hybrid is perhaps the ultimate example of the eating-shopping mash-up working its way across the merchandising landscape.

As retailers try to capitalize on the millennial generation's interest in doing things with friends rather than buying things at malls, there's been a proliferation of restaurants inside grocery stores, shops inside eateries and even snack bars near dressing rooms. Adding food to the equation is a way for retailers to make shopping an experience and tap millennial consumers' love of eating out, analysts said.

Barnes & Noble was an early adopter when it opened its first location with a Starbucks in 1993, said Neil Saunders, a retail expert with Global Data. And you've always been able to get a Swedish meatball fix inside Ikea stores.

Today, coffee kiosks or full-service restaurants are common inside bookstores.

The idea, experts said, is to sell where the potential shoppers are hanging out, and, increasingly, that place is a restaurant.

"They're eating, drinking, posting on social media, hopefully with your product in that picture as well," said Joseph Schmitt, a retail expert with AlixPartners. "That's the ideal situation."

Nordstrom Inc. is combining personalized service with food to combat online

shopping competition in its new concept store in Los Angeles called Nordstrom Local.

There, customers can pick up and try on items they bought at Nordstrom.com or visit with a personal stylist who has culled a collection of store products. Meanwhile, shoppers can linger at a bar stocked with wine, beer, coffee and pressed juice.

In 2007, Eataly introduced the idea that you can eat and shop in the same place. The marketplace gives customers the option of dining at one of several restaurants or buying the ingredients to cook meals at home.

Even grocery stores are striving to compete by giving customers more reasons to walk through their automatic glass doors. The eat-in option is popping up so often that the industry has invented a portmanteau: grocerant.

The food concept is one that retailers love, but it's not easy in practice, said Garrick Brown, vice president of retail research at real estate brokerage Cushman & Wakefield. Retailers need to know how to operate a restaurant and have to find the right location, not tucked away.

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Hospitals brace for Medicaid change

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At issue is the state's hospital assessment program, which distributes about \$3.5 billion in Medicaid funding to 200 hospitals across Illinois. That's more than half of the institutions' total Medicaid money.

The program requires nearly all of the state's hospitals to put money into a fund, which is then grown through a federal match before it is redistributed to the hospitals based on a complex formula that takes into account the size of their Medicaid population as well as their dependency on Medicaid funding.

For some hospitals with mostly Medicaid patients, the assessment program makes up nearly half of their budget, while for others with many patients on private insurance, it's a much smaller portion of their funding.

The problem is that the formula hasn't been updated in over a decade and still bases the amount hospitals pay and receive on 2005 inpatient data and 2009 outpatient data, which officials say doesn't reflect how and where Medicaid recipients are currently getting their care. A decline in hospital stays, growth in outpatient services, population shifts and an expansion of Medicaid to include some 680,000 more Illinois adults has spread the Medicaid market to more hospitals than were serving the population a decade ago.

The current assessment program expires after June 30, and the Illinois Health and Hospital Association, a trade group representing all the hospitals, has developed a model to modernize the formula. It has been working with the state's Department of Healthcare and Family Services, plus the bipartisan Medicaid working group in the state legislature, to get a bill drafted.

That's proving to be a race against the clock, as the plan has to be approved by the General Assembly before being sent to the federal Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services for final approval and implementation. Lawmakers are expected to vote on the redesigned plan by the end of January or early February.

If July arrives without the new plan in place, some hospitals will not be able to pay their bills or keep their doors open.

To guard against that scenario, crafters of the bill hope to include a bridge provision that would keep the current assessment plan in place until the new one is approved, though that plan also has to get the OK from the Medicaid agency.

The formula changes haven't been finalized, so it isn't clear how much more or less money each hospital will receive, but payments will increasingly reflect actual patient and procedure volume, rather than allocating a fixed sum. And the new formula will be based on Medicaid services provided by the hospitals in 2015, with regular updates to keep the data current.

Hospitals that have seen a decline in Medicaid patients since 2005 could see reduced reimbursement, though the complexity of the formula means it's not so clear-cut. For example, a hospital that has seen an increase in Medicaid patients could still get less money under the new plan if its share of the statewide



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St. Bernard Hospital in the Englewood neighborhood invites local senior citizens to bingo games, when they can have their blood pressure checked.



Dr. Daria Terrell said she worries that St. Bernard Hospital will be harmed by changes in the state's Medicaid funding.

Medicaid population has declined.

To cash-strapped safety net hospitals that call the assessment their lifeblood, the notion that their funding could be reduced is flabbergasting.

"There are providers that are making profits that are earmarked to take our money," said Tim Egan, CEO of Roseland Hospital. The Far South Side hospital laid off 35 of its 500 employees in December and instituted a pay cut for executives and all nonunion staff, while Egan himself won't collect a salary for at least 60 days.

Roseland gets \$23 million from the assessment program, about half of its budget, and the most recent draft of the proposed changes has it losing \$6.6 million of that money, Egan said. That would lead to certain closure of the only hospital within 7 miles in the high-violence community, he said. He calls the situation "absolutely immoral."

State statistics showing declines in patient volume don't tell the full story, he added. The state is increasingly moving people into Medicaid managed care organizations, which have higher rates of denying patient claims, and those denied patients are not counted in the state's Medicaid statistics even though they are still treated. Egan says well over 60 percent of Roseland's patients are on Medicaid, though the state lists the rate at 53 percent.

But non-safety net hospitals that have seen dramatic growth in Medicaid patients over the last decade also need adequate funding to cover those rising expenses, officials said. Big hospital systems with large

patient volumes, like Advocate Health and Presence Health, are among those that could get funding bumps.

"While the assessment hasn't been finalized, we support a new program that is based on updated data in which funds more closely follow Medicaid patients and the services they receive," Meghan Woltman, vice president of government and community relations at Advocate Health Care, said in a statement. Advocate, the largest system in the state, has 12 hospitals in Illinois.

"In addition to Medicaid beneficiaries, these dollars are critical to the health care infrastructure of the state," she said.

State Rep. Greg Harris, D-Chicago, a member of the Medicaid working group, said legislators have twin goals: Giving stability to safety net and critical-access rural hospitals, which also are disproportionately affected by the changes, while putting more money where more patients are going.

At the start of discussions, the working group asked the state's biggest hospital systems if it would be good or bad for them if the safety nets closed, and all said it would be bad, because they don't have the capacity to absorb tens of thousands of new patients, he said.

"It's good public policy to be sure that as we set this up for the next five to six years we are sending money to support the transformation of health care to more efficient models but also protecting access to health care," Harris said.

To support hospitals that will lose money, there is a

proposed funding pool of several hundred million dollars to help them adapt to the changing needs of their communities, such as by converting underused facilities to address growing needs like behavioral health, substance abuse and senior rehabilitation.

"We don't want to put hospitals out of business," said Rep. Tom Demmer, R-Dixon, a member of the legislature's Medicaid working group. "We want to make sure health care providers are available in communities to provide the care they need."

A critical point of contention as the redesign unfolds is how much money the state should be trying to get from the federal government to swell the assessment pot. The Illinois Health and Hospital Association, as well as the Association of Safety Net Hospitals, a lobbying group, are pushing the state to pursue more — one consultant estimated \$300 million more could be available. There is a limit to how much money the state can receive from the federal government, though determining that limit involves still more complex calculations.

"We are working diligently to ensure that we maximize the funding for this Medicaid program to allow all of our hospitals to fulfill their mission of caring for their communities," said A.J. Wilhelmi, CEO of the Illinois Health and Hospital Association.

John Hoffman, spokesman for the Department of Health and Family Services, said in a statement that the department "is committed to drawing down as much federal revenue as it can, within the boundaries of what is permissible under federal law, to support our hospitals. We remain strong advocates of our safety net hospitals and will continue to work with the IHA to ensure their viability to support our communities in the years ahead."

The 22 safety net hospitals in Illinois, most in the Chicago area, together employ 25,000 people, according to the Association of Safety Net Hospitals.

Many are independent community hospitals like Norwegian American Hospital in the Humboldt Park

neighborhood, which sees 112,000 patients a year. Nearly 80 percent of its patient population is on Medicaid and it receives \$31 million from the assessment, according to state figures. About 60 percent of its 900 employees live in the community.

The hospital's CEO, Jose R. Sanchez, is not confident the state has its back.

"There is no support for safety net hospitals, there is no concern for poor communities right now," he said.

The safety net hospitals argue their community service provides value beyond a balance sheet.

Dr. Angeles Valdes, director of Norwegian's wound clinic, is a native of Puerto Rico, like many residents of the neighborhood, and said patients travel there for care from throughout Chicago's Hispanic community.

"We are not only bilingual but multicultural," said Valdes, who works to save limbs in the high-diabetes community.

"We have patients who come in from everywhere because they are looking for hope," she said.

St. Bernard Hospital is the largest employer in Englewood, where economic and safety challenges have driven the population down 35 percent since 2000. Three hundred of its 850 workers live in the neighborhood or surrounding areas, filling cafeteria, cleaning, security and nursing jobs.

The assessment funding constitutes a third of St. Bernard's budget, and the \$1.7 million decrease it is facing would force serious decisions about layoffs and service cuts after so much effort to improve services, Holland said. It recently opened a behavioral health outpatient practice that includes a methadone clinic that sees 220 patients a day.

The \$33 million outpatient center it opened in June 2016, financed entirely by the religious order that has operated St. Bernard since 1904, is the best evidence of the hospital's efforts to respond to the needs of its community. An immediate care clinic, full of waiting families, has helped cut emergency room visits, and specialists like cardiologists have designated hours so people don't

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— Meghan Woltman, vice president of government and community relations at Advocate Health Care

have to travel far for care.

Dr. Daria Terrell, an orthopedic surgeon at the hospital, said the proximity is a huge relief for her many patients who walk with canes or crutches, while others come from hours away because they can't find another hospital that takes their insurance.

The opening of the sunny building, on a lot that had been vacant for 40 years, was also "a symbol that you're not giving up on the neighborhood," and the prospect of a closure would be psychologically damaging, she said.

The hospital doesn't limit its role to health care. In a conference room designated for community events, it has held mass baby showers for new moms who didn't have baby showers themselves, collecting gift donations from staff.

It also hosts a monthly senior bingo night, where players can get their blood pressure taken between games.

"It's just something to do, get out of the house, and have fun and mingle with other people," said Olivia Taylor, 78, who walks the block from her home to attend. "I look forward to it."

To Holland, the debate about how to fund hospitals like his shouldn't be about complex calculations.

"It's a compassion issue," he said. "Where is the compassion?"

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Push for net neutrality could galvanize voters at election time

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one Republican are for the resolution, but where another GOP senatorial "yea" comes from is unclear.

In outlining her opposition to the FCC ruling, Duckworth correctly stresses that Illinois small businesses will greatly suffer if they can't get affordable and easy access to the internet. Entrepreneurs

risk being crushed, she said.

Should the Senate resolution succeed, the measure would have to be approved by the Republican-controlled House and signed by President Donald Trump.

That's unlikely to happen, since Trump hand-picked controversial FCC Chairman Ajit Pai, who is taking point on the anti-net neutrality decision, which is scheduled to take effect

in a few months. He heads the five-person agency panel, which consists of three Republicans and two Democrats.

Yet backers of net neutrality could gain even if they lose. The idea of preventing a handful of service providers from controlling the internet is hugely popular with millions of voters, who in the next election could rally behind the

politicians who fought to preserve a more open and affordable World Wide Web.

A potentially more fruitful path toward rescuing net neutrality may be the courts, where attorneys general from 22 states have filed a multistate lawsuit seeking to block the FCC's decision. Among them is Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, who urges

the FCC to delay its decision on grounds it's anti-competitive and damaging to consumers.

Chicago-based watchdog Citizens Utility Board is advocating consumers sign an online petition against the FCC's decision, using the rallying cry: "The fight for net neutrality is just beginning."

As this column has previously pointed out, net

neutrality is definitely worth keeping.

Maybe all this fussing and tussling won't overturn the FCC's faulty and damaging decision.

But considering the tremendous impact the internet has on our daily lives and economy, it's a battle worth waging.

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Convenience stores add healthier items

7-Eleven joins trend by selling cold-pressed juice

By Caitlin Dewey
The Washington Post

Like thousands of U.S. convenience stores, many 7-Eleven stores cram rows of snacks between a wall of chilled sodas and a bank of churning Slurpee machines.

But starting this month, 7-Eleven will also begin selling cold-pressed juice. It's organic, vegan, fair trade, non-GMO, gluten-free — and designed to appeal to an entirely new type of convenience-store consumer.

Analysts say the launch is a tiny part of a major trend sweeping truck stops, corner stores and mini-marts from coast to coast. As sales of gas, cigarettes and soda plummet, many stores are vying for consumers with fresh produce and other “better-for-you” products that would have once looked out of place in the land of Big Gulps.

That could make a difference in the diets of millions, experts say, especially those who rely on convenience stores as a primary source of food.

“There is a convenience store in every community in America,” said Amaris Bradley, the director of partnerships at the nonprofit Partnership for a Healthier America, which has worked with stores to offer more nutritious items. “If you can transform that industry, you can make healthy options more accessible for a lot of people.”

Already, convenience stores have begun to change how they do business, said Jeff Lenard, who heads strategic industry initiatives at the National Association of Convenience Stores. Nearly half of all convenience stores expanded their fruit and vegetable offerings in 2017, according to a NACS survey, and thousands more introduced yogurt, health bars, string cheese, packaged salads and hard-boiled eggs.

At 7-Eleven, the world's largest convenience store chain, with 10,500 U.S. locations, the company has aggressively developed “better-for-you” products under the Go!Smart banner, pushing low-sugar herbal teas, fruit-and-nut bars and rice crackers.

At Kwik Trip, the Midwestern chain seen by many in the industry as the leader of the healthy stores movement, executives hired an in-house dietitian, Erica Flint, to help introduce new products and reformulate old ones.

Each of the company's 586 stores now stocks fresh

fruit and vegetables, from avocados, potatoes and mushrooms to “snack packs” of grape tomatoes. Over the past four years, the chain has also gradually begun introducing healthier items like an egg white breakfast sandwich and has reduced the sodium in its soups.

“As the generations change, what consumers are looking for changes as well,” Flint said. “Different consumers are looking for different things, and we're trying to provide options for all of them.”

Convenience stores also face a collapse of the industry's top-selling items — cigarettes, soda and gas — said Frank Beard, an analyst for GasBuddy, an app and data service for convenience stores. Soda and cigarette sales have been down for years, he points out, and the margins on gas are low.

“Food sales are an opportunity for them,” Beard said. This isn't to say, of course, that convenience stores don't still sell junk.

And while chain stores have leveraged their size and distribution networks to source healthy items, many independent stores have struggled to change their stocks, Lenard said.

When researchers from the University of Illinois tallied the foods available at 127 stores in underserved areas in 2015, they found the stores stocked 1.8 fresh fruit options, on average, and 2.9 fresh vegetables. Only 12 percent offered whole-wheat bread or low-fat dairy products.

“We've seen that smaller, independent stores have a much harder time picking up on this trend,” said Melissa Laska, the director of the Public Health Nutrition program at the University of Minnesota. “They don't have access to the distribution chains that other stores have, and that creates challenges.”

Convenience stores are often one of the only food sources in low-income areas.

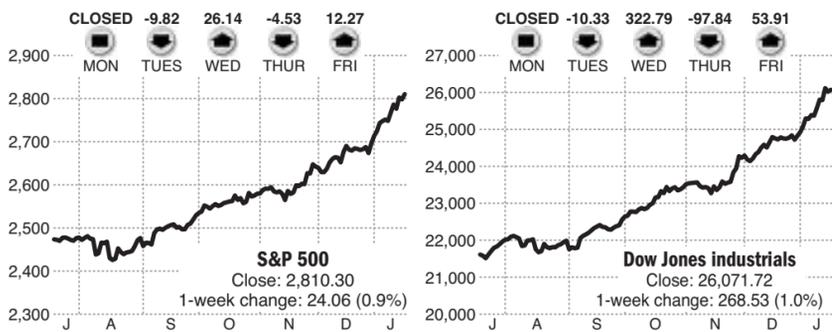
“People can't purchase healthier foods if they aren't available,” Laska said.

For Lenard, those next steps will necessarily involve getting more produce and other perishable foods to smaller stores that can't buy in bulk. The industry is working on a number of possible solutions, including cooperative buying arrangements and direct sales from farms.

In the past year and a half, four of the country's largest convenience store distributors have committed to initiatives with Partnership for a Healthier America, which is allied with former first lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! project.

INVESTING

Stocks Recap



52-WEEK			WEEKLY PERFORMANCE			YTD		1YR	
HIGH	LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	%CHG	%CHG
26153.42	19677.94	Dow Jones industrials	26153.42	25702.99	26071.72	+268.53	+1.0	+5.5	+31.5
11423.92	8744.36	Dow Jones trans.	11423.92	11171.59	11305.41	-67.97	-0.6	+6.5	+22.6
778.80	652.24	Dow Jones utilities	689.86	680.01	682.77	-1.14	-0.2	-5.6	+3.7
13384.46	11118.47	NYSE Comp.	13384.46	13215.26	13384.46	+90.14	+0.7	+4.5	+19.6
6106.18	4949.07	NYSE International	6106.18	6036.00	6100.70	+52.12	+0.9	+5.3	+22.3
6843.24	5029.61	Nasdaq 100	6843.24	6719.11	6834.33	+75.79	+1.1	+6.9	+35.0
7336.38	5522.69	Nasdaq Comp.	7336.38	7205.93	7336.38	+75.32	+1.0	+6.3	+32.1
2810.33	2257.03	S&P 500	2810.33	2768.87	2810.30	+24.06	+0.9	+5.1	+23.7
1979.21	1661.67	S&P MidCap	1979.21	1948.40	1979.20	+13.23	+0.7	+4.1	+18.1
29152.19	23602.81	Wilshire 5000	29152.19	28710.47	29152.19	+234.52	+0.8	+4.9	+22.8
1604.01	1335.03	Russell 2000	1604.01	1570.74	1597.62	+5.65	+0.4	+4.0	+18.2
401.14	359.93	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	401.14	396.94	400.88	+2.81	+0.7	+3.0	+10.6
7792.56	7093.57	FTSE 100	7791.83	7683.71	7730.79	-47.85	-0.6	+0.6	+7.4

Most active

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE			
STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	
Gen Electric	16.26	-2.50	
Bank of America	31.72	+0.53	
Ford Motor	12.00	-1.23	
Chesapeake Energy	3.95	-0.33	
Shutterstock	5.14	-0.33	
AT&T Inc	37.21	+0.31	
Merck & Co	61.28	+2.62	
Pfizer Inc	36.94	+0.39	
Kinder Morgan Inc	19.01	-0.51	
Rite Aid Corp	2.31	-0.08	
Twitter Inc	23.66	-1.75	
Freightliner	19.96	+0.21	
AK Steel Hold	6.44	+0.25	

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Adv Micro Dev	12.59	+0.57
Micron Tech	42.75	-0.02
Intel Corp	44.82	+1.58
Apple Inc	178.46	+1.37
Impix Corp	.41	+0.07
Akers Biosciences	.23	+0.05
Microsoft Corp	90.00	+0.40
Zynga Inc	3.72	-0.25
Facebook Inc	181.29	+1.92
Cisco Syst	41.29	+0.42
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	5.60	+0.12
Comcast Corp A	42.50	+0.06
Recon Tech Ltd	2.61	+0.91

EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Alps Alerian MLP	11.59	-0.17
Barc iPath Vix ST	26.82	+0.97
CS Vix 2x Vix ShtM	5.11	+0.37
iShares Brazil	44.47	+1.24
iShares Emerg Mkts	50.44	+0.93
iShares EAFE ETF	74.13	+0.63
iShares Rus 2000	158.60	+4.42
PowerShares QQQ Trust	166.34	+1.85
ProShares Ultra VIX ST	9.34	+0.67
SPDR S&P500 ETF Tr	280.41	+2.49
SPDR Financial	29.54	+0.31
SPDR Utility	49.99	-0.27
VanEck Vect Gld Miners	23.65	-0.36

Largest Companies

Based on market capitalization			
STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	
AT&T Inc	37.21	+0.31	
AbbVie Inc	104.64	+4.30	
Alibaba Group Hldg	184.05	-3.74	
Alphabet Inc C	1137.51	+15.25	
Alphabet Inc A	1143.50	+12.85	
Amazon.com Inc	1294.58	-10.62	
Anheuser-Busch InBev	115.23	+0.33	
Apple Inc	178.46	+1.37	
Bank of America	31.72	+0.53	
Berkshire Hath A	320238.03	+5013.02	
Berkshire Hath B	213.25	+0.09	
Boeing Co	337.73	+1.52	
Chevron Corp	131.30	-2.30	
China Mobile Ltd	51.52	+1.67	
Cisco Syst	41.29	+0.42	
Citigroup	78.30	+1.46	
CocaCola Co	47.16	+1.01	
Comcast Corp A	42.50	+0.06	
Disney	110.59	-1.88	
Dow DuPont Inc	76.01	+0.60	
Exxon Mobil Corp	87.15	-0.37	
Facebook Inc	181.29	+1.92	
HSBC Holdings PLC	55.36	+0.53	
Home Depot	201.33	+0.91	
Intel Corp	44.82	+1.58	
JPMorgan Chase & Co	113.01	+0.34	
Johnson & Johnson	147.36	+1.60	
MasterCard Inc	166.83	+4.50	
Merck & Co	61.28	+2.62	
Microsoft Corp	90.00	+0.40	
Novartis AG	86.94	+0.29	
Oracle Corp	50.58	+1.07	
PepsiCo	120.17	+2.79	
Pfizer Inc	36.94	+0.39	
Philip Morris Intl	108.92	+4.42	
Procter & Gamble	91.07	+2.15	
Royal Dutch Shell B	72.01	-1.09	
Royal Dutch Shell A	69.83	-0.65	
Taiwan Semiconductor	44.67	+3.48	
TiGenix ADS	41.94	+0.59	
Toyota Mot	139.85	+2.65	
Unilever NV	57.71	+2.22	
Unitedhealth Group	243.35	+14.71	
Verizon Comm	51.91	+0.05	
Visa Inc	122.70	+2.61	
WalMart Strs	104.59	+3.72	
Wells Fargo & Co	64.22	+1.67	

Largest mutual funds

Based on Total assets			
FUND	NAV	CHG IN \$	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	33.36	+2.29	+26.5
American Funds AmcrnBAlA m	27.92	+1.18	+17.7
American Funds AmcrnMtuA m	42.35	+3.11	+21.3
American Funds BdfAmcra m	12.76	-0.06	+2.2
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	53.56	+4.47	+27.7
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	64.14	+2.29	+15.9
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	59.24	+0.72	+33.5
American Funds FdmTllnvsA m	65.68	+6.88	+28.1
American Funds GrfAmcra m	52.66	+5.88	+29.8
American Funds IncAmcra m	23.98	+1.13	+15.4
American Funds InvCmrcA m	42.28	+3.34	+22.9
American Funds NewWldA m	70.10	+0.74	+34.4
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	45.85	+6.77	+32.7
American Funds SmCpWldA m	58.33	+4.47	+29.5
American Funds TheNewEcoA m	47.20	+3.35	+37.3
American Funds WAMTlnvsA m	47.83	+3.38	+25.0
Baird AggregateBdInstl	10.77	-0.05	+3.1
Baird CorpPlusBdInstl	11.13	-0.05	+3.6
BlackRock EqDivInstl	23.78	+2.00	+22.2
BlackRock GblAlcInclInstl	20.45	+0.06	+15.3
BlackRock GblAlcInclInstl	20.34	+0.07	+15.0
BlackRock StrIncOpInvs	10.05	+0.01	+5.6
DFA EMKTCorEq	24.51	+3.38	+38.6
DFA EmMktsValInstl	33.47	+4.49	+36.8
DFA FVYGrbFlInstl	10.82	-0.02	+1.5
DFA IntlCorEqlns	15.31	+0.09	+31.2
DFA IntlSmColnstl	22.25	+1.10	+32.8
DFA IntlSmCpVallns	23.97	+0.01	+29.5
DFA USCoreEqInstl	23.97	+1.19	+26.2
DFA USCoreEqInstl	22.67	+0.16	+24.4
DFA USLgCpVallnstl	41.13	+3.00	+24.4
DFA USSmCpVallnstl	37.53	+1.17	+18.0
DFA USSmCpVallnstl	39.70	+0.05	+13.9
Dodge & Cox Bal	110.91	-0.02	+15.8
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.70	-0.04	+3.8
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	49.28	+4.11	+27.9
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FPA Crescent d	35.96	+1.10	+13.5
Fidelity 500dInx	98.30	+0.85	+26.6
Fidelity 500dInxPfm	98.30	+0.85	+26.6
Fidelity 500IndxPfm	98.30	+0.85	+26.6
Fidelity BrGrowth	93.94	+0.99	+40.5
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Fidelity Contrafund	131.15	+1.82	+37.2
Fidelity ContrafundK	131.08	+1.82	+37.4
Fidelity EmMkts	22.81	+0.32	+43.8
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Fidelity Frdm~E2030	18.78	+1.11	+22.7
Fidelity GroCo	191.27	+1.96	+42.0
Fidelity GroCok	191.24	+1.95	+42.1
Fidelity IntlGr	17.01	+0.27	+34.1
Fidelity IntlVal	11.33	+0.04	+25.6
Fidelity InvMGradeBd	11.13	-0.05	+3.2
Fidelity LowPrStk	57.32	+5.57	+26.7
Fidelity Magellan	111.47	+1.25	+32.6
Fidelity OTCPortfolio	117.22	+1.02	+42.2
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Metropolitan West TlRetBdM	110.56	-0.05	+1.9
Metropolitan West TlRetBdPln	9.94	-0.04	+2.3
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Oakmark Lg	89.58	+6.77	+27.4
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LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION
The Architectural Commission of the Village of Northfield will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Northfield Village Hall, First Floor Board Room, located at 361 Happ Road.

1) 1725 WINNETKA ROAD - Consideration of a request for approval of site plan, exterior facade, lighting, fencing, landscape, hardscape and signage for the proposed 28 rental townhomes on the 2.16 acre site located at 1725 Winnetka Road which requires the following variation: 1) A variance from Section 18-9 and 18-10 for fences taller than allowed.

Petitioner : Edward R. James Partners
Property Index Number : 05-19-324-065
Project Number : 2017-0194

VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION

The Plan and Zoning Commission of the Village of Northfield will hold a Public Hearing on the following matters on Monday, February 5, 2018, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Northfield Village Hall, Board Room, 361 Happ Road.

1. 7 HAPP ROAD - Consideration and discussion of a request for a Special Use in order to allow for various athletic facility improvements including: the renovation of the existing north tennis courts, six new tennis courts, replacement of the lighting in the west parking lot, renovation of the existing track, new concession and restroom building, expansion of the existing home bleachers, replacement of stadium lighting, new visitor side press box and renovation of the exterior existing ticket booth and press box for New Trier High School located at 7 Happ Road. The following variation is required: 1) A variance from Section 10-22C for a transitional yard less than is required.

Petitioner: New Trier High School
Property Index Number: 05-30-101-018, 05-30-101-020, 05-30-101-021 and 05-30-101-031
Project Number: 2017-0438

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF HILL-BURTON UNCOMPENSATED SERVICES

The Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center of Chicago, IL, will make available from January 01, 2017 to December 31, 2018, at least \$ 2,013,073.00 uncompensated services to all eligible persons unable to pay who request those services. All services of the facility will be available as uncompensated services. Eligibility for uncompensated services will be limited person whose family income is not more than 200% of the current poverty income guidelines. This notice is published in accordance with 42 CFR 124.504 Notice of Availability of Uncompensated Services. We invite interested parties to comment on this allocation plan.

LEGAL NOTICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design (MIAD) seeks proposals for the development of four national certification assessments in communication design, product design, interaction design, and interior architecture + design plus, five digital badges in apprenticeship job related coursework. This proposal is related to the S3M American Apprenticeship Initiative Grant awarded to MIAD from the U.S. Department of Labor to create 300 American Apprenticeships. To request a copy of the RFP, please email: rfp@miad.edu

Responses to the RFP must be delivered electronically to MIAD via email to: RFP@miad.edu with "RFP Submission for Digital Badges" in the subject line by no later than 4:00pm CST on Monday, February 28, 2018. Responses submitted after 4:00 pm CST will not be accepted.

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JOBS SECTION

INTERVIEW TIPS

6 top phone interview questions – and how to answer them

You've put your resume in for a job opening, and now you've got your first bite — a phone interview. The phone interview doesn't happen in every application/interview process, but you might encounter it for two reasons:

You're currently far away from the hiring company. The company wants to do a preliminary interview to see if they want to bring you in for a more traditional sit-down interview.

Either way, the phone interview is likely a precursor to some kind of physical meeting, before significant time and resources are invested. The main goal of a phone interview is usually to see if you meet certain requirements and would likely be a good fit for the job — or at least for the next round. If a company has a lot of great-on-paper applicants for a single position, phone interviews are a way to narrow the candidate pool to the most appropriate people.

How is a phone interview different? There's the obvious format difference, for starters. Instead of physically sitting face-to-face with someone, shaking hands, and being able to read body language cues, you're sitting by yourself and have no in-person contact or visibility with the person interviewing you. That can be a benefit (it's the one interview you can attend in your pajamas! Unless it's a Skype interview), but also a drawback. You're in a bit of a void, counting on your conversational skills above all else to get you through to the next round.

Also, while an in-person interview is usually with the hiring manager for your position, that may not be true for a phone interview. You may be talking to a Human Resources representative or even a recruiter. It's important to know up front the person with whom you'll be speaking, so you can adapt your answers accordingly. If it's a recruiter or HR person, you can be a little more general. If it's the hiring manager, you should be more detailed about your

qualifications in the specific field, with nitty gritty details.

How to prepare for your phone interview
Although you don't need to prep your interview outfit or work on your handshake, you can still work on your speaking and listening skills.

Make sure your voice is calm, confident, and conversational. If it helps you to call someone else first (like a friend or a family member) right before the interview to get into conversational mode, do it. Anything that puts you at ease and gets you ready to talk about yourself confidently is good. If it helps to dress up in your normal interview clothes to get into that mode, go for it.

Be sure that when you're speaking, your voice is also warm and conversational. Part of the purpose of the phone interview is (let's be blunt here) to verify that you're, well, interviewable. You want to come across as friendly and competent; if your voice is stressed or your tone is cold, the interviewer may think there are some red flags lurking beneath your words.

As for your listening skills, you won't have the advantage of doing the head nod + thoughtful "I'm listening" face, so it's important to make sure the interviewer knows you're listening. Make sure you're allowing the person to finish speaking before you answer, and don't feel like you need to fill in brief silences with nervous chatter.

Before your phone interview, do your homework on the company, the job, and the interviewer him- or herself, if possible. Put those Google stalking skills to good use so that you understand who's on the other end of the phone. The beauty of the phone interview is that you can have notes right in front of you, without the interviewer knowing you've got a crib sheet of details.

Make sure you're settled in a quiet spot where you can conduct your phone interview in peace, with no interruptions.

— Kate Lopaze, *The Job Network*

WORK CULTURE

8 signs your coworker is toxic

There's nothing quite as uniquely stressful as a toxic coworker — and if you've been a victim of one you know precisely how difficult a situation he or she can be. They can be toxic for a wide variety of reasons, from a negative energy that they give off to a detrimental effect they have on your team, department, or entire workplace. The effects can be wide ranging — from making your work environment uncomfortable to seriously impacting productivity and workplace satisfaction.

Inc. recently published an article that covers 8 signs you should look for to determine if your coworker is toxic. Use this information to help you navigate this tricky situation:

1. They're "secret" know-it-alls. Do you have a coworker who's perfectly pleasant and agreeable — even a team player—when the boss is paying attention but quickly reverts to an annoying know-it-all who can't seem to allow room for any other opinion but they're own? This sort of toxic coworker can be impossible to work collaboratively with and can make it really hard to function comfortably at work.

2. They act as if they've already paid their dues. Most of us have experience with this sort of toxic coworker — they think that the sheer fact that they've been at the workplace longer gives them some level of superiority or special pass to behave in any way they wish (and often its in a terrible way). Often, they get by doing as little as possible and expect newer employees who are currently "paying their dues" to shoulder a greater amount of the work. It's never fun to be around this sort of coworker, and it's certainly not a recipe for workplace efficiency.

3. They like to say, "Yeah, but that's not my job." This type of coworker can be a real nightmare to be around. They have a very narrow and rigid view of what their jobs entail and leave little or no room for flexibility or taking one for the team. They treat everything that they don't want to do like a "hot potato" that they quickly pass along to others. Being around this sort of person never feels good — they never truly gel with the rest of the team.

4. They think experience is a tangible commodity. Some people wrap themselves in the vague notion of their perceived "experience," without it pointing to any clearly defined skill set or measurable contribution to the team. These people often fail or refuse to learn new skills, grow, and adapt. The truth is, experience is great—but in a fast-paced, constantly evolving workplace, experience is not the sole commodity that some toxic coworkers make it out to be, and it can create clear weak links in the employee chain.

5. They love gossip. Who hasn't had a coworker who seems to spend more time gossiping than getting actual work done? They can talk endlessly about a wide range of useless subjects to any coworker who'll listen — as long as they don't involve actual work-related topics. Not only is their work output minimal as a result, they're often a drain on others around them as well — a real lose-lose situation.

6. They use peer pressure to hold other people back. To these sorts of toxic coworkers, the workplace is like a reality TV show in which they create alliances and enemies and manipulate others around them to achieve their selfish goals. Often peer pressure is their tool of choice, and they use their perceived influence with their coworkers to manipulate and hold other people back while propping themselves up.

7. They're quick to grab the glory. Rather than view successes as the result of teamwork and collaborative effort, these coworkers like to hog the spotlight and pretend that every success is the sole result of their own influence and contributions. These toxic people somehow manage to tarnish every workplace win with their selfish behavior.

8. They're even quicker to throw others under the bus. Consider this the flip side to the previous point — as quick as these people are to grab the glory after a big win, they'll just as quickly point the finger at others and assign blame when things go sour. These toxic coworkers keep everyone on edge and on their toes at work — and not in a good way.

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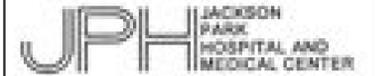
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Don't check out from your day-to-day work. If you're clearly not putting time and effort into your daily work, it'll be a first sign that something is off. It's not only bad practice in general to let your performance suffer, but it's also a clear sign to your boss that you're trying to get out the door, one way or another.

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Yes, those unsaid two words that have sparked decade-long family rifts — "I sent her son a card for his graduation and didn't get any sort of thank-you. No card, no call, no nothing. She's dead to me" — and angry looks from that guy who held the door open for you at Jewel. A simple phrase, really, whose absence speaks louder than ... well, you know the rest.

You know who else might take offense when you don't say 'thanks?' The person who's thinking about hiring you. "I always send thank-you notes, always," says Donna Riley, a 27-year-old graphic designer from Santa Monica, California. "I figure it's my last chance to have direct contact with my future boss. I want them to know I appreciated their time."

Job-seekers, take heed: Riley isn't the norm. TopResume asked more than 350 recruiters and hiring managers if receiving a thank-you letter impacted their hiring decision and nearly 70 percent said yes. On the flipside, 16 percent admitted to completely dismissing a candidate who didn't send out a note of appreciation. "The job interview doesn't end when you walk out the door," says Amanda Augustine, career expert for the New York-based resume-writing service. "A well-crafted email within 24 hours of a successful job interview could be the tipping point that catapults you to the top — or the bottom — of the finalist pool."

That's probably a frightening thought to the 31 percent of candidates who don't send thank-you correspondences after every interview, as well as to the 7 percent who never send them, according to the survey.

If you're a little hazy on the thank-you letter, remember this, if nothing else: Send one. **And if you're still unclear about thank-you note protocol in general, we asked Augustine to clarify some of the basics:**

Who gets a thank-you note if the candidate interviewed with more than one person?

"Send a thank-you note within 24 hours of your interview to each person with whom you meet. Since some companies have their employees forward a copy of the thank-you messages they receive to HR and attach them to a candidate's file, be sure to personalize each message you send," Augustine says.

What can be done to personalize the note to make sure the interviewer remembers the candidate?

"Use details you learned about the interviewer during the initial small talk to personalize your note," Augustine says. "For instance, did your interviewer mention he'll be traveling

for the upcoming holiday or did you realize that you both attended the same college or are both die-hard baseball fans? Mention those details in your thank you. This not only demonstrates your attention to detail, but it also makes your note memorable."

Should you restate your interest in the job?

"In your note, absolutely reiterate your interest in the position. Sometimes, candidates are so nervous about being interviewed, they focus all their energy on responding to the interviewer's questions and forget to express their genuine interest in the job," Augustine says. "The thank-you note is a great place to reinforce their interest in the opportunity."

What about listing the reasons you should be hired?

"While it isn't necessary to list every reason, you should underscore a few key items that explain why you think you're a good fit for the specific position, as well as the company or team, overall," Augustine says. "If your interviewer seemed to be particularly interested in one of your skills or work experiences, be sure to incorporate that information into your note. Your goal is to relate how your experience is tied to the company's needs and how your skills will help them resolve a pain point or fill a need. Don't needlessly reiterate your entire resume. Your interviewer will not take the time to read a novel, so keep your thank-you note short yet memorable."

What else should a thank-you note include?

"If you have an achievement, experience or qualification you think is highly relevant to the job's requirements, but you didn't get a chance to mention during the interview, mention it in your thank-you note," Augustine says. "Also, if the interviewer expressed a concern about hiring you, address it in your thank-you note. Communicate that you have what it takes to do the job exceptionally well. Think of your thank-you note as a follow-up tool to advance your candidacy, rather than a simple expression of courtesy."

Does an email thank-you suffice, or should candidates send an actual note through the mail? Should people do both?

"In today's fast-paced society, an email thank-you is not only acceptable, but expected by a majority of employers. However, always consider the company culture before you send your note. If you interviewed with an especially conservative organization, you may earn some brownie points by sending a traditional thank-you via snail mail. When in doubt, cover your bases," Augustine says. "Send an email within 24 hours after your interview and then follow-up by dropping a handwritten note in the mailbox the following day."

— Marco Buscaglia, Tribune Content Agency

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Vikings at Eagles

5:40 p.m. Sunday, FOX-32
■ Jeff Fisher on quarterbacks Case Keenum and Nick Foles: "Legitimate leaders." **Page 5**

OPENING SHOT
Steve

Rosenbloom
When Mark Helfrich took Matt Nagy's offer to become the Bears offensive coordinator, did he know it was BYOR — bring your own receivers? No. Seriously. Did he bring any? More, **Page 2**

CHICAGO TRIBUNE ILLUSTRATION USING GETTY, NFL PHOTOS



Nothing to 'Crow' about: End of dynasty looms



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

As the mystery surrounding Blackhawks goalie Corey Crawford commands Chicago's attention, an unsettling reality goes mostly unnoticed.

With or without Crawford returning this season, the end of the Hawks' dynasty looms.

A team with such lofty standards missing the playoffs would serve as the impetus for making changes potentially involving men responsible for winning three Stanley Cups. An organization that prides itself in chasing

"One Goal" would stand to lose too much credibility by embracing the status quo after such failure, regardless of the vote of confidence President John McDonough gave general manager Stan Bowman and coach Joel Quenneville on WBBM-AM 780 last week.

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ISLANDERS 7, BLACKHAWKS 3 | In desperation mode, last-place Hawks lay an egg in first game after five-day break. **Page 4**



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BULLS 113, HAWKS 97

Coming up peaches in Georgia

Denzel Valentine, left, and the visiting Bulls make quick work of the woeful Hawks, improving to 15-8 since their 3-20 start. **Page 3**

■ **Plus:** The Tribune's K.C. Johnson didn't have an All-Star vote this year, so he reveals the 10 starters he would have voted in. **Page 3**

BASEBALL

No easy answers in annual Hall call

The steroid-era conundrum continues, but our two voters agree: Four on this year's ballot are Hall of Fame-worthy. **Back Page**

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TOP OF THE SECOND



STEVE ROSENBLIOM

It's time to pick up the pace

Back to the Snark Ages:

The MLB Players Association formally rejected proposals for a 20-second pitch clock and a limit on mound visits. That was expected.

Commissioner Rob Manfred could institute the rules unilaterally. That, too, is expected.

But here's the thing: If there's a possibility of a pitch clock, then hold it, because reported Cubs targets Yu Darvish, Alex Cobb and Chris Archer were some of the worst offenders last season. Halfway through 2017, Bleacher Report had those three averaging at least 26 seconds between pitches. A staff looking to throw more strikes doesn't need a regular threat of automatic balls.

Former ABC-7 news legend Ron Magers emailed about Joe Maddon's previously stark white hair that has been dyed dark: "Maddon's hair reminds me of one of the great lines of years ago. Jane Byrne's husband, newspaper reporter Jay McMullen, did a Maddon with his hair and someone ... I think it was the late Harry Golden of the Sun-Times ... wrote that McMullen's hair has apparently turned 'prematurely auburn.'"

Walk-up music: "Out in the great wide open
A rebel without a clue."

Four Saints players were named to the Pro Football Writers of America's all-rookie team. Hey, wait, wasn't Ryan Pace supposed to bring that kind of Saints savvy to the Bears?

For those of you scoring at home, that's free agent Case Keenum signing a one-year deal for \$2 million with a smart franchise and ending up in the NFC championship game. For those of you scoring at home, that's free agent Mike Glennon signing a three-year deal with \$18 million guaranteed by a dumb organization and ending in September.

Again, what is it that Pace does well? I'll hang up and listen for the next Markus Wheaton.

Email from Tal Hauch: "OK, the plan is in place ... but what if Mitch just ain't that good?"

Then, oops. Then a garden-variety McCaskey goes about finding a new regime, and hasn't that been a hoot to watch this millennium?



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Yu Darvish is one of the biggest offenders of taking his time between pitches.

Summer of love? How about the winter of snark. chicagotribune.com/rosenblog

In the wake of Tom Brady's hand injury that limited his practice time this week, Patriots safety Devin McCourty was asked how the quarterback looked: "Tom looks excellent every day. One of the best-looking people I've ever met."

Walk-up music: "Don't bogart that joint, my friend.
Pass it over to me."

Cameron Payne got one vote to start the All-Star Game. No lie. True fact. See what happens when you stop testing for pot?

Walk-up music: "Me so stupid,
me so stupid,
me so stupid.
What is my IQ?"

In response to charges of corruption, bribery and fraud in men's basketball, NCAA President Mark Emmert called for major changes in the organization, and I'm thinking, arson.

Stevie Sunshine's Weekly Power Rankings:

- 1. Luscious
- 2. Charred Brussels sprouts with bacon
- 3. Cigars
- 4. Red blends
- 5. Colin Kaepernick making good on his \$1 million pledge to charities
- 6. Lauri Markkanen from 3
- 7. Zach LaVine from anywhere
- 8. Letterman's new show
- 9. Girl and the Goat's skirt steak
- 10. Leaving for Mexico

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THE LINEUP

American hero bids adieu



The Wonder Woman suit. The red cape with a big "J" printed on it. The plastic tiara.

Julia Mancuso's outlandish costume for her retirement ski race was a reminder of what

made her so great: She was a free-spirited Californian who consistently beat the favorites when the stakes were the highest — just like a superhero.

Mancuso, the most successful American female skier at major competitions with nine medals in the Olympics and world championships, bid the sport an emotional goodbye Friday in a World Cup downhill in Cortina D'Ampezzo, Italy.

"Skiing is fun first and foremost and I hope that my career can inspire others to just have fun, especially as an underdog," Mancuso, 33, said after wiping away tears.

Slowed by persistent hip problems, Mancuso did not qualify for next month's Pyeongchang Olympics but will go to South Korea as part of NBC's broadcast team. AP

Adu bidding for comeback



Fifteen years ago, **Freddy Adu** was featured on the cover of Sports Illustrated, lauded as a sports prodigy and the future of professional soccer in the United States.

A year later, D.C. United selected him with the first pick in the 2004 MLS draft at age 14, making him the youngest-ever American professional athlete.

Now 28, Adu, who has been out of pro soccer for more than a year, announced plans Friday for a comeback, tweeting:

"Have made a decision to start fresh after a year away from soccer. This decision is solely based on the fact that I want to play as much as possible this year then move forward from there. Have discovered my love for the sport again. News soon!" Washington Post

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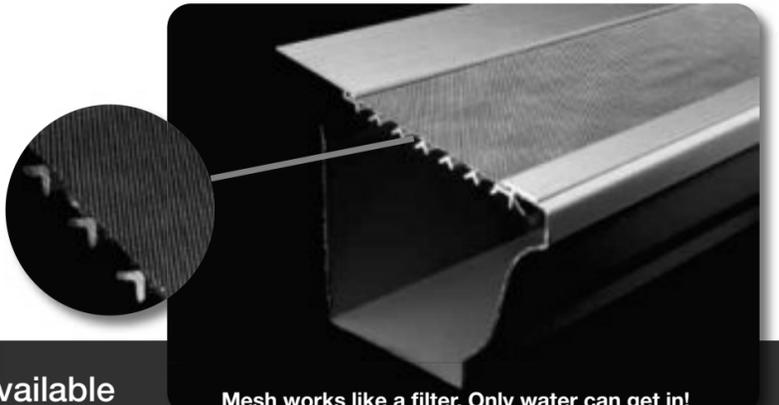
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NBA

Johnson's Eastern Conference 5

✓ **Kyrie Irving, Celtics**
The point guard's numbers rank similarly — some are even down a hair — to his final season with the Cavaliers. But out from under the considerable shadow of LeBron James, Irving's play seemingly has meant more, particularly with the Celtics losing Gordon Hayward. He has adjusted beautifully to Brad Stevens' offense.

✓ **DeMar DeRozan, Raptors**
Long a master of the midrange game, DeRozan has stretched his range to 3-point territory — he's shooting a career-high 34.8 percent (through Friday) from behind the arc. He entered this season shooting 28.1 percent on 3s. And at five per game, DeRozan also is averaging a full assist more than his previous career best.

✓ **LeBron James, Cavaliers**
Warriors coach Steve Kerr raised an intriguing question recently: "How many players are better in Year 15 than Year 10?" Kerr asked before the teams' Christmas meeting. James continues to be a marvel, averaging a career high in assists and shooting a ridiculous 55.3 percent.

✓ **Giannis Antetokounmpo, Bucks**
Seemingly unguardable in transition with his stride and wingspan, the "Greek Freak" is averaging career bests in points and rebounds at 28.2 and 10.1, respectively, while still dishing out 4.6 assists. Take him off the Bucks and forget about a playoff push.

✗ **Al Horford, Celtics**
(actual starter: Joel Embiid, 76ers)
He doesn't possess the flashy statistics of Kristaps Porzingis or Embiid, two tough trims here. But Horford's passing and ability to space the floor with 3-point shooting is essential to the Celtics' attack. And his solid positional defense and strong rebounding help anchor the defense.

ALL-STAR STARTERS

One man's 10

Why our NBA reporter likes these talents to tip off the All-Star Game — and how his list compares to the voting



K.C. JOHNSON
On the NBA

The NBA revealed its All-Star starters Thursday night. For the second straight season, fans accounted for 50 percent of the vote while players and media each count for 25 percent.

The first season of this experiment featured players not really holding up their end of the bargain. To wit: The Bulls' Jerian Grant received votes.

Fans, too, often base votes on popularity, not play. How else to explain Lonzo Ball getting more votes than Jimmy Butler or Dwyane Wade drawing more than Kyle Lowry?

A popularity contest is certainly the fans' right. It's a game played largely for them. But based on performance, here are the 10 starters the Tribune would've voted in had it had a ballot. The league office rotates balloting, and after having one last season the Tribune didn't get an invite this season.

The league asks for two backcourt and three frontcourt players from each conference.

KEY ✓ Voted in as a starter ✗ Not an actual starter

NBA ALL-STAR GAME
Feb. 18 at Staples Center in Los Angeles

Johnson's Western Conference 5

✓ **James Harden, Rockets**
About the only thing that can slow him is a hamstring injury. So crucial to the Rockets' high-octane offense, Harden's passing ability and decision-making continue to improve, even as responsibility is added to his plate.

✓ **Stephen Curry, Warriors**
This is probably the toughest call of the 10 given the seasons Butler and Russell Westbrook are having. And while Curry has missed games to injury, his shooting percentages are flirting with the 50-40-90 marks (49.5 overall, 41.8 on 3s and 91.8 on free throws) that are the gold standard of dominance.

✓ **Kevin Durant, Warriors**
Is this the season he finally gets All-Defensive Team recognition? His impact at that end sometimes gets overlooked because of Draymond Green's versatility, but Durant continues to be so efficient offensively while locking down opponents. With Kawhi Leonard sidelined by injury, Durant and Butler have become the conference's two-way tour de forces.

✓ **Anthony Davis, Pelicans**
His top-five player-efficiency rating and ability to take over games at both ends give him the nod despite the Pelicans' middling record. He is arguably the league's most versatile big man.

✗ **LaMarcus Aldridge, Spurs**
(actual starter: DeMarcus Cousins, Pelicans)
Just as in the East, the last big man is a tough choice. And the Warriors' Green certainly is deserving. But with Leonard out for most of the season, Aldridge has had to star at both ends. The Spurs' winning gives him the nod over Cousins and Karl-Anthony Towns, both of whom have struggled defensively.

BULLS 113, HAWKS 97

Spunk, dunks power win

Bulls' active defense, passing lead to action at rim, easy outing

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN
Chicago Tribune

ATLANTA — Nikola Mirotic noticed a group of reporters closing in for postgame questions, and he motioned to his right. In the next stall sat Lauri Markkanen, who spent Saturday's game attacking the rim — and the notion that he's a one-dimensional player.

To prove his point, Markkanen made zero 3-pointers in four tries. He actually didn't make a jump shot of any length in the Bulls' 113-97 trouncing of the Hawks. He went 8-for-16, though, with six slams and two cutting layups.

"I know I have to get to the rim," he said. "And eventually that will open a lot more space for 3-pointers. Try to mix it up."

"I mean, dunking is fun." Perhaps only Kris Dunn, suffering from post-concussion symptoms after a horrific fall on his face following a dunk, would disagree.

Markkanen, the fastest to 100 3-pointers in NBA history, slammed one down less than three minutes into the game after showing away Ersan Ilyasova in the post. The 7-foot "Finisher" exploited a mismatch with the 6-1 Dennis Schroder for No. 2.

"We went to him right out of the gate and got a couple of dunks," Bulls coach Fred Hoiberg said.

"I thought our guys had great awareness with high-low (passing) action. I liked his attack to the basket; he had a great Euro step."

The view from the other side? "We really wanted to take the 3-point line away from Markkanen," Hawks coach Mike Budenholzer said.

"I guess we won the battle and lost the war."

That's true ... except for the part about this being a war. It was barely a water-balloon fight.

The Bulls went up 14-3 and never trailed.

The Hawks kept firing from downtown. Brick by brick, they went 4-for-32 on 3-pointers through three quarters.

Good defense by a team that improved to 15-8 since their 3-20 start?

Or pathetic shooting by a group that fell to 13-32 this season?

The first question posed to Hoiberg after the game was: "(Was that) a lesson to you guys in how to properly tank?"

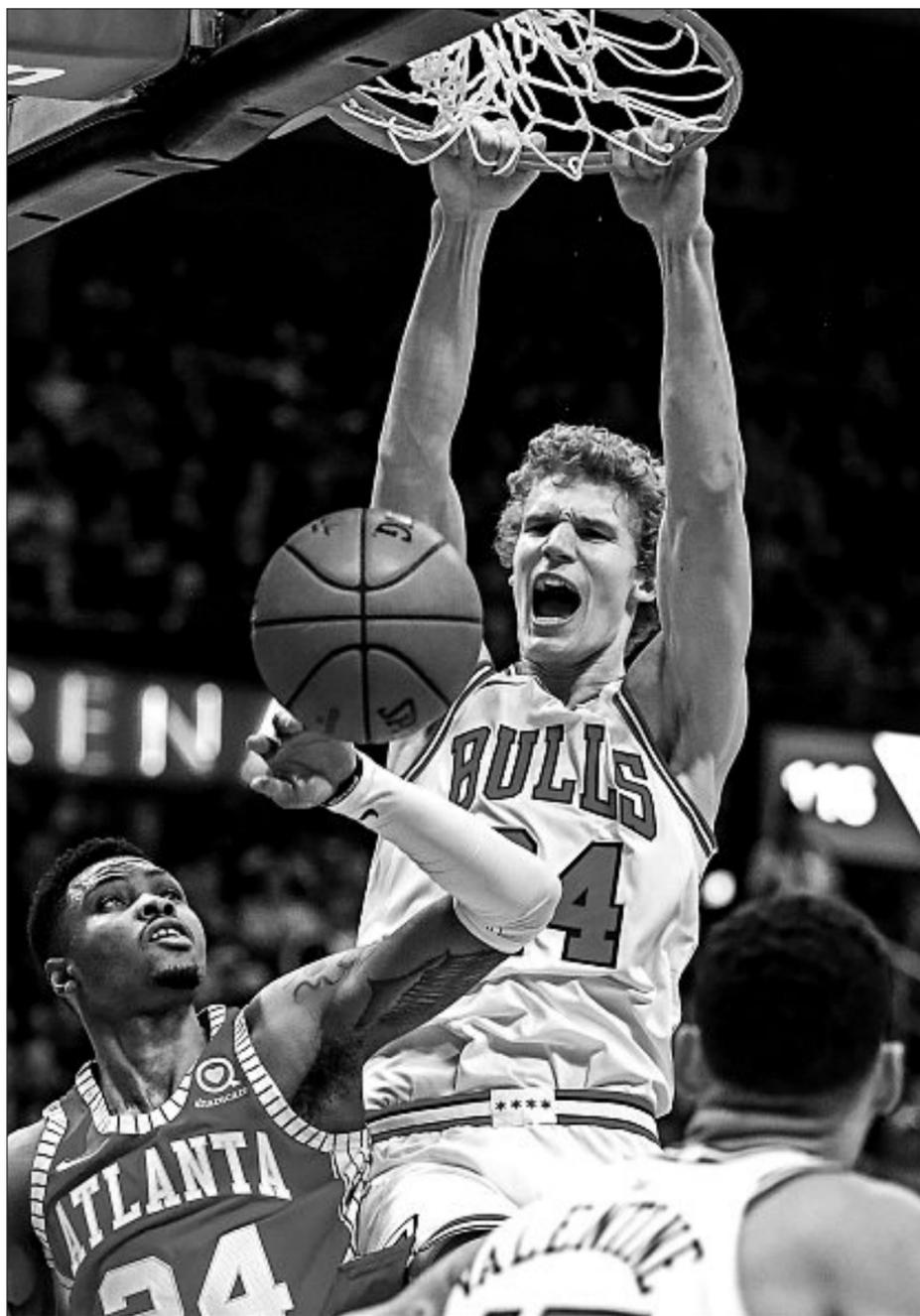
Hoiberg ever-so-briefly cracked up but then went straight: "I thought we really played a complete game tonight. I thought we had the right mentality. We shared the ball, built a double-digit lead right out of the gate."

The Bulls had 31 assists, none prettier than when Denzel Valentine hit Justin Holiday on a fast break and Holiday fed Markkanen for — you guessed it — a dunk.

"That shows that everything starts from defense," Markkanen said. "We had a three-on-something."

Robin Lopez scored an efficient 20 points, making 9 of 13 shots in 25 minutes.

At halftime, neither Mirotic nor



ERIK S. LESSER/EPA (TOP); JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

Lauri Markkanen made six dunks during the Bulls' win Saturday in Atlanta. The rookie forward said after that "everything starts from defense."

Zach LaVine had a point. They combined for a modest 18, with LaVine, regaining his wind from ACL rehab, scoring eight and tiring during a stint of 18 minutes.

In the third quarter, LaVine went up for a slam and couldn't throw it down.

He looked awkward as he got

fouled by Taurean Prince. Hoiberg said LaVine approached the bench after that and said: "Guys, I'm gassed."

Hey, dunking is fun.

But it's not always easy.

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BULLS NOTES

Hoiberg talks trades ... sort of

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN
Chicago Tribune

ATLANTA — Does Bulls coach Fred Hoiberg get a say on in-season trades?

He won't say. "There is communication" and "we do talk," Hoiberg said, but he would not elaborate on whether he is closer to getting a vote or simply receiving a heads-up.

The trade deadline is Feb. 8, and the Bulls are talking to teams about Nikola Mirotic, Robin Lopez, Jerian Grant and, perhaps, Justin Holiday.

Executive vice president John Paxson chit-chatted with reporters before huddling with Hoiberg on Saturday in Atlanta. Hoiberg worked in the Timberwolves front office from 2006-10, so he can relate to the tasks of Paxson and general manager Gar Forman.

"You understand that's the job — to go out and make phone calls and see if there's something that can improve the roster for the future," Hoiberg said.

Mirotic's shot was off Saturday, going 1-for-5 on 3-pointers and 3-for-8 while scoring 10 points. The highlight of his line was seven rebounds in 20 minutes.

Lopez (9-for-13 from the field) was solid, as usual. Grant started in place of Kris Dunn and turned in a solid performance — eight points on 3-for-6 shooting, six assists, five rebounds and one turnover.

Dunn for the time being:

Dunn passed his initial baseline tests but didn't feel right the morning after he slammed facefirst on the United Center floor after a dunk. He's not in Atlanta and has been ruled out for Monday's game in New Orleans.

"Concussion symptoms can take 24 hours," Hoiberg said. "He woke up and had a headache and some dizziness, and that's when they put him in the concussion protocol. There has been very little change since (Thursday morning)."

Stepping up: Ryan Arcidiacono

made the transition from the G League look pretty smooth. He backed up Grant and got 22 minutes. In his previous NBA game, the Bulls' opening-night loss to the Raptors, he logged five minutes. He scored his first career points on free throws and drained both 3-pointers he attempted.

THE BOX SCORE

BULLS	MN	FG-A	FTA	REB	A	PF	PTS
Holiday	32:50	3-8	4-4	0-4	4	2	13
Markkanen	30:10	8-16	3-4	0-4	1	0	19
Lopez	25:08	9-13	2-2	1-5	2	3	20
Grant	25:34	3-6	0-0	1-6	6	1	8
LaVine	18:21	2-9	3-4	0-9	1	2	8
Nwaba	22:36	2-2	0-0	1-6	2	4	4
Arcidiacono	22:26	2-2	2-2	0-0	4	3	8
Valentine	22:13	3-7	0-0	0-3	5	6	9
Mirotic	20:17	3-8	3-3	0-7	2	1	10
Portis	18:16	5-9	2-2	1-3	4	3	14
Pondexter	2:09	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	40-80	19-21	4-48	31	23	113	

Pts: FG .500, FT .905. 3-pointers: 14-32. 438 (Holiday 3-4, Valentine 3-6, Arcidiacono 2-2, Portis 2-3, Grant 2-4, LaVine 1-4, Mirotic 1-5, Markkanen 0-4). Team rebs: 2. Team turnovers: 16 (19 PTS). Blocks: 1 (Mirotic). Turnovers: 16 (Nwaba 4, Portis 3, LaVine 2, Mirotic 2, Valentine 2, Grant, Holiday, Lopez). Steals: 8 (Holiday 2, Portis 2, Arcidiacono, Grant, Mirotic, Valentine). Technical fouls: None.

HAWKS	MN	FG-A	FTA	REB	A	PF	PTS
Ilyasova	23:17	4-12	1-1	1-3	1	2	9
Prince	19:11	3-6	0-0	0-1	1	5	7
Plumlee	14:35	1-2	0-0	1-2	4	1	2
Bazemore	26:25	2-9	4-7	0-4	1	2	9
Schroder	31:21	7-17	2-2	0-3	5	1	18
Belinelli	25:34	3-10	0-0	1-3	2	0	6
Collins	23:40	1-5	2-4	3-9	4	3	4
Dedmon	22:59	5-10	0-0	2-11	2	5	11
Delaney	16:04	2-5	1-2	0-3	4	2	5
Dorsey	15:41	2-7	0-1	0-3	2	0	5
Muscala	11:29	1-5	4-4	1-2	2	0	7
Babbitt	4:52	2-2	0-0	0-1	0	0	6
Magette	4:52	2-2	2-2	0-1	8	0	8
TOTALS	35-92	16-23	9-45	27	21	97	

Pts: FG .380, FT .696. 3-pointers: 11-48, 229 (Babbitt 2-2, Magette 2-2, Schroder 2-5, Dedmon 1-4, Muscala 1-4, Prince 1-4, Bazemore 1-5, Dorsey 1-5, Collins 0-2, Delaney 0-2, Belinelli 0-5, Ilyasova 0-7). Team rebs: 11. Team turnovers: 13 (12 PTS). Blocks: 4 (Plumlee 2, Collins, Dedmon). Turnovers: 13 (Bazemore 4, Prince 3, Plumlee 2, Belinelli, Delaney, Dorsey, Schroder). Steals: 5 (Schroder 2, Collins, Plumlee, Prince). Technical fouls: None.

BULLS	29	26	22	36-113
Atlanta	21	17	25	34-97

Officials: Nick Buchert, Zach Zarba, Mitchell Ervin. A: 15,597. T: 2:02.

ISLANDERS 7, BLACKHAWKS 3

Hope turning dark

Brief power outage emblematic: Hawks' playoff hope fading

BY PAUL SKRBINA
Chicago Tribune

The lights went out at the United Center on Saturday night.

It was just as well, because the Blackhawks weren't really home.

They trailed the Islanders by two goals when a brief power outage halted play less than a minute into the second period of an eventual 7-3 loss.

A minute after the lights came back on, the Islanders scored again to put the Hawks down by three in their first game in six days.

"We put ourselves in a terrible spot going into the break," Hawks coach Joel Quenneville said before the game. "Coming out of it we know we have to have a great run."

That run will have to wait until Monday against the Lightning to begin.

The Hawks began their game Saturday 11 points behind the first-place Jets and five points out of the second wild-card spot, with four teams in front of them. The Islanders were three points out of the wild card in the East. Both teams had 50 points.

The "tough chore," as Quenneville put it, isn't lost on a franchise that has qualified for the postseason nine straight seasons. Central Division teams went 11-0-1 during the Hawks' five-day break, and 5-1 on Saturday.

"It will be a good challenge," Quenneville said. "That's what we're looking for, starting today."

The Avalanche won their ninth consecutive game Saturday, the second-longest winning streak in franchise history, securing for at least another day their hold on that coveted second wild-card spot.

"Time's ticking," Hawks defenseman Duncan Keith said. "We know the urgency has to be there. ... We can talk all we want, but it has to come down to us doing it in the game."

The Hawks looked like they might do just that early against the Islanders.

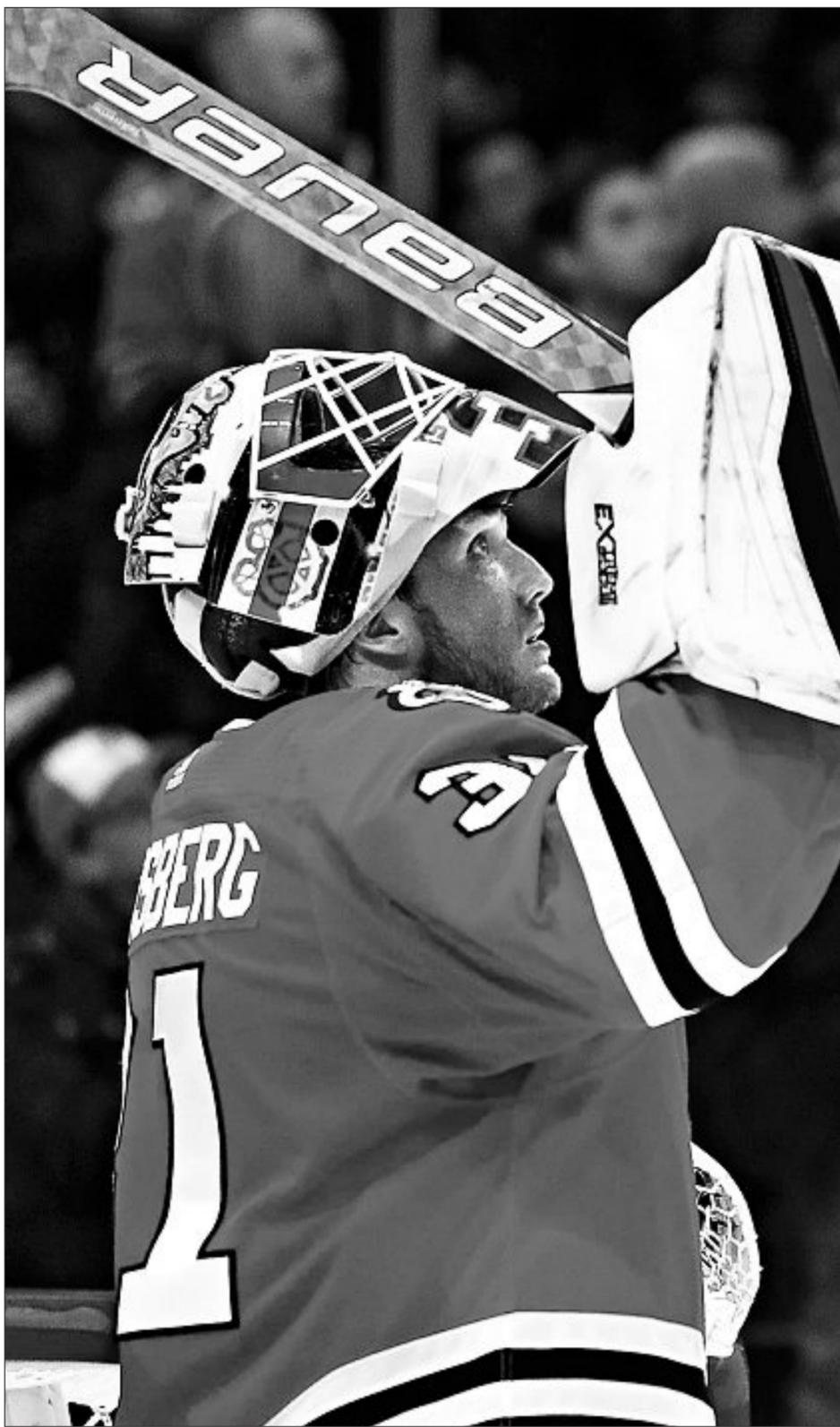
Patrick Kane scored 1 minute, 1 second in on a feed from Erik Gustafsson, who was playing his first game this season.

That promise began to erode quickly 3:34 later, when Anthony Beauvillier tied the score on a power-play goal, ending at 19 the Hawks' streak of penalty kills.

Jordan Eberle added another goal for the Islanders six minutes later. Ryan Pulock waited till just 55.4 seconds remained in the first to make it 3-1. Pulock finished with the goal and a career-high four assists.

Boos began to pour from the stands after Beauvillier's second goal of the game, 1:25 into the second.

Kane returned the favor — and recorded his 799th career point — when he assisted Gustafsson on his first NHL goal late in the second period to cut the deficit to 4-2. Kane later recorded his 800th point on a goal in the third to



Anton Forsberg looks up during a second-period break. He gave up five goals and was yanked in the third.

PAUL SKRBINA'S THREE STARS

- 1. Ryan Pulock, Islanders:** Five points included a goal.
- 2. Anthony Beauvillier, Islanders:** Got Isles' first and fourth goals.
- 3. Patrick Kane, Hawks:** Two goals, assist gave him 800 career points.

Up next: Vs. Lightning, 7:30 p.m. Monday, WGN-9.

become the fifth player in franchise history to reach that number.

But it was too little, too late.

Anton Forsberg was pulled early in the third after giving up his fifth goal on 35 shots, this one from the stick of Brock Nelson. Jeff Glass didn't fare much better, allowing goals by Anders Lee and John Tavares as the Islanders won

at the United Center for the first time since a 4-2 victory on March 15, 2009.

"We have to make a significant push here," Quenneville said. "The importance has gone to a new level for us. We've never been in this spot."

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THE SUMMARY

N.Y. Islanders	3	1	3-7
BLACKHAWKS	1	1	1-3

FIRST PERIOD: 1. HAWKS, Kane 19 (Schultz, Gustafsson), 1:01. 2. N.Y. Islanders, Beauvillier 9 (Nelson, Pulock), 4:35 (pp). 3. N.Y. Islanders, Eberle 16 (Barzal, Pulock), 10:31. 4. N.Y. Islanders, Pulock 4 (Quine, Nelson), 19:04. **Penalties:** Toews, HAWKS (interference), 2:51; Lee, NYI (slashing), 5:13; Saad, HAWKS (tripping), 14:03; Wingels, HAWKS (slashing), 19:46.

SECOND PERIOD: 5. N.Y. Islanders, Beauvillier 10 (Pulock, Bailey), 1:25 (pp). 6. HAWKS, Gustafsson 1 (Seabrook, Kane), 18:27. **Penalties:** Keith, HAWKS (slashing), 10:07.

THIRD PERIOD: 7. N.Y. Islanders, Nelson 10 (Johnston, Pulock), 1:52. 8. HAWKS, Kane 20. 4:58. 9. N.Y. Islanders, Lee 27 (Tavares, Leddy), 7:10. 10. N.Y. Islanders, Tavares 26 (Bailey), 10:30. **Penalties:** Hartman, HAWKS (fighting), 10:38; Johnston, NYI (misconduct (misconduct)), 10:38; Johnston, NYI (Major (fighting)), 10:38; Hartman, HAWKS (misconduct (misconduct)), 10:38.

SHOTS ON GOAL:

N.Y. Islanders	19	14	13-46
BLACKHAWKS	13	8	18-39

POWER PLAYS: N.Y. Islanders 2-of-4; BLACKHAWKS 0-of-1. **Goalies:** N.Y. Islanders, Halak 14-14-2 (39 shots-36 saves). BLACKHAWKS, Glass 3-2-1 (11-9), Forsberg 3-7-3 (35-30). **A:** 21,882.



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Erik Gustafsson skates in the first period of his first NHL game in almost two years.

HAWKS NOTES

Immediate impact by Gustafsson

BY PAUL SKRBINA
Chicago Tribune

The wait is over for Erik Gustafsson.

The weight, the Blackhawks defenseman hopes, has just begun.

Gustafsson played Saturday night against the Islanders, his first game on the ice in a Hawks sweater since he was recalled from Rockford on Jan. 9.

All of 1 minute, 1 second into Saturday's game, Gustafsson was responsible for the primary assist on Patrick Kane's goal. He just missed another assist a minute later when Patrick Sharp's shot went barely wide of the net. Gustafsson scored his first NHL goal late in the second period.

Attached to the opportunity, Gustafsson's first in the NHL since he played 41 games and registered 14 assists with the Hawks in 2015-16, are expectations and hopes that he can become a regular part of the rotation.

"I want to play every game and help the team make the playoffs," he said. "If it's 10 or 20 minutes today, we'll just see. I'll do my best and we'll see what happens."

What Gustafsson saw next to him in his first NHL game since April 9, 2016, was a familiar face in Brent Seabrook. The two played 296 minutes over 35 games together two seasons ago.

"He came with a good attitude and had a good stretch in the minors," coach Joel Quenneville said. "Gives us some offense on the back end, likes to join in, likes to jump into it. Defensively he's been fine as well."

One-timers: Center Artem Anisimov, who practiced Friday for the first time since he was placed on injured reserve Dec. 29 with an upper-body injury, could return Monday against the Lightning. ... Kane is the only Hawk selected to play in the All-Star Game, but he won't be the only Hawk going to the Jan. 28 game in Tampa, Fla. Head trainer Mike Gapski and assistant trainer Jeff Thomas were selected to be on the training staff.

Nothing to 'Crow' about: The end of Blackhawks dynasty looms

Haugh, from Page 1

Say hello to the urgency greeting the Hawks as they came back from their week off to meet the Islanders on Saturday, the first of 37 remaining games that all mean something. Every. Single. One. Do the math.

The Hawks returned with 50 points, the 12th-highest total in the Western Conference, on the outside looking in at the postseason. Last year, the Predators qualified for the last wild-card spot with 94 points. A team prone to inconsistency through 45 games would have to finish 22-15 to hit 94. Internally, the Hawks believe the playoff cutoff likely will be closer to 97 — have they done anything lately to reasonably expect a 24-13 finish?

The Crawford conundrum only complicates the equation. The awkward way the Hawks addressed the situation did nothing but raise more questions.

After reports surfaced that Crawford experienced vertigo-like symptoms, the team stayed mum except for senior adviser Scotty Bowman going rogue on a Canadian radio station. Bowman denied the existence of vertigo and told Toronto radio station CJCL-AM 590 that Crawford suffers from "post-concussion syndrome" — a declaration he softened in subsequent interviews with beat reporters. How clumsy

to allow the 84-year-old father of the general manager to be the singular voice on such an important matter until Quenneville said Friday that Crawford still was recuperating at home.

Crawford's prolonged absence fails the smell test. Vague responses to questions about the team's most valuable player only piqued curiosity. Maybe the Hawks simply weren't sure themselves, for whatever reason, whether they could count on Crawford for the stretch run of the season. But everyone would welcome some clarity.

Actions speak louder than words, so the Hawks declining to place Crawford on long-term injured reserve suggests they expect him back this season. A player on LTIR must miss 10 games and 24 days — and Saturday marked the 11th game without Crawford since he was last spotted leaving the crease Dec. 23 against the Devils.

Placing Crawford on LTIR would create as much as \$6 million in salary-cap space, but without him the Hawks might think twice about getting too aggressive before the Feb. 26 trade deadline.

Crawford covered up for defensive lapses that, without him, threaten to further expose the weakest part of the Hawks. With due respect to backups Anton Forsberg and Jeff Glass, a terrific human-interest story, the

A Hall of Fame coach would be harder to replace than a good executive, even one who has served the Hawks as well as Bowman has. Nothing lasts forever.

Hawks without Crawford resemble a rebuilding team more than a Cup contender.

Marian Hossa has proved to be irreplaceable, underscoring everything he meant for all those years. Of the remaining stars, only Patrick Kane has lived up to his reputation.

Jonathan Toews lacks offensive potency. Duncan Keith, who hasn't scored a goal in almost a year, finally has begun looking 34. Brent Seabrook, with one of the worst contracts in town, shows signs of decline. It's as sad as it is inevitable.

The roster confirms the metamorphosis: As Stan Bowman pointed out after trading Richard Panik for Anthony Duclair, the Hawks now have 13 players younger than 25 — as opposed to four a year ago. After the Predators embarrassed the Hawks in the playoffs in April, the change

Bowman promised implied a 2017-18 team capable of contending — not one fighting for a playoff berth.

If Bowman had sounded more like a GM putting the future ahead of the present — hardly a novel concept in Chicago sports these days — the context of this season might feel different. But instead of lauding how many young players the Hawks have developed, we are left criticizing a flawed team falling short of the expectations Bowman undoubtedly raised.

Bowman's offseason moves merit enough scrutiny to reconsider whether they improved the 109-point team the Hawks were last season.

The Brandon Saad-for-Artemi Panarin trade incorrectly assumed Saad would return to Chicago a more consistently dangerous player and help revive Toews offensively. The Niklas Hjalmarsson-for-Connor Murphy deal depended on Murphy playing better than he has. The nostalgic Patrick Sharp signing proved to be more about wistfulness than winning. The bloated two-year, \$5.6 million contract awarded Panik resulted in Bowman correcting that mistake by unloading him to the Coyotes for Duclair.

Would Bowman similarly rethink his evaluation of Saad by shipping the forward for a

top-five defenseman the Hawks desperately need? What else do they have besides fourth-liners Tommy Wingels and Lance Bouma — Bowman's smartest offseason acquisitions — to offer before the trade deadline anyway? Is Bowman the right guy to plot the future?

If the Hawks miss the playoffs, the toughest conversations for McDonough and Chairman Rocky Wirtz will revolve around the futures of Bowman and Quenneville. Just one opinion in the ongoing debate: A Hall of Fame coach would be harder to replace than a good executive, even one who has served the Hawks as well as Bowman has. Nothing lasts forever.

Look at the Kings. They won the Stanley Cup in 2012 and 2014, yet in April, after missing the postseason for the second time in three years, they fired general manager Dean Lombardi and coach Darryl Sutter — the two guys who brought the franchise unprecedented success. Lombardi had been on the job 11 years, and Sutter was the winningest coach in Kings history. Management unceremoniously severed both, hoping to head in a new direction.

Unless the Hawks change their direction this season, they will arrive at the same crossroad.

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NFL PLAYOFFS

Belichick doing it his way

Through crisis and celebration, Patriots coach never deviates from his accepted norm

BY ANDY MCCULLOUGH | Los Angeles Times

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The greatest coach in the history of the modern NFL — a league designed to disband dynasties and exhaust the men attempting to maintain them — jostled a microphone into place and sighed.

“All right, well,” Bill Belichick said from a lectern late last Saturday, “I thought that was a real good effort by our team tonight.”

A speaker system amplified his remarks, but his voice barely reached the back of the small auditorium on the ground floor of Gillette Stadium. During a divisional playoff weekend marked by hysteria and histrionics, from the jubilation in Minnesota to the trash-talking from the Jaguars to the wagon-circling in Philadelphia, Belichick and his Patriots offered low-key satisfaction and little else.

The moment called for braggadocio. In the wake of a riveting, explosive ESPN report outlining tensions between Belichick, quarterback Tom Brady and owner Robert Kraft, the Patriots responded by thrashing the Titans to earn the right to host the Jaguars in Sunday's AFC championship game.

At the lectern, Belichick declined to preen. His praise for his players was ample but measured. He answered questions with the enthusiasm of a customer-service rep watching the clock. He revealed secrets like a sphinx in a sleeveless hoodie.

Belichick rarely has displayed much charisma to the public. And he has never seemed to try.

“In my early days of knowing him, I used to want to say to him, ‘Boy, why don't you show a little different side of yourself?’” said Ken Rodgers, a producer for NFL Films who has worked with Belichick since 2001. “And I've realized now that not only is that impossible, but it would be going against everything he believes in.”

“He's higher on the evolutionary food chain than the rest of us, who care so badly what other people think of us.”

Belichick is an encyclopedia of football arcana yet its most modern practitioner. He outlines game plans in minute, exploitative detail but possesses the situational awareness to adapt. His relentless tunnel vision has fostered a culture that has survived nearly two decades of roster churn, the scandals of Spygate and Deflategate and an industry desperate to dethrone him.

He stands astride the sport like a dour, 65-year-old colossus. Belichick has won 12 games or more in 12 of his 18 seasons coaching the Patriots.

During his first decade, he captured three championships and led another group to an undefeated regular season. In his second act, he has somehow surpassed that standard: The Patriots have reached seven consecutive AFC championship games.

With a victory Sunday, Belichick will reach the Super Bowl for the eighth time. No other active head coach has been there more than twice.

“The sustained success is so unreal in modern-day sports,” said Christian Fauria, who played under Belichick for four seasons and now hosts a radio show in Boston, “I don't think you'll ever see anything like it again.”

Fauria joined the Patriots in 2002, a year after Belichick's first title. Already in place was an atmosphere in which veterans challenged each other, policed team rules and set expectations for the group. They followed Belichick's lead in public remarks and rarely expected praise. Belichick preached the importance of flexibility, and the players responded.

That culture remains secure in 2018. The lone constant is Brady, a future Hall of Famer who turned 40 in August and appears the favorite to win his third MVP trophy. The rest of the group changes, but the values stay the same.

“Each day is its own day, and (Belichick) does a great job of focusing on what you're supposed to focus on that week,” safety Duron Harmon said. “(He's) not looking down the road, not looking in the rearview mirror, but focusing on the task at hand.”

The Patriots practice this philosophy through crisis

and celebration. Belichick's reign has provided plenty of both.

The NFL fined him \$500,000 for his role in Spygate. Brady served a four-game suspension for Deflategate. For each brush fire, Belichick is there to smother the flames, grim but resolute in the face of questioning.

On the eve of the 2016 presidential election, Donald Trump read a supportive letter from Belichick at a rally in New Hampshire. Asked by reporters about the letter, Belichick emphasized it was not “politically motivated,” mentioned his friendship with Trump and insisted upon focusing on an upcoming game against the Seahawks.

The aftermath approached farce:

“Coach, were you happy or annoyed that Trump read the letter?” a reporter asked.

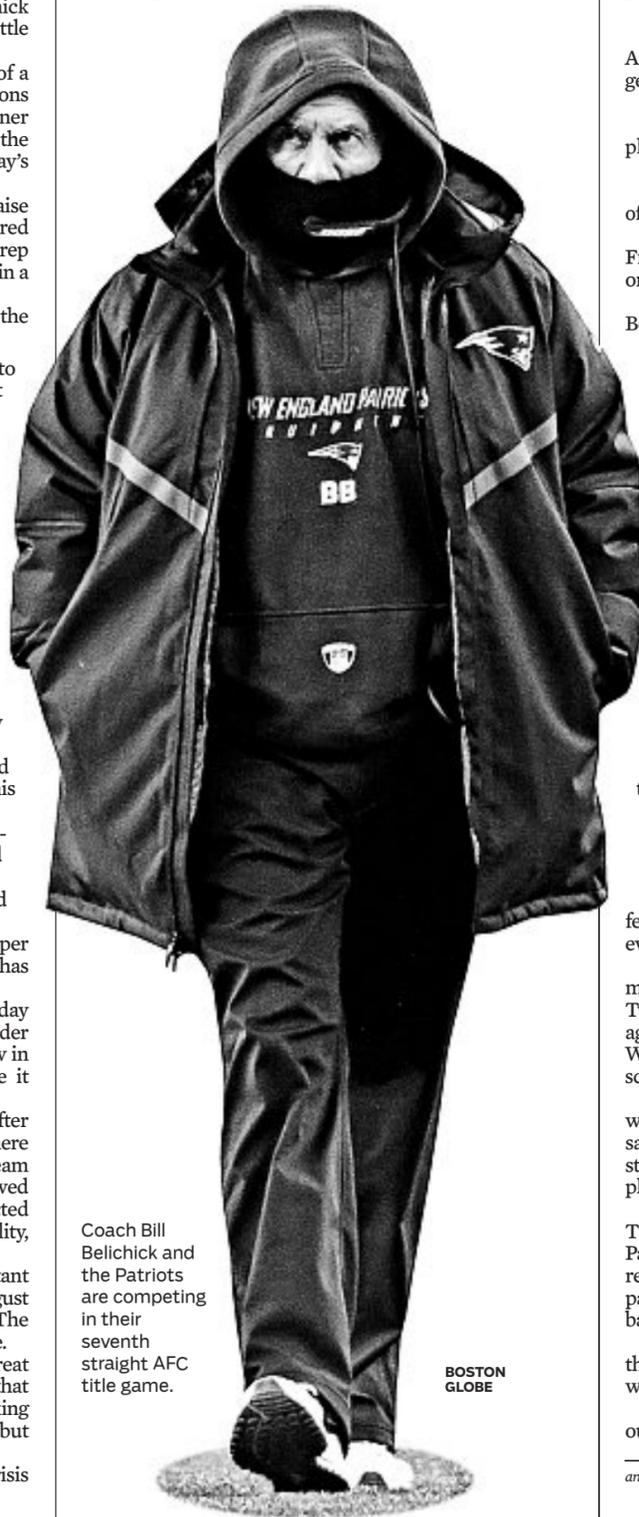
“Seattle,” Belichick said.

“Your team has always been good at keeping outside distractions on the outside,” another reporter said. “Given the nature of this presidential race —”

“Seattle,” Belichick said.

“— did you find it helpful to talk —”

“Seattle.”



Coach Bill Belichick and the Patriots are competing in their seventh straight AFC title game.

BOSTON GLOBE



AFC TITLE GAME
Jaguars at Patriots

2:05 p.m. Sunday, CBS-2

■ **Sam Farmer's pick:** This is not a good matchup for the Patriots, particularly with the pressure the Jaguars can bring up the middle against Brady. If the Jaguars can avoid turnovers and play keep-away with Fournette, they can shock the world. **Jaguars 31, Patriots 27.**

“— to your players about this?”

“Seattle.”

“Have any of your players talked to you about this? Are there —”

“Seattle.”

“— concerns about any locker room rancor as a result of this?”

Belichick pursed his lips and stared. He already had answered the question — in his way. His response exemplified the compartmentalization he requires from his players. That influence was on display last week after Brady injured his hand during practice.

How did Brady hurt himself?

“I'm not a doctor or anything like that,” center David Andrews said. “I'm just focused on what I have to do to get ready this week. I don't really remember.”

Seriously, what happened?

“I don't know,” safety Devin McCourty said. “I was playing defense.”

Did Brady throw the ball during practice?

“I was on defense,” McCourty said. “I didn't see what the offense did.”

Belichick continued the performance during his Friday morning news conference. He provided no insight on his star's condition.

Asked if Brady would be a game-time decision, Belichick replied, “Today's Friday.” Asked if he regretted trading backup quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo, Belichick said, “We're getting ready for Jacksonville.”

It would be uncharitable to describe Belichick as humorless. In another lifetime, as coach of the Browns in the 1990s, Belichick recorded a video demonstrating the proper technique for the Bill Belichick Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich: “The key is to spread peanut butter on both sides of the bread so the jelly doesn't leak through.”

In 2009, superstar receiver Randy Moss invited Belichick to a Halloween party.

“It's a great holiday,” Belichick said when Moss visited his office. “Candy and costumes. How can you beat that?”

Belichick showed up as a roller-skating Captain Jack Sparrow. Discussing the Deflategate crisis in 2015, he sneaked in a reference to Marisa Tomei's character in “My Cousin Vinny.”

His job description, of course, does not require comedy. Football functions through collectivism, through 53 disparate actors cohering as a unit. Belichick crystallized this as a mantra so simple that it doubles as a cliché: “Do your job.”

The saying carries more weight in New England, where assignments shift on a constant basis. Outside of Brady and tight end Rob Gronkowski, the roster features few stars. The Patriots mine crucial performances from every crevice of their roster.

It was unheralded cornerback Malcolm Butler who made the goal-line interception to seal Super Bowl XLIX. Two years later, as the Patriots erased a 25-point deficit against the Falcons in Super Bowl LI, running back James White scored three touchdowns after not rushing for a score during the regular season.

“A lot of teams say, ‘This is our style of football, and we're going to beat them by playing our style,’” Rodgers said. “Coach Belichick has been able to adapt the Patriots' style of play for whatever the situation calls for. Play by play, they can adapt to the situation.”

The process looked pristine last week against the Titans. Behind by a touchdown after the first quarter, the Patriots scored the next 35 points. Brady set a playoff record with his 10th game throwing three touchdown passes or more and the defense sacked Titans quarterback Marcus Mariota eight times.

In the aftermath, Belichick did not gloat. He worked the locker room, saluting his players. He shook hands with Kraft. His message to the group stayed the course.

“Congratulations, men,” Belichick said. “That wasn't our best, but it was good. That was a good night.”

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They once shared a team; they still share a goal

Former Rams Keenum, Foles seek NFC title at helm of new squads

BY GARY KLEIN
Los Angeles Times

The location has yet to be determined, but Jeff Fisher plans to be in front of a television for Sunday's NFC championship game.

Case Keenum is the starting quarterback for the Vikings, Nick Foles for the Eagles. Both played for Fisher with the Rams in 2015, and Keenum came west with the team from St. Louis in 2016.

Now the two friends are squaring off for a chance to advance to the Super Bowl.

“Couldn't be happier for both of them,” Fisher said during a phone interview.

The Rams released Foles before the 2016 season, a few months after the relocated-to-Los Angeles franchise selected quarterback Jared Goff with the No. 1 pick in the draft. Foles played for the Chiefs last season and then signed with the Eagles to be Carson Wentz's backup.

After Wentz suffered a season-ending knee injury, Foles stepped in and directed three wins, plus last weekend's divisional-round victory over the Falcons.

Keenum, supplanted by Goff as the starter in Week 11 of 2016, signed with the Vikings to back up Sam Bradford while Teddy



PAUL SANCYA/AP (KEENUM); MATT ROURKE/AP (FOLES)

Former teammates Case Keenum, left, of the Vikings and Nick Foles of the Eagles will square off Sunday.

Bridgewater recovered from a knee injury.

Bradford suffered a knee injury in the opener, and Keenum went 1-2 the next three games. He came in for Bradford in Week 5 against the Bears, the first of the Vikings' eight consecutive wins en route to a 13-3 record and the No. 2 seed in the NFC behind the Eagles.

Keenum threw a walk-off touchdown pass last week against the Saints.

“Just shows you how important experience is at the position,” Fisher said.

Foles, 28, and Keenum, 29, both started for the Rams during their final season in St. Louis. The Rams had the NFL's least-productive offense, finished 7-9 and missed the playoffs for the 11th consecutive season.

They had acquired Foles, who

enjoyed a Pro Bowl season with the Eagles in 2013 before struggling in 2014, in a trade for Bradford, the No. 1 pick in 2010 who had suffered two major knee injuries.

“When Sam was hurt in consecutive years in '13 and '14 ... we just couldn't run the risk of relying on somebody, even as talented as Sam, with the injury,” Fisher said. “At that time we decided we would probably have to go a different direction.”

Keenum, an undrafted free agent, was on the Rams practice squad in 2014 before the Texans signed him near the end of the season. He rejoined the Rams via a trade on the same day they traded for Foles.

Foles started the first nine games in 2015 before Keenum replaced him. Foles returned to

the lineup for two games after Keenum suffered a concussion, but Keenum started the final four games, leading the Rams to a 3-1 record.

The quarterbacks bonded on and off the field.

“Nick's a great guy, one of my best friends,” Keenum told reporters. “Prepares well, extremely talented, big arm. He's really athletic too. So I know he's got a lot of confidence, and I'm looking forward to playing against him.”

Foles said it's “pretty wild” that he and Keenum are meeting in the NFC title game.

“Case's success and the way he plays doesn't surprise me,” Foles told reporters. “But the big message there is no matter what happens, you've just got to keep believing in yourself, keep working hard and never give up.”



NFC TITLE GAME
Vikings at Eagles

5:40 p.m. Sunday, FOX-32

■ **Sam Farmer's pick:**

The Eagles are at home, and Keenum makes bad mistakes from time to time. But the Vikings are more reliable on both sides of the ball, and Foles will have a hard time consistently moving it against that defense. **Vikings 24, Eagles 20.**

Fisher said the two quarterbacks share a strong work ethic and fit the personality coaches want at the position.

“They're legitimate leaders, they're enthusiastic, they're passionate about practice and they're both great in the huddle,” he said.

They're also unflappable, Fisher said.

“That's the one thing about both of them: You can't rattle either one of them,” he said. “They understand that mistakes are going to get made. ... But they have short memories, and that's a great quality for a quarterback.”

Fisher reiterated that he has “no regrets” about his five seasons with the Rams and that he is happy for their success under first-year coach Sean McVay.

“I enjoyed my time and enjoyed the experience,” he said. “I was really happy for the new coaching staff and the players (who) were there when I was there.”

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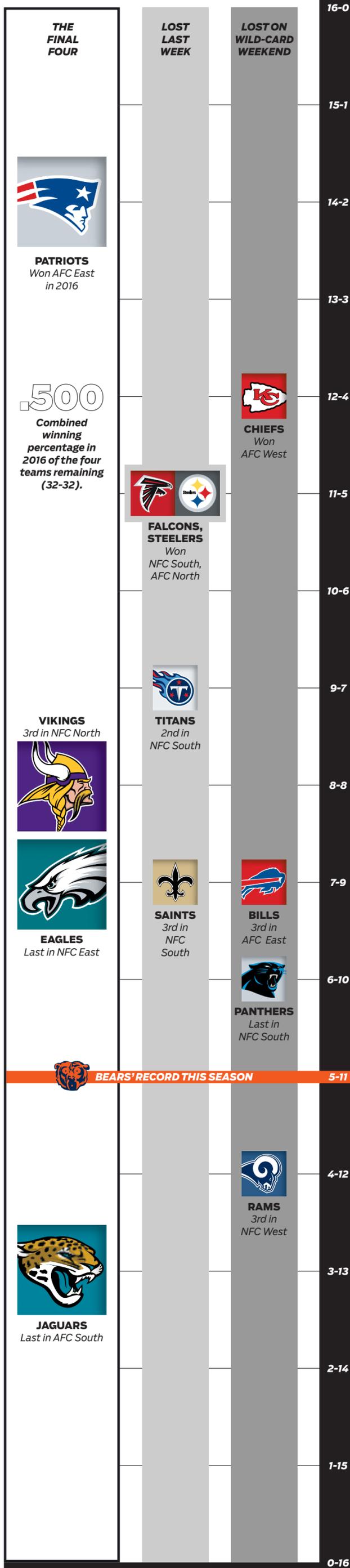
HOW THE 2017 POSTSEASON FIELD DID IN 2016

Using the previous season to project NFL success is often a losing proposition. Just take this year's postseason field. Only five of the 12 playoff teams finished above .500 last season. Only four won their division.

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It's not unusual to go worst to 1st in today's NFL, but for the Bears it's a tall task in the NFC North



BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears

The NFL champions the idea of parity more than any other major sports league. The Jaguars and Eagles, two of the four teams in Sunday's conference championship games, stand as the latest

examples as they went from last place to first place in their respective divisions and arrived here, a victory away from Super Bowl LII.

In 14 of the last 15 seasons, a team has gone from last (or tied for last) in its division to first, and 23 teams have pulled the worst-to-first turnaround in that span, including the 2005 Bears. Predating that, the 2001 Bears also came from last place the previous season to win the NFC Central.

The NFL also trumpets consistent turnover in the playoffs. Since the 12-team format was instituted in 1990, at least four teams have qualified for the playoffs each year that were not involved the year before. This year, eight new teams reached the playoffs, tying 2003 for the most since 1990. Many league rules are designed to give the weak and poor the opportunity to grow strong again and rebound. Long-suffering teams aren't supposed to remain down forever, which of course makes it difficult to explain the Browns.

That brings us to the Bears, who are coming off their fourth consecutive last-place finish in the NFC North, the first time any team in that division has done so. They have new coach Matt Nagy in place, a young quarterback in Mitch Trubisky, the eighth overall pick in the draft and a boatload of salary-cap space.

The 2018 cap is expected to be roughly \$175 million. The Bears have \$141 million committed to 51 players and they easily can free up plenty more room by shedding Mike Glennon, Pernell McPhee, Jerrell Freeman and possibly more. Right now, they're projected to have the 12th-most available cap space, according to spotrac.com, but it will be more about cash budget than cap space.

The Jaguars outspent every other team in free agency from 2014-16 and went back to the well in a big way last March when they signed defensive end Calais Campbell to a four-year, \$60 million contract and cornerback A.J. Bouye to a five-year, \$67.5 million deal. After winning only 11 games from 2014-16, the splashy spending combined with a run of 10 consecutive years with a top-10 pick and a record six consecutive years with a top-five pick finally has come together.

The Bears certainly don't have a similar collection of first-round draft picks, but

general manager Ryan Pace has acquired some young talent on both sides of the ball to go with Trubisky, the quarterback the Bears believe can lead them back to contention.

When the Bears last pulled off a worst-to-first, coach Lovie Smith was in his second season and a young defense wound up ranked No. 2 in the league while Thomas Jones ran for 1,335 yards on the way to an 11-5 finish. In 2001, the Bears had a great blend of veteran prowess (Ted Washington, Keith Traylor, Walt Harris) with emerging young anchors (Brian Urlacher, Mike Brown, Olin Kreutz, Marty Booker) in a 13-3 season.

So what are the Bears' chances of sitting atop the NFC North a year from now? NFL.com's Gil Brandt ranked this season's eight division doormats and he has the Bears last. Yes, he ranks them after the 0-16 Browns, who check in at No. 6, and behind the Jets, who would have to find some way to topple the mighty Patriots, at No. 7.

Brandt's reasoning? "The biggest factor limiting the Bears' worst-to-first ranking is the division, where the Vikings, Packers and Lions loom," he wrote.

Before you get your Bears Zubaz in a bunch, Brandt said the Bears "look like they can become a Jaguars-type ascending team, especially if quarterback Mitchell Trubisky works out." The Jaguars ranked sixth on defense in 2016, a preview of the dominance they have enjoyed this season. The Bears were 10th on defense this season, and Nagy ensured some stability by retaining coordinator Vic Fangio.

Brandt was very accurate a year ago when he tabbed the Eagles, Jaguars and Panthers (in that order) as the top candidates for worst-to-first moves. The Eagles and Jaguars pulled it off and the Panthers went 11-5, finishing second to the Saints in the NFC South only by virtue of a tiebreaker.

Indeed the Bears are in a challenging division. The Vikings have an elite defense, and it will be interesting to see what direction they go at quarterback after Case Keenum's tremendous season. Pat Shurmur reportedly is headed to the Giants, so the Vikings will have to replace the offensive coordinator. The Lions, with their franchise quarterback Matthew Stafford, are expected to hire Patriots defensive coordinator Matt Patricia as head coach. The Packers have gone through a restructuring of the front office and coach Mike McCarthy has made full-scale changes to his staff, but Aaron Rodgers remains as a longtime Bears nemesis.

The Bears face an uphill climb, but the NFL is designed for turnarounds.

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Can first-year Jaguars, abo



ise and shine?



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE (NAGY), DON JUAN MOORE/GETTY (JAGUARS), AL PEREIRA (EAGLES)

ar coach Matt Nagy, top, take the Bears from worst to first in the NFC North? The ve, and Eagles were last in their divisions in 2016 but came away with the crowns in 2017.



'College stuff' on menu as Nagy, Helfrich get busy reviving offense

BY RICH CAMPBELL
Chicago Tribune

Listening Thursday to Matt Nagy and Mark Helfrich explain why they joined forces to breathe life into the Bears offense, it was impossible not to press play on the mental highlight reel and let the imagination wander.

Up first, a clip from the Chiefs' 2017 library. Tight end Travis Kelce catching a shovel pass and rumbling 15 yards to score against the Eagles on Sept. 17.

Kelce's lane to the end zone opened because two decoys scattered the defense — jet-sweep play action with blazing receiver Tyreek Hill and a zone-read option run fake to rookie of the year candidate Kareem Hunt.

Up next, from the University of Oregon's 2014 collection, Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Marcus Mariota using a zone-read option fake to manipulate the defense on a touchdown throw against Oregon State — or Utah, or UCLA, or name your Pac-12 school.

Could those explosive plays transfer to the Bears next season with Nagy as head coach and Helfrich as offensive coordinator? Could Mitch Trubisky, Adam Shaheen, Jordan Howard and Tarik Cohen replicate those Chiefs and Ducks playmakers?

That's the idea, certainly. At this early stage, though, that's basically all it is.

As Nagy and Helfrich brainstorm and continue to get acquainted in these first days of their partnership, they recognize a multi-step process is required to reach that point.

Before they can install the spread-option concepts that helped the Chiefs rank second in the NFL in yards per play this season, they must comprehend what their new players do well. After all, designed fakes work when the action being faked actually is a threat.

So far, Nagy's and Helfrich's video reviews are showing them what Chicago grew to lament over 16 games.

"There are some guys who show up and look fantastic one play and then you lose them," Helfrich said. "I don't know why that happened. So that's what we're trying to decipher throughout the offseason."

No wonder Nagy insists it will take time to resuscitate the Bears offense.

As Chiefs offensive coordinator for the last two seasons and a member of coach Andy Reid's staff for the last five, Nagy witnessed how they finally benefited in 2017 from continuity, experience and, most important, talent as they layered spread-option concepts over the precision-passing, ball-control principles in which Reid's scheme is rooted.



Helfrich

Quarterback Alex Smith, a two-time Pro Bowl selection, just completed his 12th NFL season and fifth with Reid. Kelce is an All-Pro and three-time Pro Bowl pick, significantly more accomplished than Shaheen, a Division II product.

Hill not only is one of the NFL's fastest players, but unlike Cohen is trained as a wide receiver. And Hunt, a Pro Bowl running back with 53

receptions as a rookie, had one more catch than Howard has in two seasons.

So even if Nagy and Helfrich form the NFL's most innovative offensive tandem, they need talent to execute their run-pass options and other "college stuff," as Nagy calls it.

That starts with Trubisky, the player at the controls. And while he lacks Smith's NFL experience or the talent gap Mariota enjoyed over his college competition, Nagy believes Helfrich is the right teacher for him.

"You have to be able to handle them the right way," Nagy said. "There's going to be some times you have to get on them. There's going to be tough love. But when it comes down to it, teaching details and fundamentals, he has that. That's easy to tell."

After a week on the job, Helfrich's positive review of Trubisky's first season bodes well for the new offense's potential.

"You can tell a quarterback is coachable watching his feet and eyes — and his eyes are deliberate," said Helfrich, Oregon's coach from 2013 to '16 and its offensive coordinator for four seasons before that. "They're going from (reads) 1 to 2 to 3. And the other thing that jumped out is his accuracy and taking care of the football. We need to continue that."

Helfrich, a Division I quarterbacks coach for 15 seasons, believes the most important component to developing a young quarterback is having a talented one who's open to coaching. Trubisky proved in 12 starts as a rookie that he checks both of those boxes.

Now Helfrich must prepare him to make the necessary reads as a drop-back passer and to operate the option game precisely, knowing Trubisky's ability to run will be a weapon.

"He's going to be confused, and our job is to dwindle that down to think about one thing," Helfrich said. "We talk about a flight simulator. We put the quarterback through lightning and thunder and bad weather and winds and darkness, and not every day is blue sky. But we want him on the snap to be thinking, 'I need to look at A and then B and then C.'"

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Julie Ertz, who is moving into a leadership role on the U.S. team, celebrates her goal against New Zealand last fall.

U.S. women get kick-start from NFL

Draft helped lead Julie Ertz to play starring role on team



KEVIN BAXTER
On soccer

SAN DIEGO — When the Eagles took tight end Zach Ertz in the second round of the 2013 NFL draft, it's unlikely anyone with the women's national soccer team paid that much attention. But they should have. Because while

Ertz's signing netted the Eagles a sure-handed receiver who has helped take them to Sunday's NFC championship game against the Vikings, U.S. Soccer wound up with something of arguably greater value: his soon-to-be-wife, Julie, a versatile midfielder-defender who won a World Cup in 2015 and last year was named the women's player of the year.

And Ertz (nee Johnston), who plays her club soccer for the Chicago Red Stars of the National Women's Soccer League, owes at least part of her success to her decision to follow Zach from Northern California to Philadelphia. The couple, who married last year, settled less than 30 minutes from Carli Lloyd's New Jersey home, so Lloyd invited Ertz, then just beginning to break into the national team, to work with her and James Galanis, her unconventional coach.

That would never have happened had her then-boyfriend signed elsewhere.

"When I first moved to the Philly area, I didn't really know anyone," said Ertz, who will likely be in the midfield alongside Lloyd on Sunday when the U.S. opens its 2018 schedule against Denmark, the runner-up in last year's European championships, at SDCCU Stadium in San Diego.

"It was great to have a familiar face but (also) to be able to train with someone at such a world-class level. And to have a trainer out there to kind of really focus on my foundation and technique."

However, it was what Galanis said to her, not how he coached her, that had the biggest impact.

"James asked her, 'What's it going to take for you to get into the starting mix?' " Lloyd remembers. When Ertz answered by sheepishly saying she was going to have wait her turn, Galanis pounced.

"You should be in there every single day fighting for a starting spot!" he challenged her.

Eight months later she had won a spot, playing every minute in the 2015 World Cup. She hasn't looked back since.

"Just the change in attitude made a world of difference for Julie," Galanis said. "The mindset was wrong. Because at the top everybody has the tools. Everybody's fast. Everybody's strong. Everyone's skilled. Everyone knows the game."

"But the ones that make it are the ones that have the mental toughness and the character skills that carry them that extra distance."

With qualifying for the next Women's World Cup coming this fall, Ertz's role on the U.S. team may be changing again. Because of her versatility, experience and status as the reigning U.S. player of the year, she will be expected to fill a leadership role.

"She's obviously matured within the team," coach Jill Ellis said of Ertz, who captained the U.S. to the championship of the under-20 women's World Cup in 2012. "Julie brings a battle-tested, hard mentality. She is a worker. I don't think she's ever going to take her foot off the gas."

"It's obviously her talent, but it's also her inner drive, that has been propelling her to this point."

Yet Ertz, 25, sees herself as the young player still trying to break into the team.

"There's a lot that I want to still develop in," she said. "I want to continue to get better and continue to grow."

Ellis has upgraded her team's schedule. Gone are friendlies against Thailand, Romania and Ireland — all teams the U.S. beat by at least five goals. In their place are games against Denmark, ranked 12th in the world by FIFA, and the four-nation She Believes Cup in March against Germany, England and France, who are ranked second, third and sixth, respectively.

Ellis called in players such as Lloyd, Alex Morgan and Megan Rapinoe to provide guidance and take questions at this month's training camp. That's a group Ertz now finds herself a part of.

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2018 WINTER OLYMPICS



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Peace someday soon at the Korean Demilitarized Zone? The fencing and barbed wire and history teach us otherwise.

Don't bet on a lasting peace from Olympics



BERNIE LINCICOME

The notion that lasting peace may result from the Winter Olympics is a bit far-fetched, not that the world shouldn't take whatever chance it can.

Using my own experience as a gauge,

what results from the Winter Olympics is hat hair and broken bones.

I cracked a collarbone in Albertville and covered those games with one arm tied across my chest. I fell no fewer than 15 times on invisible sheet ice in Lillehammer, leaving most of my kneecaps in Norway.

Monkeys threw feces at me in Nagano, and my nail clipper was seized as a weapon in Salt Lake City, so let's just say my optimism does not bubble up.

Less personally, it is impossible not to bring up the aftermath of Sarajevo, where death and destruction followed not long after the medals and anthems.

And Sochi? The most elaborate drug scheme since the Whizzinator disgraced the host country and still echoes today, leaving Russia banned from Pyeongchang as a nation and its few possible athletes needing a review and a neutral flag.

There may be more North Koreans in South Korea than Russians.

Calling these Olympics "The Peace Games" is as accurate as calling a bobsled transportation.

The last time "Peace" was part of the official Olympic motto was Munich, the "Games of Peace and Joy," and we've been going through metal detectors ever since.

The reach of sports can extend beyond borders, although it was not the giant slalom that brought the two Germanys together, so it is unlikely figure skating will do the same for the two Koreas.

At the Seoul Olympics I had a chance to visit the demilitarized zone, the barrier that separates the two Koreas. But I was turned back because of shoes. My shoes. New shoes. New Balance shoes.

"You'll have to change," an Olympic clerk told me as I started to board the bus for the tour of the DMZ.

"What?" I asked. He pointed at my feet. "Not allowed. Too provocative."

Apparently too sensibilities are so fragile on the Korean peninsula that the mere suggestion of advantage, even in the form of footwear, cannot be risked.

I did not change my shoes, nor did I explain that I had bought the shoes in Itewan, an open market section in Seoul that sells knockoffs of designer merchandise.



AHN YOUNG-JOON/AP

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I also bought a Rolex watch there that had only four times instead of five on its signature crown symbol, but, to this day, it still keeps pretty good time.

So I missed the DMZ, where peace is a tourist attraction, at least from one side.

North Korea has been in eight Winter Olympic Games, most recently in Vancouver. It won a silver medal in women's speedskating in Innsbruck in '64 and a bronze at Albertville in short-track.

South Korea has done much better, starting in St. Moritz in '48. It has won 53 winter medals, including 26 gold.

Apparently the two Koreas will unite for the opening ceremony by marching under a generic banner, removing the constraints and provocations of patriotism.

After the Soviet Union broke up and the resulting republics had not yet been sorted out, the former Soviets participated as the Unified Team in '92, a compromise that satisfied no one.

Medal winners did not hear their anthem

or see their flag. They heard the Olympic Hymn while the Olympic flag was raised. No tears were shed.

At the ski venue in Meribel, France, I bought a couple of USSR souvenirs from hawkers who had set up a street stall, a "CCCP" ball cap and a paperweight with the hammer-and-sickle seal.

"Capitalism won," I said, speaking slowly so the Russian clerk could understand. "You betcha, dude," he said. Turns out the sellers were not Soviets at all but a couple of college kids from California who had bought up all the Soviet stuff they could. They were just trying make an old-fashioned American dollar.

Lasting peace? Reunification? Not likely. Maybe the best we can hope for in Pyeongchang is that North Korea gets a glimpse at how the other half lives.

In new shoes.

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CUBS

THE CROWDED CUBS OUTFIELD: WHERE THEY PLAYED — AND HOW THEY HIT — IN 2017

BIG 5	Starts in ...	LF	CF	RF	G	AB	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
Kyle Schwarber		101	0	0	129	422	89	30	59	59	150	.211	.315	.467	.782
Ben Zobrist		13	0	27	128	435	101	12	50	54	71	.232	.318	.375	.693
Albert Almora		0	65	0	132	299	89	8	46	19	53	.298	.338	.445	.782
Ian Happ		11	41	8	115	364	92	24	68	39	129	.253	.328	.514	.842
Jason Heyward		0	12	104	126	432	112	11	59	41	67	.259	.326	.389	.715

PROJECTED CENTER FIELDERS
Albert Almora Jr./Ian HappPROJECTED RIGHT FIELDERS
Jason Heyward/Ben ZobristPROJECTED LEFT FIELDERS
Kyle Schwarber/Ben Zobrist

Making room for all

Five outfielders for just 3 spots could cause some discontent, but Cubs can get it to work

By PAUL SULLIVAN | Chicago Tribune

After Ben Zobrist earned his second straight ring and was named the World Series MVP in 2016, no one could blame him for taking some time to relax last offseason.

But that's old news.

Zobrist, who turns 37 in May, is coming off a subpar season and doesn't know how he will be used this year in Joe Maddon's revolving-door lineup. So Zobrist took only 10 days off after the Cubs bowed out of the National League Championship Series before diving back into the weight room. He was back in the hitting cage by mid-November, hoping to rebound in 2018.

"I'll say it: It was my worst year statistically and physically since I've been in the big leagues," Zobrist said. "I also can say this confidently: It was the best year personally in my life because I learned so much through that adversity."

"And it was a big-time growth year to fight through some of those things and try to maintain a positive attitude and keep working in the same way, even though I was pretty exhausted and physically beat up going into the year. I was more motivated than ever at the end of the year."

All of the Cubs outfielders should be extra motivated in 2018, for various reasons.

Fortunately, new hitting coach Chili Davis is here to help revive Zobrist, Jason Heyward and Kyle Schwarber — all of whom have something to prove — while furthering the development of Albert Almora Jr. and Ian Happ.

The numbers weren't pretty.

Zobrist's OPS last year was .693, a significant drop-off from .831 in 2016. Heyward's OPS improved from .631 to .715, but he hasn't contributed offensively the way the Cubs envisioned two winters ago when they signed him to an eight-year, \$184 million deal.

Schwarber's OPS in his rookie season of 2015 was .842, and after he missed

"It's going to be exciting to see how everyone is used. I'll continue to try too be as versatile as possible. ... In Joe's scheme, it's nice to bounce all over the place."

— Ian Happ on Cubs manager Joe Maddon's ability to move players around

almost the entire regular season in 2016 with a torn ACL in his left knee, he finished with a .782 OPS last season — though he still hit 30 home runs in a down year.

The slimmer, trimmer Schwarber was the talk of the Cubs Convention last weekend, but he knows losing weight doesn't always translate to a better performance.

"It's not going to help me hit .500," Schwarber said. "You just have to control things you can control, and this is one thing I can control. People are making it out to be a big deal, but it's part of the job for me."

While Schwarber works on his body-fat percentage, Heyward has been working weekly in Arizona with Davis, trying to improve his numbers. Former hitting coach John Mallee began the process last winter, but it's still in its infancy.

"I need to learn Jason," Davis said. "More so, he has to learn me. ... It's going to be up to him. The only thing we stress a lot is working with a purpose and working with focus."

So far, so good. Heyward said Davis, a switch-hitter who played 19 seasons in the major leagues, reminds him of Chipper Jones, one of Heyward's mentors when he came up with the Braves.

"It's the way he talks hitting — the philosophy, the mindset, hitting with a purpose, a team approach," Heyward said. "It just really reminds me of how I was taught the game growing up and some of the veterans I had on my team in Atlanta."

How manager Joe Maddon will shuf-

fle his outfield remains to be seen. With Jon Jay gone, the best guess entering spring training is that Almora and Happ will share center field and Zobrist will share left with Schwarber and right with Heyward while also seeing some time at second base.

The big question is whether Javier Baez's stellar defense at second will keep Zobrist in the outfield most of the time.

Zobrist is no slouch at second — he was among the three finalists for the NL Gold Glove Award, losing to the Rockies' DJ LeMahieu. But many were surprised Zobrist finished ahead of Baez in the voting — Zobrist included.

"I don't look at the statistics, but I was surprised because I know how good of a glove Javy has," he said. "It all played out the way it was supposed to. I think LeMahieu should have won it, but we have a lot of good defenders (who) should be in that conversation."

With Addison Russell's injury, Baez spent almost as much time at shortstop (73 starts) as second (80). Baez was so impressive at short, his natural position, that some wondered whether he and Russell would switch positions when Russell returned. President Theo Epstein quickly shot down that idea, and Baez moved back to second once Russell was healthy.

Baez endured a poor postseason in 2017, going 0-for-14 in the NL Division Series and 2-for-12 in the NLCS, but that small sample size won't keep him from seeing the bulk of the starts at second, which means Zobrist will wind up in the outfield.

"I don't know what to expect," Zobrist said. "Let's be honest: I just expect to grow and get better as a teammate, as a player, as a leader. ... I think there's going to be a need for me to take a little bit more of a vocal role than I have in the past and do a better job of encouraging (teammates) and keep the main thing the main thing."

Asked if Zobrist is headed for more time in the outfield, general manager Jed Hoyer said "it would seem that way going into spring, but you never know what happens" with injuries and performances.

"The beauty of guys (such as) him, Ian, Javy and even Kris (Bryant) to a certain extent (is) they can move around," Hoyer said. "It covers us in a lot of ways. It is a good feeling to go into a season knowing if things come up, we can cover."

"You don't want things to happen, but they will. Our versatility helps that, and Ben is No. 1 on that list."

Happ had a strong rookie season with 24 home runs in only 364 at-bats, but he was still the odd man out in the postseason, getting only eight plate appearances. Happ doesn't know how much time he will spend at second, at which he's limited defensively, but he isn't concerned about where he winds up. Almora was solid against left-handers but struggled against most righties.

"It's going to be exciting to see how everyone is used," Happ said. "I'll continue to try to be as versatile as possible."

If all five play up to their potential, the Cubs could have one of the better-hitting and deeper outfields in baseball. No matter how it plays out, they all seem prepared for whatever management has in mind.

"My motivation is higher than ever, and I know other guys' motivation is high, having talked to some of them," Zobrist said. "I look forward to this being a phenomenal year."

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

OKLAHOMA ST. 83,
OKLAHOMA 81 (OT)Young's
48 aren't
enoughFreshman stars again,
but No. 4 Sooners fallBy CLIFF BRUNT
Associated Press

STILLWATER, Okla. — Trae Young had a sinking feeling when his final shot left his hand.

The freshman point guard scored 48 points, but he missed a deep 3 at the buzzer in overtime as No. 4 Oklahoma fell to Oklahoma State 83-81 on Saturday.

"I knew it wasn't going to go in," he said. "No, I didn't feel comfortable."

Young, who leads the nation in scoring, had 34 points after halftime. He matched the fifth-highest scoring effort in school history after also missing a 3-point try at the end of regulation.

Young shot 14-for-39, including 8-for-20 on 3-pointers, and made all 12 of his free throws. ESPN Stats & Info said the 39 shots and 20 3-point attempts were both Big 12 records.

None of Young's teammates scored more than eight points.

"We've got to work harder on getting more motion away from the ball and get the ball moving a little bit," Oklahoma coach Lon Kruger said. "Obviously what Trae is doing with the ball is pretty special, but we need to get a little bit of movement too."

Jeffrey Carroll had 23 points and 13 rebounds and Kendall Smith added 20 points for Oklahoma State (13-6, 3-4 Big 12). Smith's 3 with eight seconds left in regulation tied it at 73-73.

"It's a game of runs," Smith said. "They were playing well, but we fought and did what we were capable of. We're fighters, and that's what it came down to."

The Cowboys went on to post their first win over a top-10 team for first-year coach Mike Boynton.

"(I'm) really happy for my kids as they continue to show what they're about," Boynton said. "We can compete with anybody in the country."

"We've had a lot of tough moments, for whatever reason, at different times and those kids don't quit. They don't give up, they don't feel sorry for themselves."

Oklahoma (14-4, 4-3), which was coming off a loss to Kansas State, had beaten Oklahoma State 109-89 in Norman on Jan. 3. This time, the Sooners fell behind 25-6 at the start.

"That starts with me," Young said. "I didn't bring the energy from the beginning."

"Just do that and we will get better."



SUE OGROCKI/AP

Oklahoma guard Trae Young tries to get around Oklahoma State's Tavarius Shine for a shot during Saturday's game.



NAM Y. HUH/AP

Northwestern center Dererk Pardon slams home a dunk to help the Wildcats rally in the second half against Penn State on Saturday.

NORTHWESTERN 70, PENN STATE 61

Wildcats shed
their 'soft' sideEmbarrassed after loss
at PSU, they turn tables
with physical comebackBy SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

As Northwestern players took the court at Allstate Arena for pregame warmups Saturday afternoon, they sized up the strong-bodied Penn State team that bullied and embarrassed them two weeks ago.

The Nittany Lions appeared to be oozing with assuredness again.

"The most embarrassing thing was walking out today and seeing them again, knowing we didn't play to our capabilities at their place," Northwestern guard Bryant McIntosh said. "(During) warmups, you look across the floor and see how the team is feeling. You could tell they were very confident. We used that a little bit as motivation."

Northwestern coaches also challenged the Wildcats, reminding them of the way they were pushed around in a 15-point loss in which Penn State scored 48 points in the paint with a series of dunks and easy layups.

This time was different, as Northwestern proved its toughness with a 70-61 comeback victory. The Wildcats held Penn State without a field goal for the final 10 minutes, 37 seconds and closed the game with a 15-2 run.

The Wildcats toughened up in the paint, outscoring Penn State 40-24. They also had 16 offensive rebounds to the Nittany Lions' six.

"We weren't soft," said forward Vic Law, who scored a team-high 18 points.

Northwestern (12-9, 3-5 Big

Ten) started its run with six straight points from Dererk Pardon, whose back-to-back dunks electrified a crowd of 6,544. A tip-out offensive rebound from Gavin Skelly to Law, who buried a 3-pointer for a five-point lead, was a key play with 4:10 remaining.

After allowing Penn State (13-8, 3-5) to shoot 68.2 percent in the first half and lead by as many as nine points, Northwestern's zone held the Nittany Lions to 33.3 percent accuracy after halftime.

"I learned not to play them man-to-man," Wildcats coach Chris Collins said with a laugh.

NU freshman guard Anthony Gaines was praised for growing into a defensive stopper off the bench, keying on Lamar Stevens in the second half.

"I thought Gaines did a great job sparking them," Penn State coach Pat Chambers said. "He played with energy (and) made some big-time plays."

Collins has been trying to recapture some of his team's passion. He hopes the tough-it-out victory can carry over and help players shake off the negativity from their struggles so far.

"I want the three seniors in these last 10 games to play with that (spirit)," Collins said. "Don't put any undue pressure on themselves. What we can control is the way we finish up this season."

Layup: Forward Aaron Falzon played only three minutes after sitting out Wednesday's loss to Ohio State with back spasms. Collins said Falzon was healthy enough to play but sat due to matchups.

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GYMNASTICS

COMMENTARY

Nassar case start,
not end, of fightHeart-wrenching testimony of victims show
need for reforms to protect young athletesBy PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press

The testimony out of Lansing, Mich., is horrific and heart-wrenching.

One by one, dozens of gymnasts have bravely recounted the sexual abuse they suffered at the hands of disgraced doctor Larry Nassar, unleashing a catharsis of emotions while extracting some small measure of justice from the monster who stole their childhood.

In some ways, it feels like the final chapter in a nightmare that went on for far too long.

But really, we're still at the beginning of the struggle to transform a sporting culture that allowed Nassar's depravity to thrive, a fight that continues to be met with resistance from many in positions of power.

Even now, having been sickened by Nassar's long list of victims, not to mention the sexual abuse scandals that rocked swimming and speedskating, there aren't nearly enough safeguards to protect young athletes.

Nancy Hogshead-Makar knows this is a battle she'll likely be waging for the rest of her professional career.

Winner of three swimming gold medals at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, Hogshead-Makar is now an attorney who has represented victims of sexual abuse. She also leads Champion Women, an advocacy group for female athletes.

"I have no illusions that this will be over with and I can move on with my life," she said Friday. "No, we're going to be doing this for quite some time."

Her organization recently completed a survey of all 47 U.S. national governing bodies (NGBs) regarding their policies to deal with emotional, physical and sexual abuse. Using a five-point grading system, she found that most NGBs remained woefully ill-equipped to guarantee the safety of their athletes, and some appear to have taken no steps at all to address an issue that has become a dominant part of the national conversation in the #metoo era.

"It was stomach-churning," Hogshead-Makar said.

Beyond the inevitable trips to court, she's urging Congress to pass a bill that would provide greater protection to young athletes by requiring those in positions of authority to report suspected abuse within 24 hours, while giving the newly created U.S. Center for Safe Sport the ultimate oversight over such cases.

The bipartisan measure, which has already passed the Senate but still needs approval in the House as well as the president's signature, would apply to all youth sports, not just those within the Olympic movement.

Still, Hogshead-Makar said it would be especially poignant if the bill became law by the time the Winter Olympics open Feb. 9. A government that can't seem to agree on anything should be able to reach a consensus on this issue.

"We have this huge problem right now," she said. "That would

show that our Senate and our legislators are doing something about it, that they want to protect our athletes."

As for the U.S. Olympic Committee and the governing bodies that oversee each sport, there's something they can do too. It's time for a hard-and-fast rule forbidding coaches from having sexual relationships with their athletes — even if they are of legal age — the elephant in the room that coaching organizations have been reticent to address.

"That norm has to change," Hogshead-Makar said. "I've spoken to a lot of coaching groups, some guys that I consider really good guys, and they all seem to say, 'If it's not illegal, what's wrong with it?' It's the fault of the coaching organizations for not making that explicitly clear. I'm a member of the American Bar Association. They make it clear. There's no wiggle room. If you want to lose your license get into a sexual relationship with one of your clients."

Really, she went on to say, the entire coaching mindset must change.

"Coaches don't want any oversight. They don't want parents around. They don't want chaperones," Hogshead-Makar said. "They're accustomed to having absolute authority over their athletes."

Parents are our best bet for bringing more balance to that relationship, but only if they realize a gold medal can never make up for a stolen childhood.

If a coach doesn't want them around, they must question why. If they're barred from a gym or a pool or rink while their kids are practicing, they must take a stand. If they're discouraged from going on the road to competitions or staying with their own children in a hotel room, it's time to find another coach — no matter how many gold medalists he might have produced.

Bridie Farrell has been especially riveted by the testimony coming out of Nassar's sentencing hearing. Four years ago, she rocked the speedskating community by coming forward to tell of an improper sexual relationship with four-time Olympian Andy Gabel when she was only 15.

"It's just so familiar. I feel like I'm listening to my own story," Farrell said Friday. "Seeing all these gymnasts come forward, it's still here. It's still in every sport."

Farrell has directed her efforts toward getting states to remove a statute of limitations on sexual abuse cases, noting that many victims — herself included — aren't ready to reveal the truth until years later.

Despite all the ugliness she heard, Farrell is hopeful that the tide is finally turning against the Larry Nassars of the world.

"With the #MeToo movement and everything that came with that, it's so much more possible to talk about these things," she said, before adding one important caveat. "Not until the institutions that protected the abusers are held accountable will it really change."

Yep, this is only the beginning.



MATTHEW DAE SMITH/AP

Even now, having been sickened by Nassar's long list of victims (including Aly Raisman, testifying above), not to mention the sexual abuse scandals that rocked swimming and speedskating, there aren't nearly enough safeguards to protect young athletes.

ROUNDUP

Purdue rolls to 15th straight victory

Associated Press

Carsen Edwards scored 22 points and Vince Edwards added 19 on Saturday, leading No. 3 Purdue to its 15th straight victory with an 87-64 rout of host Iowa.

The Boilermakers (19-2, 8-0 Big Ten), who shot 69 percent in the first half, ended a four-game road losing streak against the Hawkeyes (10-11, 1-7) by making 20 of 33 3-pointers.

Luka Gazra had 19 points for Iowa.

Ohio State 67, Minnesota 49: Keita Bates-Diop had 17 points and 12 rebounds, leading the No. 22 Buckeyes (17-4, 8-0 Big Ten) over the Golden Gophers for their seventh straight win.

The game was part of a two-

sport Big Ten doubleheader at Madison Square Garden. Minnesota and Michigan State met in hockey.

Jordan Murphy led the Gophers (14-8, 3-6) with 13 points.

Clemson 67, Notre Dame 58: Gabe DeVoe had 17 points, including a crucial 3-pointer with 3 minutes, 18 seconds to go, and the No. 20 Tigers (16-3, 5-2 ACC) got their first-ever win over the visiting Irish.

TJ Gibbs scored 18 points for Notre Dame (13-7, 3-4), which lost its fourth straight.

Butler 79, DePaul 67: Kelan Martin scored 24 points and the visiting Bulldogs (14-7, 4-4 Big East) beat the Blue Demons (8-11, 1-6) for the eighth straight time.

Max Strus had 27 points, including five 3s, to lead DePaul.

State: Jordan Blount scored 17 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead visiting UIC (10-11, 5-3 Horizon) to an 87-80 win over Cleveland State (5-16, 2-6). ... Anthony Harris scored 20 points, but host Chicago State (2-20, 0-5 WAC) lost 89-78 to Cal State Bakersfield (8-12, 1-4). ... Phil Fayne had 13 points and nine points for visiting Illinois State (10-10, 4-4 MVC) in its 84-54 loss to Indiana State (10-10, 5-3). ... Host Eastern Illinois (7-12, 3-5 OVC) lost 86-74 to SE Missouri State (10-11, 4-4).

Layup: Kansas beat Baylor 70-67 but lost suspended freshman Billy Preston, who signed with a professional team in Bosnia.

BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

CLASS OF 2018 REVEALED
2 P.M. WEDNESDAY,
MLB NETWORK

Tribune writers agree on a grand slam — and add some solid singles

As voting members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America, Chicago Tribune reporters Mark Gonzales and Paul Sullivan reveal their ballots for the Baseball Hall of Fame. To be elected to the Hall, a player must be named on 75 percent of the ballots. At right are the four players on whom Gonzales and Sullivan agreed.

MARK GONZALES' BALLOT (8)

- **Vladimir Guerrero:** Even with bad knees, Guerrero was a multi-threat. He had a bazoooka-like arm, 10 100-RBI seasons, a .297 batting average and 40 stolen bases in 2002.
- **Trevor Hoffman:** Fearless closer earned 601 saves with dominant deception — his signature changeup — during the steroid era.
- **Chipper Jones:** A solid defender at third base, Jones will be remembered as one of the greatest switch-hitters.
- **Jeff Kent:** Would be a shame if he is deleted from future ballots, because his production and toughness were matched by few at second base.
- **Edgar Martinez:** Hard to leave out a player with his production (.312 average, .302 RISP, .418 OBP) who has designated-hitter award named after him.
- **Jim Thome:** Dominant power (612 home runs) and earned extra respect from teammates with desire to improve every day.
- **Omar Vizquel:** Few, if any, All-Stars got more mileage out of their ability than this 11-time Gold Glove Award winner, who hit 10 points higher than Ozzie Smith.
- **Billy Wagner:** Compact left-hander earned 422 saves with 1,196 strikeouts in 903 innings. Opponents' .187 average presents compelling case.

PAUL SULLIVAN'S BALLOT (5)

- **Vladimir Guerrero:** One of the greatest arms of any right fielder and a career .318 hitter with power (449 home runs) and speed.
- **Trevor Hoffman:** Second to Mariano Rivera on the all-time-saves list with 601 but still underrated among closers.
- **Chipper Jones:** Eight-time All-Star and one of the premier switch-hitters of all time. Led Braves to 11 postseason appearances.
- **Mike Mussina:** Not only won 270 games but compiled a .638 winning percentage, 41st on the all-time list, while pitching in the dominant American League East.
- **Jim Thome:** Nice guys finish first. One of only nine players with 600 or more home runs (ranked eighth with 612) and 26th in RBIs (1,699).

PLAYERS ON THE BALLOT

- * — First time
- Barry Bonds
- Chris Carpenter*
- Roger Clemens
- Johnny Damon*
- Vladimir Guerrero
- Livan Hernandez*
- Trevor Hoffman
- Orlando Hudson*
- Aubrey Huff*
- Jason Isringhausen*
- Andruw Jones*
- Chipper Jones*
- Jeff Kent
- Carlos Lee*
- Brad Lidge*
- Edgar Martinez
- Hideki Matsui*
- Fred McGriff
- Kevin Millwood*
- Jamie Moyer*
- Mike Mussina
- Manny Ramirez
- Scott Rolen*
- Johan Santana*
- Curt Schilling
- Gary Sheffield
- Sammy Sosa
- Jim Thome*
- Omar Vizquel*
- Billy Wagner
- Larry Walker
- Kerry Wood*
- Carlos Zambrano*

Tracking the votes

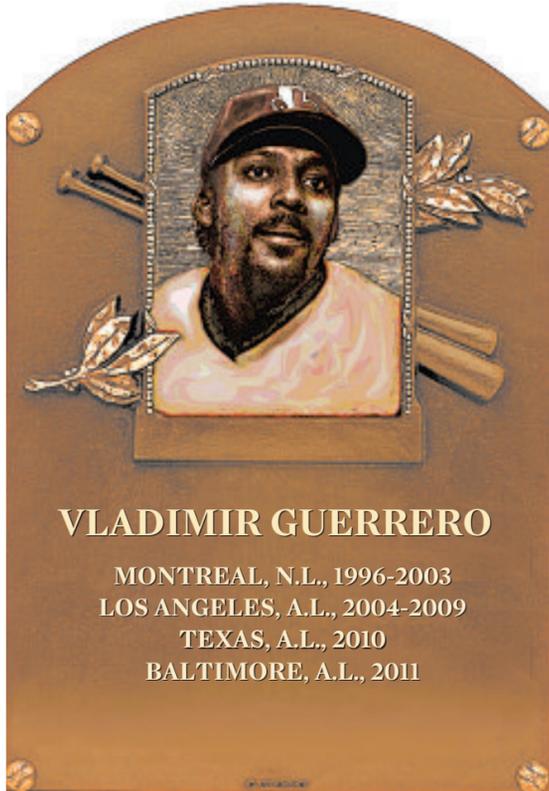
Ryan Thibodaux (Twitter @NotMrTibbs), cited in Sullivan's column, has been tracking the voting as BBWAA members reveal their ballots. With 46.5 percent of the vote in (193 public ballots and four he received anonymously), including Gonzales and Sullivan, the numbers show three players who are locks to make it and three others who are within 6 percentage points of the 75 percent threshold. **Here's a look at the six highest vote-getters so far:**

■ Chipper Jones	98.5%
■ Vladimir Guerrero	94.9%
■ Jim Thome	93.4%
■ Edgar Martinez	80.7%
■ Trevor Hoffman	78.2%
■ Mike Mussina	72.6%

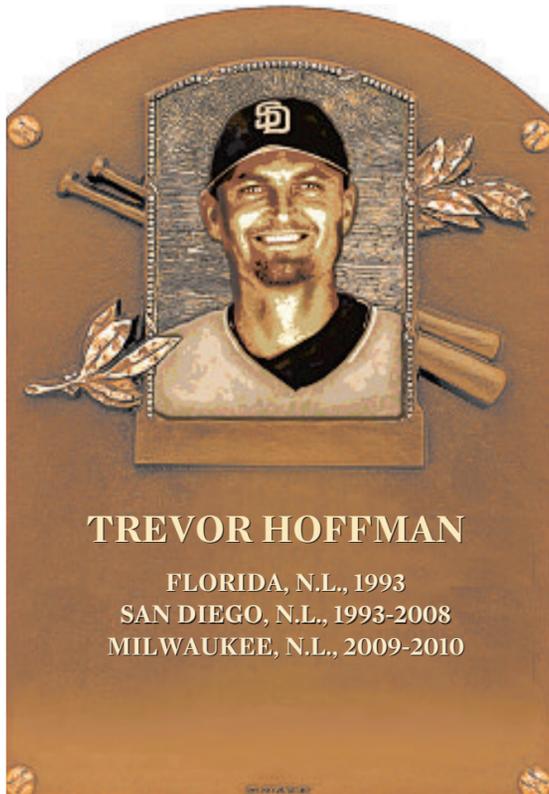
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Jason Sarsdell (Twitter @sarsdell) takes Thibodaux's numbers a step further. Using the public ballots Thibodaux compiles, Sarsdell estimates every player's add/drop percentages based on how voting is trending. He then uses last year's data to estimate votes for this year's non-public ballots and, using his own formula, comes up with the probability of each player reaching the 75 percent threshold. Last updated before Gonzales and Sullivan revealed their ballots, **here are his probabilities of inclusion for the six highest vote-getters.**

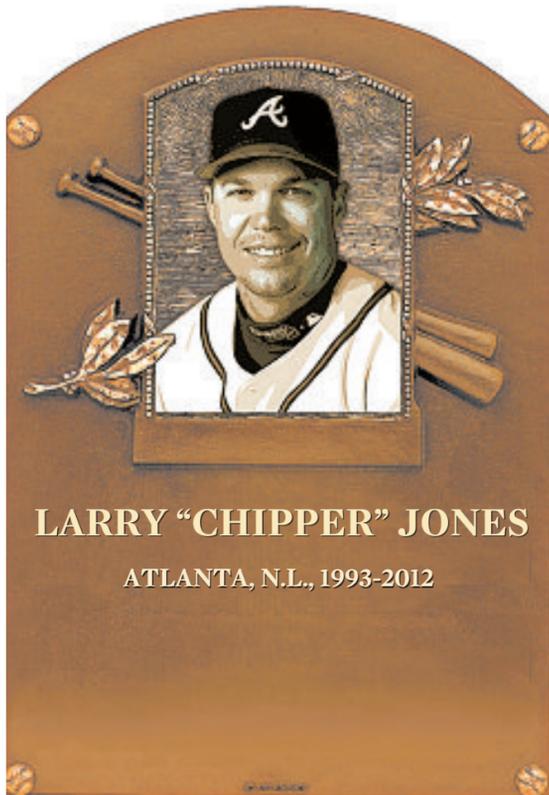
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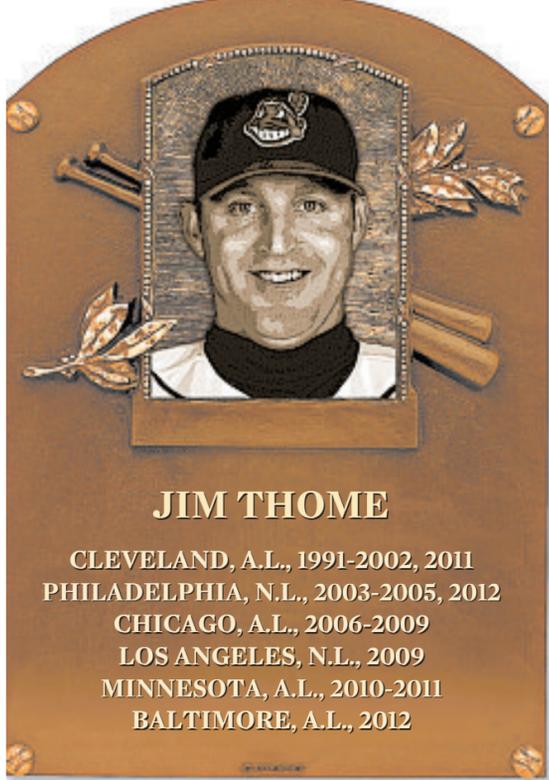
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BALTIMORE, A.L., 2011



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SAN DIEGO, N.L., 1993-2008
MILWAUKEE, N.L., 2009-2010



LARRY "CHIPPER" JONES
ATLANTA, N.L., 1993-2012



JIM THOME
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CHICAGO, A.L., 2006-2009
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BALTIMORE, A.L., 2012

Voting evolving quickly

Modern writers have changed way many voters think of their ballots



PAUL SULLIVAN
On baseball

When looking at this year's Hall of Fame ballot, three names that sprung to mind were Jonah Keri, Dan Le Batard and Ryan Thibodaux.

None of them is actually on the ballot as they weren't players. But all three factored into the voting process in their own way, changing the way Hall of Fame voting is conducted in the modern era.

My Hall of Fame ballot for the Class of 2018 that will be announced Wednesday consisted of Vladimir Guerrero, Trevor Hoffman, Chipper Jones, Mike Mussina and Jim Thome. I'll explain my thinking later, but first let's give a shout-out to the Big Three.

Keri and Le Batard are journalists — the former is a respected baseball writer for cbsports.com, the latter a successful columnist/talking head hybrid for the Miami Herald and ESPN.

Le Batard is remembered for giving his 2014 ballot to Deadspin, making a statement about a vote he considered "worthless in the avalanche of sanctimony that has swallowed it." It sparked a big debate among the Baseball Writers' Association of America electorate and how it has handled the steroids era, an argument that continues to this day.

The penalty he incurred from the BBWAA was a lifetime voting ban, but Le Batard's real legacy is opening up a debate about the voting process.

For decades, anyone covering baseball for 10 consecutive years was given a lifetime Hall of Fame vote. Many who hadn't covered a game in years were helping decide who was worthy of the Hall.

But the Hall of Fame announced in 2015 that only active BBWAA members and those who had been active the previous 10 years would be eligible to vote. A screening process — including a "code of conduct" voters were asked to sign — also was introduced.

The rule change lowered the average age of the voter while also decreasing the total number of votes, improving the chances of PED-tainted stars Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens, who were shoo-ins otherwise.

A record 581 votes were cast in 2011, but last year the number was down to 442, a 24 percent drop. Clemens wound up with 54.1 percent, while Bonds finished at 53.8. Both are expected to move up in the voting this year, though neither is likely to get the necessary 75 percent for induction.

Keri didn't make any statement, but his undying love for the Expos, particularly outfielder Tim Lincecum, led to several analytical pushes for Raines' candidacy over the last few years. After years of languishing on the ballot, Raines finally was elected last year, and in his induction speech he graciously thanked Keri for "getting my name out there."

Keri's advocacy proved players only need one prominent writer to persuade voters to change their minds, giving hope to overlooked candidates who have started out slowly.

The other game-changer is Thibodaux, the compiler of Hall of Fame ballots on his website BBhoftracker.com. Before he began providing updates on how candidates are faring, no one had any idea who would get in until the results were announced.

Now voters can see how someone such as Edgar Martinez or Mussina is doing during the voting process. According to the website, Martinez was at 80.7 percent Thursday and Mussina at 72.6 percent. It creates interest in the voting but takes away a little of the suspense, sort of like knowing how the Oscar voting is going weeks before the awards night.

OK, back to my ballot, which included two no-brainer, first-time-eligible candidates in Thome and Jones. I picked them first, then checked my two holdovers from last year's ballot, Guerrero and Hoffman.

The numbers speak for themselves. All four should make it, and perhaps Martinez as well on his ninth try, with Mussina creeping up.

After selecting those four, I began crossing off candidates who had some very good years but really shouldn't be on the ballot.

Sorry, Kerry Wood. At least you had your 20-K game, the greatest pitching performance I've ever witnessed. Ditto, Carlos Zambrano. If there was a Gatorade cooler-bashing Hall of Fame, "Big Z" would be a first-ballot selection for sure.

The other instant X's went to Chris Carpenter, Jason Isringhausen, Brad Lidge, Hideki Matsui, Kevin Millwood, Aubrey Huff, Livan Hernandez, Orlando Hudson, Andruw Jones, Johan Santana, Jeff Kent, Scott Rolen, Fred McGriff, Carlos Lee and Johnny Damon.

Not every great player is a Hall of Famer.

The next round of elimination was reserved for the five biggest PED-tainted suspects. Joe Morgan's letter to voters asking them to refrain from selecting the alleged juicers was a little late, but I've never given them my vote anyway.

I understand the arguments of "It's just a museum" and "Everyone did it" and blah, blah, blah. I simply believe there should be some penalty for cheating. Bonds, Clemens, Manny Ramirez, Sammy Sosa and Gary Sheffield still get to keep their fortunes, which isn't a bad trade-off.

The last player I check-marked, Mussina, is in his fifth season on the ballot and someone I hadn't voted for previously, considering him a borderline Hall of Famer who fell just short. But when Jack Morris was elected by the Modern Era committee in December, I changed my mind.

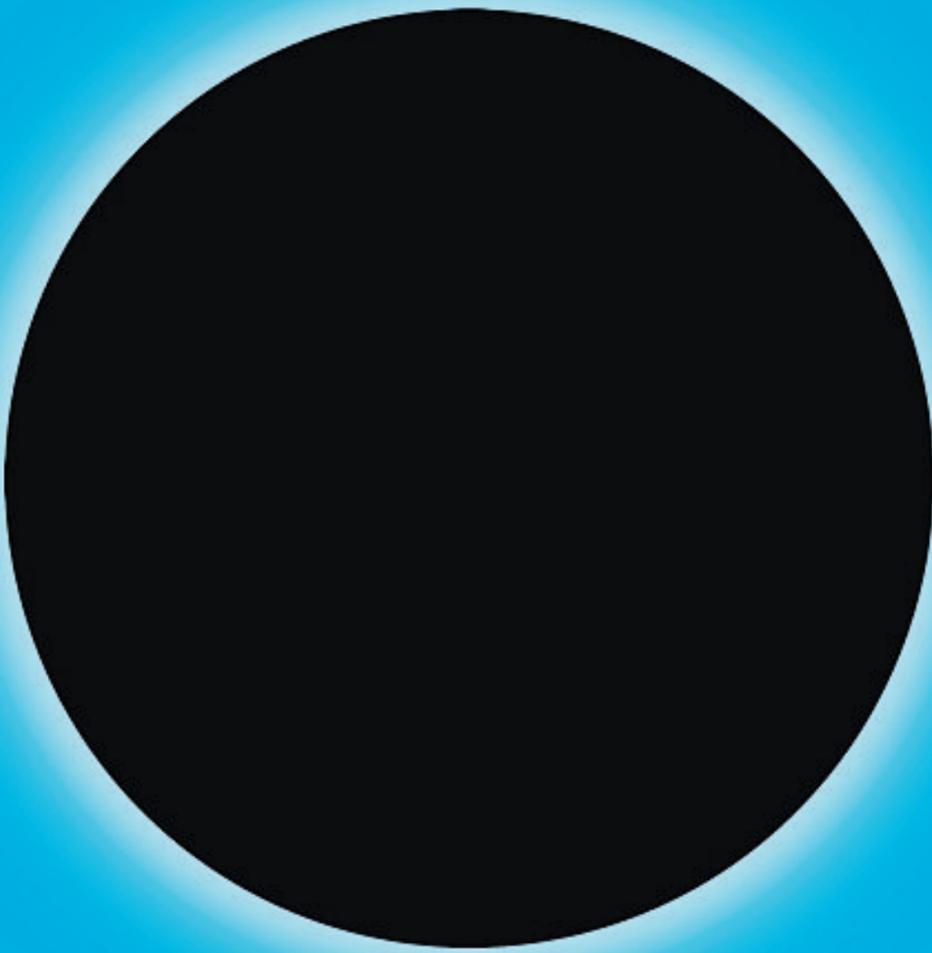
Mussina's numbers (270-153, 3.68 ERA) are better than Morris' (254-186, 3.90), and if Morris is in, Mussina deserves a spot as well. Check.

The toughest decision was what to do with Omar Vizquel, the best fielding shortstop I've seen outside of Ozzie Smith. But was that enough? In the end, I left his name unchecked, and according to the Hall of Fame tracker Vizquel will wind up well short of the necessary 75 percent.

Like Raines, I think Vizquel will make it in one day.

Perhaps he just needs his own Jonah Keri to get the ball rolling.

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Pop culture classics we missed ... until now

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI | Chicago Tribune

There comes a point in one's life when you realize you will never read Proust. You just won't. Never. Gonna. Happen. But wait, that's not all: You say you didn't watch "The Sopranos" when it was on? And felt really bad about your cultural absenteeism? But now you're more of a "Crown" person and — well, to quote Austin Powers, that train has sailed? Actually, you never saw an Austin Powers movie either, though long ago you decided you could live with that. Still, there is that overwhelming shame of having never listened to Michael Jackson's "Thriller." Or never finding the time to read James Baldwin. Or see "The Wizard of Oz." Or attend a production of "A Streetcar Named Desire." Or simply visit the Art Institute.

Welcome to your Blind Spot.

Everyone has one. Or two. Or 27.

That is, everyone is missing a cultural puzzle piece — a movie, a TV show, a museum, a play, a record, etc. — they feel guilt about. Everyone has faced some version of "What do you mean you

haven't seen/read/heard/visited that?" And the truth is, you meant well: It started as benign neglect, but festered into feeling burdened by the responsibility of addressing your Blind Spot. Then one day you woke up and realized you never did read "Moby Dick." We know. We've been there. In fact, thanks to the internet — and services such as Spotify and Netflix — our history of cultural failure appears to beckon to us daily.

So, as a bit of a Midwest winter pick-me-up, we asked Tribune writers — including arts critics — to finally meet their personal Blind Spots, to reflect on what they were missing until now. First up, newcomers to David Bowie, "The Wire," "Star Wars" and "A Christmas Carol." Shocking? In coming weeks, there will be installments of Blind Spots you never thought possible. And please, send us your own. We know you have them.

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RICK KOGAN
Sidewalks

A season
 in Paris

Tony Fitzpatrick takes it all in while filming 'Patriot'

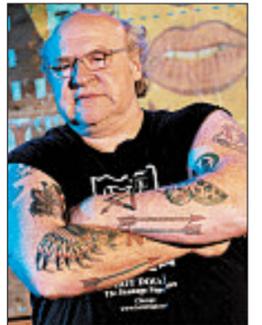
The French word for artist is *artiste*, which suits Tony Fitzpatrick just fine, though a more appropriate tag for him these days might be *acteur*, the French word for actor.

Artist-*artiste*, actor-*acteur* Who knew the French language was so easy to master?

"It's not easy at all," says Fitzpatrick, who has been spending a lot of time in France. "I've been able to pick up some words here and there and I can say one whole sentence: 'Je parle un peu.'"

That means "I speak a little," which is, in any language, not something for which Fitzpatrick is known. He's a grand and enthusiastic talker, this local artist-actor-playwright-podcaster-columnist (he has always had a many-hyphenated career).

Back in Chicago during a bone-chilling week or so during the holidays, he was eager to hear about local politics but mostly he



ANTHONY AICARDI PHOTO

talked about what it has been like working in Paris on the second season of the Amazon Video series "Patriot," written and directed by Chicago's Steve Conrad.

"I think I'm the only guy who goes to Paris and loses 14 pounds," he says.

In the show, Fitzpatrick plays a character named Jack Birdbath, a mysterious and disgraced security guard. If you watched any episodes of the series' first season (available still on Amazon), you might have missed him. His was a small role but one that Fitzpatrick believes might have helped save his life.

"I was in really bad shape, and Steve pulled me out of the grave," he says.

What he means is that early in 2015, when he was lying in St. Mary's Hospital in the Wicker Park/West Town neighborhood recovering from quadruple-bypass surgery, Conrad

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8 new shows on our watch list for winter

Los Angeles Times

“The Alienist” TNT, Jan. 22: This series combines two of the most enduring genres on television: the period piece and the serial killer drama. First published nearly a quarter-century ago, Caleb Carr’s best-selling novel, set in grimy, turn-of-the-last-century New York City and rich in gore as well as historical detail, has languished in development hell ever since. Now as a 10-part miniseries with a reported price tag of \$5 million an episode, “The Alienist” represents an ambitious swing from a network formerly known for lightweight procedurals. It stars Daniel Bruhl as a pioneering alienist — aka psychiatrist — Dakota Fanning as a feisty police secretary and Luke Evans as a newspaper illustrator on the trail of a murderer preying on boy prostitutes. — *Meredith Blake*

“Waco,” Paramount Network, Jan. 24: True stories have provided no shortage of gripping moments for television. The subject matter in “Waco” is enough to intrigue on its own. But knowing Michael Shannon stars as an FBI agent is a surefire way to make people search their cable providers for the Paramount Network. The six-part miniseries revolves around the true story of the 1993 siege between federal law enforcement agents and Branch Davidian cult leader David Koresh in Waco, Texas, that ended with a fatal shootout and fire that consumed the sect’s compound. More than 70 Branch Davidian members, including 17 children under age 10, died. “Friday Night Lights” alum

Taylor Kitsch plays Koresh, while Shannon plays FBI negotiator Gary Noesner. The project is based on two biographies, “A Place Called Waco,” by David Thibodeau, one of the sect’s members who survived the fire, and “Stalling for Time: My Life as an FBI Hostage Negotiator,” written by Noesner. “Waco” is one of the projects spearheading the launch of the Paramount Network, a re-branding of Viacom’s Spike channel. — *Yvonne Villarreal*

“Altered Carbon,” Netflix, Feb. 2: Based on Richard Morgan’s 2002 hard-boiled sci-fi detective novel, this 10-episode series is set in a far future San Francisco in a time when personality is stored in removable gizmos that can be traded from body to body, enabling people with means to live forever. Joel Kinnaman stars as a reanimated interstellar warrior hired by formerly dead rich guy James Purefoy to discover who might have killed him. The series, which features flying cars and shape-shifting exotic dancers, should go some way to satisfying those longing for a second “Blade Runner” sequel, but best of all is the return of the lanky, laconic Kinnaman — Holder on “The Killing” — to detective work. I have missed that flip, weary voice. — *Robert Lloyd*

“Good Girls,” NBC, Feb. 26: When your main cast includes the formidable trio of Retta (priceless on “Parks and Recreation”), Christina Hendricks (timeless on “Mad Men”) and Mae Whitman (pitch perfect from a young age in films and shows like “Arrested Development”) to



KATA VERMES/TURNER ENTERTAINMENT NETWORKS
Dakota Fanning, from left, Luke Evans and Daniel Bruhl star in TNT’s “The Alienist,” based on the best-selling novel.



STEVE DIETL/NBC
Retta, from left, Mae Whitman and Christina Hendricks are the formidable stars of the NBC dramedy “Good Girls.”

“Parenthood”) and your tagline is “They’re done playing nice,” you could probably just point and shoot and score. But this dramedy, about three desperate moms who decide to rob a grocery store, also counts Jenna Bans (“Scandal,” “Grey’s Anatomy”) as its creator and Dean Parisot (“Justified,” “Curb Your Enthusiasm”) as an executive producer-director, two people who know a thing or two about dark and twisty and tricky tonal balancing. Throw in an ensemble that includes Matthew Lillard (“The Bridge”) and the underrated Reno Wilson (“Mike & Molly”), and you have, on paper, something that sounds like it will hopefully work on TV. — *Sarah Rodman*

“Instinct,” CBS, March 11: Alan Cumming, an irresistible scene-stealer as shady political operative Eli Gold on CBS’ “The Good Wife,” is expected to bring his mischievous and witty

charisma to this new drama about a former CIA operative, Dylan Reinhart, who has retired into a safer line of work as an author and university professor. He, naturally, is lured back by the NYPD to help track a serial killer who is using Reinhart’s first book to leave clues. The series, based on the novel “Murder Games” by mystery author James Patterson, is, according to executive producers, the first hour-long drama on a broadcast network to feature a gay character as the lead. — *Greg Braxton*

“Barry,” HBO, March 25: TV and movies are filled with stories of stone-faced assassins, but only this one comes from the exceptionally odd comic mind of “Saturday Night Live” alumni Bill Hader. Co-created with “Silicon Valley” executive producer Alec Berg, the dryly comic half-hour series centers on the story of a disenchanted hit man (Hader, who also



PARAMOUNT NETWORK
Taylor Kitsch plays Branch Davidian leader David Koresh in the miniseries “Waco” on the Paramount Network.



ADAM ROSE/ABC
The cast of “Roseanne” is returning to ABC in March, 21 years after the radical comedy series left the air.

makes his TV directing debut) who reaches a career crossroads after falling under the spell of a San Fernando Valley acting class (taught by a rumpled and pitch-perfect Henry Winkler). It’s no surprise that “Barry” showcases a keen eye for the little things in depicting both striving actors and hired killers in a pilot that occasionally recalls the best of the Coen Brothers, but what may be unexpected is the earnest heart the show displays with a wryly off-kilter perspective that resists pursuing the easy laughs. — *Chris Barton*

“The Terror,” AMC, March 26: The 10-part, 19th-century-set series follows the Royal Navy’s Arctic journey to discover the Northwest Passage, a faster route between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. However, their quest is endangered by a “monstrous predator.” Inspired by true events, “The Terror,” filmed in Hungary, is

adapted from a best-selling novel by Dan Simmons and stars Jared Harris (“The Crown,” “Mad Men”) and Tobias Menzies (“Outlander,” “Game of Thrones”). — *Greg Braxton*

“Roseanne,” ABC, March 27: In this age of revivals, with “Fuller House,” “Will & Grace” and “Twin Peaks: The Return” coming back to finish business some viewers might not have considered unfinished, no series cries more for a second swing than “Roseanne,” returning to ABC after 21 years. The previously final season of one of television’s funniest, deepest and most radical comedies was an off-the-rails mess of weirdness, metafiction and reton that ended by declaring it had all been the invention of its main character. It also left John Goodman’s Dan Conner dead. Well, he’s alive again for a 10th season that features all the main cast back again, including both Beckys. — *Robert Lloyd*

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Lew Manilow a patron for the ages

Memorial brings an unexpected discovery about a favorite song



CHRIS JONES

On the day celebrating Martin Luther King Jr., Chicago said farewell to Lew Manilow, one of the more formidable Chicagoans of his generation. Manilow, who died Dec. 9 at the age of 90, was a patron of the arts in all of the manifestations of that overused term: a source of support, encouragement, clout, a force for completion and cash money on the nose. A true polymath, Manilow had a life of a fullness of which most of us can only dream. But in his final months, he was stricken by Alzheimer's disease.

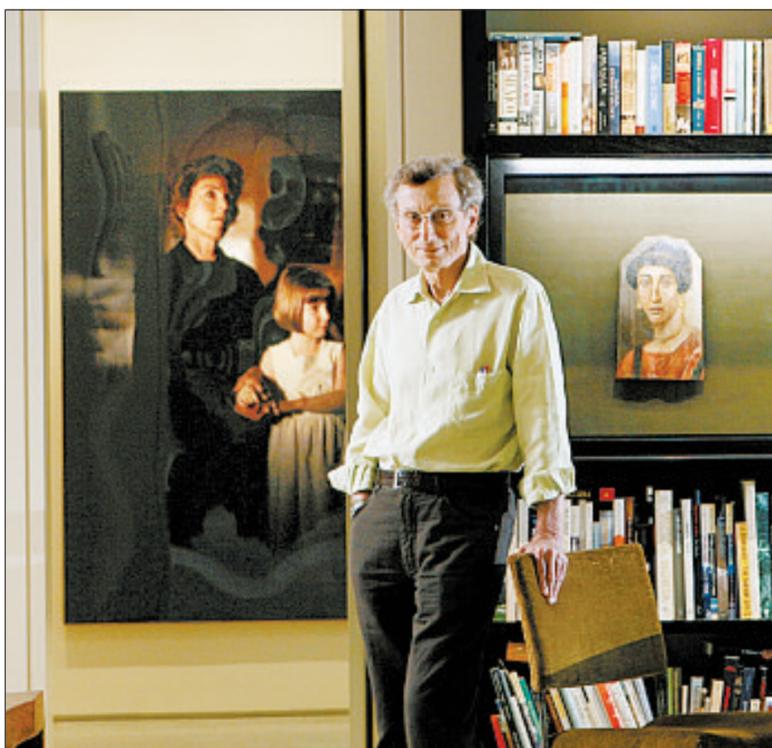
Lew Manilow was, his son David Manilow noted at his father's memorial that Monday at Chicago Shakespeare Theater, so influential in the field of contemporary art that he was able to make his own market. In other words, when Lew Manilow bought a painting by one largely unknown, it was seen as such a bona fide imprimatur that the prices of the artist's other works were then likely to rise. Exponentially, in some cases. The subset of Chicago art collectors — not a large group to begin with — of whom that could be said to be true is small indeed, since it requires respect even more than available resources.

That is certainly what happened to the work of Kerry James Marshall, the MacArthur genius who spoke movingly of his close relationship with Manilow, a man who bought many of Marshall's works before most people even knew of the artist's existence, re-

minding his friends that most art works throughout history were commissioned by someone. The artist who needs to eat can only hope the patron cares about the artist more than the agenda of the patron. And that the patron has taste.

The evidence shows that was true of Manilow, whose patronage also was extended to the Chicago theater, where Manilow was part of a very small club (Bruce Sagan and Joan and the late Irving Harris being other notable members) who really got cultural venues built. That Manilow portfolio included the Goodman Theatre, and he can fairly be credited with being the first to come up with the vision for the so-called North Loop theater district that reinvigorated downtown Chicago. I was also reminded Monday of Manilow's involvement in the Studebaker Theatre Company, a short-lived but intensely influential 1950s group of theater people — Mike Nichols, Elaine May, Barbara Harris and Paul Sills among them — who produced a season of works at that historic venue, now in a confoundingly partial state of renovation. In need of a Manilow, actually.

The Studebaker Theatre Company, may it rest in peace, produced one of the most famously terrible shows in Chicago theater history: Sills' "Lysistrata," which coaxed one of the best lines out of the critic Claudia Cassidy of her entire, distinguished career at the Tribune. Writing about the performance in the title role by Vicki Cummings, Cassidy wrote: "In a sea of ineptitude, she is a Gibraltar of disaster." Still, it's hard to overstate the influence of the Studebaker if you're charting the growth of theater, as made in Chicago. And it was Manilow writing many of



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Lew Manilow was a longtime supporter of the arts scene in Chicago.

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the checks, and bringing the ideas.

Manilow was a player in politics, an early supporter of Bill Clinton, Barack Obama and Rahm Emanuel, which explained why the last named gave such a personal eulogy for his friend, as well as the presence at the theater of Sen. Dick Durbin. There were many speeches of admiration, as you may remember from similar memorials you may have attended yourself, be the audience there bold-faced names *a la* Manilow, or just members of an appreciative community.

As is also typical of these

things, one of Manilow's grandchildren, Hannah Eisendrath, walked out on stage and declared an intention to sing. Her song of choice was Adam Guettel's "Dividing Day," a song from "The Light in the Piazza." She said it was one of her grandfather's favorites.

Fitting, I thought, since that beautiful show, for which I feel a well of personal affection, had a pre-Broadway production at the Goodman. I saw it there three times, and then many more thereafter. I almost flipped my lid when a later touring production at the Auditorium Theatre was

marred by lousy sound (they fixed it).

If you don't know "Dividing Day," it's a song about the end of marriage. Most great songs in musicals revolve around one single idea and this masterful ballad is about the question that might pop into a woman's mind in her wintery realization that she and her partner no longer love each other. When did this end start, she asks herself? You might have done the same. Of course, you'd have to be rigorously self-critical. In Guettel's song, the singer isn't merely asking the question of her husband. She is also blaming herself.

Or, in Guettel's deceptively cryptic lyric: "So when, when was this day? Was it on the church step? Suddenly you're out of love. Does it go creeping slowly? When was your Dividing

Day?" Guettel is a true poet and this song explores this theme with agonizingly questioning rigor: "Did it happen right away? Were you lying next to me? Hiding what you couldn't say? How could I have guessed? Was my cheek upon your chest? An ocean away ... When was, when was, when was Dividing Day?" Consciously or not, the young Eisendrath was not singing about a relationship. She was singing about her grandfather, and I had one of those moments when a song you think you know very well suddenly seems to mean something entirely different.

If you have loved someone who developed Alzheimer's, which is true of me and so many of us, you also wonder about their dividing day. You find yourself wondering if it was a sharp or a gradual retreat, what you were doing when the person crept away, what that experience was like for them, to what extent they still love. And, of course, you search for longed-for evidence that there never was a dividing day, that any division will dissolve and they'll be back. Over time, you strive to see it all as a journey.

Manilow had a rich life and suffered from Alzheimer's only in his very late years, which was still too early. I am deeply grateful to sit often in theaters his vision built and stare at paintings on the walls of the galleries he supported; they are a good part of why your Apples and your Amazons now are interested in this city.

I sent Guettel, who is Richard Rodgers' grandson, a note asking if he'd ever thought about this interpretation of "Dividing Day." "This is why I write," he replied.

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'Star Wars' is in a galaxy not far away enough

BY CHRIS HINE
Chicago Tribune

For someone who had never seen a "Star Wars" movie, I felt like I knew everything I needed to know about the iconic franchise through osmosis. Luke, Darth Vader, Princess Leia, Han Solo, Chewbacca — I knew who all these characters were and had a vague idea of how they related to each other.

I knew the often-quoted lines: "May the force be with you," "The force is strong with this one" and the spoiler to end all spoilers, "Luke, I am your father."

That's why I never had the desire to watch any of the "Star Wars" films. I knew the big plot points, I knew the spoiler in the second movie, and unlike a lot of movie fans, I don't get a thrill out of special effects.

When it comes to movies, I'm the type of person who would rather watch a well-acted, well-written, low-budget indie instead of a big-money blockbuster. If a good chunk of the movie is special effects and battle sequences, I become numb and will want to check my phone.

So that's how someone can go 31 years on Earth without watching "Star Wars." But in honor of the Tribune's series on cultural blind spots, I figured what the heck? Why not give it a shot? Let's see what all the fuss is about. I recognize that even with a lot of special effects, there can still be a good story and good acting to keep me engaged. And so many fanatics can't be wrong, right?

So I went on Amazon and downloaded "Star Wars: A New Hope," the first movie everybody saw in theaters.

Overall, I thought it was OK. I wasn't feeling it until Harrison Ford showed up as Han and Sir Alec Guinness as Obi-Wan Kenobi. The first 20 minutes or so were kind of boring, and because I was watching it late at night, I was on the verge of falling asleep. Then the scene at the bar with all the weird creatures — who had to have existed in George Lucas' childhood nightmares — finally got my attention. Ford's screen presence elevated the movie from a potential snoozer to watchable for me.



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Even someone who'd never seen the film was familiar with the roles played by Mark Hamill, Carrie Fisher and the rest in the original "Star Wars." An introduction decades later didn't leave that viewer hungry for more.

I could see how the battle sequences would be the most awesome thing anybody could see in a theater 40 years ago. To be honest, the effects are so dated that it reaches the point of actually looking kind of cool and unique when compared with the latest effects you can see in any comic book movie — all of which blend together for me.

I thought everybody in the movie was a terrible shot and in

need of serious target practice. There are scenes in which characters and stormtroopers are firing right in front of each other and they can't score a hit with these huge lasers that come out of their guns. How does that happen?

But in terms of what mattered most to me — the story was fine and kept me from completely tuning out. The dialogue and the acting overall weren't what I was

hoping they would be. If the highlight of watching future "Star Wars" movies is the effects and not the story and acting, then I politely decline to watch the other iterations. I'm not saying this as a drag on anybody else who loves these movies. Live your life. Enjoy what you want.

But it's just not my kind of movie and never will be.

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Rough-and-tumble series 'The Wire' distinguishes itself

BY HOWARD REICH
Chicago Tribune

Early in the last decade, I found myself seated next to an imposing figure at a New York banquet, but his face and name meant nothing to me.

Both of us — and hundreds more — had converged at Columbus Circle in midtown Manhattan for the opening of the sprawling Jazz at Lincoln Center complex. Unfortunately, I did not recognize the great Wendell Pierce, because I hadn't yet had a chance to check out the breakthrough HBO series "The Wire," in which he starred.

In fact, I plunged into it only a few weeks ago, having been reluctant to explore anything quite so fashionable among critics and masses of viewers.

Now that I'm well into the third season (and going strong), I reluctantly must acknowledge that, yes, a 21st-century work of art with a broad audience can indeed be smart, sophisticated and illuminating (not typically the case in the era of "Dancing with the Stars").

I already knew that "The Wire" concerned Baltimore's drug wars. But I hadn't expected it to be so gritty, dramatically

unflinching and politically incorrect — boldly so. Here's the unvarnished truth about corruption among cops and dealers, pushers and users, politicians and ordinary citizens. No one comes out morally uncompromised in this series (at least in as much of it as I've seen), which, of course, only adds to the believability of the enterprise.

I hasten to add that this underlying message — that, alas, moral and ethical compromise grease a society's wheels — does not come as a revelation. Nor has it been overlooked in the arts. The classic Steve McQueen film "Bullitt" (1968) portrayed unscrupulous authority figures, and the consequences of their misdeeds, more succinctly than "The Wire." The work of Marlon Brando, Eva Marie Saint and others in Elia Kazan's "On the Waterfront" (1954) brought more poetry to life on the docks, a realm explored in the second season of "The Wire" (which, in fact, references the earlier masterpiece). And Martin Scorsese films such as "Mean Streets" (1973) and "Casino" (1995) show more polish in depicting crimes small and large.

But it's the very roughness of



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Michael K. Williams played Omar Little, Baltimore's most feared stickup artist, on "The Wire." The breakthrough HBO drama series, which ran five seasons, holds up impressively well a decade after it ended.

"The Wire," the street-level cinematography and herky-jerky rhythms, that distinguish this venture. Its color, texture and tone often feel more like a documentary series than a dramatic one, albeit with the taut writing you encounter in carefully constructed films.

Watch any single episode, and you have to study parts of it

again — as I have. How else to catch nuances of the characters' street parlance and the intricacies of plot twists that drive the stories forward? Combine the verite cinematography with the utterly naturalistic performances of Pierce, Idris Elba and others, and you have the best of two worlds: the realism of documentary with the narrative power of first-rate

storytelling.

TV shows that respect viewers' intelligence to this degree — trusting us to put together the pieces of relentlessly complex puzzles — always will remain in short supply. Which is why "The Wire" remains urgently expressive so many years later.

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'A Christmas Carol': More ah, less humbug

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Holidays evoke feelings of warmth, fuzziness and love. Camaraderie, joy and breaking bread with loved ones are typically at the top of the list, which is why "A Christmas Carol" was one storyline I avoided with regularity each season. Of all the holiday shows/presentations, I never thought "A Christmas Carol" was heavy on any of those terms. Instead, I often sought out "White Christmas" or "Holiday Inn" or even "It's A Wonderful Life."

I chalked it up to the character of Ebenezer Scrooge. Who wants to spend more than five minutes watching a narcissist get a clue? Not I — with one exception, the Bill Murray rendition of the Charles Dickens classic, 1988's "Scrooged." But, hey ... it's Murray in his prime. Who can resist? So imagine my surprise when

I attended the 40th anniversary presentation of "A Christmas Carol" at the Goodman's Albert Theatre this winter. In a year that left me shaking my head in disgust and disbelief more times than not, this rendition was both delightful and refreshing. Chalk it up to this production having its first female Tiny Tim, and the stage presence of both Breon Arzell (as the Ghost of Christmas Past) and Lisa Gaye Dixon (as the Ghost of Christmas Present), both giving weight to words and actions that mirror our current societal climate with a hint of levity.

Everything from the narrator to Mr. and Mrs. Fezziwig's jubilant gathering made me recollect my family's raucous parties and my stints as narrator in school plays (I was all about storytelling, even in the fourth grade). The whole setting provoked a feeling of bliss on a cold December night — I liken it to looking in a



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Larry Yando's Scrooge helps make one glad to have finally made acquaintance with "A Christmas Carol," or at least the Goodman Theatre's production of the classic Dickens tale, a much-needed balm to a chapped soul.

snow globe and admiring the landscape without being trapped inside.

Apparently, I was not alone. The love of the Cratchits and Larry Yando's Scrooge was evident by the full seats on a Wednesday evening in the Loop. I'm not sure if I had witnessed a different production of the play

that I would have made such a strong connection. (After all, according to critic Chris Jones, the production hasn't been updated in 17 years and some scenes are in dire need of a touch-up.) But coming to such a long-standing tradition with fresh eyes, a good friend and warm libations must have made

the difference. In a world where new revelations reveal the lack of authority toward one another, a never-changing story like "A Christmas Carol" is a much-needed balm to a chapped soul.

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A journey with Bowie into kaleidoscopic beyond

BY NNEKA MCGUIRE
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The year was 2003. The place: a dusty record shop, full of kitschy delights. My high school best friend, Holly, browsed Ziggy Stardust merchandise with zeal. I nodded approvingly. The honest-to-God truth: I didn't know Ziggy from Adam.

I'd been raised on a hearty diet of Motown's finest: Michael Jackson and Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder and the Supremes, Gladys Knight and the Temptations. In subsequent years, I'd brought myself up to speed on the Beatles and Elton John, Queen and Fleetwood Mac. But there with a gaping, David Bowie-shaped hole in my musical literacy that I never bothered to plug.

Until now. Plunging into the kaleidoscopic waters of Bowie's work was no small task for a newb. I needed guidance. Fortunately, my gurus were many. Four to be exact.

My dear friend Cindy and her crew — two kids and a longtime partner, the lot of 'em Bowie specialists — invited me to their home for a primer. Over mostaccioli, we talked late '60s Bowie — spacey, folkie. Cue "Space Oddity." Like ivy, Major Tom grew on me fast, just as I'd taken an instant liking to Elton's "Rocket Man" many moons ago. (Call me a girl who's got a thing for doomed astronauts.)

We dabbled in early '70s Bowie, exploring the vividly expressed yet peculiar lyrics of "Life on Mars?" And shortly thereafter, I had a proper introduction to that otherworldly glam hedonist Ziggy Stardust. "He took it all too far but boy could he play guitar." Fantastically weird.

Next, we bopped over to his Berlin trilogy. First impression? Vague boredom. I had little love for "Heroes," despite the fact that the Berlin years represented a creative blitz and respite from the devastation of cocaine addiction.

My gurus had rhapsodized about '80s Bowie, and boy, they weren't



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David Bowie was a man of many phases, including "Aladdin Sane" in 1973. The Berlin trilogy ("Low," "Heroes" and "Lodger") followed a few years later.

wrong. The moment I heard "Modern Love" and "Let's Dance," abracadabra, I was spellbound. Listening to these relentlessly catchy pop pearls felt like being presented with a dessert tray after coming off a sugar-free diet.

Back at home, my studies deepened.

I doubled back to "Hunky Dory," waltzing around the kitchen to the melodious, casual philosophy of "Changes," and later strutted about to the slick "Fame" (both songs I'd heard before, but had no idea were Bowie babies).

I spent more time with Ziggy, too. One glum afternoon, the jagged refrain of "It Ain't Easy" — "It ain't easy to get to heaven when you're going down" — felt particularly

apropos. I later stumbled upon "Scary Monsters (and Super Creeps)" (who could resist that album title?), and my poor heart plummeted when I learned that "Major Tom's a junkie/ Strung out in heaven's high/ Hitting an all-time low."

While my Bowie education is still in its infancy, one thing is apparent: The man's ability to reinvent was astounding. Who among us hasn't had the desire, at some point, to raze it all and begin again? I certainly have. Bowie was untethered, shape-shifting, floating through space. In a world full of limits, that boundlessness sounds awfully sweet.

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A French adventure for Fitzpatrick

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came to visit. A longtime collector of Fitzpatrick's artwork, Conrad had a check for two drawings he wanted to purchase. He also had a request. "I need you to be healthy," he told the patient. "I need you to be healthy enough to come and work with me. 'Patriot' is a go."

What Conrad meant by that is that a series he had been working on for seven years had been green-lighted (as they say in the business) and shooting was to soon start.

Conrad's motive was not merely altruistic.

Though Fitzpatrick is a former columnist for New City and the author of a number of books, he is best known as a visual artist (tonyfitzpatrick.wordpress.com), with his work in dozens of private collections and a number of museums. He has had small credits in such movies as "U.S. Marshals," "Philadelphia," "Primal Fear" and, most recently, "Chi-Raq." He also has a lengthy theatrical resume, performing in shows for Prop Thr and Lookingglass, and crafting, with the considerable aid of the 16th Street Theater's Ann Filmer, a series of successful autobiographical plays in which he starred.

"Tony and I had been talking about Jack Birdbath for years, and not as a character exactly," said Conrad, a Florida native who came to study at Northwestern University and decided to stay, starting a family and raising two kids mostly in the Lincoln Park neighborhood as he fashioned a successful career writing such films as "The Weather Man," "The Pursuit of Happiness," "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty" and, most recently, "Wonder."

"Birdbath was like an idea for us, a name Tony and I used to describe a person or a situation where more was going on than meets the eye, a person with surprising depth, a situation where you expected simplicity but found exquisiteness," Conrad says.

"Tony obviously is unlike Birdbath, but he is able to keenly deliver Birdbath because they do have in common this depth, inner elegance and generosity that, for whatever reason, one wouldn't expect at first glance, maybe because Tony is a hulk who only wears suits at funerals. But Tony, like Jack, shares with those who know him a broad, sophisticated and engaging intellect, and a huge soul. Even though he might look like a guy a loan shark sent around to collect

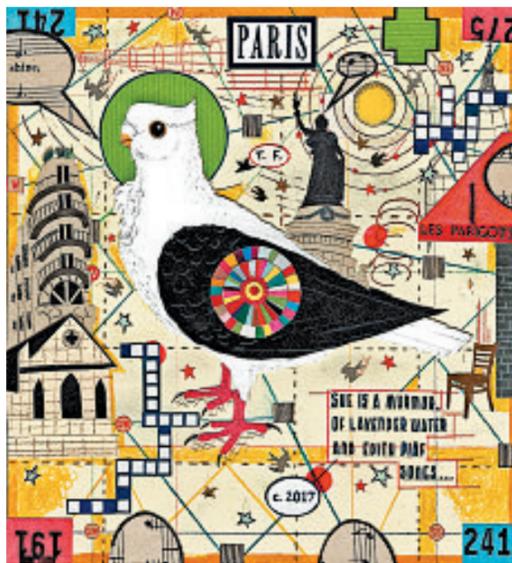


Actor Michael Chernus, from left, "Patriot" creator Steve Conrad, Tony Fitzpatrick, Max Fitzpatrick and actor Chris Conrad, Steve's brother, in Paris. JESSICA FORDE PHOTO

your debt." Fitzpatrick sort of agrees, saying, "I have often been mistaken for a side of beef."

"Patriot's" pilot premiered Nov. 5, 2015, and the following nine episodes were filmed mostly here. The first season began to air in February 2017.

It is a dark comedy, weird and wonderful, that stars Michael Dorman as an intelligence officer working for this father (Terry O'Quinn). My colleague Steve Johnson wrote that it displayed "a consistent absurdist take



that sharpened the laughs. ... It's as if Conrad watched the Jason Bourne movies and decided they had potential, but, really, they could be funnier."

The series was a hit — a 93 percent favorable audience rating at Rotten Tomatoes and a rave from The New York Times, which called it "a spy-thriller sendup that combines dark humor and rueful whimsicality in a way that is both endearing and unsettling" — and Amazon quickly signed up for a second season in which the role of Birdbath greatly expands.

"Steve has written me a gorgeous part," Fitzpatrick says. "This season people will realize that Jack was not as dumb as he looked and that it was a mistake to underestimate him."

Further details on Season 2 — set to air later this year — are under wraps, but we do know that the cast now includes Debra Winger, whom Fitzpatrick calls "one of the coolest people on the planet."

When he first went to Paris for "Patriot" in the fall, he was joined for a time by his wife, Michele, an interior designer, and their daughter Gaby, who is studying international relations at John Cabot University in Rome.

"There is just no way to underestimate how Michele has been able to hold everything together since my bypass," Tony says. "Hell, for the past 27 years she holds a whole monkey house together as a tower of strength in our lives — our beacon and our rock. She is so much like my (late) mother: about as fragile as a nail. She restored me to life. We'd be lost without her."

On this current Parisian interlude Tony is with son Max, an actor (recently in an episode of "Chicago P.D.") and aspiring filmmaker. Father and son are

also hosts of the "Max & Tony Show," a podcast they began in August and which features hourlong interviews with some of their interesting friends, including Conrad.

"I'd been to Paris a couple of years ago with my sister and my best friend," Max says.

"We did the tourist thing, Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, Picasso Museum, Jim Morrison's grave."

"Now I am getting a chance to see the beauty within the people and the high premium they put on civility. My dad and I are better people being here."

He's also getting some professional insights.

"Being on the set of 'Patriot' is like a master class, just watching Steve work, observing the cinematographers. Every shot that I've seen looks like a painting," says Max, who is especially impressed with his dad, adding, "He is doing his best work ever. He's never had a character as deep, as complex and as refreshing as Birdbath. So he's loving the work, his co-workers, and Paris itself. I think he wants to stay here."

Tony says: "Paris is seducing me big-time."

He has been similarly taken before, planning to move to New Orleans to

Tony Fitzpatrick, who has an expanded role on "Patriot," features French themes in some of his recent artwork.

study ornithology and natural history at the University of New Orleans. But then came the heart attack.

Tony and Max are staying in an area called the Republique, which the father describes as "centered on a public square with a statue that is a monument to liberty. The French refer to it as 'Marianne' and it's one of the most striking works of public art I have ever seen. The square itself is an amazing place where one can take the psychic pulse of Paris."

When not acting and walking and observing, Fitzpatrick has found time to create a few pieces of art. He also hangs out with the cast and crew at a bistro called Les Parigots where, he says, "They've kind of adopted us and made us feel like family."

He and Max will be home for keeps in a couple of weeks and the family here is glad to know that. "Of course I have missed them," says wife/mother Michele. "But I've talked to them every day. This has been great for them and for me, because it is so exciting for me to see Tony so happy."

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Holocaust survivor Jack Feldman visits with his 10-year-old great-grandson, Elliott, in "The Number on Great-Grandpa's Arm." "I want him to know what I went through," Feldman says.

A Holocaust revelation

Haunting new documentary explains 'The Number on Great-Grandpa's Arm'

BY HOWARD REICH | Chicago Tribune

How can the stories of the Holocaust — horrific as they are — be conveyed to children?

How do you inform a young person about events that often are too difficult even for adults to face?

The question looms larger with each passing year, as the number of Holocaust survivors dwindles, their tragedies and triumphs eventually left to others to tell.

On Jan. 27 — International Holocaust Remembrance Day — HBO will address the quandary with the national television premiere of an impeccably crafted, warmly poetic film, "The Number on Great-Grandpa's Arm." Running approximately 19 minutes, the documentary looks at one family's attempt to pass its story through the generations: We see 90-year-old Jack Feldman communing with his 10-year-old great-grandson, Elliott, about that blueish tattoo on Feldman's forearm: A 17606.

Feldman received the infamous marking at the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp, but — unlike the rest of his family — he survived and could tell what happened. As often has been the case with Holocaust survivors, however, Feldman said little to his own children about these ghastly events, yet somehow was able to discuss the difficult subject with his grandchildren and their kids.

No one has been hungrier to devour that narrative than Elliott, whose passion for the story and empathy for his great-grandfather drive the film forward and render it at once bearable and heartbreaking. For Elliott knows more about the Holocaust than most children — perhaps more even than most adults — and he speaks of it with simplicity, profundity and understanding.

"In Germany, there was a lot of problems going on," Elliott says to the camera early in the film, "and Adolf Hitler made a big speech and said, 'Oh, the Jews are causing all the problems. If we kill all the Jews, then we're going to have no more problems.'"

As the film proceeds, we see Elliott and his great-grandfather talking about what happened long ago in Feldman's native Poland. They sit close to one another on a sofa in Feldman's home, their arms casually intertwined, two distant generations speaking with an intimacy that inspires hope.

"I was so moved to see their body language, the way they snuggled up with each other," says the film's Emmy- and Peabody-winning director, Amy Schatz, who has made a career proving that children can educate the rest of us about the deepest, darkest issues in life.

"The way they hold hands and lean on each other," continues Schatz, "it's powerful to see that."

At one point in the film, Elliott asks his great-grandpa: "Do you know what happened to your father?"

"What happened?" repeats Feldman, straightforwardly. "No. I never saw him. I never knew it, what happened. I never knew what happened to my mother and my father. I never saw them again."

Elliott immediately, perhaps instinctively, caresses his great-grandfather's hand.

Observes director Schatz: "It's this non-verbal communication, where Elliott is saying: I understand how horrible that is, and I'm here for you. I love you."

At this moment — and in several others

during the film — it's clear that we're witnessing intense communication about an extraordinarily painful subject: genocide, as experienced by someone you love.

"When he says I never saw my father again," explains Sheila Nevins, the film's executive producer and president of HBO Documentary Films, "you bleed for him.

"But he doesn't ask you to," adds Nevins, referencing the sober manner of Feldman's statement. "He's a special storyteller."

Indeed, the film shows both Feldman and Elliott approaching their family's history with candor but also with emotional restraint, which makes the conversation that much more compelling. Both the subjects and the filmmakers clearly realize that stories of great tragedy do not benefit from melodrama or overstatement. The film's musical score, too, proves mercifully spare and unsentimental.

But "The Number on Great-Grandpa's Arm" also brings the story to life via historic photos, archival film footage and animation, which serve as visual accompaniment to Feldman's and Elliott's discourse. The animation proves particularly effective, in effect providing a child's-eye-view of long-past events.

Filmmakers Schatz and Nevins engaged artist Jeff Scher to create the images, which he did via a process called rotoscoping. Essentially, Scher and colleagues studied mountains of Holocaust-era photos and documentary footage, zeroing in on material that reflected Feldman's story. Then Scher set about hand-painting each frame of the chosen imagery, creating 12 drawings for each second of the documentary's eight minutes of animation. That required Scher to produce thousands of watercolor paintings.

What we see, then, is real-life, historic images made less harsh and more expressive via Scher's animation. The scenes of pre-Nazi life in Feldman's hometown — Sosnowiec, Poland — radiate the color and joy of Jewish life there in the 1920s and '30s. When Hitler and the Nazis emerge in the film, the tones appropriately turn mostly to gray and black.

"It's all based on contemporaneous footage of the various events," Scher emphasizes. "When the Nazis come in, I removed pretty much all the color ... and the bulk of the film is every possible shade of gray and flesh.

"I wanted to keep the flesh (tones) so it didn't get cartoony and felt human, but at the same time keep it totally desaturated, except for yellow triangles," he adds, referring to the Stars of David that Jews were forced to wear, "and the eyes. The Nazis literally drained the life out of their lives."

Because each of these images has been hand-painted by Scher, with no two frames exactly alike, the film's animated sequences have a flickering quality suggesting old newsreels of the period. Rotoscoping, explains Scher, is "a way to import realistic human motion into animation."

Or, as director Schatz puts it, "It gives



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"I would like to target kids before they get taught to hate."

— Sheila Nevins, above, the documentary's executive producer and president of HBO Documentary Films

you this feeling that this is timeless, that this is an archival newsreel, and it's also something for today."

Overall, the goal for the animation, says executive producer Nevins, was "not to euphemize, but to not horrify, and yet tell a horrifying story. ... The challenge was not to sugarcoat something that would live for a long time as a film, and yet at the same time to stimulate man's understanding of man's inhumanity and the nothingness of genocide for all people, in all places."

The filmmakers were focused on "the whole idea of telling true stories of horror without being too horrible, and I thought the film achieved it," adds Nevins. "It achieved the brutality without making you not want to watch it or to turn away."

That the film even was made might be considered coincidental, serendipitous or preordained, depending on your philosophical-religious leanings.

In May 2016, Nevins arrived early at a dinner and awards presentation for fashion designer Diane von Furstenberg at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York.

"I was directed to the (museum) library, where I sat and made sure my lipstick was on," quips Nevins, "and there was a shelf of children's books."

One of them — "The Number on My Grandfather's Arm," a 1987 volume by David A. Adler — caught her eye.

"I yanked it off the shelf," says Nevins. "I had a doctor who just retired who had numbers on his arm. He was a wonderful man. I loved him."

Nevins remembers immediately thinking, "They're all dying — we better do something" to tell their stories. "I took the book. I confessed this to the president of the museum."

Not wasting a moment, Nevins began searching for Holocaust survivors at that dinner, and through intermediaries she met a woman who happened to be there: Elliott's mother, Stacey Saiontz.

The dinner's emcee "pulls me over to meet Sheila," remembers Saiontz, who's co-chair of the museum's associates board and a member of the Next Generation

Board of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington.

Nevins asked Saiontz: "Do you know any Holocaust survivors?" recalls Saiontz.

"I say: Yes, my grandfather?"

Nevins responded: "Does he have a tattoo on his arm?"

"Yes," answered Saiontz.

When Nevins inquired if she had any film footage of her grandfather, Saiontz again replied in the affirmative, for she had been documenting his story in various forms for years.

Nevins, now in high gear, took the book "back to HBO," she recalls. "I said we have to do this."

Still, "I'm never satisfied with beginners' luck," says Nevins, who with her team continued looking for other cross-generational survivor stories. Several were filmed, but the palpable chemistry between Saiontz's son, Elliott, and her grandfather, Feldman, ultimately made them the centerpiece of the completed film (footage of the other survivors filmed will be available elsewhere on HBO platforms).

"My grandfather — before me — he never talked about his story," says Saiontz. "He never spoke about it to my dad.

"But I wanted to know. I started asking. It was easier for him to talk about" with her and, eventually, with her sons Elliott and Jared.

Feldman first told Elliott the story when the boy was about 5 or 6.

"I want him to know what I went through," says Jack Feldman, born Srulek Feldman, and now 92.

How did young Elliott react?

"He was very upset" but interested, says Feldman.

Adds Elliott: "I was a little scared at first, but then it kind of grew on me."

As for the process of filming, "I did what I normally do," says Elliott, now 12, referring to the way he always questions his great-grandfather. "And I actually got more information from him while talking, because I got to spend a lot more time with him."

Though the film was designed for young audiences, the power of the conversation, the shimmering beauty of the animation and the universality of the subject surely beckon all ages.

"It's like saying: Who's a lullaby for?" says Nevins, who has noticed a wide range of viewers during screenings.

"The lights come up," says Nevins, "and the adults have the tears."

For Nevins, who will be retiring from HBO at the end of March but will continue making films, "Great-Grandpa's Arm" stands out.

"This one has a special place in my heart," she says.

"There's something about the book and finding it — it was the best of what I could offer HBO in terms of discovery, that it wasn't an assignment, it wasn't something I found in a newspaper.

"It was a kind of a reverie."

As is the completed film itself.

"There's a song from 'South Pacific,'" adds Nevins, as she begins to half-sing the lyrics from "You've Got to Be Carefully Taught":

"You've got to be taught
To hate and fear
You've got to be taught
From year to year."

"I would like to target kids before they get taught to hate," adds Nevins.

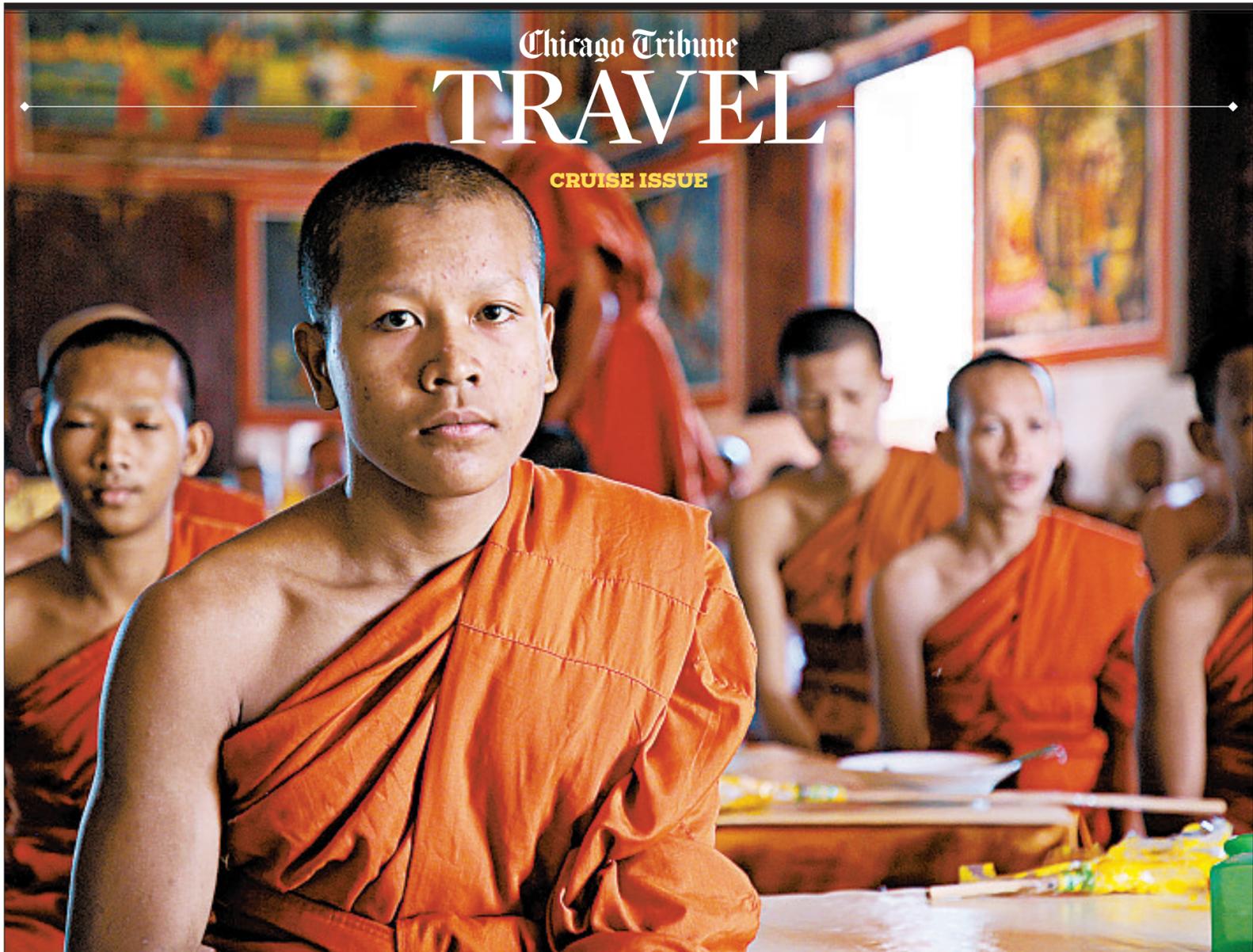
"The Number on Great-Grandpa's Arm" represents an important step in that cause.

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In what body of water would you find the Greater Antilles? | GeoQuiz answer, Page 6



Young monks chant in anticipation of their daily meal inside one of the many temples at Oudong, in central Cambodia.

CAMBODIA UP CLOSE

River cruise on the Mekong makes for immersive experience

STORY AND PHOTOS BY ANDREW EVANS | Chicago Tribune

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — “Life is not staying still,” Vuthy spoke softly to me, like a kind older brother. “It is moving from one place to the next.”

I followed his rhythmic breathing — in, out — inhaling the lotus air and untangling my own breath from the outside breeze, flowing in through the open temple doors.

“When we let something go, that is the ultimate peace,” Vuthy continued, his eyes half-closed in concentration. Like the monks around us, his head was shaved, but he was dressed in khaki — my guide on the river. He’d been a monk before; his instruction was real. Our morning meditation was a spontaneous detour from the rote tourist path in Oudong, a golden complex of pointed temples and the former capital of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

All of the monuments and fanfare, the behemoth statues, the many thousands of golden Buddhas sitting silently in unseen rooms — all of it pointed to these moments of serenity. My monk-turned-guide did not want to merely show me the sights; he wanted me to understand them.

Barefoot, we climbed the 400 stone steps to the highest white marble stupa encasing the Buddha’s relics. Bold statues of the mythical three-headed elephant Erawan

guard the shrine, and from this highest point, I could see miles across the flat squares of green to the shimmering complexity of the Mekong, an unwinding bundle of twisted rivers.

Our moment of peace ended with a band of long-tailed macaques invading the shrine, snatching up all the holy offerings and shoving the food into their pouty pink mouths. The Buddhist pilgrims only laughed while the smallest baby monkeys licked the sticky rice off their tiny fingers before dashing home into the forest.

We made our way back to the ship, chatting with market vendors along the way, sipping sugarcane and munching palm fruit — Vuthy stepped in to interpret and indulge all my curiosity. He insisted that I touch, taste and smell everything. He wanted me to travel mindfully.

Most people hear “cruise” and think of some high-rise ship crammed with thousands of passengers that drifts away



A woman dyes river reeds near the banks of the Mekong River. Once dry, they will be woven into sleeping mats often shared by families in Khmer homes.

from Florida for a week of bad buffets and forgettable ports lined with T-shirt shops. My Mekong cruise was the total opposite — unrushed, calm and authentic — an active and intimate discovery of the land, people, nature and culture of Cambodia. Smaller numbers, a flexible itinerary and the right ship make all the difference.

Low and lean, the Aqua Mekong — one of two ships belonging to Aqua Expeditions, a cruise line launched a decade ago on the Amazon River — was custom-built for this specific waterway in Southeast Asia. The vessel features just 20 cabins, each with floor-to-ceiling glass walls that reveal every second

of scenery you pass.

Every morning on my balcony, sipping my sunrise espresso, I watched the river wake up. Fishermen cast their nets like fireworks, chasing the silver fish that disappeared like sparks beneath the ripples. Little kids rubbed their eyes in

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Scandinavia in redevelopment mode



RICK STEVES
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Anyone traveling in Scandinavia this year will find a region that's investing productively in itself. Numerous urban, cultural and transit projects are underway, continuing the Scandinavian devotion to quality of life for residents and visitors alike. Here are some newsworthy notes to keep in mind as you travel in the region in 2018.

In Denmark's capital city, a massive subway project is creating havoc above ground, but when completed in 2019, a new circular line will make sightseeing in Copenhagen's city center a breeze. Several museums are being rebuilt or renovated: The Museum of Copenhagen will reopen later this year in a new building; the Museum of Danish Resistance, long shuttered because of a devastating fire, will be back in late 2019; and the National Gallery of Denmark is renovating, but staying open through most of the work.

Major construction is also ongoing in some of Denmark's other large cities. In Aarhus, a new light rail line just opened. In Odense, the Hans Christian Andersen Museum is being completely rebuilt and will reopen in 2020. In the meantime, travelers can visit a temporary museum space, the home where Andersen was born, and his childhood home.

In Oslo, Norway, the urban streetscape continues to evolve, with a 5-mile harbor promenade now running nearly the entire length of the city's waterfront. The historic Grand Cafe at the Grand Hotel is open again after renovation, and still has beauti-



The redeveloped waterfront of Oslo, Norway, includes a 5-mile-long promenade and stunning architecture.



SUZANNE KOTZ/RICK STEVES' EUROPE

Several projects are underway in Scandinavia as it continues to expand its enviable public transportation systems; one example is this slick new subway station in Stockholm.

ful old artwork, including a mural showing Norway's literary and artistic legends from a century ago. The National Gallery, home to magnificent works by celebrated Norwegian artists, is scheduled to close in fall 2019. The collection will move to the new National Museum being built near

the harbor, where it will be joined, in 2020, by a brand-new building for the Edvard Munch Museum.

Norway is also working on improvements to its transportation infrastructure. In Bergen, a tram now travels from the city center to the newly remodeled Flesland Airport. Oslo's

outlying Moss Rygge Airport is closed; discount airlines now primarily use the even farther Sandefjord Airport Torp, 70 miles south of the city. And construction on the speedy X2000 train line from Oslo to Stockholm will likely interrupt service through 2020 — plan on taking a slower intercity train instead.

Sweden's museums continue to switch back and forth from charging admission to being free — it all depends upon which political party is in power. (As you might imagine, the left wingers want culture to be free for all, and the right wingers want to put a price on it.) As recent elections brought in a left-leaning majority, admission charges have been dropped (for now) at many of Stockholm's sights, including the Royal Armory, Museum of Medieval Stockholm, Museum of Modern Art and Swedish History Museum.

Several of Stockholm's top attractions are either closed for renovation or in the process of moving, including the Royal Armory (main exhibit halls closed in 2018), Royal Coin Cabinet (moving; closed until 2020), Stockholm City Museum (closed until 2019), Saluhall market (closed for renovation) and the National Museum of Fine Arts (reopening in late 2018).

Stockholm's new Vikingaliv Museum (on the Djurgarden waterfront) busts myths about the Vikings. Interactive displays present them as colonizers and traders more than looters and warriors — you won't find a horned helmet in the place.

Southeast Sweden is Glass Country — the traditional home of the country's art-glass business. In the 1990s, many independent hotshops went out of business or were gobbled up by corporate conglomer-

ates. But the region has regained its footing as a showcase for small glass producers, including several new boutique enterprises: the Orranas Bruk glassworks in Orrefors (with an open-air hotshop) and the Glass Factory in Boda — part glass-art museum/showroom and part glassblowing hotshop. The handy town of Vaxjo, convenient to Glass Country, has also perked up, with good restaurants and a high-end hotel.

Like its Scandinavian neighbors, Finland's capital city of Helsinki is undergoing major redevelopment work. Construction on the Hernesaari peninsula just outside the city center (where cruise ships dock) and the West Harbor terminals (with ferry service around the Baltic region) will add green spaces, a mix of residences and recreational marinas to what is now a barren industrial zone. Visitors to Hernesaari can already get a taste of what's to come at the stylishly modern Loyly sauna, with water views and an indoor/outdoor restaurant.

And Iceland, while technically not part of Scandinavia, is now one of Europe's trendiest destinations. It's getting help from its homegrown airline, which offers Americans heading for Europe great stopover incentives. Expect big crowds and book your rooms well in advance — especially if visiting in summer.

The Nordic countries have a lot to offer, and those traveling with the latest information will have a truly rich experience.

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TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

WOW Air, where's my compensation for delay?

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT
King Features

I recently flew from Los Angeles to Reykjavik, Iceland, on WOW Air, a discount airline. WOW told me to arrive at 4:30 p.m., but the flight was delayed more than 14 hours.

The reason: The aircraft we were using had left Iceland late. WOW knew this, but still told me to get to the airport at 4:30.

I missed an entire day of my vacation by arriving in the middle of the night instead of at lunchtime. I paid for parking, a car rental and a hotel night that I didn't use.

I'd like WOW to refund the ticket and pay me \$670, the amount I'm owed under EU 261, the European consumer protection regulation. I've asked the airline, but it refuses to refund the ticket or pay any compensation. Can you help me?

— Rachael Lopez, Mission Viejo, Calif.

A: WOW should have advised you of the delay, which would have allowed you to avoid the hassle of returning home and then coming back to the airport the next day.

But that's not always possible. Maybe WOW was hopeful that a delay of the inbound aircraft could have been avoided, and advised you to get to LAX on time. I want to believe that WOW had the best of intentions.

Your request for a ticket refund isn't doable. That's because in the end, WOW transported you from LA to Reykjavik, thereby fulfilling its legal obligation under its ticket contract. In other words, it got you from point A to point B, as promised.

It just didn't do it when it promised, and that means it ran afoul of EU 261. Under that rule, you were entitled to real money for the delay — unless WOW could prove that there were "extraordinary" circumstances that led to the delay. And that, it could not.

The next time you have a lengthy delay, make sure you ask the airline immediately if it can authorize meal vouchers, hotel vouchers or phone cards. Don't wait for it to offer you overnight accommodations, which seems to be what happened to you. Ask. Most airlines include provisions for food and accommodations in their contracts of carriage, which can be found online.

I list the names, numbers

and email addresses of the WOW Air customer-service managers on my consumer-advocacy site: www.elliott.org/company-contacts/wow-air. After your first "no," I would have appealed to one of these executives in writing.

I contacted WOW on your behalf. You also contacted the executives, and eventually the airline paid you the \$670 owed under EU 261.

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CELEBRITY TRAVELER
MIN JIN LEE

Author surprised by quiet Tokyo

BY JAE-HA KIM
Tribune Content Agency

New York Times best-selling author Min Jin Lee spent four years in Japan doing research on her sweeping novel "Pachinko" (Grand Central Publishing, \$27), which was a National Book Award finalist. The time spent overseas provided valuable insight for the New Yorker, who "was based in Tokyo, but I traveled often to Kyoto and Osaka. I had to research Osaka extensively, because so much of 'Pachinko' was set there."

An edited version of our conversation follows.

Q: Had you traveled to Japan prior to living there for a few years?

A: I'd never been to Japan before. I had thought that Tokyo would be like New York City, but it wasn't. I'd imagined that they'd be similar in their bustle and noise level, but in fact, Tokyo is a very calm metropolis.

The bright lights and hectic night-life images so often found in advertisements and Western media do not reflect everyday Japan. For example, the subways in Japan are much quieter than most American libraries.

Q: What's the most important thing you've learned from your travels?

A: Researching my book, I spent a lot of time in open markets in Asian countries, where I observed the lives of working-class women. Around the world, working-class women lack legal protections, social status,



ELENA SEIBERT PHOTO

access to capital, educational opportunities, safe housing, health care and affordable child care. The state of global feminism is very undeveloped and poor.

living in Tokyo, there was a year when we couldn't go back to the States for Thanksgiving, and we went to Seoul. Mandu is a highly satisfying substitute for turkey and trimmings.

Q: What is your favorite vacation destination?

A: Martha's Vineyard. (Get) blueberry pie from Morning Glory Farms, ice cream at Mad Martha's and hot apple fritters at midnight from Back Door Donuts. My favorite bookstore is Bunch of Grapes. The beaches are nice too.

Q: What untapped destination should people know about?

A: Jeju is a stunning volcanic island off the coast of South Korea in the Korea Strait.

Q: What was the first trip you took as a child?

A: I was 8. My parents got a free trip to Orlando to check out some time-shares. My folks didn't buy anything, but Disney World with my sisters was awesome.

Q: If you've ever gone away for the holidays, which was the best trip?

A: When my family was

Q: Where have you traveled to that most reminded you of home?

A: I could have sat for a week not saying a word, entirely content and at home, in La Sagrada Familia in Barcelona.

Q: What would be your dream trip?

A: I'd rent a very, very large house in Tuscany for my extended family and all my friends. It'd be nice if others could cook and clean up for us, since this is a fantasy trip.

Q: What is your best and/or worst vacation memory?

A: Best: Making sandcastles at a beach in San Diego with my son. Worst/funniest: The time our suitcase flew out of the taxi trunk in Hong Kong and whatever remained of my husband's clothes had tire marks on them.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.



PHIL MARTY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

AdventureSmith Explorations offers a journey that ventures down Greenland's coastline.

TIPS, TRIPS & DEALS

Shake up your cruise routine

BY PHIL MARTY | Chicago Tribune

Cruisers who are tired of the Caribbean and Mediterranean and want to spice up their next water-based vacation should check out new offerings for 2018 from AdventureSmith Explorations. Destinations include Tasmania, Patagonia and remote areas of Indonesia. Or, to get really off the grid, there's a 17-day journey into the high Arctic to explore the Northwest Passage. The 132-passenger Ocean Adventurer is offering both northbound and southbound itineraries that venture into the northernmost reaches of Canada and down the coastline of Greenland. Outings on inflatable Zodiac boats will get passengers up close to glaciers and icebergs. Musk ox, walrus and seals are among the wildlife that cruisers likely will spot along the way. Shore expeditions may visit remote native hunting and fishing villages, and grave sites of early Arctic explorers. Prices start at \$9,695 per person for a triple cabin or \$12,595 for a double. There's also a charge of \$2,495 for one night's pre- and post-expedition hotel accommodation in Ottawa and internal flights. Air to get to Ottawa is extra. Read about AdventureSmith's new 2018 lineup at tinyurl.com/y8dtaj2m.

Boats and bikes

If you think the physical activity on a cruise should be more than the walk to the buffet, VBT Bicycling and Walking Vacations has the answer. The company has seven trips that combine sailing or river barging with bicycling. Several of the trips are in Holland, a biking mecca. Others explore the waterways and bike paths of Luxembourg, France, Germany and Belgium. All of the biking is rated easy, lasting between two and five hours a day. If that sounds too strenuous, most of the trips also offer e-bikes. Bookings can include airfare or be land-only. Info: tinyurl.com/y7aaxcgg

Touring the delta

Pandaw Expeditions may not be well known to cruise fans in the U.S., but it's the longest-established river cruise company in Southeast Asia, with itineraries in Myanmar (formerly Burma), Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, China and India. New this year is the eight-day/seven-night Great Irrawaddy Delta cruise in Burma. Sailing round-trip from Yangon (formerly Rangoon), the 16-cabin RV Katha Pandaw will meander through a network of major and minor channels that radiate through the delta. Highlights include the potteries of Twante, the Mein Ma Hla Kyun Wildlife Reserve and its saltwater crocodiles, and shrines and markets in Bassein. There are two departures for this cruise, March 10 and 18, with pricing as low as \$2,095 per person, double occupancy. For the March 18 departure, the single-supplement is waived. If you prefer to book far ahead, there are dates listed for 2019 and 2020 at lower prices. Pandaw also waives the single supplement on other select cruises and dates. tinyurl.com/y7foowdk

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A young man builds a boat from local timber, hand-cutting planks to fit the curved frame and rising prow that is customary to fishing boats on the Mekong River in central Cambodia.

Cruise an immersive experience

Cambodia, from Page 1

their houseboat hammocks, and like a rush-hour highway, the river grew busy with boats, whining and whirring motors ferrying people and animals up and down the mighty Mekong.

After breakfast, we tendered to the closest shore and watched our ship vanish upriver. Untethered and independent, we mounted our bikes and took off into pockets of dark jungle, where lofty bamboo and sturdy palms offered a canopy of shade. Swerving deeper into the countryside, we passed banana groves, fields of pink flowering ginger, and farmers working in their fields.

Pedaling between the emerald rice paddies felt magical. White butterflies floated up from the path, baskets of black sesame seeds dried in the sun and the air carried the scent of wild jasmine. Dodging roosters, sleeping dogs and ox carts, I gazed up into stilt houses painted red and blue and caught a glimpse of another life. Old men mended their fishing nets an inch at a time. Women dyed cloth and wove sleeping mats from river reeds. Another family shelled soybeans by hand.

"You always see more when you're biking," explained Vuthy, and he was right. I had been to Cambodia twice before, but I had missed all of this. Most tourists never leave the major cities, yet the rivers are the heart of the country, swelling up with the seasonal monsoon, feeding the fertile delta. The water extended for miles on either side, and only on my bike did I begin to understand the immensity of the Mekong with its ever-shifting shoreline. Sometimes the bike path ended in water, but we only needed to ring a small brass bell and a ferry arrived to take us across to the other side.

Travel should never be a spectator sport, and exploring a destination by bike gives you the freedom to stop and see. When we met a man building a fishing boat in his front yard, I stopped and loaded him with questions. Smoothing

If you go

Aqua Expeditions offers 3-, 4- and 7-night Mekong River expeditions year-round in Cambodia and Vietnam aboard the Aqua Mekong. Prices start at \$2,835 per person. Specific itineraries are based on seasonal water levels; 866-603-3687, www.aquaexpeditions.com. Tourist visas to both Cambodia and Vietnam can be acquired online in advance.

the wood beams with a plane, he explained how he waterproofed the hull with tarlike pitch — using techniques that seem as old as this river. We saw silk being spun from silkworms, bricks and clay pots being made by hand, palm sugar being tapped from the tallest trees.

When a lady summoned us to her lotus fields, we ditched our bikes and trudged out into the knee-deep water where we sniffed the pink blossoms and helped harvest the edible pods. A young farmer gifted me a wood apple from his tree, and when school let out, a band of young students joined us on their bikes until we reached their village and they peeled off for home.

In four days, I clocked 55 miles by bike. This was my first cruise where I burned more calories than I ate. No matter the amazing fish curry steamed in banana leaf or the tender pork satay and the banana fritters with coconut ice cream — every luxurious meal on board was followed by some active exploration of the surrounding area. If not by bike or on foot, then by kayak.

Paddling in the shallows, I maneuvered my way through a mesh of houseboats at dusk. Tied up into "streets" of watery passageways, these extended floating villages are home to mostly Vietnamese fishermen.

In my solo kayak, I felt like a silent intruder into this utterly different place, dropping into a rarely seen world where people live on boats. Dogs barked at me from floating porches, women dunked their babies



A baby long-tailed macaque licks his paws after stealing sticky rice from a shrine in Oudong, Cambodia.



Pink lotus flowers bloom along the Mekong River. They are thought to symbolize detachment and a pure mind.



More than a century old, the Royal Palace in Phnom Penh is used only for coronations and royal ceremonies.



Twenty cabins make up the intimate Aqua Mekong river cruiser, one of two vessels owned by Aqua Expeditions.

into the river for a quick bath and men waved at me politely without breaking their gaze from the soccer game on TV.

The lavender light was fading, with only a few pink

dragon clouds left in the sky. Night was near, and so I paddled midriver, letting the faster current pull me back toward my own floating home, where I caught the hull with my hands,

boarding the Aqua Mekong just in time for dinner.

This was the kind of cruising I loved, coming and going, ebbing and flowing with the river itself, because like Vuthy told me,

life is not staying still.

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NEWS TO USE

BY PHIL MARTY
Chicago Tribune

Here are some of the more interesting events, deals, websites and other travel tidbits that have come across our desk recently:

■ **Bald Eagle Trolley Tours** are held in January and February at Starved Rock State Park in Oglesby, Ill. Tours include an educational presentation, eagle viewing and lunch. 11 a.m. Monday and Wednesday, 9 and 10:30 a.m. Saturday, and 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Reservations are recommended by calling 815-220-7386. tinyurl.com/y7ppzsp7
 ■ **The Abominable Snow Race** will be Jan. 27 at Grand Geneva Resort & Spa in Lake Geneva, Wis. Participants will encounter more than 20 winter-themed obstacles as they slog through 5 miles of

snowy terrain. tinyurl.com/yakc24my
 ■ **Destination Kohler** in Kohler, Wis., is hosting its sixth annual Celebration of Chocolate on Feb. 16-18. The event includes chocolate-inspired demonstrations, five-course pairing dinners and tastings. Tickets are available for individual events, and packages are offered too. tinyurl.com/y7avfprk
 ■ **A B-17 Flying Fortress** from World War II is being restored by volunteers at the Champaign Aviation Museum at Grimes Field Airport in Urbana, Ohio. The public can view the work 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. www.champaignaviationmuseum.org
 ■ **Munch your way** across Iowa by visiting cheese producers, including the makers of the famed Maytag blue cheese.



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You should keep an eye out for bald eagles when you're on a trolley tour at Starved Rock State Park.

tinyurl.com/yc2ejqs2
 ■ **The Forest Preserve District of Will County** is hosting an exhibit of the work of photographer Don Sala at Plum Creek Nature Center near Beecher, Ill. The exhibit features photos of nature and old barns and is on display through Feb. 28. tinyurl.com/yasaaqnt
 ■ **Enter contests** to win

getaway weekends in Indiana at www.visitindiana.com/contests.
 ■ **Woodstock, Ill.**, celebrates its brush with fame Feb. 1-4 with its annual Groundhog Days. Watch free showings of the movie "Groundhog Day," which was filmed in the town more than 25 years ago. Also on tap: tours of filming

sites, a chili cookoff, a pub crawl, carving of a groundhog from a log by a chainsaw carver and more. www.woodstockgroundhog.org
 ■ **If you want to look ahead** to next fall, Gate 1 Travel has a 10-day Classic New England Fall Foliage package priced from \$1,899 per person, double occupancy land-only, or \$2,109 with air from Chicago. The guided tour includes two nights each in Boston, Hyannis, Mass., and North Conway, N.H., and one night each in Pittsfield, Mass., Stowe, Vt., and Ogunquit, Maine. Air is available from other cities at varying prices. tinyurl.com/ycwvc7sd
 ■ **Sunny Land Tours** has Cuba packages ranging from four to eight days. Lodging, most meals and guided touring are included, but international air is extra. tinyurl.com/y74ceqwx
 ■ **Registration will open** Feb. 3 for the popular Ride

the Rockies bicycle tour, scheduled for June 9-15 in Colorado. This is a ride that fills up fast. www.ridetherockies.com
 ■ **Find a list of birding festivals** throughout the year at national wildlife refuges at tinyurl.com/ybmn5jz5.
Deals and websites listed here have been checked for availability as of press time. Listings are not endorsements. Send tips at least a month in advance to ChicagoTribTravel@gmail.com.

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GEOQUIZ ANSWER

Caribbean Sea. The island group comprises Cuba, Hispaniola (Haiti and the Dominican Republic), Jamaica and Puerto Rico. Some sources also include the Cayman Islands.



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Space saver for close quarters

BY JUDI DASH
Los Angeles Times

No matter how luxurious and spacious your cruise ship cabin may be, counter space, especially in the bathroom, is often at a premium.
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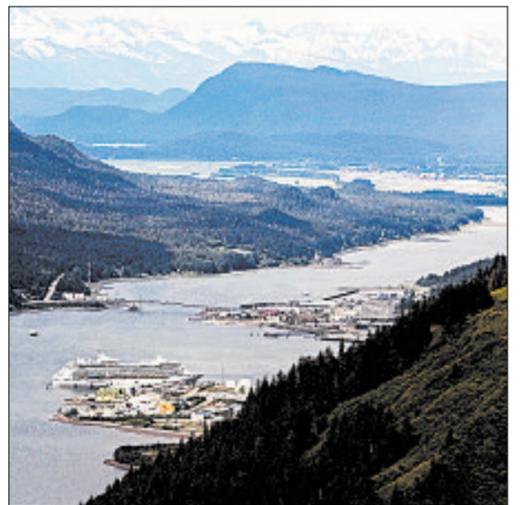
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NEED TO KNOW

Cruise and conference deal with dementia

BY ROSEMARY McCCLURE
Los Angeles Times

A week of scenic wonders is paired with an onboard conference on Alzheimer's and other dementia-related illnesses during a September cruise in Alaska.
 The Holland America Line voyage is for caregivers and family members with early stage Alzheimer's and dementia as well as senior-care practitioners.
 The excursion will depart from Seattle and visit Juneau, Glacier Bay, Sitka and Ketchikan, Alaska, as well as Victoria, Canada. Experts will address the cruise/confer-



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Juneau, Alaska, is one of the stops on a September cruise and on-board conference aimed at dementia patients and their family members and caregivers.

ence theme, "Connecting Circles of Care and Building Bridges of Hope."
 The cruise runs from Sept. 15-22 and prices start at \$1,510 per person, based on double occupancy. That includes accommodations, food and conference activ-

ities. Airfare and gratuities are extra.
 Visit www.elitecruisesandvacationstravel.com or call Kathy Shoaf at 219-608-2002.
 Rosemary McClure is a freelancer.



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Royal Caribbean's Oasis of the Seas passengers visit the cruise line's private beach resort in Labadee, Haiti.

Is January really the best time to buy cruise?

BY JANE WOOLDRIDGE
Miami Herald

You may think of January as the start of 2018, but for the cruise industry, the early months are Wave Season. That's when most lines, home ports and industry groups pull out their big marketing campaigns, urging travelers to book early for the season ahead. Promotions promise "the best deals of the year."
 But is that really true? The answer is "maybe."
 If you view a "deal" as

the lowest price to get on board any major ship, then Wave Season probably won't deliver. Last-minute fares do still exist — if you define "last minute" as within a month of sailing. (Because of security regulations, week-of-sailing bookings are no longer allowed.) If you are not particularly picky, you can find fares for \$70 per person per night.
 But if you view a "deal" as getting the best value for your dollar on a ship and itinerary that's on your favorites list, you should

check out January offerings, says Cruise Critic's Carolyn Spencer Brown. (Tip: Sign up online for news from your preferred cruise lines. They will alert you to flash deals.)
 For sailings in late spring, summer or fall, "Wave Season is definitely a smart time to buy a cruise," says Brown. That's because on most ships, the cruise fare is only one factor in your tab. "You'll want to buy a beverage package. You know you'll want to buy shore excursions."

Those and other "value-added" extras — such as airfare, Wi-Fi, specialty-restaurant dining and tips — are often available with the base price as part of Wave Season deals.
 When it comes to super-hot destinations, says expert Stewart Chiron, Wave Season may be too late. "If people wait until January-March to book Europe or Alaska, prices typically would be 20-40 percent higher," he writes via email.
 Once you find a price you like, don't tarry.



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Antigua's English Harbor, long used by ships seeking refuge from hurricanes, and the rest of the island were largely untouched by the 2017 storms. Its cruise port never closed.

Cruise Caribbean now? Yes.

After 2 hurricanes, tourism can help with recovery

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY ALAN SOLOMON
Chicago Tribune

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, St. Thomas — Maybe, so soon after a deadly duo of hurricanes ravaged some of its islands, this isn't the best time to take that Caribbean cruise.

Or maybe ...

In early September last year, as the hurricane called Irma spun out of the eastern Caribbean toward the state called Florida, Caroline Elkins was safely at home in Murphy, N.C.

But husband, Tim, just in case, had driven to their second home, in Fort Myers on Florida's west coast, even though the weather people had predicted this storm would ride up the state's east coast, the other side.

Irma, being a hurricane, proved unpredictable.

"I went down to cover up and board up my windows and all that stuff," Tim Elkins said. "I was going to go back to North Carolina as soon as I got my house covered up. Well, I-75 was a parking lot going north. And I just said, 'No, I'll just ride it out down here.'"

Yes, there was damage. "We got hit pretty bad," Caroline said. "All we've been doing is yardwork since early October."

In mid-December, just three months after the storms, there they were, Tim and Caroline Elkins, finishing up breakfast with three convivial strangers at an unreserved table in the comfortably posh Da Vinci Dining Room, aboard the 3,000-passenger Crown Princess, cruising the eastern Caribbean. All were gliding luxuriously toward the same Caribbean islands that two hurricanes (Irma, then quickly Maria, and both without mercy) had hit pretty bad.

On a cruise that, under the circumstances, seemed a bit ... odd.

But, said Tim Elkins: "We needed a vacation."

More than a few passengers couldn't help but wonder what they would find when they reached St. Kitts, Antigua, Grand Turk and, especially, St. Thomas (and its nearby U.S. Virgin Isle, St. John), the ports included on this Crown Princess itinerary. The Elkins were among them.

Well, here is what they would find:

Virtually nothing out of place on St. Kitts. "We've already pulled ourselves together," said genial driver-guide Lofton Foreman, aka "Uncle Barry." The fortress on Brimstone Hill, a UNESCO site, was as impregnable as it was 300 years ago. The beaches remained inviting.

On Antigua, most of the 1,800 residents of neighboring Barbuda made homeless by Irma were still refugees, some housed in makeshift facilities, including an abandoned hospital. "We're a country that opens our hand to everyone,"



With newly planted trees reinforced by wood supports, the beach at St. Thomas' Magens Bay — stripped by the hurricanes — is recovering.



Storm damage is evident on Turks and Caicos, but most debris has been cleared, and the Grand Turk lighthouse from 1852 stands strong.

said Reginald Samuel, another guide. "So everybody that came, we accepted them." He paused. "The hurricane was supposed to hit Antigua." The big yachts were safe in English Harbor, the island's 365 beaches hardly affected.

Turks and Caicos, including the capital of Grand Turk, took on both Irma and Maria, and damage — homes without roofs, beaches with replacement palm trees — was evident. But passengers found most debris gone and its

1852 lighthouse standing as strong and proud as the Brits who built it. The port businesses had reopened not long before Crown Princess and Silversea's Silver Muse, parked alongside, got there; away from the ships, some dive shops, modest restaurants and small hotels were welcoming visitors — and resident donkeys foraged as usual.

Those who made their way by ferry from St. Thomas to St. John would find an island hit hard. Both hurricanes got it. The land-

mark Caneel Bay Resort likely won't take guests before 2019. The trails in Virgin Islands National Park had reopened, and so most of its beaches and snorkel spots, and the island's beloved greenness were returning. It could be visited, but carefully.

And St. Thomas? Well, if passengers had arrived in September ...

"They would've been horrified," said Alani Henneman Todman, communications director for U.S. Virgin Islands tourism, which covers St. Croix as well as St. Thomas and St. John. "All the (utility) poles were down. There were trees everywhere. There was devastation everywhere."

"That was after Irma," she said. "And then we had Maria."

Lost, some until next year: Marriott's Frenchman's Reef, the Ritz-Carlton and Bluebeard's Castle Resort, among others. Some smaller hotels and villas are functional.

"You can come," Todman said. "But you have to do your research."

Which all sounds bleak for St. Thomas, especially short-term — and it is. Except for this:

Justin Lawes is captain of the Crown Princess. Having lived for a time in the Caribbean, he knows the territory, the dry parts as well as the nautical.

"The thing about the Caribbean islands," he said, "is that they've been through this before. They are super-resilient."

"All the cruise lines joined forces," he added. "It's amazing when you look at the work they've done."

The famous beach at Magens Bay was a disaster, its facilities ruined, its palms stripped and debris everywhere. The replanted trees may need temporary wood-

en supports, but it's Magens again, and — when ships are in port — it's busy.

In town, restaurants were open. Beloved Gladys' Cafe, just off Main Street, was back serving Gladys' curry goat and conch in lemon sauce as she has for 25 years. A few shops on Main Street were boarded up, but most were open and welcoming.

"Downtown, we were OK," said Lorraine Joseph, saleswoman at Lucky Jewelers. "The residential is what got damaged the most. We managed to hold on. It's coming back to normal."

It's a new normal, Todman said. "Because after a hurricane, the old normal never exists again," she said. "And it's a good thing. In a lot of ways, it's a cleansing, a cleansing of the island."

For now, not only on St. Thomas but on other islands in the hurricanes' path that lost major hotels, the shops, bars and restaurants open and close according to ships' timetables. When they sail off, the tourists — more than ever — sail away, too, with their livelihood-sustaining dollars staying aboard.

Which made this — and what the passengers on the Crown Princess discovered — a very interesting time to take that Caribbean cruise. As the Elkins of North Carolina and Florida figured all along, even before they left the ship.

"It may not be as pretty as it was last time," Tim Elkins said over breakfast at sea, "but the people are probably still as friendly and as welcoming."

"It'll come back," he said. "They need our help."

Might be the best time after all.

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FORK IN THE ROAD



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The risotto at Burdock & Co. uses rice grown in Abbotsford, about an hour from Vancouver. Chef Andrea Carlson works with small producers to shape the region's culinary identity.

Eating in Seattle, Vancouver

Begin or end your Alaska cruise with some culinary treasures in these Pacific Northwest ports of departure

BY EAGRANIE YUH
The Washington Post

Seattle and Vancouver are popular departure points for Alaska cruises, and both cities are well worth exploring either before or after your vacation at sea.

Here are three meals you won't want to miss in each of these West Coast gems.

Seattle

Breakfast

Since opening nearly 25 years ago, Macrina Bakery (macrinabakery.com; 206-448-4032; 2408 First Ave.) remained a constant while the gritty neighborhood of Belltown transformed into a land of condo towers and craft beer joints. Get to Macrina early to nab a seat in the cafe, where the menu highlights its artisanal baking, niche comestibles from the Pacific Northwest and the season's best bounty. For smaller appetites, there are savory brioches and all manner of sweet things swaddled in croissant dough. Do save room for a giant cookie, especially Rick's chocolate apricot espresso, which gets a delightful accent from dried apricots. It'll be valuable sustenance as you leave the flat terrain of Belltown — the result of a massive regrading project at the beginning of the 20th century — for nearby tourist attractions. Walk 10 minutes northwest for Olympic Sculpture Park or southeast for the perennial draw of Pike Place Market.

Lunch

There's a palpable divide between the present-day bustle of Capitol Hill's vintage shops (and at night, its myriad bars and clubs) and the timeless atmosphere inside Cafe Presse (cafepresseattle.com; 206-709-7674; 1117 12th Ave.). Melt into the happy chatter and settle at one of the chartreuse tables for exemplary French bistro food. Here, a croque monsieur — ostensibly a ham-and-cheese sandwich, admittedly one slathered in bechamel and kissed under a broiler — becomes something that stops time. (To really gild the lily, put an



MACRINA BAKERY

The orange hazelnut pinwheel at Seattle's Macrina Bakery, where the menu highlights niche comestibles.



DARREN CHUANG PHOTO

Pad Pu Sen Chan is one of the tasty noodle dishes on offer at Sen Pad Thai on Granville Island in Vancouver.

egg on it and make your monsieur a madame.) Pair it with coffee from local roaster Caffe Vita or a glass from the affordable wine list before exploring one of Seattle's most playful shopping districts.

Dinner

If you want quirk, head north of Lake Union to Fremont, where you'll find a bronze sculpture of Lenin and a Volkswagen-crushing troll under the Aurora Bridge — as well as some of the city's best dining. With its seasonally inspired, vegetable-forward menu of shared plates, The Whale Wins (thewhalewins.com; 206-632-9425; 3506 Stone Way N.) could have been a

simulacrum of restaurant trends. However, in Renee Erickson's hands, it's a paean to the Pacific Northwest. (She didn't win a James Beard award for nothing.) The shopping-list style menu may be off-putting to some, listing ingredients separated by commas, but it's consistent with what arrives: impeccable ingredients, simply prepared and allowed to speak for themselves. Also note that the restaurant charges an automatic 20 percent gratuity to provide a living wage to employees.

Vancouver

Breakfast

Named after John "Gassy



THE WHALE WINS

This broccoli dish is an example of the vegetable-forward menu at The Whale Wins in Seattle.

Jack" Deighton, Gastown is one of Vancouver's oldest neighborhoods. Water Street is where you'll find all manner of Mountie-clad moose and maple syrup, but if you venture to the corner of Hastings and Cambie streets, you'll see where the locals go for a carb fix. Purebread (purebread.ca, 159 W. Hastings St., 604-563-8060) started in the ski haven of Whistler, British Columbia, with artisanal loaves but has since branched out to include nearly anything worth baking. It's best to get there early, not just to avoid the lines but also to see the full kaleidoscope of offerings. The breakfast sandwich goes swanky

with prosciutto and egg on brioche, while nubby scones get dolled up with rosemary and lavender. If you aren't averse to dessert in the morning, save room for a Purebread brownie, which hides hearts of raspberry, caramelized banana or the legendary lemon chevre. You'll also find such quirky treats as Anzac biscuits (crisp, nubby oat cookies), pavlovas (meringues with a chewy center) and Lamingtons (square cakes with chocolate-and-coconut icing), owing to co-owner Mark Lamming's New Zealand roots. And tuck a sour-dough loaf in your bag for glorious French toast the next day.

Lunch

Skip the car and opt for transit or a water taxi to get to Granville Island, the former industrial flats where artists work in all kinds of media, from clay to glass, fiber to metal. Culinary artisans are mostly housed in the Public Market, but the island's real gem is in the neighboring Net Loft building. There, local chef and restaurateur Angus An pays homage to Thai street food with Sen Pad Thai (senpadthai.com; 604-428-7900; 1666 Johnston St.). Set aside any worries about gloppy noodles. These are so springy that they almost bite back, and they're wok-fried to order. Mull five kinds of pad thai or choose the undersung pad siew beef, a Chinese-inflected dish of chewy rice noodle sheets, glossy with soy and speckled with beef.

Dinner

Mount Pleasant is where the cool kids go for fourth-wave coffee, pop-up shops and craft beer by the paddle. It's also home to Burdock & Co. (burdockandco.com; 604-879-0077; 2702 Main St.). Where other restaurants pay lip service to the notion of local and seasonal, chef Andrea Carlson has long been working with small producers to shape the region's culinary identity. The frequently changing menu highlights local delicacies such as uni (sea urchin) and sake kasu, a byproduct of the sake made on Granville Island. (It's reminiscent of blue cheese.) Risotto is made with rice grown in Abbotsford, B.C., about an hour's drive away, and the wine list includes some of the more interesting bottles from the Okanagan Valley, about five hours away. While the menu changes often, there's usually some form of fried chicken. A recent incarnation featured buttermilk-marinated chicken thighs, deep-fried to perfection and served with puckery dill pickle mayo. It's so pretty that you'll reach for a knife and fork, but you'll want to swipe the plate clean with your finger.

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Heidi Stevens
wonders how parents
can encourage girls
and boys to imagine
domestic life, and
why we aren't asking
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BY AMY DICKINSON

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'Mr.' wants to be called 'Grandpa'

Dear Amy: I have three grandchildren who address me as "Mr.," not as "Grandpa." Although it is true that I was not in their lives growing up, I was not a bad or cruel influence.

A few years ago, I sent a Christmas gift (a large check) to one of these grandchildren, and I quickly received a nice thank-you card, but it was addressed "Dear Mr. 'Smith.'" I was so angry that I never sent another gift and haven't heard from them since.

I am 87 years old. How do I become "Grandpa" before it is too late?

— *Want to Be Grandpa*

Dear Want to Be: The way to become a "Grandpa" is to act like one. Grandparents, ideally, are involved, caring and kind. They offer a soft place for their grandchildren to nestle, removed from the pressures of other relationships. They love without harsh judgment. They create a positive presence, even when they are not nearby. They communicate and show a loving interest in the lives of their grandchildren. Yes, sometimes grandparents send big checks, but the big check is supposed to be an expression of the love, not a bid for it.

Your reaction to this gracious "thank you" was punitive. Instead of simply saying, "I would love it if you would call me 'Grandpa,'" you cut off communication, missing another opportunity for connection. Reach out to these grandchildren. Describe your life and explain why you weren't in their lives during their formative years. Apologize for all of the missed opportunities. Ask them to get in touch and tell you about themselves. You don't mention your relationship with the parents of these grandchildren, but — obviously — they hold an influential relationship card with these children. I hope you take whatever steps you can to resolve this issue. You will not regret trying.

Dear Amy: My fiance and I are planning to get married this month at the courthouse, attended by our parents and siblings, with a quiet dinner afterward.

We originally planned to have a courthouse wedding and a big party in June. We are still planning the June party, but we decided to move the marriage date up for practical reasons.

We're unsure about how to inform our extended family. My mother's advice is to talk with our grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc., in person or over the phone before the event. My fiance and I want to tell them after the fact: If we get married on a Friday, then we'll spend part of Saturday informing our family of the good news.

This is the only option for his branch of the family; they have some difficulties with boundaries, and it isn't out of the realm of possibility for them to show up at the courthouse uninvited. Additionally, I feel that informing my branch in advance would come across as asking for permission and approval. We are planning to remind our branches that the June party is still on. We do not want our elopement to hurt anyone's feelings. Should we tell them before or after?

— *Anonymous*

Dear Anonymous: This isn't quite an elopement; it's a change in plans. Both sets of parents will be there, and by not telling other family members, you are essentially asking these parents to keep your plans a secret. This places them in a bind, so don't be surprised if the word leaks out.

By informing people before the fact, you are not asking their permission, but you are letting yourselves in for some confusion, (inevitable) disappointment and (possibly) negative feedback before you say your vows. I agree with your idea to call all extended family members the day after the ceremony. Steel yourselves for a variety of responses. Assure them that your plan to party in June remains intact, and tell them that you hope they will be there.

Dear Amy: I was appalled at those ridiculous "cat ladies" (Upset Aunt) who refused to sequester their cats during the visit of an allergic family member. I have had dogs and cats over the years that cannot interact with visitors. I always put the needs of my human guests first. My animals can handle it.

— *Hospitality First*

Dear Hospitality: I agree with your take.

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balancing act

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Why don't we ask men how they juggle it all?

Tina Fey says the rudest question you can ask a woman — worse than “How old are you?” or “What do you weigh?” — is “How do you juggle it all?”

It's too accusatory, she maintains. “You're screwing it all up, aren't you?” their eyes say,” she writes in “Bossypants.”

I wonder if the problem lies less in the question itself and more in whom we ask it of: namely, moms. And whom we don't ask it of: namely, dads.

Kate Ryder, founder and CEO of the digital health care company Maven, just wrote a wonderful essay for the website Quartz at Work, titled “The question we ask every mom (but never dads).”

“I frequently get asked about ‘work-life balance,’” Ryder writes. “My husband, Lee Teslik, an executive at Google, who changes as many diapers as I do, has had a very different experience.”

Ryder and Teslik launched into a discussion about that dichotomy one day and recorded their conversation. Her essay is an excerpt, “with all expletives, politics and tears edited out.” (Am I the only one who wishes she'd left those in?)

It goes like this.

Ryder: “Since becoming a parent, how many times have you been asked, ‘How do you do it all?’”

Teslik: “I've never been asked that.”

Ryder: “Wow, really? I get asked that like once per week. Why do you think that is?”

Teslik: “I don't know, but there's clearly an overall expectation that the burden of raising children falls primarily to women. And, obviously, people think that for a reason — which is that most women actually do spend more time than their husbands on child care. But the assumption also reinforces the gender dynamics.”

That assumption starts young. We're quite adept at encourag-



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Encouraging boys to imagine their domestic life, as well as their career success, can lay a more equitable foundation.

ing girls to imagine fully formed lives for themselves — lives that include a career and a family and all that both entail.

With boys, we sometimes think smaller.

It occurred to me recently that I know all about what my daugh-

ter wants her home life to look like — how many kids she wants what she wants to name them, how old she wants to be when she gets married — in addition to what job she wants to pursue.

But I wasn't really talking to my son about that stuff — how

many kids he wants, whether he wants kids, what he would name them. He wasn't bringing it up, and I wasn't asking.

So I started. And he happily obliged. (He wants twin boys. He'll name one after himself and one after his friend Ben.)

I'm afraid a lot of boys go through life not being encouraged to dream up their domestic life. And I don't think that changes much as they approach adulthood.

I don't know any men who spent significant time wondering

how they'd do it all — until they were actually trying to do it all. I don't know any men who were told it would be hard or impossible. “You can have it all ... just not all at once” is a refrain we've directed exclusively at women.

It's shocking, I think, to a lot of men when it's hard as it is. Nobody warned them. Everyone warned us.

In “Unfinished Business: Women, Men, Work, Family” (Random House), Anne-Marie Slaughter writes about feeling proud of her dad for raising her, in 1960s Virginia, to believe she could do anything and for pushing her to go to law school.

“I grew up believing my father's work was more important than my mother's work,” Slaughter told me when her book came out in 2015. “And that to be a liberated woman was to be like my dad and become a lawyer.”

It hit Slaughter, later, when she was a mom of two sons, that her mom's caretaking contributed just as much to the world — and to their family — as her father's legal prowess did.

It hit her, also, that her father didn't raise her brothers to be nearly as well-rounded as he'd raised her to be.

“As progressive as he was, it never would have occurred to him to raise his sons — my brothers — to embrace caregiving as much as he raised me to be a breadwinner,” she writes in “Unfinished Business.” “That is the world we must now create.”

I think we can get there.

We can start by encouraging our daughters and our sons to think about both sides of their lives — family and work. And we can remember to ask the men in our lives how they juggle it all.

It's not a bad question. It's a window into a person's world, where the things they hold dear compete for space and light.

We just need to expand whom we're asking, and I think the answers will illuminate us.

They fled war, now aid other refugees here

Iraqi mother and daughter help translate for newcomers, repay kindness they felt

BY ALISON BOWEN | Chicago Tribune

The moment Ahlam Al-Jebory felt free was not after kidnappers released her in Baghdad or when she walked out of a Syrian prison. It was in the doorway of an Edgewater internet cafe.

She had just arrived in Chicago in October 2008, and she wanted to tell family members she'd landed safely. But years of residual fear left her gripping the fingers of her son, 11, and daughter, 9.

"I was holding their hands very tightly, very strong," she said. "I still feel it in my hands."

A man in the cafe, she remembered, seemed to immediately understand. He told her, "Release your kids. They are safe now."

This was the first of many small moments of kindness in America that Al-Jebory, 52, and her children, now grown, say helped make the Chicago area their home.

In return, Al-Jebory offers other refugees the same kindness.

She recounted their first days in Chicago while sitting in a Skokie apartment filled with photos of family members and American women who she said paved the way for their assimilation.

"When we arrived, we felt it, we touched it," she said, "the kindness and the generosity of the American community."

In a gentle tone, she listed a timeline of events that would cripple the spirits of most. Nine years later, she focuses on the present — sitting in her living room, with her son and daughter nearby, safe. They are in college; she is employed.

"I'm a lucky woman, to tell you the truth," she said.

Her daughter, Roqayah Mohammed, remembers growing up near Baghdad with memories typical of childhood — playing with cousins, brushing a doll's hair, being the first girl in the neighborhood to ride a bike.

When the U.S. invaded Iraq in 2003, Roqayah was 5 years old. Her memories shift to tanks in the streets and helicopters in the sky. She and her brother, Abdullah Mohammed, remember waving.

"That was our first time seeing helicopters," he said.

During this time, Al-Jebory began working as a translator for international journalists. But she was suspected of working for military troops, she said, and kidnapped in 2005.

Her relatives paid the ransom, equivalent to about \$8,000, and she was released after eight days. Reunited, they fled.

It was jarring, Roqayah remembered, to suddenly leave her life behind.

"That was when the real shock came," she said. "That's the part we weren't ready for."

The Iraqis applied for refugee status in Damascus, Syria, where they hoped to begin a new life.

But the year after they arrived in Syria, family members mourned the death of Roqayah and Abdullah's 12-year-old brother, Anas, who died after an accidental overdose of medicine.

In 2008, when Al-Jebory was again working as a translator, Syrian troops asked her to spy on the people she had been translating for. Al-Jebory refused and was imprisoned for five months.

Her experience was chronicled by journalist Deborah Campbell



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Roqayah Mohammed, left, and her mother, Ahlam Al-Jebory, make pan-fried kebab in their Skokie home. Their family fled the Middle East in 2008 and settled in the Chicago area. Now they help other refugees.

in the book "A Disappearance in Damascus: A Story of Friendship and Survival in the Shadow of War," in which the author describes meeting Al-Jebory and frantically searching for her after she disappeared.

When guards announced her release, Al-Jebory didn't believe them. Again, the family fled. She and her children traveled through Budapest, Hungary, and New York City to get to Chicago.

Arriving as refugees in fall 2008, they came with summer clothes, unequipped for the city's chill. Roqayah and Abdullah spoke no English.

They were among nearly 12,000 refugees who have arrived in Chicago since 2007, including 7,800 from Iraq and 1,116 from Syria. Like Al-Jebory, many land in Chicago after years of trauma and family separation. Building a new life can be hobbled by residual fear and anxiety about family members left behind, stalled careers and uncertain futures.

President Donald Trump's administration has moved to limit immigration from these countries, lowering the number of refugees allowed into the United

States and moving to restrict arrivals from countries including Iraq and Syria.

After Al-Jebory arrived with her two children, adjustment obstacles arrived big and small. The children entered elementary school after the start of the school year. Their mother worried about securing an income, finding furniture. Halloween arrived a few days after they arrived, perplexing the family with garish costumes. At the grocery, Al-Jebory wondered what "organic" meant.

Heartland Alliance, which provides resettlement help and cultural orientation for refugees, assisted with their acclimation. So did friends.

The next year, their new friends found the kids Halloween costumes. Later, they tutored Roqayah for the ACT and suggested a move to Evanston when Abdullah was bullied at school.

These days, Al-Jebory is a caseworker for the Islamic Circle of North America, which helps refugees and provides family counseling and emergency financial support.

"I know what kind of suffering they have," she said.

Roqayah, a cheerful 19-year-old, is enrolled in a pre-med program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Abdullah, 21, is considering a career in computer science or pharmacy and lives in Rogers Park with his father.

Like her mother, Roqayah translates for refugees when she is home. She also speaks to children and on panels. In September, she spoke about her experience at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs' Empowerment for Global Good conference.

"I feel like when I tell people (my story), they're amazed," Roqayah said. "But there is someone who's going through the same thing right now. And some people are going through worse."

Her mother, she said, has inspired her to dedicate her career to others. Eventually, Roqayah hopes to use her medical degree in a program like Doctors Without Borders.

"She'll be helping the refugees here, and I'll be helping them in their countries," she said.

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We need to discuss abortion, author says

Bioethicist urges more respectful conversation on very polarizing topic

BY ALISON BOWEN
Chicago Tribune

Many people might see 232 pages written on abortion and think, “No, thanks.”

After all, many already have an opinion — so why devote more time to thinking about an uncomfortable topic?

But that’s exactly what author Katie Watson wants us to do. The Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine professor has clocked years of teaching on bioethics and constitutional law, and she translates this into “Scarlet A: The Ethics, Law, and Politics of Ordinary Abortion,” out Feb. 1. The book is a thoughtful and engaging consideration of one of this country’s most controversial words: abortion.

“Americans have different beliefs and take different actions. I think all of them deserve our respect,” she writes, noting that American women have 2.8 million unintended pregnancies a year, with 42 percent ending in abortion.

Her hope is for more conversation. Written with personal examples that highlight people at the heart of this topic — the abortion provider who has staff members wear T-shirts in hopes a pregnant 10-year-old will feel less scared at a medical facility, the anti-abortion activist wrestling with her own pregnancy — she nudges readers toward the idea that we can disagree while trying to understand others’ reasoning.

“I think we need humility, respect and enthusiastic engagement more in 2018 than we ever have,” she said.

Abortion is rarely discussed, even though 1 in 4 American women have one, says Watson. People might feel comfortable telling a sex story at a dinner party, but that same group is less likely to discuss an unwanted pregnancy or abortion that might



JOHN WHITE PHOTO

A lot of people have a gut reaction to abortion or find it hard to articulate their moral reasoning, says Katie Watson, author of “Scarlet A: The Ethics, Law and Politics of Ordinary Abortion,” which comes out Feb. 1.

have followed.

Watson hopes to change that. The country needs conversation more than ever, she said.

This conversation has been edited for space and clarity.

Q: You’re a bioethicist and a lawyer, and you’ve studied the issues surrounding abortion for years. What prompted you to write this book?

A: I thought there was something unreal about the American abortion conversation.

It seems like we talk more about the idea of abortion than the experience of abortion, and I think both are relevant in policy and in moral reasoning. When I started to learn about the statistics, I was really struck by the fact that there weren’t more private conversations about abortion in my life.

Q: In the book, you focus on what you call ordinary abortion — the vast majority of women who end pregnancies who say having a baby would dramatically change their life, they can’t afford another child or they don’t want to be a single parent. But the cases we are more likely to hear about are more extreme — a child who has been raped or a very late-term abortion.

A: The most common reasons women have abortions are factors from their lives — where they are in their education, where they are with work, where they are with other children they’re raising, where they are financially. We don’t talk very openly about that. The cases we talk about the most are the ones that occur the least. As a bioethicist, I’m interested in those cases — they’re important and they’re real — but I’m also interested in the cases that represent

the vast majority of Americans’ experience with abortion. And I didn’t think those were being discussed at all, openly or productively, both publicly and privately.

Q: Regardless of where people stand on abortion, the issue often seems so polarized that it prohibits conversation.

A: I think there are people who feel like abortion is absolutely unethical but feel very conflicted about whether it should be legal. And I think there are people who are adamant it must be legal but are very conflicted about whether it is ethical. I’ve had people say that in private conversation to me, but they say it as though it’s a taboo. There’s not that much space for (feeling conflicted about it). And politically it makes people anxious — are you with us or against us? Some of them pick a camp and then keep their complexities to themselves.

Q: Why was it important for you to include the ethics chapters? You discuss different ways people reason whether, and when, abortion might be ethical or unethical.

A: I wanted for myself to understand some of the major schools of thought, and I wanted to share for readers. A lot of people have a gut reaction or find it hard to articulate their moral reasoning, so I wanted to share frameworks that will help them explain their own conclusions.

Another reason was to help them understand how people in their life might come to a different conclusion. I’d like to restore the dignity of disagreement. When someone comes to a different conclusion than you, you can decide they are stupid, you can decide that they just don’t understand things, you can conclude that they are thoughtless. Or you might conclude that they see things differently than you, but you might respect it.

My impression is that people are not having robust, productive, sincere exchanges about abortion opinion with people of different perspectives. They may not be hearing that reasoning process. So I included the ethics chapters as proxy for some of those conversations, to facilitate the conversation but also to substitute for the conversations if you can’t have them.

Q: You were pregnant while working on this book. How did that experience affect this process for you?

A: It made the topic of the book even more visceral. I think it underscored for me the complexity of this topic and the strong emotions that it inspired. Those emotions on both sides are grounded in such wonderful impulses, of love and protectiveness and passion and family, and those are fantastic human impulses that we want to celebrate and continue. It made me feel more protective of children, and it made me more protective of women who don’t want to be pregnant.

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A week of things to do with the kids

Monday

CHICAGO MUSEUM WEEK

Chicago Museum Week runs through Friday, offering plenty of deals for Illinois residents, from free days to reduced admission to special pop-up exhibits. Although the big guns of Chicago museums all participate, this is also a great opportunity to visit a little-known neighborhood institution. For example, both the Bronzeville Children's Museum and the Swedish American Museum (home of the Brunk Children's Museum) offer two-for-one admissions through Friday. For a list of other off-the-beaten-path museums, visit tinyurl.com/ycc6nz8o

Tuesday

VISIT SNOW MONKEYS

One of the coolest habitats (or should we say hottest?) at Lincoln Park Zoo is the state-of-the-art Regenstein Macaque Forest. This troop of Japanese snow monkeys loves the cold weather, which means they're often outside and active during winter months. To make them feel at home, their habitat includes a running stream and a hot spring. (Bonus: Get your kids interested before you visit with some of the zoo's online games: tinyurl.com/y522zr5) See the macaques daily at the zoo, 2001 N. Clark St. Free. tinyurl.com/yckejrprz

Wednesday

TODDLER TIME AT GIZMOS FUN FACTORY

If your kids have the cooped-up winter-weather blues, here's a solution: Visit this enormous southwest-suburban indoor playground (47,000 square feet!). Little kids get a space of their own, where they can climb up and slide down four stories of platforms — and even dump buckets of foam balls on those below. Better yet, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Wednesday and Friday is Toddler Time, restricted to kids under 46 inches tall. (Fun for big kids includes laser tag, go-karts, bumper cars, zip lines and climbing walls.) Gizmos Fun Factory, 66 Orland Square Drive, Orland Park. \$10 admission for Toddler Time. www.gizmosfunfactory.com

Thursday

'MOTHER GOOSE'S GARDEN'

Little ones get to sing along and play with Jack and Jill in this latest Emerald City show geared for toddlers through age 5. What's happening in this nursery-rhyme garden? Everyone's favorite goose (in

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The latest world premiere from Chicago Children's Theatre is a celebration of diversity. Geared for ages 4-7, "My Wonderful Birthday Suit!" aims to help children (along with parents and teachers) talk about diversity, learning how to celebrate what makes everyone unique. Written by Gloria Bond Clunie, the show was partly inspired by Chicagoans Michael Tyler and David Lee Csicsko's picture book, "The Skin You Live In," which will be on sale at the theater during the run of "Birthday Suit." At 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturdays, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sundays, through Feb. 18 at The Station, 100 S. Racine Ave. \$35. tinyurl.com/ycaatcf

puppet form) plus two charming performers introduce your tots to Little Boy Blue, Miss Muffet and more. 10 a.m. Thursday, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. Sunday (with more performances through March 11) at Emerald City's Little Theatre, 2933 N. Southport Ave. \$16-18, \$8 for infants 12 months and under. tinyurl.com/ydfpxco6

Friday

ICE HARVEST WEEKEND

How did people keep their food cold prior to refrigeration? Families can find out during this three-day event focused on the age-old craft of ice cutting. Work with DuPage County Forest Preserve District staff to cut blocks of ice out of Timber Lake, then stack them in the icehouse. If the weather is too warm to permit cutting (call 630-876-5900 to ask about conditions), staff and volunteers will still display the tools and explain how proper storage of the blocks enabled ice to last for months. 1 to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday at Kline Creek Farm, 1N600 County Farm Road, West Chicago. Free. tinyurl.com/y88d3b3p

'THE BREADWINNER'

Catch this inspiring animated film, about an Afghan girl who dresses as a boy to save her family, at 2 p.m. Friday, 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, or other screenings through Feb. 1 at The Siskel Film Center, 164 N. State St. \$11, \$7 for kids 6-17. tinyurl.com/yctu5esom

LOYOLA PARK COMMUNITY BONFIRE

City parks don't go dormant for winter! The Chicago Park District's "Night Out" program chugs along with this bonfire night in Rogers Park, right by the lake, complete with marshmallows. To learn how to build a fire, arrive at 5 p.m. for a lesson. After that, it's just lessons about wildlife and getting to know your neighbors by firelight. Hint: Bringing extra chocolate squares and graham crackers will make you very popular. Till 8 p.m. at Loyola Park, 1230 W. Greenleaf Ave. Free. tinyurl.com/yat4svt4

Saturday

HUSKY HEROES

The good news: By attending this two-

day celebration of Siberian sled dogs, you get to witness cool demos of sled-pulling and skijoring (pulling a person on skis). The bad news: Once you return home, you'll wonder how the heck your dog got so lazy! 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, with specific dogsled demos at 11:30 a.m., 12:45, 2 and 3:15 p.m., at Morton Arboretum, 4100 Illinois Route 53, Lisle. \$14, \$9 for kids 2-17; free parking. tinyurl.com/h6xpngx

MEET 'LOST AND FOUND CAT' AUTHOR AMY SHRODES

This storytime with Amy Shrodes is a special one: She's not just the co-author of this picture book — she's the volunteer who found Kunkush the cat in Greece and helped reunite him with his family, refugees who had fled Iraq. This inspiring story became a book with the co-operation of Kunkush's family, who live in Norway and receive some of the proceeds. Hear the tale and meet Shrodes at 3 p.m. at Women and Children First, 5233 N. Clark St. Free; \$18 for "Lost and Found Cat." tinyurl.com/y9xl7fh2

Sunday

DONUT FEST CHICAGO

Gourmet delights from Doughnut Vault, Firecakes and Roeser's Bakery, plus java from Metropolis and Dark Matter, all in one place? Sign us up! Those vendors are participants at the fifth annual Donut Fest, where everyone gets a quarter-piece serving of the bakeries' signature doughnut and coffee to wash down the crullers and long johns. You get a take-home goodie bag too. Kids are welcome, though it sounds best for big kids; no strollers allowed. Three time slots: 8 to 10 a.m.; 10 a.m. to noon; noon to 2 p.m. At the Chop Shop, 2033 W. North Ave. \$35 for the latter two time slots; \$50 for early birds. www.donutfest.com/chicago

FISHING, TRAVEL & OUTDOOR EXPO: SUNDAY FUNDAY

This expo begins Thursday, but parents probably want to aim for its last day, with Sunday Funday family programming. Kids can go on a scavenger hunt; enter a casting competition (judging by age group, 7-10 and 11-14); and meet live raptors (owls and hawks), courtesy of the Wings and Talons conservation group. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Schaumburg Convention Center, 1551 N. Thoreau Drive. \$12, free for kids 11 and under; the first 100 kids to arrive get a free tackle box. tinyurl.com/yda2sygy

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Here's how to avoid getting 'Wahlberged'

Women shouldn't be hesitant to negotiate benefits

BY KATE MACARTHUR
Chicago Tribune

Controversy over the pay gap between Mark Wahlberg and Michelle Williams for the film "All the Money in the World" offered a defining moment in the fight for gender pay equality.

It highlighted that lack of transparency is a key component of inequity and that men seem to have a special fraternity when it comes to accessing and navigating the unwritten rules of compensation.

Call it "getting Wahlberged." It's that moment when a woman learns how much more her male co-worker got paid because the rules for negotiating weren't clear, and he negotiated and she didn't because she didn't even know that something was negotiable.

"It's a great example that there are little moments for negotiation, and when they're lost, they can lead to meaningful disparities," said Hannah Riley Bowles, senior lecturer at Harvard University's Kennedy School and a leading expert on how gender influences pay negotiations. "It's the lack of transparency about what the norms or standards are that allow for secret or private deal-making. It's a big wake-up call to women of being aware whether there might be opportunities to negotiate."

This is where men have a distinct advantage. "The difference between men and women is that women are hesitant to negotiate when they're not clear that they're able to negotiate," she said. Her research confirms that men are more willing to bargain and better understand the social conventions for it. While both men and women are perceived to be more demanding and less nice when haggling, women get penalized for it much more than men.

"The social cost is too high," Bowles said. "The primary reason women don't assert themselves is that they're more likely to receive backlash for negotiating than men. In male-dominant fields,



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Michelle Williams and Mark Wahlberg in "All The Money in the World." Williams spoke out about a large pay discrepancy between her and her co-star. Wahlberg earned 1,500 times more for reshoots on the movie.

men are likely to have better information and access to opportunities."

Until a cultural revolution or legislation can dislodge the built-in male advantage — hello, salary histories — the onus still falls on women to level the disparity. Bowles encourages women to ask around about what is negotiable and what the norms, standards and opportunities are before engaging the employer.

"If you're clear on the norms and you go in, you'll have a better outcome," she said.

It's also important to get advice from people across genders. "If women are asking women and men are asking men, they may come up with different answers as to what's negotiable," Bowles said.

There are more places than ever to find compensation information. Industry associations and magazines, as well as job sites like LinkedIn, Glassdoor and PayScale, publish a trove of insights about salaries, benefits and negotiation trends.

According to a PayScale survey,

57 percent of 31,000 people polled had not asked for a raise in their current field. Among workers who were paid in the \$10,000 to \$20,000 range, 31 percent asked for a raise and 25 percent of those who asked got one. Of negotiators who earn more than \$150,000, 51 percent asked for a raise and 70 percent of those who asked received one. "If you make less money, you're less likely to have asked for a raise in the first place, but you're also less likely to get one," said Lydia Frank, vice president of content strategy at PayScale.

The survey also found a difference between men and women with MBA degrees. Among college-degree levels for women, those with MBAs were slightly more successful than women with other degrees in receiving a raise if they asked for one, with 48 percent compared with an average 43 percent, respectively. But male MBAs far outpaced other male degree holders in getting raises — 63 percent compared with an average 45 percent — and were successful far more often

than their female MBA peers at 48 percent.

Barbara Yong, a partner at business law firm Golan Christie Taglia in Chicago, learned the ins and outs of negotiation the hard way. When she was a younger partner at another law firm, she didn't stand up for herself when the partners were divvying up the profit.

"I was naive enough to give some money back, so the men would be satisfied, and none of the men did that," she said. "At that time, it didn't occur to me that I should be fighting for what I'm worth. I just lived with it and said, 'Never again.' The next time, 'I certainly didn't offer,'" she said.

Yong also is the lead organizer of Equal Pay Day Chicago and a member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), which advocates for equity for women and girls and holds Work Smart workshops across the country on pay and negotiation. Now when she gives talks about salary negotiations, "I remind people that everything is negotiable, including benefits,"

Yong said.

Among the things she said that can be bargained for are vacation days, paid time off, insurance coverage and additional coverage for your family. Other things that people don't think about are severance packages and the duration and scope of noncompetes.

For part-time workers who don't get benefits and can't choose their schedule, she suggested asking to get the schedule a week or two in advance, so you can make arrangements for child care, etc. For lower-level jobs, she said, people could negotiate the ability to work from home and use of company computers and cellular phone service.

Another factor is how employees fit into the company culture. Some CEOs identify employees as patriots or mercenaries, with the former motivated by the mission and the good of the company, and the latter more driven by their own personal gain. But even patriots can learn to negotiate.

Dorri McWhorter, CEO of the YWCA Metropolitan Chicago, admits to being one of those team-player types who feared backlash from negotiating her salary. She said she tried to make up for it by demonstrating her worth.

"The fact is that you never do," she said. It took her 10 years into her career to learn to meaningfully negotiate after being put in a role that gave her access to her colleagues' salaries. When she saw that her salary fell short, she went to her boss feeling angry but outwardly calm.

She didn't get the raise and eventually took another job. When she negotiated at her next job, her pay was 25 percent more. "When you shortchange yourself, you become an advocate for others," she said.

Now as an employer, she does research to identify the best offer she can give for a job and actively seeks out new benefit options. Last week, McWhorter sent a memo to her employees offering six weeks of paid Family and Medical Leave Act time off. "For a not-for-profit with 90 percent women employees, it is a significant move," she said.

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Daniel Ellsberg sounds the alarm

Will anyone listen to the famous whistleblower's warnings this time?

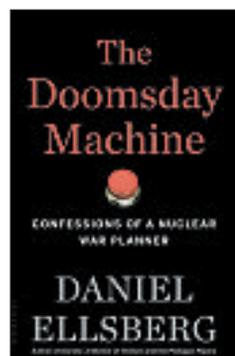
BY GARRETT M. GRAFF

The Washington Post

Daniel Ellsberg — best known for the revelation of the Pentagon Papers — opens his new book with a bold and exciting premise: When he copied that groundbreaking Vietnam-era study, which upended the Nixon administration and ultimately transformed Ellsberg into the first whistleblower cause celebre, he also copied thousands of other documents from the 1950s and 1960s concerning the nation's nuclear war plans that he had intended to release as well. "I copied everything in the Top Secret safe in my office (at the RAND

Corp.) — of which the seven thousand pages of the Pentagon Papers were only a fraction," he explains. His intention to release the other documents was a secret he kept "from the time of my copying until now."

For a few pages it seems like his book, "The Doomsday Machine: Confessions of a Nuclear War Planner," might boldly blow open the doors on a culture of mystical secrecy that has pervaded the nation's nuclear



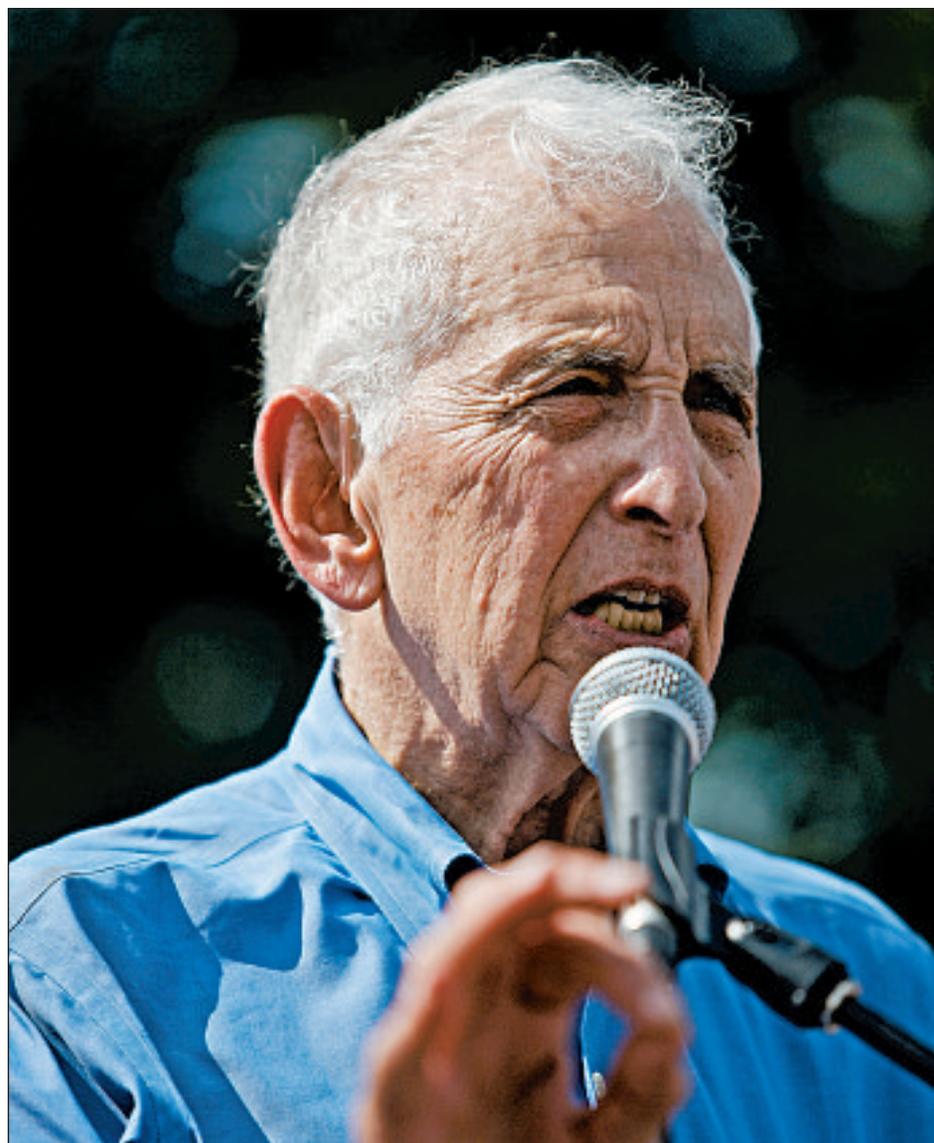
'The Doomsday Machine'

By Daniel Ellsberg, Bloomsbury, 420 pages, \$30

apparatus for seven decades.

But then Ellsberg reveals that the papers were put in a green garbage bag during his Nixon-era legal battle and were buried for safekeeping by his brother, Harry, at a marked location in a trash dump. A summer hurricane destroyed the marker, and the papers have been lost forever, despite many weekends of "heroic" digging by his brother.

Thus, instead of a new, groundbreaking leak, Ellsberg offers what amounts to a travelogue of what he calls the "Doomsday Machine," the systematized procedures, protocols and strategies that guided how the country's nuclear weapons would be fired if Armageddon arrived — most of which remain in place to this day. The book's exposes, such as they are, offer for historians not much that is new or revela-



LEXEY SWALL/GETTY 2013

Daniel Ellsberg, who leaked the Pentagon Papers, writes in his new book about the top-secret material he intended to release about the nuclear program in the 1950s and '60s.

tory, but casual readers will probably be shocked by just how boneheaded and illogical much of the Cold War's grand strategy really was. Yet Ellsberg's book, perhaps the most personal memoir yet from a Cold Warrior, fills an important void by providing firsthand testimony about the nuclear insanity that gripped a generation of policymakers.

"The Doomsday Machine" is not Ellsberg's first memoir. Fifteen years ago, he published "Secrets," chronicling his career and experience with the Pentagon Papers. Many of his most fascinating stories and his conclusions about the nuclear era first

appeared there, sometimes repeated almost word for word in "The Doomsday Machine." Both memoirs share a similar arc: the tale of a man gradually deducing that all the strategic tenets he had been taught to embrace were, in fact, political theater at best and lies at worst. It's a sad commentary on life in bureaucratic Washington that so many national security memoirs feature protagonists who express — and expose — grave misgivings about the policies they helped implement or execute, yet who felt powerless in the moment to change direction.

Ellsberg spends much of the book out-

lining his urgent, at times desperate, efforts inside Washington to explain just how off the rails the Cold War had gone — to capture the attention of top leaders and educate them on how the routine war plans in their file cabinets and briefcases were really blueprints for the effective extinction of modern life, an earth-shattering apocalypse that would kill hundreds of millions more people than realized. His story is peppered with his encounters of major historical figures such as Gen. Curtis LeMay and Robert F. Kennedy. Yet, from history's arc, we know his efforts made little difference.

His journey through our nation's nuclear apparatus goes from remote military bases in Korea and on the shores of Japan to the sun-drenched life of a RAND analyst in California and to the halls of the Pentagon and the White House. At every stage he became further convinced that policymakers did not fully understand the sheer madness that pervaded the deployment and strategy of nuclear weapons. It was an era when our technology for killing far outstripped our technology for communication, forcing front-line military leaders to improvise nuclear procedures when radios fell silent because of routine and entirely predictable — even daily — atmospheric interference. Such blackout periods could have left far-flung field commanders or even individual pilots to decide whether to embark on a nuclear holocaust.

Even as policymakers in Washington believed that presidential authorization for nuclear weapons was the law of the land, Ellsberg realized that the president's nuclear football was "essentially a hoax." In reality, certain military commanders had received pre-authorizations that allowed them to decide when, where and how to launch a nuclear attack if they thought they had lost contact with Washington during an emergency or were in imminent danger. But such orders were terribly ambiguous. A "sane and conscientiously loyal commander might have reason to believe that he was authorized to start a nuclear war under not-uncommon circumstances," Ellsberg writes.

That strategic recklessness continued even as weapons made the leap from atomic bombs to thermonuclear ones — an increase in power of a thousand-fold, which transformed casualty estimates from "mere" tens of millions to hundreds of millions or even 1 billion deaths worldwide.

"What I was looking at was not simply an American problem or a superpower



IAN DUDLEY/VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE

Since the Cold War, the weapons in the U.S. arsenal have only gotten more powerful, such as this Minuteman 3 intercontinental ballistic missile that was launched last year.

problem,” Ellsberg writes. “With the age of warring nation-states persisting into the thermonuclear era, it was a species problem.”

The biggest problem, Ellsberg explains, is how all of these plans for doomsday were kept so secret during the Cold War that they failed to achieve the intended level of deterrence. Ellsberg dubs this challenge the “Strangelove Paradox,” from the famous movie when Dr. Strangelove declares, as the characters realize they are heading inevitably and unavoidably toward Armageddon: “The whole point of the doomsday machine ... is lost if you keep it a secret! Why didn’t you tell the world, eh?!”

Ellsberg’s stories underscore the conclusions of other recent Cold War histories, such as Eric Schlosser’s “Command and Control” and Michael Dobbs’ “One Minute to Midnight”: that it’s a miracle nuclear weapons have not been used since World War II. The world has stumbled much closer, more times, than we ever realized — and nuclear weapons have been a more integral part of geopolitics than we like to

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remember. Ellsberg recounts more than 25 times that U.S. presidents have threatened a “first strike” attack on countries from the Soviet Union to Vietnam to Iraq — a list, by the way, that doesn’t include the current president’s January Twitter taunt that he has a bigger nuclear button than North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

Ellsberg underscores time and again how secrecy, often unnecessary and self-defeating, pervaded the defense plans — then and now. Indeed, “The Doomsday Machine” is strongest as a portrait of the slow corruption of America’s national security state by layer upon layer of secrecy. He relates how the Cold War, the nuclear buildup and trillions of dollars of

defense spending were compromised by information purposely withheld from the policymakers and politicians who debated and shaped our path. In one especially troubling story, Ellsberg says he determined that the Joint Chiefs’ primary war plan was kept secret from even the secretary of defense, with a prohibition even against mentioning its title, the Joint Strategic Capabilities Plan, to the defense secretary’s office.

These secrets within secrets within secrets meant that few decision-makers actually understood the emptiness of Soviet threats — or the stunning military and intelligence superiority that the United States possessed. Ellsberg’s colleagues at

the Pentagon and RAND thought their top-secret clearances granted them a full understanding of the world’s risks, without realizing how little their knowledge reflected reality. Because of that warped perspective, he and his colleagues pushed for ever-larger weapons to combat threats that didn’t exist. As he concludes, “Unintentionally, yet inexcusably, we made our country and the world less safe.”

And chillingly, he explains, “The basic elements of American readiness for nuclear war remain today what they were almost sixty years ago,” with thousands of unnecessary weapons on hair-trigger alert. “The Doomsday Machine,” as it is, remains a daily threat to all of us — the question we face is how much longer will our luck hold that it goes unused? Ellsberg argues, “This is not a species to be trusted with nuclear weapons.”

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Books for the bomb shelter

Got nuclear jitters after the false alert in Hawaii? Books demystify the danger we face

BY JOHN WARNER
Chicago Tribune

Ever since watching “The Day After” on television in November 1983, I have been fascinated with and terrified of nuclear weapons. For months after seeing the movie, I would have dreams of the air defense sirens sounding and counting down the rest of my life in minutes.

On Jan. 13, for more than a half-hour, the people of Hawaii believed they were under imminent attack. They believed this because the state accidentally sent this false emergency alert to cellphones:

BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT INBOUND TO HAWAII. SEEK IMMEDIATE SHELTER. THIS IS NOT A DRILL.

Unfortunately, our current political realities make a North Korean missile launch all too plausible.

Ever since I saw “The Day After,” to try to demystify some of my fears, I’ve been drawn to books and stories about the potential of nuclear threat. In the wake of the false alarm in Hawaii, these titles seem particularly relevant for these jittery times.

One of my earliest and most memorable reads was John Hersey’s “Hiroshima,”

originally published in *The New Yorker* and later collected in a book. Hersey went to Japan a little more than a year after the detonation of the first atomic bomb over a populated area. Hersey recounts the event through the experiences of six survivors, both before and after the bombing. Hersey catalogs the destruction in plain, unadorned writing, which only increases the emotional impact of the human toll.

Today’s nuclear weapons are vastly more powerful than those we dropped on Japan.

Eric Schlosser’s “Command and Control: Nuclear Weapons, the Damascus Accident and the Illusion of Safety” explores some of the times we’ve almost been incinerated accidentally, including a detailed accounting of a 1980 incident involving a Titan missile explosion in Damascus, Ark. An ICBM exploded in its silo, sending the warhead into the air. If the safety systems hadn’t performed correctly, much of the United States east of the Mississippi River would be a nuclear wasteland.

After reading Schlosser’s book, it seems like a miracle that a more serious accident hasn’t yet happened.

Daniel Ellsberg’s “The Doomsday Machine: Confessions of a Nuclear War Planner” is a firsthand history of 1960s U.S. nuclear strategy, which included serious discussion of pre-emptive strikes on the

Soviet Union, an act that would have ended civilization. Ellsberg believes we can disarm the “doomsday machine.” I wish I shared his hope.

Finally, two short stories offer more limited but powerful narratives of what it means to live in a world that can tear itself apart. “Game” by Donald Barthelme is a somewhat surreal story of two men manning a nuclear missile silo, tasked with simultaneously turning their keys if given an order to launch. The responsibility drives them mad; how could it be otherwise?

“Foster, You’re Dead!” is a prescient tale by Philip K. Dick, published in 1955 and set in a 1970s America in which a bomb shelter is a consumer good and a status symbol, with new models appearing every year. Foster’s father refuses to buy into the military-industrial complex, which means young Foster is ostracized by his peers because he will have to use an inferior, public shelter. The story’s end is surprising and predictable at the same time.

Call me a pacifist if you must, but be it accidental or intentional, any detonation of a nuclear warhead would be a terrible mistake.

John Warner is the author of “Tough Day for the Army.”

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Book recommendations from the Biblioracle

John Warner tells you what to read next based on the last five books you’ve read.

1. **“Orhan’s Inheritance”** by Aline Ohanesian
 2. **“Nicholas Nickleby”** by Charles Dickens
 3. **“Killing Time”** by Thomas Berger
 4. **“The Other Einstein”** by Marie Benedict
 5. **“All the Light We Cannot See”** by Anthony Doerr
— *John O., Lake in the Hills*
- “**Love Medicine**” by Louise Erdrich is the right book for John. Hard to believe the novel is more than 30 years old.

1. **“Code Girls: The Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers of World War II”** by Liza Mundy
 2. **“Top Dog: The Story of Marine Hero Lucca”** by Maria Goodavage
 3. **“An American Family: A Memoir of Hope and Sacrifice”** by Khizr Khan
 4. **“The Boy Who Couldn’t Stop Washing: The Experience and Treatment of Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder”** by Judith Rapoport
 5. **“A Christmas Carol”** by Charles Dickens
— *Mary Beth N., Aurora*
- Matthew Desmond’s **“Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City”** is one of the most important works of public sociology in recent years and a book Mary Beth will be glad to dig into.

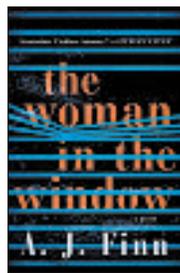
1. **“Sleeping Beauties”** by Stephen King and Owen King
 2. **“Beartown”** by Fredrik Backman
 3. **“The Intuitionist”** by Colson Whitehead
 4. **“The Rosie Project”** by Graeme Simon
 5. **“Theft by Finding: Diaries (1977-2002)”** by David Sedaris
— *Peggy G., Joliet*
- “**The Shining Girls**” by Lauren Beukes has the right mix of suspense and the supernatural for Peggy.

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NATIONAL BEST-SELLERS

HARDCOVER FICTION



1. **"The Woman in the Window: A Novel"** by A. J. Finn (William Morrow, \$26.99) *Last week: 1*
2. **"Origin: A Novel"** by Dan Brown (Doubleday, \$29.95) *Last week: 2*
3. **"The Rooster Bar: A Novel"** by John Grisham (Doubleday, \$28.95) *Last week: 3*

4. **"Little Fires Everywhere"** by Celeste Ng (Penguin, \$27) *Last week: 4*

5. **"The Immortalists"** by Chloe Benjamin (Putnam, \$26) *Last week: —*

6. **"Sing, Unburied, Sing: A Novel"** by Jesmyn Ward (Scribner, \$26) *Last week: 7*

7. **"Before We Were Yours: A Novel"** by Lisa Wingate (Ballantine, \$26) *Last week: 10*

8. **"The Wife Between Us: A Novel"** by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen (St. Martin's, \$26.99) *Last week: —*

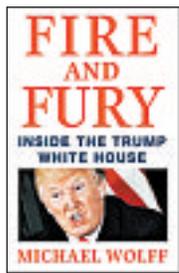
9. **"Blood Fury: Black Dagger Legacy"** by J.R. Ward (Ballantine, \$28) *Last week: —*

10. **"The Midnight Line: A Jack Reacher Novel"** by Lee Child (Delacorte, \$28.99) *Last week: 9*

For the week ended Jan. 14, compiled from data from independent and chain bookstores, book wholesalers and independent distributors nationwide.

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HARDCOVER NONFICTION



1. **"Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House"** by Michael Wolff (Henry Holt, \$30) *Last week: 1*
2. **"When: The Scientific Secrets of Perfect Timing"** by Daniel H. Pink (Riverhead, \$28) *Last week: —*

3. **"The Whole30 Fast & Easy Cookbook: 150 Simply Delicious Everyday Recipes for Your Whole30"** by Melissa Hartwig (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$30) *Last week: 5*

4. **"Astrophysics for People in a Hurry"** by Neil deGrasse Tyson (Norton, \$18.95) *Last week: 7*

5. **"The Super Metabolism Diet: The Two-Week Plan to Ignite Your Fat-Burning Furnace and Stay Lean for Life!"** by David Zinczenko and Keenan Mayo (Ballantine, \$28) *Last week: —*

6. **"The Wisdom of Sundays: Life-Changing Insights From Super Soul Conversations"** by Oprah Winfrey (Flatiron, \$27.99) *Last week: 4*

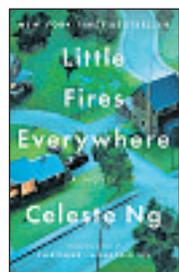
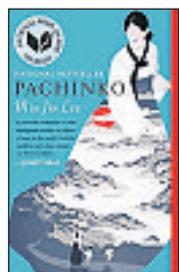
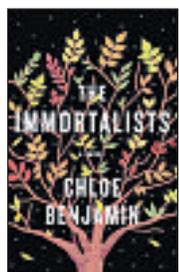
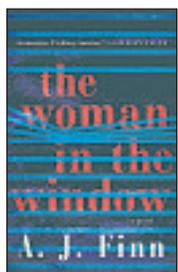
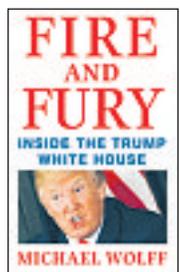
7. **"Leonardo da Vinci"** by Walter Isaacson (Simon & Schuster, \$35) *Last week: 6*

8. **"The Last Black Unicorn"** by Tiffany Haddish (Gallery, \$26) *Last week: —*

9. **"Meditation for Fidgety Skeptics: A 10% Happier How-to Book"** by Dan Harris, Jeff Warren with Carlye Adler (Spiegel & Grau, \$26) *Last week: —*

10. **"Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone"** by Brene Brown (Random House, \$28) *Last week: —*

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5. **"Little Fires Everywhere"** by Celeste Ng (Penguin, \$27)

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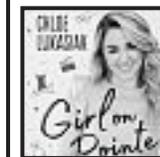


MARK EPSTEIN, M.D.

Advice Not Given: A Guide to Getting Over Yourself
Monday, Jan. 22 at 7 pm
New Trier High School
7 Happ Road, Northfield
847 446-8880
www.familyactionnetwork.net

The Family Action Network (FAN) and The Book Stall present psychiatrist **MARK EPSTEIN, M.D.** author of a number of books about the interface of Buddhism and psychotherapy, for a talk about his book **"Advice Not Given: A Guide to Getting Over Yourself,"** in which he describes how he recently began introducing Eastern practices of mindfulness to his patients. Free and open to the public.

WEDNESDAY EVENTS



CHLOE LUKASIAK

Girl on Pointe
Wednesday, January 24 at 6 pm
Anderson's Bookshop
123 W. Jefferson Ave Naperville
630-355-2665
www.andersonsbookshop.com

Anderson's Bookshop in Naperville welcomes Dance Moms star **Chloe Lukasiak** for a photo line event celebrating her new book, **Girl on Pointe**. Tickets available exclusively at ChloeAndersons.brownpapertickets.com. Each ticket holder will receive one pre-signed book.

TUESDAY EVENTS



PIERCE BROWN

Iron Gold
Tuesday, January 23 at 7 pm
Melley-Swallow Hall
31 S. Ellsworth St. Naperville
630-355-2665
www.andersonsbookshop.com

Anderson's Bookshop in Naperville presents a special event with fantasy author **Pierce Brown** celebrating his new sci-fi novel, **Iron Gold**. Purchase the author's featured book at Anderson's Bookshop to receive your event ticket.

THURSDAY EVENTS



GEORGIA HUNTER

We Were the Lucky Ones
Thursday, January 25 at 7 pm
Anderson's Bookshop
123 W. Jefferson Ave. Naperville
630-355-2665
www.andersonsbookshop.com

Anderson's Bookshop in Naperville offers a special book club night with author **Georgia Hunter** sharing the new paperback edition of her bestseller, **We Were the Lucky Ones**, a WWII saga based on her own family's strife. This event is free and open to the public. To join the booksigning line, please purchase the author's featured book at **Anderson's Bookshop**.



ELIOT SCHREFER

The Lost Rainforest: Mez's Magic
Tuesday, January 23 at 7 pm
Anderson's Bookshop
5112 Main St. Downers Grove
630-963-2665
www.andersonsbookshop.com

Anderson's Bookshop in Downers Grove hosts an event with middle grade author **Eliot Schrefer** for his new book, **The Lost Rainforest: Mez's Magic**. This event is free and open to the public. To join the booksigning line, please purchase the author's featured book at **Anderson's Bookshop**.



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Thunderhead
Thursday, January 25 at 7 pm
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Anderson's Bookshop in Downers Grove hosts an event with popular author **Neal Shusterman** presenting his new young adult novel, **Thunderhead**. This event is free and open to the public. To join the booksigning line, please purchase the author's featured book at **Anderson's Bookshop**.

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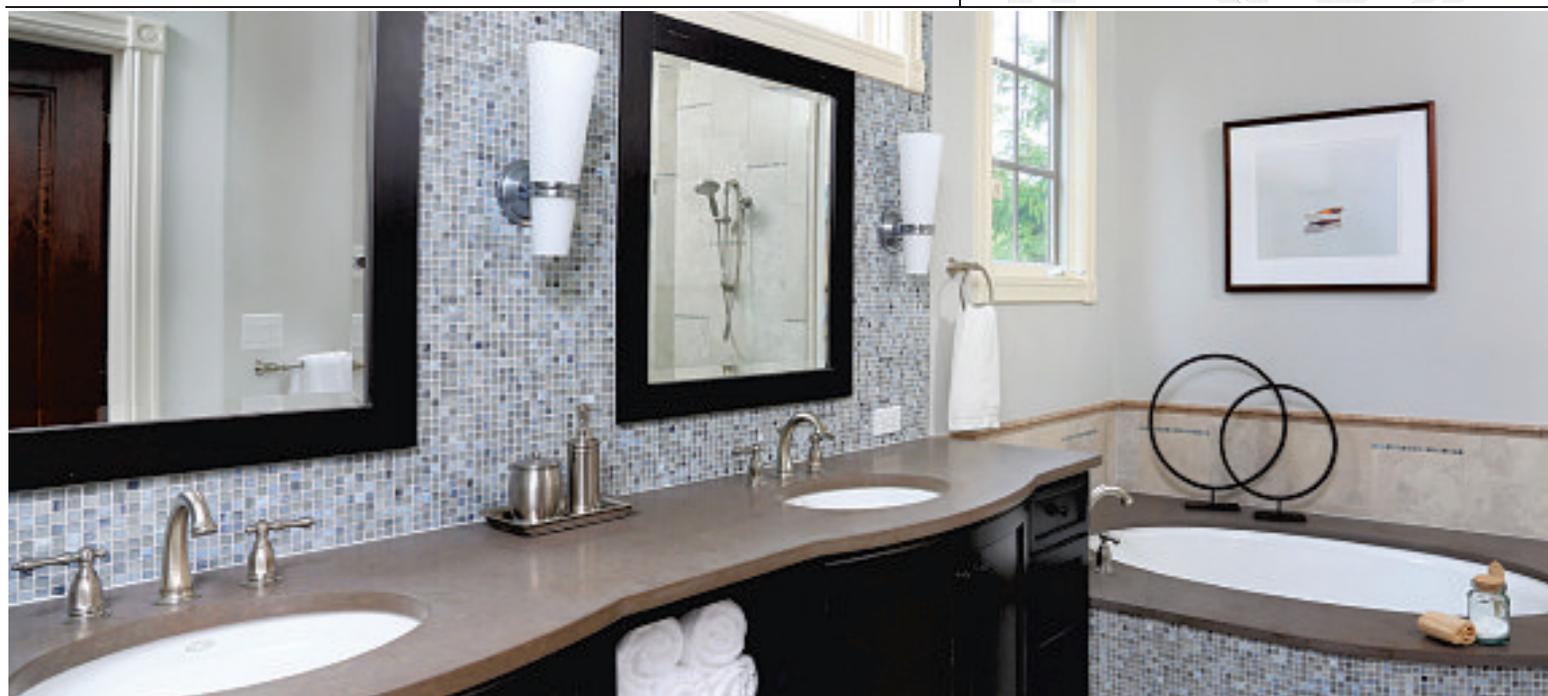
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MAKEOVER: Some redecorating ideas

BY GAIL GRABOWSKI | EDITED BY STANLEY NEWMAN
(stanxwords.com)

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- 1 Ballerina's bend
- 5 Stop talking, with "up"
- 9 Gossip column topic
- 14 Casino supply
- 19 County Kerry's isle
- 20 Prefix for port or pad
- 21 Tuscan "You're welcome"
- 22 Loud sound
- 23 Artful deception
- 26 Gown fabric
- 27 Part of pewter
- 28 Where copters hover
- 29 Heart chart, for short
- 31 Pay attention to
- 32 Fashion sense
- 34 Does overly creative accounting
- 39 Oscar actress Garson
- 43 iPod model
- 44 Young fellow
- 45 Tennis shutout
- 48 Fizzy mixer
- 50 Settle a debt
- 54 Parisian pal
- 55 Guitarist Clapton
- 56 "Pull up a chair"
- 57 Seagoing: Abbr.
- 60 Virtuoso
- 61 Register's paper roll
- 63 Steel mills and oil refineries
- 67 Flout the rules
- 69 Cabbage concoction
- 70 Lariat loops
- 71 Gruff
- 72 CD forerunners
- 73 A/C measure

Down

- 74 Ongoing charitable pledge
- 78 Golf pencil's traditional lack
- 81 Banquet hall vessels
- 83 Fortune-teller's deck
- 84 Managers of body rhythms
- 90 Quick bite
- 91 Evergreen tree
- 92 Smartphone message
- 93 Square-corner shape
- 94 Snaky swimmers
- 96 Neckline shape
- 97 Walking tall
- 99 Fiji's capital
- 101 SWAT squad equipment
- 103 Austrian peak
- 105 Fröbe who portrayed Goldfinger
- 107 Hägar the Horrible's dog
- 108 Most high-tech
- 114 Cardiology concern
- 118 Legal wrong
- 119 Roofing sealant
- 120 Surpass in smarts
- 124 Be under the weather
- 125 Starting players
- 127 Criticize severely
- 132 Storied servant/spirit
- 133 Himalayan region
- 134 Money in Malta
- 135 Windy weather toy
- 136 Online shopping center
- 137 Unemotional one
- 138 Genesis setting
- 139 Scent

Down

- 1 Annoying ones
- 2 Put a cap on
- 3 Literary twist
- 4 "A mouse!"
- 5 Spiced tea of India
- 6 Let go for a while
- 7 Hawkeye Pierce portrayer
- 8 Imitate
- 9 EMT skill
- 10 Miscalculate
- 11 Novelist Tolstoy
- 12 Long-legged wader
- 13 Dutch artist
- 14 *Criminal Minds* ailer
- 15 Apple pie order
- 16 Numerical proportion
- 17 Take a sip
- 18 Ships off
- 24 Come into view
- 25 Metaphor for strength
- 30 Solidify
- 33 T-shirt size: Abbr.
- 35 Desert stopover
- 36 Rope securers
- 37 Grass grown on farms
- 38 Quotation compiler
- 40 O.K. Corral good guy
- 41 Mideast leaders
- 42 Brings back to mind
- 45 Simple fastener
- 46 Cornhusker city
- 47 Poisonous snake
- 49 Game-show VIPs
- 51 Stove-top vessel
- 52 Perform a part
- 53 "You bet!"
- 56 Wields a needle

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- 58 Before now
- 59 Elevates
- 62 Canvas holder
- 64 *It's a Wonderful Life* director
- 65 Starting words, for short
- 66 Thai or Tibetan
- 68 Gas pedal
- 73 Zodiac beast
- 75 Treasure hoard
- 76 Old Testament prophet
- 77 Old-time anesthetic
- 79 "Golden" period
- 80 TV evening news time
- 82 Coil of yarn
- 84 Parting word
- 85 Comparative suffix
- 86 Carry a balance
- 87 Flood barrier
- 88 Santa __, CA
- 89 Plumlike fruit
- 95 Rock layers
- 98 Marsh plant
- 100 "That's awful!"
- 102 Muscle-car model of yore
- 104 Stove-top vessel
- 106 Suffix with cyclo-
- 108 Produce, as a play
- 109 Carved pole
- 110 Sports complex
- 111 They're all true
- 112 Distinctive quality
- 113 Private pupil
- 115 Speedy
- 116 Link with
- 117 Take up or let out
- 121 Dull noise
- 122 Had been
- 123 Symbol for an app
- 126 Director Brooks
- 128 Kind of corp. takeover
- 129 Floral garland
- 130 Nonprescription: Abbr.
- 131 MGM rival of the '30s

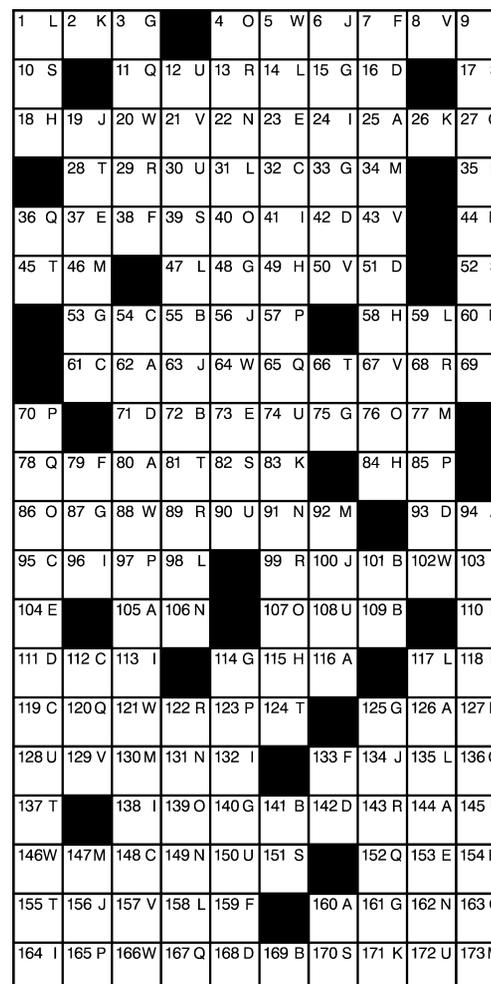
Quote-Acrossic

1. Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
2. Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
3. When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

Clues

- | Clues | Words |
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| A. Legendary 20th century featherweight | 80 25 94 144 105 116 126 160 62 |
| B. Battle of the Bulge area | 55 109 35 72 169 118 141 101 |
| C. Hero in Sterne nine volume novel | 148 163 32 61 119 112 95 54 |
| D. Happen | 42 142 127 16 51 93 168 71 111 |
| E. English home county | 104 23 37 73 153 |
| F. A.k.a. Enrico Rizzo | 159 7 38 133 79 |
| G. Ford's load: 2 wds. | 53 75 161 140 48 3 33 114 15 87 125 |
| H. Parent-less kid | 18 58 154 115 84 49 |
| I. Aloof actress of the '50s | 132 138 96 164 69 113 41 24 |
| J. Site of decisive Ottoman naval defeat | 56 6 134 63 100 19 156 |

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| K. Plant scourge | 145 26 2 171 83 |
| L. Current thought trend | 31 59 135 98 14 158 117 47 1 |
| M. Burglars | 46 173 34 77 130 147 92 |
| N. Aimed at the heavens | 106 162 149 22 91 131 44 60 |
| O. Shaky | 40 76 27 107 86 139 4 |
| P. Prehistoric tool | 85 97 165 57 123 70 110 |
| Q. Respectful | 167 152 136 65 120 36 11 78 |
| R. Baseball's Luke | 68 122 143 29 99 89 13 |
| S. Sailing ship part | 151 170 82 10 52 39 17 |
| T. Shameless: hyph. | 28 45 155 103 137 81 66 9 124 |
| U. Prescient | 90 172 30 128 108 74 12 150 |
| V. Shipshape | 43 157 50 129 67 21 8 |
| W. Argentine husband and wife | 88 102 166 64 20 146 121 5 |



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Round Up

BY CHARLES PRESTON

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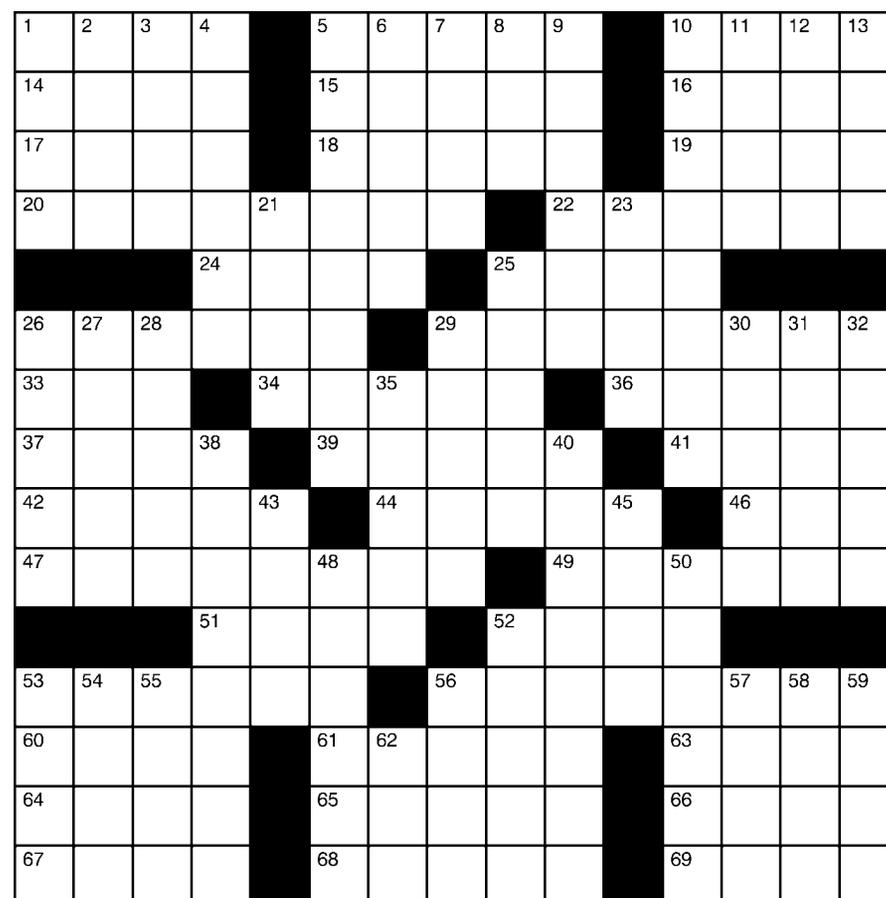
- 1 Israeli dance
- 5 Fall beverage
- 10 Balance sheet item
- 14 Old
- 15 Ascend
- 16 Leather flask
- 17 Bridge coup
- 18 Force back
- 19 Intend
- 20 Round angles
- 22 Meaning
- 24 Scapegrace
- 25 Whirl round and round
- 26 Financial backers
- 29 Plagued
- 33 Deface
- 34 Evil spirit
- 36 Fence crossing
- 37 Currier's partner
- 39 Pontchartrain and Okeechobee
- 41 Iniquitous
- 42 Pole used in a Scots contest
- 44 More recent
- 46 Goddess of mischief
- 47 Raised
- 49 John Foster ___

- 51 Son of Seth
- 52 Ms. Lollabrigida
- 53 Certain sportswear
- 56 Round trippers
- 60 Employ
- 61 Look fixedly
- 63 Gleam
- 64 Not quite round
- 65 Consumed
- 66 Within: prefix
- 67 Refuse
- 68 Exhausted
- 69 Grate

Down

- 1 Fastener
- 2 Leer
- 3 Back
- 4 Regard with pleasure
- 5 Merry-go-round
- 6 Goddess of peace
- 7 Declines
- 8 Compass dir.
- 9 Depends
- 10 Round off
- 11 Dairy case item
- 12 Mast
- 13 Portable shelter
- 21 Precious metal

- 23 Shea Stadium team
- 25 Continue a subscription
- 26 Ecclesiastical linen neckwear
- 27 Marine
- 28 Dabchick
- 29 Jabbed
- 30 Competitor
- 31 Choice
- 32 Proofreader's marks
- 35 Ancestral spirits in ancient Rome
- 38 Roundly
- 40 Grounds
- 43 Rave
- 45 Mystical symbol
- 48 Throws
- 50 Bigger
- 52 Bridge expert
- 53 Wearing shoes
- 54 Apiary unit
- 55 Algerian port
- 56 Detest
- 57 Arm bone
- 58 Motions of assent
- 59 Trade or exchange: var.
- 62 Spigot



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Bride went too far with the 'you don't have to' caveats



JUDITH MARTIN
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: I'm getting married soon and I've never felt more abandoned. My fiance and I have talked extensively about our views on weddings, and we agree that we want to make it fun for everyone. We don't want it to be a burden for anyone, and we disagree with the tradition of asking our friends and family to expend time and money just because we're happy and getting married.

When I asked my chosen ladies to be bridesmaids, I did so with the caveat of "Really, only if you want to. It would mean a lot to have you there, but I understand not everyone enjoys being a bridesmaid; if you feel like it would be a burden, I understand." Three of the five I asked politely declined, including my sister, whom I had asked to be my maid of honor.

Last weekend was my bachelorette party, and — in keeping with our belief that it shouldn't be a burden — I planned and paid for the whole thing. And one person came. It was one of the sadder weekends on record for me.

I cannot shake this feeling of being completely abandoned and uncared-for. I feel a little angry, but mostly hurt (especially by my sister), and any advice you can give me would be much appreciated.

Gentle reader: Is it possible that you made all this sound so unappealing that your friends and family had no choice but to decline? Or that they thought

you were asking for form's sake but hoping they would not take you up on these apologetic invitations?

Miss Manners appreciates your motives but can understand how they could be misinterpreted. Rather than apologize for what you seem to have billed as a waste of time and money, you could have focused your attention on ways to avoid wasting their time or money. (It seems you did so for the bachelorette party, but it might have been too late.)

Now Miss Manners urges you to ignore your feelings of resentment and perhaps even approach your sister and friends again, telling them that while they need not have an official title in the wedding, you will feel honored just to have them there. This may make them more inclined to participate, knowing that it is voluntary.

Dear Miss Manners: Is it rude, bad manners to have your feet (whether bare or shod) on furniture in public? Examples: on chairs in medical waiting rooms, on armrests in planes, etc.?

Gentle reader: Yes. Rude, bad manners and just plain ewwww.

Dear Miss Manners: I understand the proper usage of "Ms.," "Miss" and "Mrs." as you have written about it, but what about "Mizz"?

I have heard this title used fairly often at my old elementary school, by a mix of teachers and students. It was a verbal title, never a written one.

I would have passed it off as a mispronunciation, had I not heard a fellow student explain it thus: " 'Miss' means unmarried, 'missus' means married, and 'mizz' means it's none of your business."

While I would never want to snoop into a lady's

personal life, I also see no reason for anybody to be ashamed or embarrassed of their relationship status. Could you please inform me what the proper usage of this title would be?

Gentle reader: "Mizz" is not a separate title, but a perhaps slightly Southern pronunciation of "Ms."

But Miss Manners wonders: Do you folks go around making snarky interpretations of "Mr."? Oh, that's right — you can't, because it is an all-purpose honorific for all gentlemen, regardless of whether or not they are married. So you can't accuse them of being ashamed or embarrassed.

"Ms." accomplishes the same thing. Like "Miss" and "Mrs.," it derives from the once-respectable title of "Mistress," which applied to all ladies — and was driven into disuse by just the sort of snarkiness you repeat.

Dear Miss Manners: While I agree that not saying "thank you" is rude, I don't see why that should mean that we stop giving gifts. Choosing to give a gift is about the giver, while failing to say "thank you" is about the receiver.

Should we lessen ourselves as givers because we did not get a response to our generosity? Do we give only to get a response?

Gentle reader: Presumably, you give in order to please the recipient. If you have no reason to think you have succeeded, Miss Manners sees no point in persisting.

To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to missmanners.com or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.



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Last week's crosswords

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Last week's Quote-Acrostic

(Robert) LIPSYTE: MEN'S JOCK DREAMS: Men are instructed to pursue their jock dreams no matter the cost. Those realizing these visions are made rich and famous; at least they are waved right through many of the ordinary tollbooths of life.

Last week's Sudoku

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8	7	9	6	5	4	2	1	3
2	6	5	1	3	7	9	4	8
7	9	8	5	1	3	4	2	6
5	4	1	9	6	2	3	8	7
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Roasted sweet potatoes bring some heft to a winter version of tabbouleh.

Savor simple pairings



LEAH ESKIN
Home on the Range

“Food writer” is a job description that’s easy to digest. Everyone, it seems, eats. Cocktail in hand, chit-chat in air, I’m rarely met with blank stare. That’s a luxury few astrophysicists share.

And yet, misconceptions abound. Food writing springs from an affinity, not an affliction.

Consider the tack, if not tact, of my physical therapist, a genius with neck or knee. Introducing the exercise du jour, she translates into Epicure. “Pretend there’s a baguette attached to your shoulder,” she begins, “and you want it level with the countertop.” I offer blank stare. “You mean lift my arm?”

I may be weak on gravitational waves, but I’m good with arm and lift.

Also other simple pairings like warm and cool, cooked and raw, sweet and sharp, all of which exercise good form in cold-weather tabbouleh, a wintry take on a summery side.

It’s an approach that anyone — even an astrophysicist — can grasp.

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Cold-weather tabbouleh

Prep: 30 minutes

Cook: 25 minutes

Makes: 6 cups

- 1 cup bulgur, see note
- 1 ³/₄ cups boiling water
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 large sweet potato, ¹/₂-inch dice
- 2 cups halved grape tomatoes
- ³/₄ cup finely chopped red onion
- 3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- About 4 tablespoons olive oil
- About 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

1 Soak: Measure bulgur into a large bowl. Pour on boiling water. Cover and let rest at room temperature, about 30 minutes. (If any water remains, drain and squeeze the grains dry.)

2 Roast: Meanwhile, toss the sweet potato, tomatoes, ¹/₂ cup chopped red onion, 2 cloves chopped garlic and 2 tablespoons oil in a roasting or sheet pan. Season with salt and pepper. Roast at 425 degrees until potatoes turn tender, 25 to 27 minutes.

3 Toss: Scrape vegetables onto bulgur. Toss with remaining ¹/₄ cup chopped red onion and remaining 1 clove chopped garlic. Toss, to taste, with about 2 tablespoons olive oil and 3 tablespoons lemon juice. Season with salt and pepper. Let rest at room temp until ready to serve.

Note: Bulgur, a precooked cracked wheat with a nutty flavor, is usually stocked near the rice. If you’ve got options, choose a fine-grain version (or buy a box marked “tabbouleh” and toss the spice packet).

Basil Hayden’s Dark Rye unique, but true to brand

BY ZAK STAMBOR
Chicago Tribune

Basil Hayden’s Dark Rye is a duck-billed platypus of a spirit that’s a combination of Kentucky rye, Canadian rye and California port.

At first glance, you might dismiss it as a flavored whiskey, such as Jack Daniel’s Tennessee Honey Liqueur or Jim Beam Kentucky Fire Whiskey. But that’s not quite right, as those spirits can be uninteresting if their saccharine flavorings overwhelm the whiskey.

Or Dark Rye may bring to mind a whiskey that’s finished in another spirit’s cask or barrel, such as Angel’s Envy Kentucky Straight Bourbon, which is a Kentucky bourbon finished in a port wine cask. But that’s not right either, as the addition of liquid port, rather than a port cask, gives the spirit a beautiful ruby hue and pronounced dark fruit notes.

Dark Rye, the first permanent addition to Basil Hayden’s portfolio, is

Boulevardier

Makes: 1 cocktail

- 1 ¹/₂ parts rye whiskey
- ³/₄ part Campari
- ³/₄ part sweet vermouth
- 2 dashes orange bitters

Combine all ingredients in a cocktail shaker and stir. Strain into a chilled glass. Garnish with an orange peel.

Whiskey sour

Makes: 1 cocktail

- 2 parts rye whiskey
- 1 part freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon sugar

Combine all ingredients in a cocktail shaker, fill with ice and shake. Strain into a glass. Garnish with an orange peel or cherry.

different. Combining some subtle spicy elements from Kentucky rye, soft fruity notes from Canadian rye and dark fruit flavors from

the port, Dark Rye’s flavor profile is unique — but unique in a way that stays true to Basil Hayden’s, which since 1992 has been known as a flavorful, yet approachable, easy-drinking bourbon.

“We wanted to create something completely different, but something that was also recognizable,” says Adam Harris, Basil Hayden’s brand ambassador.

While Harris declined to share details about the blend, he notes that Kentucky rye makes up the majority of the spirit, with Canadian rye accounting for much of the rest and the port adding more dimension despite being a modest share of the mix.

The result is a smooth, interesting spirit that melds caramel and butter-scotch notes against dark fruit flavors that bring to mind plums, raisins and black cherries. It’s delicious on its own or in a cocktail, such as a whiskey sour or a boulevardier.

Zak Stambor is a freelance writer.



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Basil Hayden’s Dark Rye is the first permanent addition to the whiskey maker’s lineup.



HERO IMAGES

For wooden furniture, veneers aren't necessarily bad, as long as you're in the know. To check if an item is made of particle board, look at the back and inside drawers and turn the item over to see the bottom. Feel the furniture's surface. If you can't feel the grain, it may be laminate.

Faux leather, mock maple

How to spot misleading furniture labels

By **ELISABETH LEAMY** | The Washington Post

Americans spend more than \$100 billion a year on furniture, and often we're not getting what we thought we paid for. Furniture labels are confusing — frequently downright misleading — and the government no longer specifically oversees their content.

Makers and sellers of furniture are still supposed to adhere to the Federal Trade Commission Act, which bars “unfair or deceptive acts,” but that’s it. In 2002, the FTC rescinded its specific guidelines for the household furniture industry.

Today the exact practices that those guidelines used to prohibit are rampant.

“In my 20 years working in the furniture industry, I have seen

standards relaxed as a result of the FTC changes,” said Jennifer Litwin, author of “Best Furniture Buying Tips Ever.” “This has hurt consumers shopping in both the low-end and high-end markets.”

John Smith, designer and manufacturer at Willem Smith FurnitureWorks in Fairfax, Va., says deceptive marketing is frustrating for “the good guys” in the industry.

“Although the adage ‘you get what you pay for’ frequently holds true, it would be helpful if you knew what you paid for as well,” Smith said. Most people don’t know, and because of the infrequency of furniture purchases, if the buyer has been deceived, it’s not their fault.

Here are several common furniture labeling problems, along with advice for how to forge your own solutions.



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Want a real leather sofa? Avoid the labels “genuine leather,” “bonded leather,” “bicast leather” and “PU leather” — which stands for polyurethane leather.

Wood

The old FTC guideline said manufacturers should not use wood names on their labels unless the piece was made of “solid wood of the type named.” In other words, calling a piece of furniture “oak” because it was coated in oak-colored stain or clad in oak veneer was against the rules.

I once purchased a table labeled “dark cherry,” a desk labeled “brown cherry” and a nightstand labeled “horizon maple” and had a craftsman slice them in half with a chain saw so that we could see what they were really made of. None of them contained the type of tree listed on the label. Instead, they were just particle board and plywood.

What to do: Furniture sellers used to have to put all the details of a piece’s construction on the sales tag. Today it’s important to check any additional information on brochures or websites to get the full story.

Furniture made of solid wood stained to look like another wood

More ways to shop smart

Here are a few more tips to keep in mind when furniture shopping:

Get it in writing. See whether the store manager will give you written documentation of what materials the piece is made of.

Ask about a warranty. Many furniture stores and manufacturers don’t offer them, but if you are making a large purchase, perhaps they will create one just for you.

Know the return policy. That includes knowing who has to get the furniture back to the warehouse and whether there is a restocking fee.

Pay with a credit card. Some cards automatically extend your warranty. Plus, if you have a dispute, you can withhold payment while the card company helps you work it out.

is not a bad thing, as long as it’s disclosed. Veneers are not inherently bad, either, as long as you’re aware and don’t count on refinishing them someday. To spot particle board, look at the back, peer inside drawers and turn the piece over to see the bottom.

Finally, feel the surface of the furniture. If you can’t feel the grain at all, it could be laminate. Laminate is basically plastic with a wood pattern laser-printed onto it.

All of these alternatives have their place, but you should know what you’re getting and pay accordingly.

Leather

“Bonded leather” is the scourge of the upholstered furniture industry.

I foolishly purchased a bonded leather office chair for my own home several years ago. A few months later, the “leather” surface started peeling off because it

wasn’t leather at all. Bonded leather actually consists of a thin plastic front, a fabric middle and ground up leather particles on the back. It’s been the subject of consumer lawsuits and industry hand-wringing, but it’s still out there. The FTC does maintain a leather labeling guideline, which says manufacturers should disclose the amount of ground leather in bonded leather, but it doesn’t specifically apply to furniture.

What to do: If you want real leather furniture, avoid the labels “genuine leather,” “bonded leather,” “bicast leather” and “PU leather” — which stands for polyurethane leather. Instead, Smith, who runs a leather accreditation course for the design industry, says to look for leather labeled “full grain” or “top grain.”

But even those labels are sometimes manipulated. I bought a chair described as “rich 100 percent split grain cow hide” and sent it to a lab for testing. It turned out to be plastic.

To guard against that, con-

sider the price. If it’s too cheap to be true, it isn’t true.

Fabric

Real linen is made from fibers found in the flax plant. It’s prized because it’s natural, durable and breathable, so it stays cool in the summer. Unfortunately, Litwin — who has gone undercover to more than 500 furniture stores across the country — says she increasingly sees other fabrics passed off as linen. “A lot of stores are selling fabric marked ‘linen’ in neutral colors, when really it’s just a cheaper polyester blend,” Litwin said.

What to do: Again, go beyond the sale tag. Ask the seller for paperwork documenting the actual fiber content of the upholstery or look online. Last resort, request the material safety data sheet for the fabric. Furniture fabrics are required to be fire resistant, so they are tested at labs, and this document should also state the fabric’s fiber content.

Elisabeth Leamy is a freelancer.

Winterberry's fruit puts on pretty show

BY ADRIAN HIGGINS

The Washington Post

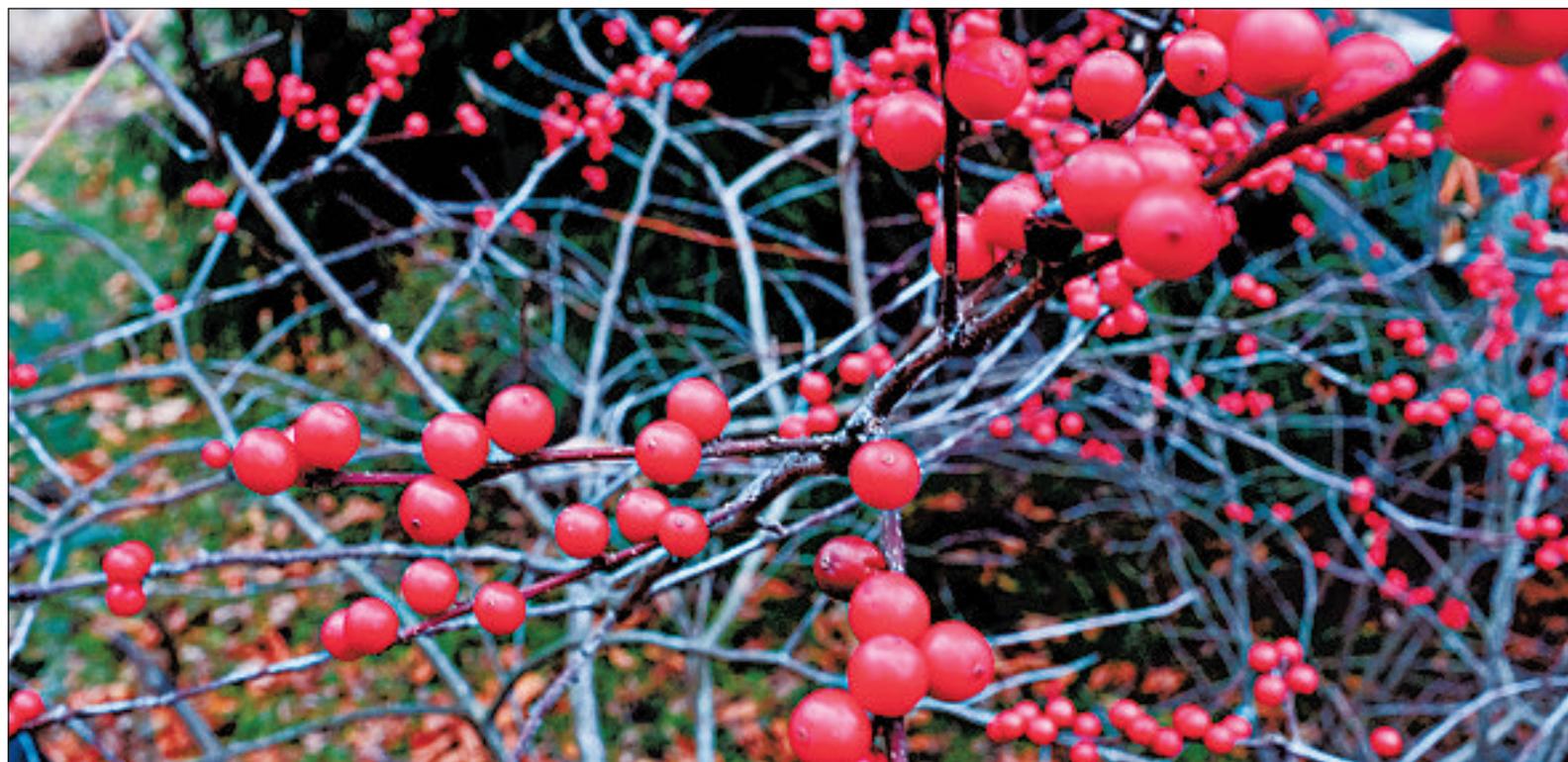
We are told that the sun rises in the east and sets in the west. The gardener, who is more attuned to light and shadow than most, knows that this idea is off quite a bit at this time of year.

In early winter, the sun clings to the southern horizon and sleeps a lot. This skulking can have its benefits. In the mornings now, the sun creeps around my neighbor's shed to throw light on a stand of winterberry hollies in a far corner of the garden.

These are the hollies that are naked in winter except for generous clusters of large red berries. After a few years, they are 8 feet tall, 6 feet across and heavy with fruit.

The gardener will take any shrub that peaks in January, and the winterberry holly and its related hollies don't hold back. It falls to the gardener to position them where the berries can be illuminated by the low sun. Putting them in a dark corner would reduce the berry set and also rob the holly of its dazzling display.

Only the plants with female flowers produce fruit, but you have to add a male to the mix. I planted three fruiting winterberries along with a single non-fruiting male, positioned on the edge of the display. In May, the bees in search of nectar take the pollen from the male and fertilize the female blossoms. By late summer, the fruit is conspicuous even though the shrubs are smothered in pretty, elliptical leaves, free of the spines we associate with holly. The foliage turns yellow in the fall and looks good amid the bright red berries, but the plant comes into its own once the leaves drop. Suddenly, the branches seem to have



ADRIAN HIGGINS/THE WASHINGTON POST

The gardener will take any shrub that peaks in January, and the winterberry holly and its related hollies don't hold back, with a dazzling display of red.

captured strings of pearls that have fallen to earth, except they're red.

I planted these shrubs five years ago, and the first year I wondered if they were going to survive because they were half dead. Winterberries are native to wetlands and heartily dislike dry conditions, especially when it's hot. (This makes them a great choice for problem wet areas of the yard). I watered them when I remembered but because they were out of the way, they were neglected for the most part. For the first few years there was little fruit. Last year, lo, they put on a good show. This year, they are spectacular. Moral: Plant for tomorrow, not today.

Winter weather can enhance the show. Against a backdrop of snow, they pop. Encased in ice, they are jewellike.

The species winterberry, *Ilex verticillata*, is found in wetlands from Nova Scotia



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The possumhaw holly, *Ilex decidua*, shown here, is valued for its smooth gray bark texture and fruiting habit.

to Texas, but there is a great variation and unpredictability in habit, size and even leaf shape, so garden winterberries tend to be named varieties. Horticulturists divide them into southern types, vigorous with fewer darker stems, and northern types, with slower growth, earlier flowering and smaller leaves.

It's important to get a male plant that blooms at the right time. For southern types that would be Southern Gentleman, for northern ones, Jim Dandy.

My winterberries came to me in unnamed varieties, though I suspect they are the popular cultivar known as Winter Red, chosen for its dark, glossy leaves and large, vivid red fruits.

Growers who raise winterberry for florists' cut sprays like the early season varieties such as Maryland Beauty and Christmas Cheer. A number of more compact varieties are available for smaller gardens, though you'd still need a second, male plant for fruit.

The most common of these is Red Sprite, whose oversized fruit appears on a shrub that is just 3 to 4 feet tall. A variety named La Have is even smaller.

Sparkleberry was developed at the National Arboretum by crossing the winterberry with its Chinese cousin, *Ilex serrata*. The resulting plant has glossy red fruit that is large and remarkably persistent through the winter months. Its male consort is Apollo.

Both are for large gardens; they grow 12 feet high and as wide.

Another native deciduous holly is sometimes grown ornamentally. The possumhaw holly, *Ilex*

decidua, is valued for its smooth gray bark texture and fruiting habit, but it is too big and perhaps too coarse for the small home garden. Warren's Red is a classic variety that grows to 12 or 15 feet.

All these deciduous hollies benefit from some pruning. Mine are reaching a stage where some of the older stems should be removed and most of the suckers cut away. Because they have grown into such valuable winter plants, they also deserve to be aesthetically pruned to remove congested and rubbing branches. This should be done in late winter or early spring, leaving enough older wood for plenty of spring blossoms for next winter's berry show.

If you have a bit of space for two or more medium-sized shrubs, winterberry hollies will lend an air of native beauty and provide a path through the darkness of the season now upon us.

No tree lives forever — not even Jackson's magnolia

BY BETH BOTTS
Chicago Tribune

It was a sad day in December when the historic Jackson Magnolia on the White House grounds had to be cut down after 19 decades. The three-story-tall tree, which was planted in 1828 by President Andrew Jackson in memory of his late wife, was severely decayed, and its structure was so compromised that it would be dangerous to leave it standing, according to arborists from the U.S. National Arboretum.

The loss highlights something many people don't realize about trees: They don't live forever. "Trees have a natural lifespan, just like people do," said Doris Taylor, Plant Clinic manager at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle.

Some tree species normally live much longer than others. One of the oldest known living trees, believed to be nearly 5,000 years old, is a bristlecone pine on a dry, rocky slope in California. Giant redwoods can live for more than 2,000 years. Yet a black locust is elderly at 50, and a peach tree may last little more than a decade.

In general, fast-growing species don't live as long as slower-growing trees. "A tree that grows fast, like silver maple, also often has weaker wood," Taylor said. Growth rate and normal lifespan are important to consider when you're choosing a species of tree to plant, perhaps to replace a tree that has reached its natural end.

Tree longevity is affected by many other factors. "Where a tree is growing also makes a big difference," Taylor said.

A tree in a wide-open park, with plenty of room to spread out its roots



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Workers prepare Dec. 27 to remove the iconic Jackson Magnolia, the oldest tree on the White House grounds.

under the soil, is likely to live much longer than the same species planted in a box in a sidewalk, where it has only a few square feet of root space.

When old trees die, it's usually because they succumb to an accumulation of damage from insects, storms, drought and decay. Good tree care, based on research, can extend a tree's life, just as better nutrition and improved medical treatment for diseases such as cancer have increased the life expectancy of human beings.

Homeowners can help trees live longer by watering them in dry weather, avoiding damage to their roots and getting expert help, according to Taylor.

"One of the most important things a homeowner can do for a mature tree is to have it inspected by a trained, certified arborist," said Jake Miesbauer, an arboretum scientist who studies ways to improve tree care.

A trained arborist can spot rot or diseases that need treatment, prune away weakened wood, install supports to secure branches or improve the tree's structure to make it more stable. An arborist

also will know the normal lifespan of the tree's species. To find a certified arborist, consult the website of the Illinois Arborist Association (www.illinoisarborist.org).

The tree on the west side of the White House, which was pictured on the back of the \$20 bill from 1928 to 1998, was a bigleaf magnolia (*Magnolia grandiflora*), native to Southern forests. Although the species has a normal lifespan of just 80 to 120 years, arborists had kept this tree going for 190 years by using cables to support cracked and decaying trunks and branches.

Eventually, however, no sound wood was left to anchor the cables. Arborists feared rotting branches might fall at any time. Despite the best care, after outliving the president who planted it by 178 years, the tree had finally reached its end.

For tree and plant advice, contact the arboretum's plant clinic (630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org).

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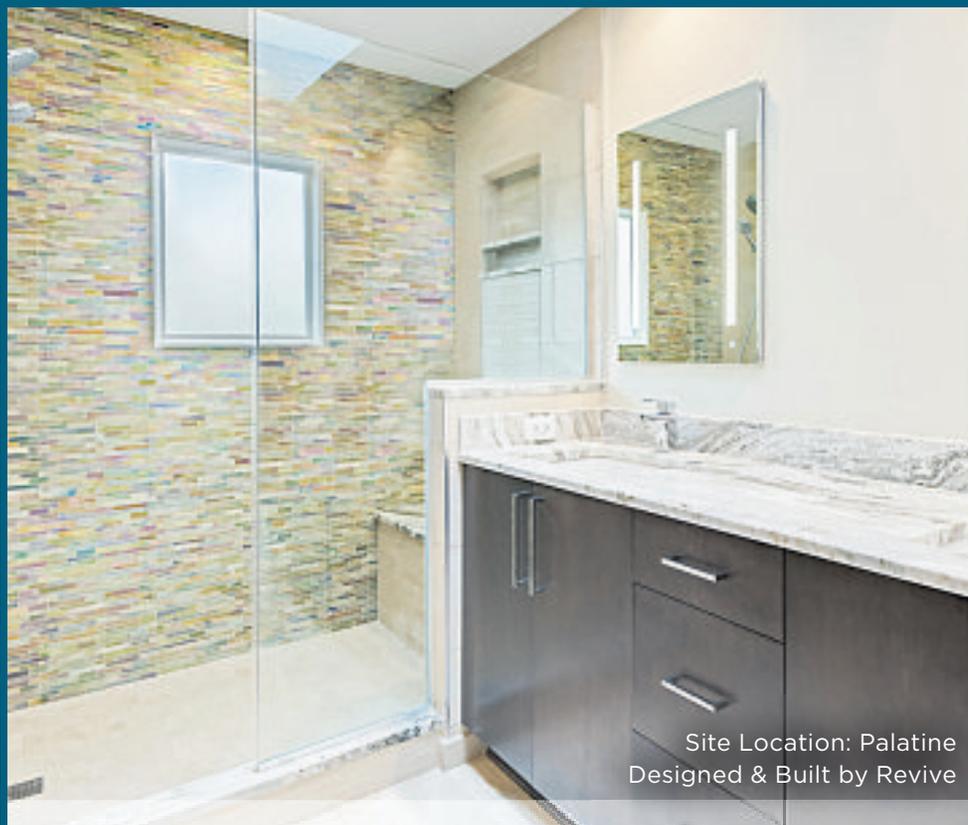
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Story returns 'experience' to shopping

BY KAREN HELLER

The Washington Post

It's a gray, cold, semi-miserable Saturday morning, yet three dozen people are waiting in the shadow of Manhattan's High Line for Story to open.

Story is a store. A cozy one of less than 2,000 square feet on the ground floor of a residential brick building. It sells neither the latest sneakers nor the newest Apple gizmos, yet there's often a line.

Story changes its theme, or "story," every few weeks. The website says it has the "point of view of a magazine, changes like a gallery, sells things like a store." Staff members are called "storytellers" and greet everyone at the door.

The brainchild of fourth-generation retailer Rachel Shechtman, Story has been profitable since its first year of business in 2011.

Meanwhile, retailers elsewhere go begging for customers. Why? Because so many of us would rather have oral surgery than set foot in an actual store anymore.

Shechtman, 40, may have discovered the antidote to this aversion. "People are yearning and desiring of experience," she says, nailing a salient truth about the millennial generation. (Well, every generation, to be honest.) "The idea is that you tell stories through merchandise curation and event promotion."

Story holds yoga and cooking classes, and dozens of DIY workshops. In early December, style icon Iris Apfel held her sixth trunk show at the store. It's a destination, a hit on social media, a hub that extends well beyond the neighborhood.

Shopping there feels exclusive and special, and not like something that you can replicate at home. Because you can't. Shecht-



STORY

Manhattan's Story regularly changes its theme and merchandise to keep customers engaged. It has been profitable since its first year of business in 2011.

man manages a robust website and a mailing list of 50,000, but she sells nothing online. It's all about the store.

Melissa Heitmann, a beauty-industry consultant, visits Story three times a week with her dog and her infant daughter.

"I'm known among my friends as the queen of online shopping. I hate to go into brick-and-mortar stores," Heitmann says. "But Rachel brings playfulness back to shopping. She's found a way to make shopping fun again. She has a way of finding items that you have to have before you even knew you wanted them."

Imagine that. Shopping as something exciting. Shopping as fun.

Remember when people used to go to stores for fun? Maybe you don't, but honest, they did. Shoppers

made special trips downtown to the grand temples of commerce. Shopping was a journey of discovery.

Not so long ago, department and specialty stores offered exclusive merchandise, creating identity and a distinct, enticing world. Zippy, flashy Bloomingdale's boasted completely different inventory from ladylike Lord & Taylor. Those stores had flair. They inspired loyalty.

Today, there's little loyalty, despite rewards cards that state otherwise, and less joy.

As a result, to add to 2017's myriad joys, it was the year of the "retail apocalypse."

Almost 7,000 stores, large and small, boutique and chain, closed their doors. Plenty more are withering on life support. More than a thousand malls — a thousand! — are

nearing zombie status. Enter, and you can sense death, a way of business that's doomed.

Online shopping offers an intoxicating trifecta of freedom: the ability to shop anywhere, anytime, wearing anything. Younger consumers believe shopping is about ordering eight nubby gray sweaters online to send back all but one.

Who can blame them? In-store shopping has become a miserable experience. You're ignored when you require service, or bombarded when you don't (especially in the perfume aisle).

Stores are comically large, requiring you to walk a football field in length from gadgetry to produce. Many are too dingy. Correctional institutions offer better lighting.

"Retailers took everything for granted," says

Columbia Business School retail professor Mark A. Cohen. "The department stores now haven't got a prayer of retaining customers' affection. They fail to deliver what once made them famous."

Shoppers — especially millennials, and they are the shoppers of the future — actually like being with other people, and crave community. They want to feel special again, say retail experts, and to believe that leaving the comfort of their homes and the ability to shop in their pajamas is worth the trip.

During the holidays, Story treated shoppers to lunch from a rotating series of food trucks parked outside on Tenth Avenue, including one selling maple grilled cheese. "We know shopping is a pain," Shechtman says. "Have lunch on us."

One of Shechtman's great successes is "Pitch Night," held four times a year, when she invites small vendors to pitch their goods to her store, the media and other retailers, including some of the giants.

Shechtman's formula seems to be working. She's in discussions with potential partners about expanding Pitch Night nationally. And she's considering possibly opening another location of Story in Los Angeles.

"Time is the ultimate luxury," Shechtman says as she walks around tidying items, handing out baskets and sharing her story. "Are you giving people an experience they can't have on their own?"

In other words, retailers, it's time to make shopping fun again. Otherwise, we may as well stay home.

Before you buy any smart gadgets, make sure they're not dumb.

BY GEOFFREY A. FOWLER
The Washington Post

After reviewing dozens of smart home products, I've learned to be skeptical of any gadget that feels like a "Star Trek" prop — and a little paranoid about things that are listening, watching or collecting data. Any gadget you install in your house should work with software from multiple tech giants. And it should be made by a company with years of experience in homes, or at least with top-notch customer support.

The good news is some of these connected gadgets are now actually awesome. Here are a few smart home devices that are genuinely useful.



EERO

Eero 2nd generation mesh Wi-Fi router, \$30

(for two-hub pack)

Why it's useful: Eero solves the No. 1 home tech problem: bad Wi-Fi. The reason your Netflix stutters is there are corners in your house that one poor, overworked router just can't reach. Eero uses multiple hubs to create a "mesh" that spreads internet all over. That's a lifesaver in big houses or ones (like mine) with walls filled with metal, plaster and other materials that act like kryptonite for radio waves.

The downsides: Eero is pricier than stand-alone routers and also mesh systems like Google Wi-Fi and Netgear Orbi. If you want Eero's hubs to work well, they need to be out in the open.

Why it's the best: Eero is the simplest home gadget I've ever tested. Other routers may be a little faster or have more features, but Eero is reliable and offers solid customer service. It also now offers a security service, called Eero Plus (for \$100 per year) to detect and stop hackers, and help you manage passwords and combat malware.

How it handles security: Eero uses the cloud to give you remote control over your network and to ensure performance, but it doesn't log or store where people go on the internet.



RING

Ring Video Doorbell 2, \$200

Why it's useful: Who's at your door? The Ring is a doorbell that doubles as a Wi-Fi security camera, so you can watch, hear and talk to whoever's there through an app — even if you're not at home. It alerts your phone with a live feed when somebody presses the bell, or any time somebody comes near. No rewiring required.

The downsides: To review, share and store video clips for 60 days requires a \$30 per year subscription. If your existing doorbell isn't powered, you'll have to charge the Ring's battery every six to 12 months.

Why it's the best: There are lots of video doorbells, but Ring has solid customer service, delivers on its promises and works with other home devices, including Amazon's Echo Show. ("Alexa, show me who's at the front door.") The Ring app also lets you share clips and alerts about criminal activity with neighbors who also own a Ring.

How it handles security: Ring encrypts your video.



ECOBEE

Ecobee 4 Thermostat, \$250

Why it's useful: Thermostats measure the temperature in one place (usually the hallway). The Ecobee 4 thermostat uses sensors to keep track of which room you're in and what the temperature is there — and then makes adjustments accordingly. It's smart enough to proactively compensate for a cold snap, and it should also be more energy-efficient than an old-fashioned thermostat.

The downsides: You get one room sensor in the box, but extras cost \$80 each.

Why it's the best: Google-owned Nest makes the most well-known learning thermostat, but the Ecobee 4 beats it with the room-sensing tech and a few other features. It's got Alexa built into a speaker and microphone on the thermostat, so you have one more spot in the house to chat with your favorite virtual friend.

How it handles security: The Ecobee 4 works even without an internet connection.



SARAH TEW/CNET

Sonos ONE multiroom speaker, \$200

Why it's useful: Talking speakers are all the rage, but most priced under \$200 don't sound fantastic. The Sonos ONE does, and it has the ability to switch its voice between either Amazon Alexa or Google's Assistant. The Sonos ONE can also join other Sonos wireless speakers that come in many sizes and shapes to fill every room with music.

The downsides: The Sonos ONE costs twice as much the new Amazon Echo and Google Home. Support for Google's Assistant, along with Apple's AirPlay 2, won't come until this year.

Why it's the best: The ONE is the connected speaker to beat right now because of its neutral status in the talking AI wars, and Sonos' years of experience making great-sounding wireless speakers. But I won't blame you for waiting until professional reviewers get our hands on Apple's much-hyped (and much-delayed) \$350 HomePod.

How it handles security: Like the Amazon Echo, there's a button on top that stops its microphone from listening.

Fighting dry skin, with help from kitchen



ELLEN WARREN
Answer Angel

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: I'm wondering whether you have an opinion or information about using coconut oil or olive oil as facial and body moisturizers. I have environmental and animal-rights concerns, and I'm also extremely frugal. Even the more expensive moisturizers list water as the main ingredient, and I'm not sure I want to moisturize with water during the winter. I already keep coconut and olive oils in the house for cooking. The downside of using oils on the skin is that they are greasy. Are you aware of any other issues with using coconut and olive oils on the skin?

— *Tonia L.*

Dear Tonia: You asked whether I had an opinion or information. I have both.

First, the info: Dermatologist Patricia Ceballos says, "Both coconut oil and olive oil are excellent natural options to use as moisturizers for dry skin on face and body." Ceballos (www.schweigerderm.com) cautions that those oils can clog pores and lead to breakouts, and she doesn't recommend them for the acne-prone, who should consider natural Moroccan argan oil instead.

Ceballos says coconut oil isn't that great as a heavy-duty moisturizer. "If your skin is excessively dry and irritated, consider olive oil or argan oil as more effective emollients," she advises.

Good Housekeeping tested grape seed, sunflower, coconut and extra-virgin olive oils and found



JOSE LUIS PELAEZ INC.

Solutions for dry skin might be as close as your kitchen cupboard. Coconut oil and olive oil can be used as moisturizers.

they can increase skin moisture by up to 12 percent.

As for my opinion: Unless you want to smell like a freshly dressed salad, I wouldn't use the olive oil. Try smelling and doing a small skin test with whatever kitchen oil you're considering before you slather it on. Like you, I'd worry about the greasiness.

And a related dry skin question ...

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: We're in the middle of dry, itchy skin weather. Any suggestions for help? I'm so dry and itching like crazy.
— *Jessie R.*

Dear Jessie: As a general rule, dermatologist Michele Farber says that when you're shopping, look for these ingredients to seal in moisture: ceramides, hyaluronic acid and glycerin.

Also, coconut oil for body, and squalene and rose hip oil, which are lighter, for the face. As for specific products, for the face, she likes CeraVe Moisturizing Cream and Neutrogena Hydro Boost. For hands: Neutrogena Norwegian Hand Cream. For washing: CeraVe Hydrating Body Wash.

You can find those products at drugstores, Walmart, Target and Amazon. I've tested numerous CeraVe products and find them frugal and fabulous.

Farber's New York colleague Rachel Nazarian points out that in winter, forced air heaters can trigger dry skin. Try a humidifier to replace moisture in the air. Also, hot water strips the natural oils from skin and can cause red, dry, irritated skin patches. "Wash with water that's lukewarm, not hot,"

Nazarian says.

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: Do you have any suggestions for teeth-whitening products? My daughter is getting married in a few months, and I'd really like to have whiter teeth by then without spending a fortune at the dentist.

— *Marie D.*

Dear Marie: My dentist recommended I try Crest Whitestrips as the most effective over-the-counter product (available at drugstores). They helped but certainly weren't miraculous. Those of us who drink gallons of coffee every day (or red wine) have a lot of trouble retaining the whiteness. I've also used Paula's Choice Brighten Up 2-minute Teeth Whitener (www.paulaschoice.com, \$15), which helped a little. While professional whit-

ening is superior (and lots more expensive), it won't last if you don't drink your stain-causing beverages with a straw (as if).

Angelic readers

Whoa, did readers come up with some useful info for Marie W's question on how to rid shoes of a musty odor! I recommended lavender oil or citrus peels, but Paula K. writes, "Ellen, ditch all those froufrou remedies (lavender, lemon, etc.) for odors, and get Fresh Wave. They have 'pods' for shoes and other nooks and crannies and a jar with gel crystals for rooms or cars. It's made of natural ingredients and actually captures the smell rather than disguising it. Fabulous!" (www.freshwaveworks.com \$9.99 for six). Doug C. likes Fresh Wave, too, and also suggests

fresh apple slices.

Another natural remedy comes from Fran R.: "When a house fire left all my shoes stinking of smoke, the insurance company told me I had to throw them all out. Nooo! My shoes???" Instead I put them on a south-facing windowsill with the window open. The sunlight and air totally revived them!"

Pam E. said sunlight did the trick for her too. Ardyth J. says, "Try wiping them out with a cloth soaked in artificial (not real) vanilla. I discovered this when I had to rescue an ignored refrigerator from rotted meat. Surely it will work on shoes!" Kay R. recommends vanilla too, in an open dish with shoes in an airtight box until the vanilla has totally evaporated.

Very pragmatic Loretta F. says, "My guess is Marie is sticking her nose in the shoe to check out the smell. I would leave them in a room and ask a friend if he or she notices anything. If not, I would not worry about it unless people are routinely putting their faces next to her shoes."

From Rich K.: "Take an old nylon stocking, cut it down to about 5 or 6 inches long. Put three or four scoops of coffee grounds (fresh) in the stocking; tie it off, and put in the box with shoes for a few days. This should get rid of the smell. It also works in the car after the little one or the dog upchucks."

And Susan H. recommends Windex, which she uses on smelly scuba booties.

Now it's your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangelellen@gmail.com.

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The best lotions to keep skin hydrated all winter

BY KAITLYN MCLINTOCK
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Among the numerous woes of winter — which include cold weather, perpetual gray skies and rampant cold and flu viruses — lies a particularly annoying and common occurrence. We're talking about dry skin. Not only does it look, ahem, less than flattering, but it can also cause itchiness and irritation, which is even worse.

Now that it's January and temperatures are dropping, we feel as if the air is slowly sucking the hydration from our skin. So we've stocked up on the hydrating face masks, serums and night creams. But what about the rest of our skin? After all, caring for everything from the neck up isn't exactly a well-rounded or super-effective skin care routine. That's why we put together a master list of body lotions that are most beloved by us.

Kiehl's Creme de Corps Body Moisturizer (\$30)

This body lotion strikes a balance between being moisturizing and non-greasy (which is kind of the goal, no?). The cream easily sinks into your skin thanks to shea butter and sesame oil. It also includes beta carotene for a kick of antioxidants because why not?

Votre Vu Tarte d'Amande Lotion (\$48)

This Parisian body lotion is perfect for winter. It's made with a mix of richly moisturizing ingredients like tropical nut oils — including macadamia, almond and coconut — grapeseed oil, aloe and shea butter. It's also scented like almond pie, which might sound strange, but it's genuinely amazing.



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Honest Company Unscented Face and Body Lotion (\$7)

For all of us who prefer an unscented formula every now and then (or always), this one from Jessica Alba's company, The Honest Co., is a good option. It's baby-skin-gentle and gives an instant wash of hydration. Because it's more lightweight than other lotions on this list, it's a great product to mix with body oil for those times our skin is super dry.

Kos Paris Creme Fine aux 3 The Body Lotion (\$75)

KOS is a French skin care brand that made its stateside debut last year. The company's line of skin care is luxurious and effective. It also looks super chic sitting on our vanities. This body cream is moisturizing and anti-aging thanks to white, green and red tea. Apricot oil and shea butter sink into the skin, leaving no film behind. We're kind of obsessed. (Just be warned, if you don't like fragrance, you probably won't like the rich vanilla and floral notes we get from this formula.

Basd Invigorating Mint Body Lotion (\$25)

Here's your new favorite cruelty-free and plant-derived body lotion. It's also paraben-free and non-GMO. In fact, it earned a perfect score on Think Dirty, a platform that ranks beauty ingredients based on their safety and gentleness.

Lubriderm Advanced Therapy Body Lotion (\$7)

You can't beat this lotion for the price. It has vitamin E and B5 along with skin essential lipids to soothe dryness and irritation almost instantly. The results last too. Even our driest skin, like on our elbows and heels, only requires one application a day.

Grown Alchemist Mandarin and Rosemary Leaf Body Cream (\$67)

Grown Alchemist is a naturally sourced and botanically based beauty brand that makes some amazing products. In this lotion, expect to see mandarin, rosemary, jojoba, rosehip oil, wheat germ and aloe on the ingredients list. It's organic and hydrating and lovely.

Canada Goose stirs flocking of fans

Popularity of winter coat brand belies its notably high cost

BY CHRIS LAMORTE
Chicago Tribune

Winter's arctic blast arrived with a vengeance this year. Temperatures dipped into the single digits. Space heaters are working overtime. Car batteries are dying. And the nostril hairs are freezing on by one inside my nose.

Yet winter's fashionistas — look at them! They have never looked warmer.

The reason? Canada Goose, of course. The brand continues its unabated climb to the summit of winter necessities. The company says it's grown over 2,000 percent in the last decade, with revenues of approximately \$300 million.

The "arctic luxury apparel" brand opened its first store on a tony stretch of Michigan Avenue in Chicago this fall — one of seven global stores the retailer has opened in the past year.

Even TV stock prognosticator Jim Cramer remains bullish on the brand. "This company's growing like a weed and shows no sign of stopping anytime soon," he said in December.

So who needs bitcoin when you have a fur-lined parka with down stuffing?

Turns out, I'm not quite able to afford being part of the snug-as-a-bug crowd. With prices that can reach up to \$1,600 for a men's jacket, Canada Goose remains out of my price range.

Yet, for such a pricey brand, it's seemingly ubiquitous: from valets at up-



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The Canada Goose men's MacMillan camouflage-print down-quilted parka retails for \$825. The brand got its start outfitting scientists.

scale restaurants to the ladies who lunch at them. From strolling teenagers on a mall date to a pair of 60-somethings pushing grandkids with strollers, the Canada Goose brand is both trendy and workaday utilitarian.

How did we get here? Well, the brand started in 1957. It outfitted scientists of Antarctica's McMurdo Station and Laurie Skresl,

the first Canadian to summit Mount Everest. It was, in a word, warm.

Canada Goose started to be heavily adopted by Hollywood film crews on location. It was featured in "The Day After Tomorrow" and "National Treasure." The company even has a parka named *Mystique*, after Rebecca Romijn's icy-blue character in the "X-Men" movies — the



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The women's Beechwood down-quilted parka retails for \$1,150.

actress asked the company to develop a coat that could keep her warm on set.

Model Kate Upton modeled one of the company's bomber jackets on the cover of the *Sports Illustrated* Swimsuit Issue in 2013. The company sponsors film festivals, and its jackets were featured in the James Bond film "Spectre" and warmed crew members of "Game of Thrones."

So from there, it wasn't long until the trendy set latched on to them.

I asked Canada Goose CEO Dani Reiss about the phenomenon, but he bristles that Canada Goose is trendy. "We are a function-first brand, not a fashion brand. We are built on function — of course we want people to look good in our products ... but that's not the first consideration."

And it's true: It's hard to argue a 60-year-old brand that is favored by champion Iditarod mushers is offering some sort of here-today, gone-tomorrow gimmick.

"Consumers come to us because we are a real brand with real products that have an inherent and authentic story; our heritage, craftsmanship and product quality resonate. They know that we'll protect them from the cold," Reiss says.

But the question remains: How can people afford these jackets? On the Canada Goose website, you can't touch a men's jacket — a lightweight down one at that — for less than \$400. The top-of-the-line Canada Coat tops out at more than \$1,600.

One clue: Maybe the people I see are wearing fakes, and maybe I shouldn't feel jealous. According to the company's media kit, it is one of the most counterfeited brands in the world. In 2015, the company claims it shut down more than 19,000 listings of fake Canada Goose products.

Yet if you're waiting for a big after-Christmas sale at the flagship store, you might be waiting until hell freezes over. I asked a salesperson at the Chicago location if I could expect a discount when the shopping frenzy was over.

"No, because we don't do discounts. We're like Louis Vuitton," he quipped.

But how many mushers can say they wear Louis Vuitton?

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Home equity loans not over

New tax law restricts when homeowners may deduct interest



KENNETH R. HARNEY
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It's a big and confusing question for many homeowners in the wake of the December tax law changes: Are new interest-deductible home equity lines of credit, commonly called HELOCs, and second mortgages now totally out of reach going forward?

The new law eliminated a longstanding section of the tax code that allowed homeowners to borrow against their equity and use the proceeds for whatever purposes they chose, while deducting interest payments on their federal taxes. That provision of the new tax law took effect Jan. 1, so it's logical to assume that popular tax-deductible HELOCs will no longer be available.

They're dead. Right? Not quite! To borrow a phrase from *Miracle Max* in "The Princess Bride," the traditional uses of HELOCs may be "mostly dead" — but not all dead.

A close reading of the final language rushed through Congress last month reveals that interest-deductible HELOCs and second mortgages should still be available to homeowners provided they qualify on two criteria: they use the proceeds of the loan to make "substantial improvements" to their home, and the combined total of their first mortgage balance and their HELOC or second mortgage does not exceed the new \$750,000 limit on mortgage amounts qualified for interest deductions. (The previous ceiling was \$1.1 million for the first mortgage and home equity debt combined.)

"The key here is (how) you use the proceeds" of the HELOC or second mortgage, Ernst & Young tax partner Greg Rosica said. You can't buy a car anymore. You can't spend the money on student loans, business investments, vacations or most of the things you used to be able to do. Now, to take deductions on the interest you pay, you've got to limit expenditures to capital improvements on your house, or — less likely — buying or building your principal residence.

The reason, said Rosica, a widely recognized expert on real estate tax law, is that although Section 11043 of the new tax law eliminated home equity debt interest deductions, it left virtually untouched interest deductions for primary home mortgage debt ("acquisition indebtedness") that is used to buy, improve or construct a new home. As long as you follow the rules on what constitutes a capital improvement — spelled out in IRS Publication

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Roommates Barrett McBride, left, and Jordan Zaplatosch, who share a Logan Square apartment, found each other via Facebook connections.

Swipe right for new roommate

More options than ever for renters looking to find their perfect match

BY DANIELLE BRAFF
Chicago Tribune

After a weekend getaway to Pittsburgh years ago, Julia returned to her Chicago apartment to find clothing, liquor bottles and sex toys cluttering her living room.

A giant candle had burned a hole in her carpet, she said, and a naked stranger was sleeping in her bed.

"I told my roommate I was going to take my dog for a walk

and would be back in an hour, and during that time, if she could clean up, de-sheet my bed and get rid of the guy, I would greatly appreciate it," said Julia, then 23, now 36, who lives in a northwest suburb of Chicago and asked that her last name be withheld for privacy concerns.

According to a December Zillow analysis, 30 percent of unmarried adults between the ages of 23 and 65 are living with others — either roommates or relatives — which is a jump from

21 percent in 2005. When it comes to young people ages 23 to 29, more than half live in doubled-up households. So the question of who we live with, and how we find them, is perhaps more germane than ever.

Having a bad roommate at some point is almost like a rite of passage. But it may soon be one for the history books. Not long ago, options for finding a roommate were limited: asking around, scouring Craigslist, seeking out flyers on bulletin

boards. But today, there are plenty of websites dedicated to helping renters find roommates, allowing you to create a detailed profile of yourself and essentially "swipe right" when you think you've identified a compatible match.

If it sounds a lot like dating ... it is.

"It works similar to Tinder, but it's not an anonymous site," said Rany Burstein, CEO and

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Homeowner thwarted in efforts to address neighbor's tree



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Q: We have a next-door neighbor who has a very large, tall cypress tree on her property. The tree overhangs three adjacent properties and homes, including ours.

Over the years, we, along with the other property owners, have all trimmed branches and limbs that overhang our properties. These were all done with city permits, taking into account the health and structure of the tree. The tree owner has done nothing in the past 15 years to care for her tree.

Last October, a wind-storm twisted off a very large live limb, which fell into the property directly behind the tree



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Overhanging trees can damage neighbors' homes.

owner's property, smashing the fence between the houses. The tree owner said she had no money to pay for anything. She began to ignore phone calls and letters. Her neighbor eventually, months later, paid to remove the limb and debris and to build a new fence.

The storm also left a number of partially broken limbs hanging up in the tree. We consulted two local arborists about the tree, concerned there was real danger of the tree throwing more limbs. They said it could cost up to \$10,000 to deal with all the issues they could see from the

ground. I consulted our homeowners insurance agent, who requested we send a certified letter to the tree owner, stating our concerns about the tree and asking her to get the tree work done. We and another neighbor even offered to help offset the cost. She accepted the letter but will not speak with us.

We have contacted the city arborist and code compliance officer, sending them the tree reports from the local arborist and a copy of the letter we sent to our neighbor. I have called and emailed the city, including the city council, a number of times. They have said they were "on it." To date, nothing has been done.

We will again hire the tree company to trim overhanging branches, but there is so much wrong with this tree that could affect our home. She apparently has no money, as her house is falling into disrepair, with holes and broken

windows. We do not have the financial resources to address this on our own. Any ideas?

A: First, talk with your local television station and see whether they're interested in a story about the lack of response from your local government. Years ago, when I was in college, I worked for a local paper in Cicero, Ill. Believe it or not, a cow that was being transported by rail fell off the train and was lying in the middle of a city street. The city did nothing about it; our paper published a picture of the dead cow on the front page, and by 8 a.m. that day, the cow was removed. Your elected officials want to be re-elected; try this approach.

Next, contact the city health department. If the tree owner's house is in such a bad condition, the city may decide to condemn.

Finally, consult an attorney. I once represented a couple who had a similar problem with their next-door neighbor. My clients were concerned that if

they merely trimmed the overhanging branches and chopped off the encroaching roots, the tree would fall, hurt someone and damage property. Accordingly, I filed a nuisance suit against the neighbor, and the judge issued an order requiring the tree to either be removed or properly cabled so it would not fall.

If you get such a court order, the neighbor would have to comply or be in contempt of court. In such a case, the court could require the house to be sold to satisfy the court order.

Keep in mind that I cannot provide legal advice. Discuss your options with a local attorney.

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Condo board can levy fines, seek eviction of disruptive tenant



HOWARD DAKOFF
Condo Adviser

Q: I am a board member of a small condominium association where a leased unit has a tenant who is regularly disruptive to other unit owners. The board has reached out to the unit owner — the tenant's landlord — to discuss his tenant in an attempt to stop the disruptive conduct, but there has been no change in the tenant's behavior. What remedies does the board possess?

A: For any violations of a

condominium association's governing documents by a tenant, according to sections 9.2 and 18(n) of the Illinois Condominium Property Act, the board may levy fines against the unit owner for the tenant's violations and charge the owner for any legal fees and costs incurred by the association to enforce the governing documents.

Further, according to the same provisions, the board also has the authority to file an eviction lawsuit against the tenant for violations of the governing documents. To move forward with the eviction, before filing an eviction lawsuit, the board must first provide proper written notice to the tenant to terminate the tenancy and demand the tenant vacate the premises.

Q: I am a unit owner in a condominium association and just learned that Section 19 of the Condominium Property Act was revised to allow unit owners to request email addresses and telephone numbers of other unit owners in the association. To me, this is a travesty and breach of my privacy rights, nonetheless, it is the new law. Are there any protections in the statute in case a unit owner attempts to misuse this information?

A: Section 19 of the Condominium Property Act was revised to expand the information that a unit owner may request from the association. Surprisingly, the Illinois legislature allowed that expanded information to include unit

owners' email addresses and telephone numbers.

The legislature's solution to potential abuse was to include language in the revised Section 19 that a requesting unit owner may be required to certify, in writing, that obtained email addresses and telephone numbers will not be used for a commercial purpose, which is defined in the new Section 19 as "for sale, resale, or solicitation or advertisement for sales or services."

The revised Section 19 also expressly allows a condominium board to levy fines against any unit owner who falsely certifies a noncommercial purpose. Boards should strictly enforce these provisions.

It should be noted that unit owners may choose

the email address and telephone number to be disclosed for a Section 19 request, so if privacy is a concern, unit owners should select an email address and telephone number that makes them comfortable.

Q: I am a board member of a self-managed condominium association. With winter upon us, the board wants to execute a snow removal contract. Are there any laws addressing onerous provisions in snow and ice removal contracts such as hold harmless provisions for the association to indemnify a snow removal contractor if it is sued (even if caused by the contractor's negligence)?

A: Effective back in August 2016, the Snow Removal Service Liability Limitation Act voids certain provisions typically included in snow and ice removal contracts as against public policy. Indemnification provisions, hold harmless provisions and provisions mandating defense against tort liability are now void and unenforceable.

The new statute does not apply to contracts for snow or ice removal on public roads and also does not apply to insurance policies, surety bonds or workers' compensation claims. The act also does not affect any immunities, liabilities or affirmative defenses under other laws.

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Home equity lines of credit and second mortgages may still be interest-deductible if they fund property improvements.

Home equity rates remain attractive

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530 — and do not exceed the \$750,000 total debt limit, "it is deductible," said Rosica.

Banks and other lenders active in HELOCs and second-mortgage arenas agree with this interpretation and plan to continue offering home equity products. Bob Davis, executive vice president of the American Bankers Association, said "HELOCs will still be in the mix," despite widespread concerns that they might disappear after the elimination of the home equity section of the tax code.

Michael Kinane, head of TD Bank's extensive second-lien product offerings, said in a statement for this column that HELOCs and home equity loans remain available and popular, whether interest is tax-deductible or not, and can be "the best, lowest-cost option for homeowners." In mid-January, TD's rates for owners with solid equity and good credit on a \$100,000 HELOC had a 3.99 percent annual percentage rate, about half a percentage point below the prime bank rate.

A survey of HELOCs and second-lien lenders active on the LendingTree.com loan-shopping network conducted for this column found a "consensus" that not only will lenders continue to offer such financ-

ing, "but more lenders will offer them as home prices (and) values rise," according to spokesperson Megan Grueling.

Lenders generally won't advise you on interest deductibility, urging instead that you consult your tax adviser. Also, the final word on interest deductibility will need to come from the IRS. But the attorneys, CPAs and legislative tax experts consulted for this column were unanimous in their belief that the IRS will agree with their interpretation of the law changes.

Bottom line: Despite rampant rumors to the contrary, home equity-based lending won't be disappearing anytime soon. Borrowers who want to deduct interest will need to restrict their expenditures to qualified home improvements. Others who simply want to tap into the equity they've built up at attractive interest rates and use the money for whatever they choose will be able to obtain HELOCs or second mortgages, just as they did in the past.

And for those owners who now plan to opt for the standard deductions of \$12,000 or \$24,000, there'll be no issue at all. Since they will no longer be itemizing, no big deal. They won't be thinking about interest deductions anyway.

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SAVINGS UPDATE

Is my property tax still deductible? What about mortgage interest?

Now that the dust has settled on Congress' new tax plan, let's look at what the final version means for homeowners.

Starting with the 2018 tax year, the bill changes how much we can deduct for three homeownership expenses: property taxes, mortgage interest and home equity interest.

Property taxes have seen the most press because the change here is significant. Previously, any amount of state and local income taxes was deductible if you itemized deductions, as is common for homeowners. This includes any state income tax, sales taxes and, most importantly here, real estate tax on your primary residence.

In the new plan, however, the allowable deduction for the sum of these taxes is capped at \$10,000. So if what you pay for property tax plus your state's income and sales tax exceeds that amount, the payments above \$10,000 are no longer deductible.

The other significant homeowner deduction goes to those with a mortgage or home equity loan, allowing you to deduct interest paid on that debt. In the new bill, mortgages and home equity debt diverge, and your mortgage date will determine how much interest is deductible.

For mortgages originated before Dec. 15, 2017, there's no change — you can deduct all interest incurred on a debt up to \$1 million. But on mortgages taken out Dec. 15, 2017 or later, you can only deduct interest on loan amounts up to \$750,000.

The treatment of home equity debt is changing more starkly. Starting with your 2018 taxes, the deduction for interest paid on home equity loans or lines of credit has been eliminated.

It's important to note that although homeownership deductions are being diminished, the tax bill includes other potentially offsetting changes. So whether your 2018 tax bill increases or decreases will vary widely by region and individual situation.

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 Listed Sept. 11

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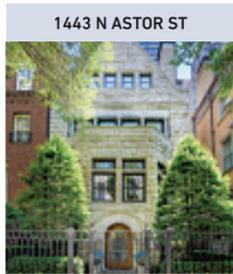
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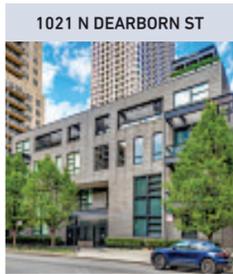
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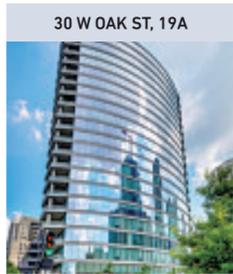
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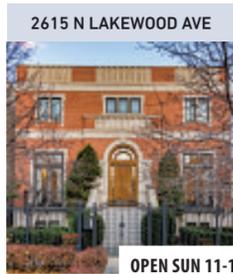
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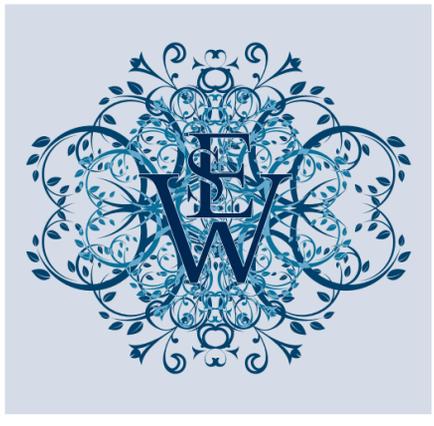
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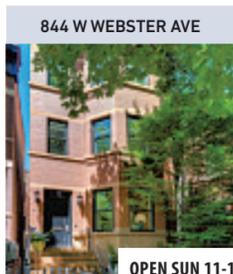
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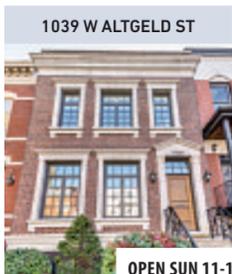


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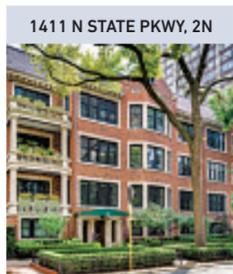
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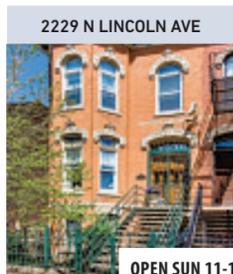
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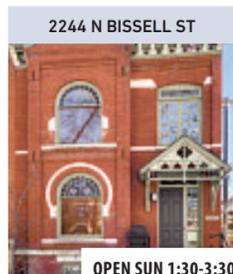
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Apps treat roommate hunt like online dating

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co-founder of Diggz, a roommate-finding site that launched in 2015 and has more than 100,000 users throughout the country.

Diggz launched in Chicago in April, where it currently has a few thousand users and plans to expand. Akin to dating apps, if interest among two renters is “mutual, you can chat and share social media,” Burstein said.

These roommate-finding sites cater to various demographics — some target homeowners aiming to rent out a room, others are for those who want older roommates or college housemates.

A couple of years ago, Nancy MacLean, a 61-year-old piano and voice teacher from Lafayette, Colo., said she spent four months on Craigslist and another roommate site — and had more than 50 encounters with potential renters — before she met her perfect, albeit unexpected, match on Silvernest.com. The site primarily caters to baby boomers and empty nesters looking to share a house.

“He was about as far away from what I expected,” MacLean said, as night from day. Her match? A 28-year-old, tattooed former Marine with long locks. And they got on swimmingly.

Still, while more people may be seeking roommates, many are wary of living with a complete stranger.

“There is a clear demand in the marketplace for helpful resources that aid roommate decisions, and renters today put a high priority on trust,” said Joey Campbell, director of content for RentPath, a digital marketing company for the rental industry. Campbell cited “a wide range of horror stories in the media about the pitfalls of using anonymous online services to find housing.”

That’s why Silvernest, which has been active for two years, promises to vet potential roommates via a five-point background check, complete with an eviction history. Other sites also involve background checks to some degree, but they may come at an added cost.

Once a user is cleared

after a background check, the next step is completing a profile. Potential roommates fill out details ranging from their faith to whether they mind living with a smoker. Finally, an algorithm matches potential roommates.

For MacLean, things moved fairly quickly. One month into her roommate search through Silvernest, she found her younger match.

They met in person, she said, and she peppered him with many more questions before he moved into her home.

“We talked about rules like keeping the house clean, the shared spaces ... whether he wanted to cook and eat with me — some people might not want to,” MacLean said. “He did, and we became fabulous kitchen partners.”

The pair lived together for 1½ years, until MacLean got married and her roommate moved in with his girlfriend.

“I think we will be lifelong friends,” she said. “It was an exceptional situation.”

Talking honestly about

living styles is key to finding a compatible roommate, said Navish Jain, founder of Cirtru, a recently formed room- and roommate-finding site for professionals and students.

The ideal roommate might not boil down to similar age or background. Instead, seek out someone like-minded, Jain said, a person whose lifestyle most closely resembles yours.

“Set your preferences — eating, drinking, smoking, profession — to match theirs,” he said. “If you’re working, you should be with someone who is working the same hours. If you’re studying, you’d want a student.”

The key is to find a roommate who would keep similar hours and habits that you do, Jain said.

Sometimes the old-fashioned route — mutual friends — does the trick.

Jordan Zaplatosch sought someone with a complementary routine when she searched for a roommate on Facebook. Through a few degrees of separation — a former college roommate had a

friend who had a friend who was looking for a roommate — she found a match.

They exchanged texts and discussed their lifestyles to make sure they were a fit.

“We figured out that both of us enjoy shopping, trying new restaurants and bars, and relaxing nights with movies and wine,” said Zaplatosch, a 24-year-old public relations specialist in Chicago. “We also talked about each having large groups of friends, and both of us love hosting parties, so that was an important selling point.”

Today, after living together for 1½ years, they are best friends.

When thinking about a compatible roommate, it’s also keenly important to consider potential deal breakers.

Zaplatosch said she and her roommate, Barrett McBride, agreed that parties and guests were totally fine, but these are numbers eight and 11 on the list of roommate deal breakers on the RentHoop app, said Paul Burke, the Los Angeles-based founder

and CEO. RentHoop is another roommate finder, active in California and Washington.

And according to a 2017 poll of 1,500 people by RentCafe, slightly over 20 percent of respondents said the biggest roommate offense was not paying rent; another 20 percent pointed to a disinterest in friendship as an egregious offense.

There’s also something to be said about roommate professions.

The RentCafe poll found that at least 50 percent of the time, men argue with flatmates in legal fields, marketing and advertising, and construction.

Women, on the other hand, tend to quarrel with roommates who work in manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, tech and journalism more than 60 percent of the time.

Roommate compatibility, like romance, can’t always be predicted. But in both arenas, it helps to know what you want — and who you’re getting.

Danielle Braff is a freelance writer.

A home’s beauty is in the eye of buyers

BY ELLEN JAMES MARTIN

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On the national level, property values continue to rise. Indeed, homes in half the country’s metro areas gained more than \$10,000 in value within a year. What’s more, there’s a scarcity of property in the starter home category.

Despite inventory shortages, most buyers retain high standards and find it tough to picture themselves living in a house with peeling paint, cluttered rooms or mold-ridden bathrooms.

Is it worth it to plunge precious savings into a home just to make it more aesthetically appealing to buyers? Yes, says Dorcas Helfant, the broker-owner of several realty offices.

“For a relatively small sum — usually under \$10,000 — and a little hard work, sellers can often transform a ho-hum place into a much more likable one. Usually, the return on investment is well worth it,” says Helfant, a former president of the National Association of Realtors.

Here are a few pointers for sellers:



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When trying to sell a home, remember little things matter, like ensuring that windows are thoroughly cleaned. You may want to hire a professional cleaning company.

Bring class to your property with interior moldings. There’s a reason homebuilders make extensive use of decorative interior trim work, such as crown moldings, chair

railings and wainscoting. These embellishments give a home a finished quality that usually exceeds the cost of the work, says Sid Davis, author of “Home Makeovers That Sell.”

Freshen the paint in more rooms. Replacing bright or unusual colors with neutral shades is standard practice when prepping a home for sale.

But to put your place in superior showing condition, further painting could be warranted. For example, Davis recommends you get a first-class paint job on your front door. Also, have a painter freshen any walls or rooms that need touch-ups due to wear.

As a finishing touch, replace all the hardware on your kitchen and bathroom cabinets, a step that should cost no more than \$150.

Do an intensive cleaning of your property. The best way for most sellers to achieve a lofty level of

cleanliness is to hire a professional cleaning company — one you find through referrals from your listing agent, neighbors or colleagues at work.

“Give the company a complete checklist of everything you need done. Be sure this includes meticulous cleaning of all your chandeliers and light fixtures, as well as deep scouring of bathroom and kitchen tile to remove all the mildew. This whole job should cost no more than \$200 to \$400, depending on the condition and size of your place,” Davis says.

And remember to make sure that your windows are sparkling clean.

“It’s amazing how well a house can look when the windows are crystal clear inside and out,” Davis says.



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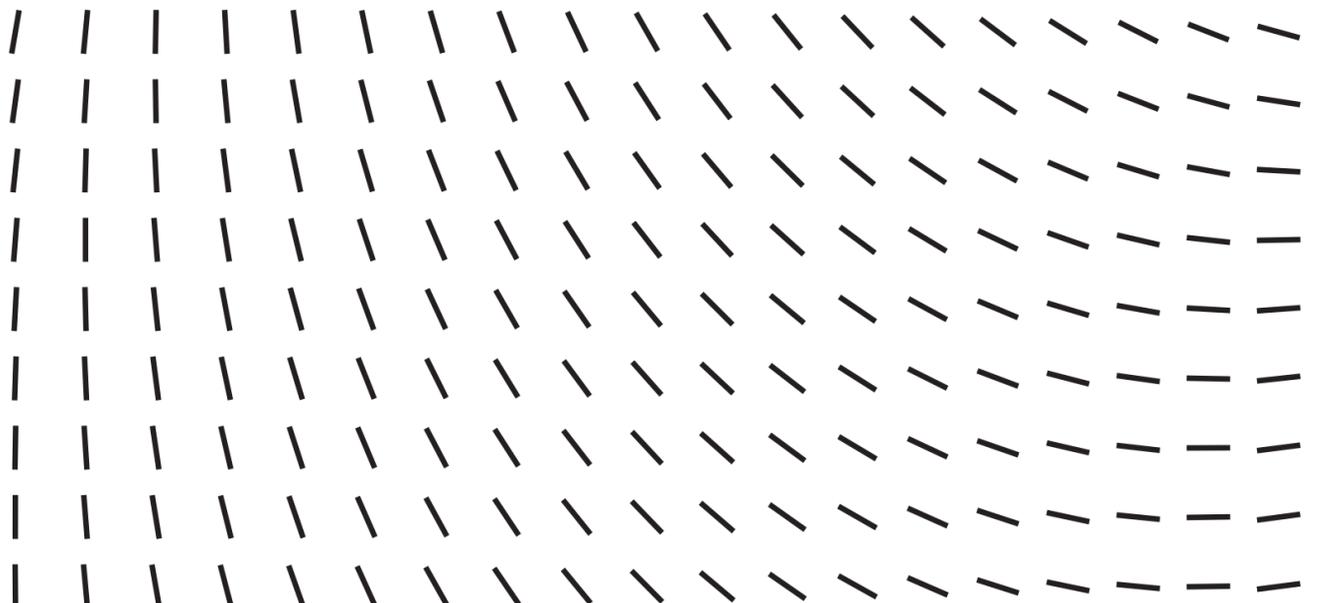
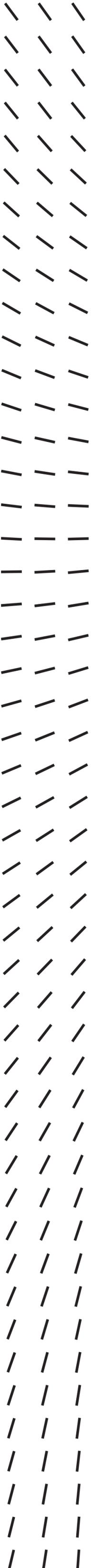


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A rendering shows the lobby at 9 W. Walton St., whose top four floors were purchased by billionaire Ken Griffin for \$58.75 million.



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Owners at the new condominium building, known as No. 9 Walton, will start moving in March 1.

ELITE STREET

Ken Griffin takes priciest home crown

By **BOB GOLDSBOROUGH**
Chicago Tribune

Billionaire Ken Griffin, Illinois' richest man, has added to his already sizable real estate portfolio in Chicago, paying \$58.75 million in November for the top four floors in the recently completed Near North condominium building at 9 W. Walton St., known as No. 9 Walton.



Griffin

Public records show that Griffin paid \$21.17 million for the building's penthouse unit on the 38th floor, and he paid \$12.95 million for the entire 37th floor. Griffin paid \$12.13 million for the entire 36th floor and \$12.5 million for

the 7,100-square-foot 35th floor.

Whether one considers the sales all as one combined \$58.75 million purchase or considers them as four individual sales whose highest-priced one is the

\$21 million-plus penthouse unit, Griffin now has captured the crown of paying the most money ever for a Chicago-area home. He dethroned another billionaire, Groupon co-founder Eric Lefkofsky, who in 2014 paid \$19.5 million in cash for a vintage, 15,800-square-foot mansion on 4 acres on Lake Michigan in Glencoe.

The founder of hedge fund Citadel, Griffin bought

the units two months ago through his 9 West Walton Holdings company, a Delaware limited liability company that is headquartered at Citadel's office address in Chicago. The seller of the four units was No. 9 Walton's developer, JDL Development.

JDL President Jim Letchinger confirmed that Griffin is the buyer.

"He's proud to live in Chicago, and proud to live in this building," Letchinger said.

Letchinger declined to say the exact size of the combined units but called the figure more than 25,000 square feet.

Letchinger said there are 70 units in No. 9 Walton, and all but two are under contract. No. 9 Walton residents will start

moving in March 1, he said. The deals of buyers who purchased raw space, like Griffin, have already closed. All other buyers remain under contract, with closings expected to take place as buyers take delivery of finished units in the coming weeks, Letchinger said.

One needs a scorecard to keep track of all of Griffin's real estate around the United States. He owns a full-floor unit on the 37th floor of the Waldorf Astoria, which he purchased in 2014 for \$13.3 million, and he owns the top two floors in the Park Tower. He purchased the top-floor unit on the 67th floor in 2000 for \$6.9 million, and he bought the 66th floor in 2012 for \$15 million. He also paid \$200 million in

2015 for three full floors of a luxury condo tower in midtown Manhattan. In addition, Griffin has owned properties elsewhere in the U.S., including in Aspen, Colo.; Palm Beach, Fla.; and Hawaii.

University of Chicago business school dean drops \$3.1 million on Water Tower Place condo: Recently hired University of Chicago Booth School of Business Dean Madhav Rajan and his wife, Gayathri, paid \$3.1 million several months ago for a three-bedroom, 2,975-square-foot condo on the 62nd floor of Water Tower Place.

The renovated, six-room unit has 2½ baths, a Lutron lighting system, motorized shades, custom

cabinets, millwork, integrated lighting, a butler's pantry, a wet bar and a kitchen with white cabinets and Wolf, Bosch and Sub-Zero appliances. The condo first had been listed in April for \$3.29 million.

Rajan started work as Booth's dean July 1. He previously had been an associate dean and accounting professor at Stanford University's Graduate School of Business.

Barbara "Tere" Proctor of @properties, who represented the Rajans, declined to comment on the deal. Rajan did not respond to a request for comment.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

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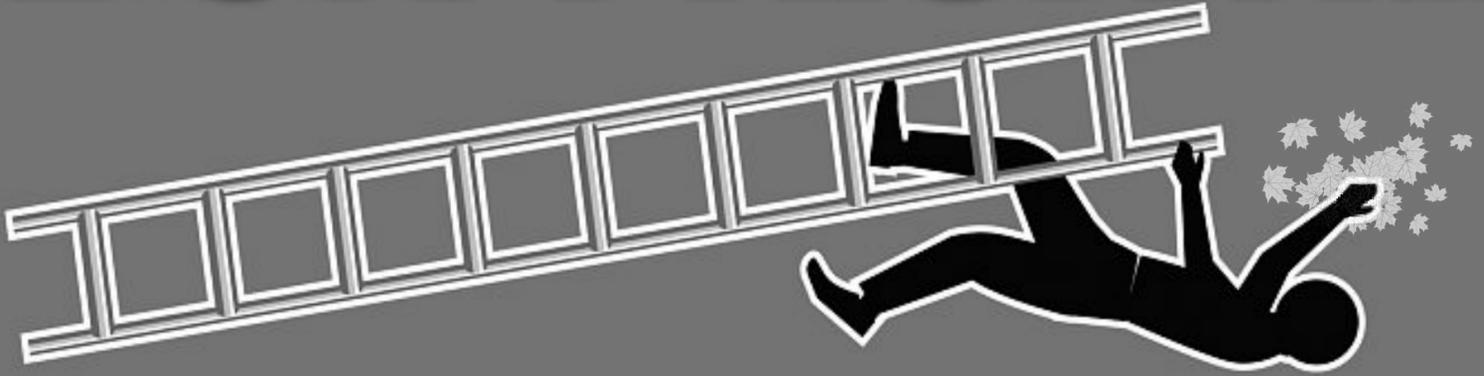
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Chevrolet's 2019 Silverado High Country pickup made its debut Jan. 13. It is about 450 pounds lighter and about 2 inches longer than the current model.

Pickups, SUVs rock Detroit

Lineup offers preview for Chicago show

Associated Press

DETROIT — It's the year of the pickup truck at the 2018 North American International Auto Show in Detroit as General Motors, Fiat Chrysler and Ford unveil new trucks in a fast-growing and highly competitive U.S. auto market.

But there are plenty of other vehicles at the show, which is a bellwether of the industry and one of the most significant auto shows in the world. Mercedes, BMW, Jeep and Ford have new SUVs, while several Japanese automakers are showing off prototypes of future vehicles.

It's all happening in a U.S. auto market that's shrinking but still expected to remain at healthy levels. Last year sales fell 2 percent to 17.2 million, still near record highs. Analysts expect sales to be just under 17 million in 2018.

Here are some of the debuts from the show, which runs to the general public through Jan. 28.

Detroit also previews what's coming at the Chicago Auto Show, the nation's longest-running and largest consumer show, which runs Feb. 10-19.

Ford Ranger: After an eight-year hiatus, Ford's former best-selling midsize pickup truck returns to claim back share from the Toyota Tacoma and Chevy Colorado. The frame was reinforced with high-strength steel and steel bumpers were added in the front and rear to better resemble the F-150.

Under the hood is the same 2.3-liter EcoBoost four-cylinder engine that powers the Ford Mustang sports car. It's mated to a 10-speed transmission. Ford



Ford's Ranger truck, a midsize pickup, is back after an eight-year absence. The Ranger will be offered in two-door or four-door configurations with a choice of a 5-foot or 6-foot bed.

isn't yet releasing horsepower, fuel economy, payload or towing capacity. The Ranger will be offered in two-door or four-door configurations with a choice of a 5-foot or 6-foot bed.

Chevy Silverado: The Silverado, which goes on sale this fall, is up to 450 pounds lighter than the current model. Parts that swing, including doors, the hood and the tailgate, are lighter aluminum, but the frame and stationary parts, such as the bed, are steel.

The truck gets two new V-8 engines, a 5.3-liter and a 6.2-liter, that can shut off any number of cylinders to save fuel but power them up when needed. There's also a new 3-liter six-cylinder diesel and a 10-speed automatic transmission available.

The new Silverado is just under 2 inches longer than the old one for more cargo and interior space. It gets bigger fenders, a larger grille and sinister-looking but smaller rectangular headlamps.

Ram 1500: The 2019 Ram, due in showrooms before April 1, keeps the current beefy look, but it's 4 inches longer and slightly wider. The grille is larger, with a forward-leaning, aggressive slant. The hood was raised to evoke a big rig — and improve aerodynamics.

The new Ram also loses 225 pounds to compete with lightened rivals including the aluminum-clad F-150. The Ram frame is almost entirely lightweight, high-strength steel, and its tailgate and other bits are aluminum.

But perhaps the most significant change is a mild hybrid system, standard on most gasoline versions. The system replaces the alternator with a motor and a 48-volt battery pack, which can shut down the truck at stoplights to save fuel and boost acceleration. The system recaptures braking energy to charge the battery. FCA isn't releasing mileage but says it will be significantly better.

Jeep Cherokee: The compact crossover gets a major midcycle refresh for model year 2019, including a new 270-horsepower turbocharged four-cylinder engine that should combine with a weight reduction of 200 pounds to increase fuel economy. The same 3.2-liter V-6 engine and Tigershark four-cylinder will still

be offered from when the nameplate returned for model year 2014. The cargo area is widened to fit golf clubs sideways instead of diagonally, and a larger grille adorns the revised fascia.

Volkswagen Jetta: Volkswagen's redesigned Jetta is longer, wider and taller than previous models. VW also aims for a sportier look, with a large front grille, higher chrome quotient and LED lighting. The car has a new standard six-speed manual transmission. An eight-speed automatic transmission is optional on the base model. The Jetta's revamped interior includes a new storage console large enough to fit a standard iPad.

It goes on sale in the second quarter at a starting price of \$18,545 — less than its predecessor.

Toyota Avalon: Toyota has taken the wraps off its revamped Avalon, which features a longer, lower and wider exterior and a rear cabin that extends 7 more inches.

The automaker boasts of a "neater" steering wheel, with a smaller switch cluster, enlarged

hand grips and cruise control now accessible on the right spoke.

The car has two new powertrains: a 3.5-liter V-6 and 2.5-liter four-cylinder hybrid system.

Ford Mustang Bullitt: Ford Motor Co. is making a special edition Mustang to commemorate the 50th anniversary of "Bullitt," whose unforgettable car chase scene helped turn the sports car into an icon.

The 2019 Mustang Bullitt — due out this summer — will have an upgraded 5.0-liter V-8 engine that puts out 475 horsepower. It has a top speed of 163 mph and a manual transmission with a white cue-ball shift knob. It's available in dark highland green, the color "Bullitt" made famous, as well as black.

Mercedes G-Class: Mercedes' boxy-looking G-Class SUV gets a face-lift, though its appearance hasn't changed much in almost four decades. The 2019 version gets numerous changes including 2 additional inches of length and 4.8 inches of width.

The G-Class gets a new independent front suspension as well as a nine-speed automatic transmission. It's still powered by a 4-liter V-8 with 416 horsepower. It also gets new LED headlamps.

BMW X2: BMW's sporty X2 small SUV lands between the compact X1 and the bigger X3 in the automaker's lineup. It sits low and has a more muscular body than its siblings.

The 228-horsepower xDrive28i, which goes on sale in the U.S. in March, is powered by a 2.0-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine. It's mated to an eight-speed transmission. The 192-horsepower sDrive28i goes on sale later this spring.

Tom Krushner, Dee-Ann Durbin and Chicago Tribune autos editor Robert Duffer contributed.

Ford to offer diesel for first time in F-150

Associated Press

Ford Motor Co. is offering a diesel engine in its F-150 pickup for the first time.

Heavy-duty trucks like the F-250 or F-350 have always had diesel engines, but full-size trucks like the F-150 have not. Ford is hoping to gain some customers from rivals Ram and Nissan, which both offer diesels in their full-size trucks, the Ram 1500 and Nissan Titan.

The F-150 has been the best-selling vehicle in the U.S. for 41 years.

Ford expects the F-150 to get

30 miles per gallon on the highway with the new 3.0-liter V-6 diesel and a 10-speed transmission. That's 4 mpg better than the current most efficient gasoline-powered F-150.

The company offers six engine choices for the F-150. It says the diesel is targeted at customers who tow or haul big loads and want better fuel economy.

Ford expects around 5 percent of F-150 buyers will opt for the diesel, which costs \$4,000 on the Lariat and Platinum versions or \$3,000 on the King Ranch.

Here are more details about the F-150 diesel:

■ Customers can order a diesel F-150 starting this month. Deliveries will begin in the spring.

■ The diesel will put out 250 horsepower and 440 pound-feet of torque.

■ It can tow up to 11,400 pounds and has a 2,020-pound payload capacity.

■ Ford says the team that designed the 6.7-liter Power Stroke V-8 diesel for its heavy-duty trucks designed the engine for the F-150.

■ Retail customers can get the diesel only on higher trim levels. Fleet customers will be able to opt for it on the lower XL and XLT trims.



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A 2018 Ford F-150 truck is on display at last year's North American International Auto Show in Detroit. Customers can order a diesel F-150 for the first time starting this month.

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The V-6 Atlas is peppy for a 4,500-pound vehicle; the 8-speed transmission is excellent.

VW joins 3-row SUV class

BY ROBERT DUFFER
Chicago Tribune

With the all-new Atlas, Volkswagen is one of the last automakers to debut a proper three-row SUV. Being late to the three-row party has its advantages; Atlas feels roomier, smoother and altogether more unified than the competition.

It may just carry the beleaguered brand on its back, much as its mythological namesake holds up the sky, a sky less polluted by diesel emissions now that VW has made amends.

The 276-horsepower V-6 engine in the tester is middle of the V-6 pack in fuel economy at 19 mpg combined. With so many SUVs getting more fuel-efficient turbocharged four-cylinder engines, such as the Mazda CX-9 and forthcoming Subaru Ascent, why not go for the 235-horsepower turbocharged four cylinder offered in the Atlas? With torque relatively even with the competition, it comes down to towing. The V-6 is rated for a 5,000-pound towing capacity; the turbo tows 2,000 pounds.

While engine specs don't stand out from the competition, the V-6 Atlas is peppy for a 4,500-pound vehicle and the eight-speed transmission is excellent. The shifts are so smooth it might be mistaken for a continuously variable transmission if not for the slight blip of the tachometer. It's not a CVT, which is nice. The driver has control over the four drive modes

2018 VOLKSWAGEN ATLAS V-6 SEL

Three-row SUV

As tested:

\$42,690

(excluding \$925 destination)

Base price: \$42,690

Mpg: 17 city, 23 highway

Engine: 3.6-liter V-6

Transmission: Eight-speed automatic in AWD

Parting shot: Welcome addition to crowded family class.

within Volkswagen's 4Motion Active Control. That's not really German for conditional all-wheel drive.

In the default on-road setting it's essentially front-wheel drive, with four drive modes such as normal and sport that delay the shift points. Shifting the selector on the center console to "snow" mode, for instance, adds power to the rear axle as well. The eight-speed shifts earlier, the throttle response is dampened and there is more grip for more confidence.

The system was barely noticeable in our week in snow and ice with the tester, which is exactly what we'd want. It did the work while we did the driving.

As good as the variable all-wheel drive system and

transmission are, the real charm to the Atlas is the sense of space.

It has the interior space of the new Chevy Traverse, but doesn't wear it as large on the outside. Atlas has clean lines, buff wheel arches and proportional edges as if it were designed by a tailor; Traverse is more off the rack.

The clean order carries over to the inside. The 8-inch touch screen is embedded smoothly in the dash, not wedged on top, and is complemented underneath by three climate dials. Wear gloves, keep warm.

The second-row seats slide forward by a latch on the top of the seat. Sliding them back into position also requires pulling the latch, which might be a struggle for younger grade schoolers. This is a safety feature, so that when the seat is pushed up it locks into place, so it won't slam back into those grade schoolers when the car starts moving. The design also enables the seat to shift forward without removing a booster seat. The second row can fit three booster seats. It's very easy to get in and out of, and six adults can fit comfortably.

From the rear, third-row seats flip down with a latch on the inside of the cargo area without any reaching or folding of headrests. Very easy, very convenient, very good, Volkswagen.

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Adjusting from manual to auto transmission can be a grind



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Q: I recently purchased a Hyundai with an automatic transmission after driving a stick for the past 23 years. From force of habit, I find myself putting the transmission in neutral at stop lights in my new car, with the rationale that somehow I'm not taxing the transmission by having it in "D" with my foot on the brake. Is there any merit to doing this?

— K.S., Libertyville, Ill.

A: When your engine is idling, it is more or less uncoupled from the transmission by the torque converter. Transmission fluid is being flung around inside the converter, but not very forcefully. As such, there is very little, if any, input into the transmission and so there is no problem with leaving the selector in gear. But, since heat is the bane of transmission fluid, you will sometimes find stop-and-go fleet drivers, such as cabbies, popping the tranny into neutral in an effort to cool the fluid a bit. The transmission cooler inside the radiator doesn't help much if there is little airflow.

Q: What is the lowest temperature you would recommend getting my car washed?

— A.J., Elmhurst, Ill.

A: We answered a similar question four years ago. What, you missed that column? Didn't save it? Here is what we said: Many washes are closed when the weather is too cold to operate, but we asked the folks at the International



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A transmission switch can involve a period of adjustment.

Carwash Association. "Unless there is damage such as a crack or chip in the windshield, and the weather is extraordinarily cold, temperature is really not an issue for car washes," said Eric Wulf, CEO. "The issue of freezing locks is one that many people are worried about, but it almost never happens. The keyhole is covered, and unless water is poured into the door and/or air is blown straight into that keyhole, this is also not really a risk. Plus, most drivers hardly ever use their keys anymore, with the advent of keyless entry."

We say, if the car wash is open, go for it no matter the temperature.

Q: During this recent streak of below-zero weather, my car battery died in our two-car garage. When I went to jump it from my wife's car, I discovered that I could not access the battery on her 2013 Ford Escape. I put the trickle charger on my car overnight and drove to get a new battery in the morning. While at the store, I asked them about the location of the Escape's battery and they

told me they won't even install that battery because it is so far back in the engine compartment. What can you tell me about that, and what would my wife do if her battery were to die when she was away from home?

— B.O., Coons Rapids, Minn.

A: The Escape battery is at the rear of the engine, partially under the cowl on the left (driver's) side. There is a plastic cover over it and squeezing the two tabs on the sides releases the cover. You can access the positive (+) terminal, but the negative (-) terminal is hidden beneath the cowl. However, there is a ground lug on the firewall sheet metal about 18 inches away where the negative jumper cable or charger may be clamped.

Send questions along with name and town to Motormouth, Rides, Chicago Tribune, 435 N. Michigan Ave., Fourth Floor, Chicago, IL 60611 or motormouth.tribune@gmail.com.

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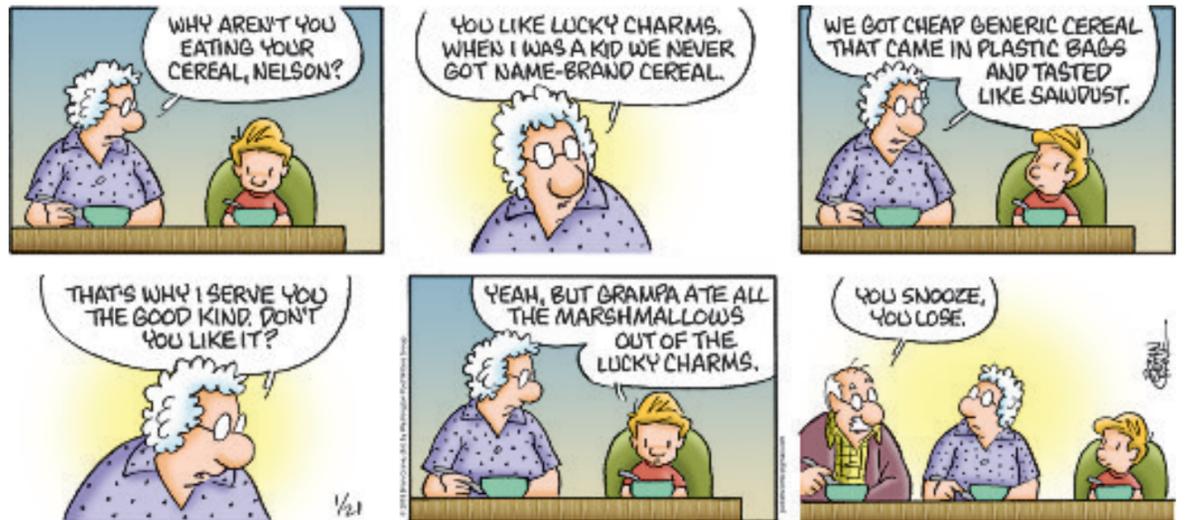
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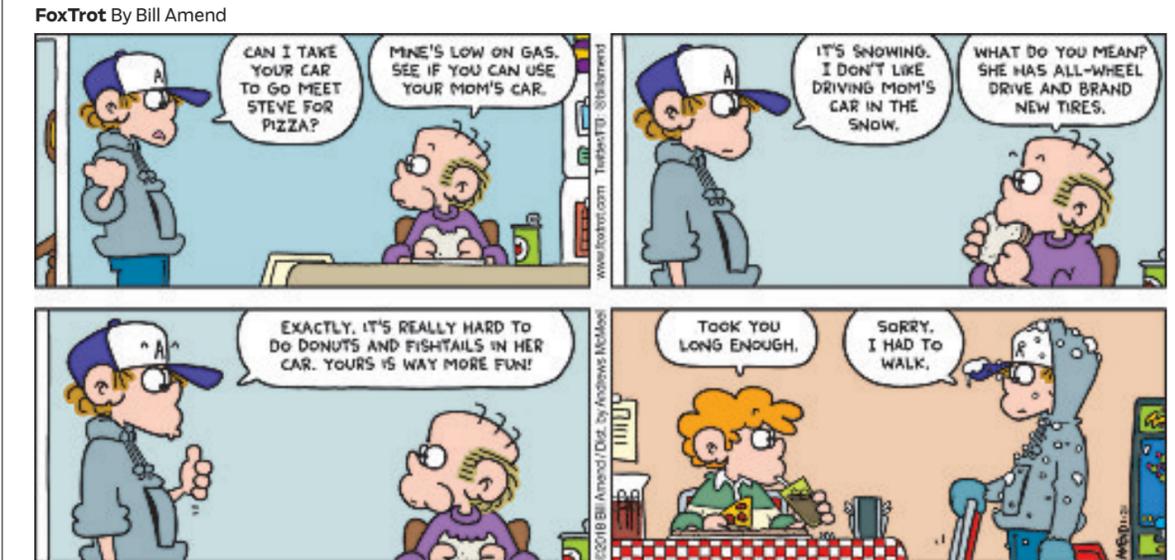
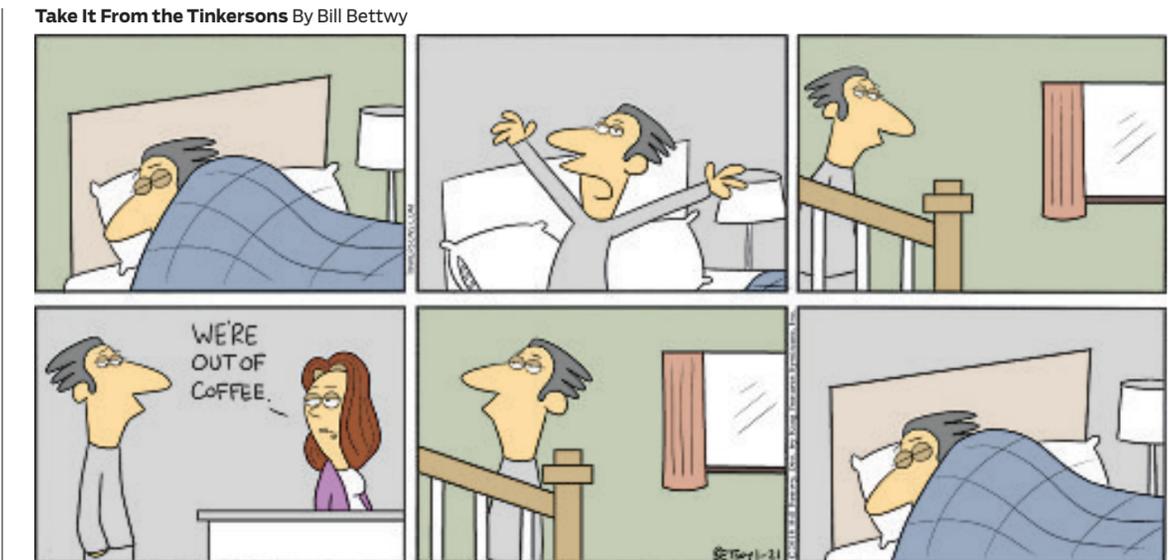
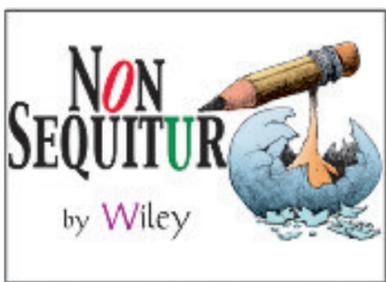
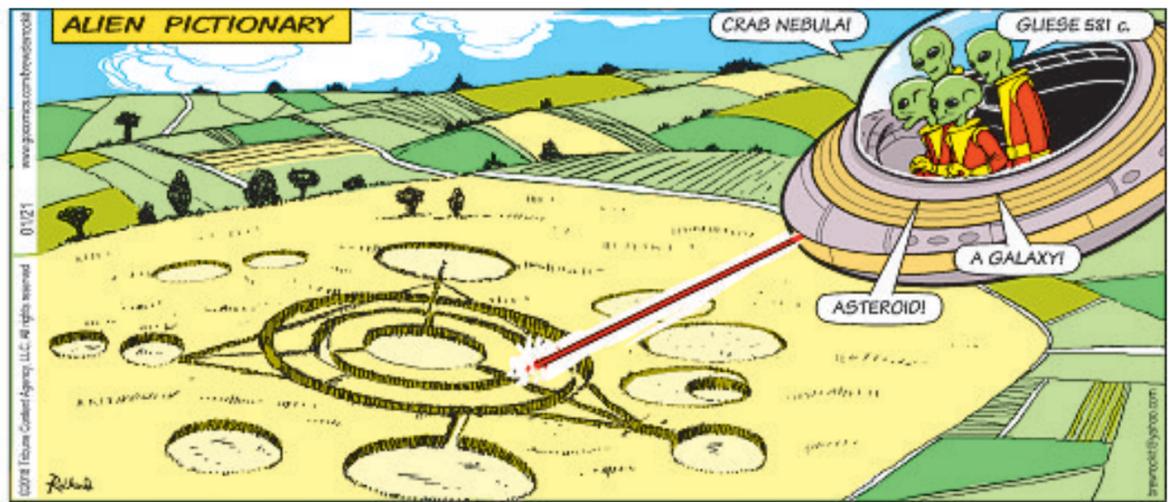
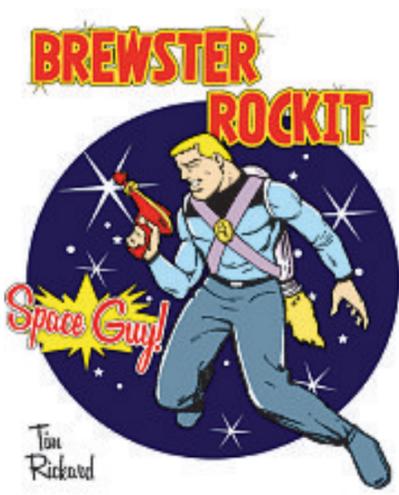
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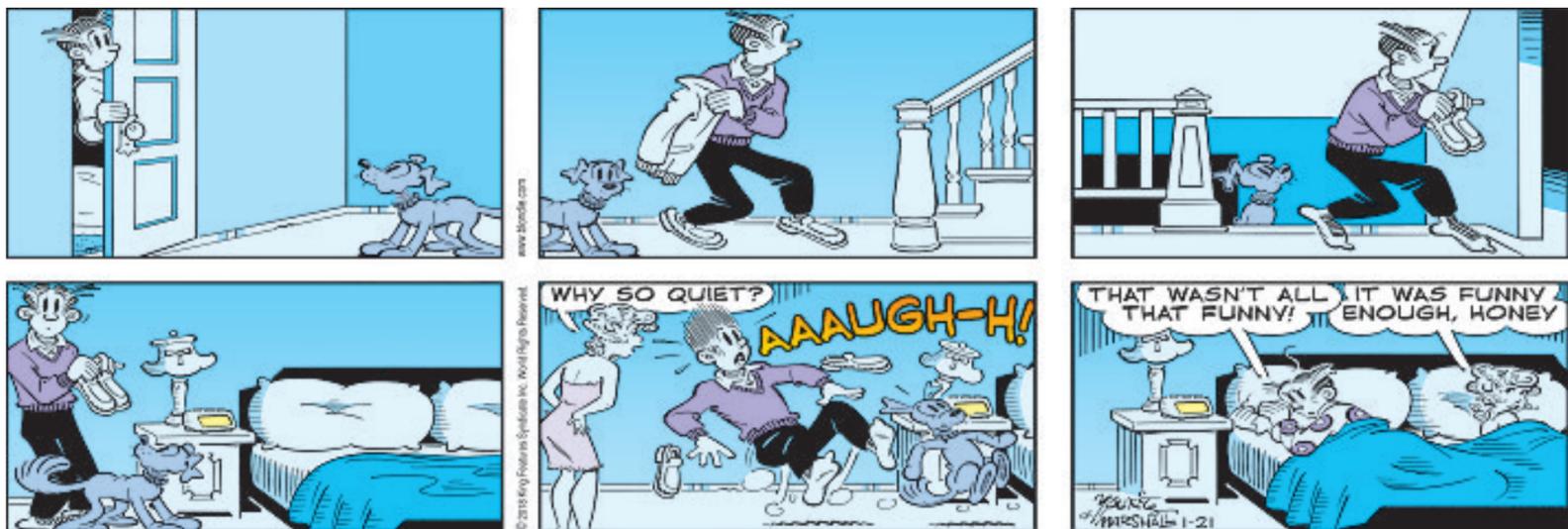
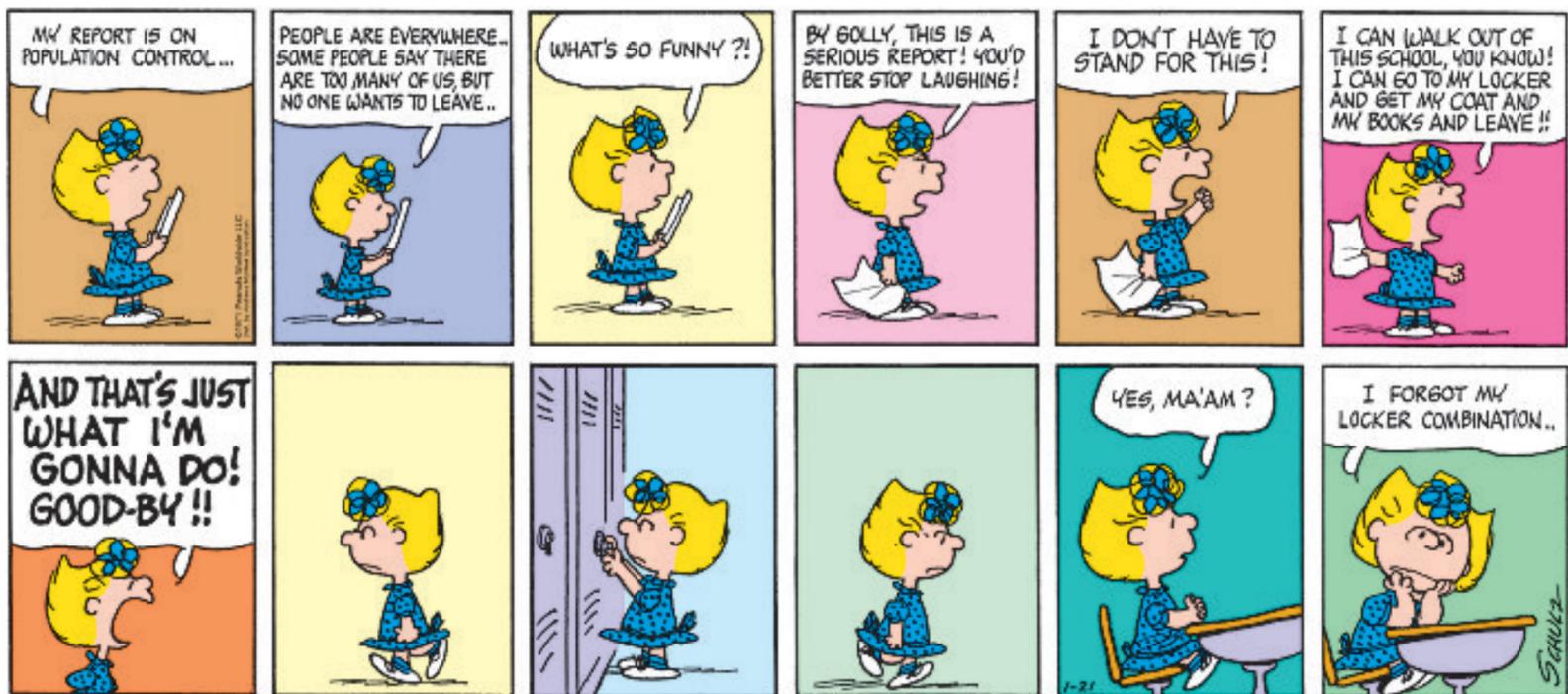
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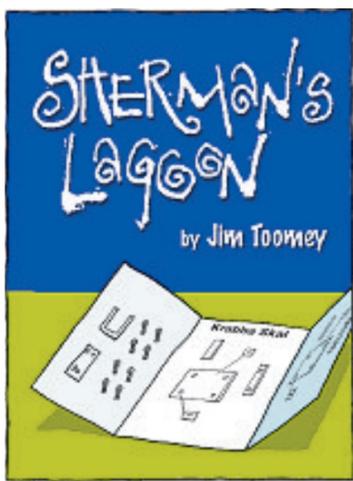


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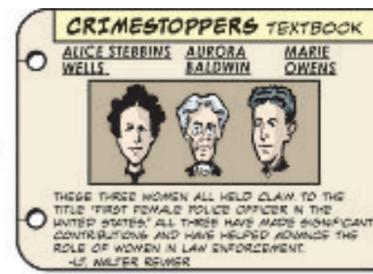
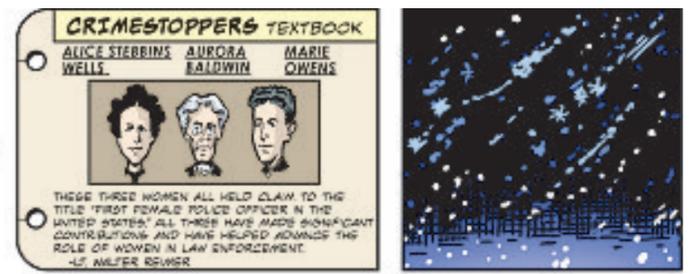




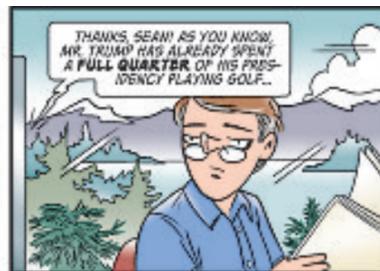
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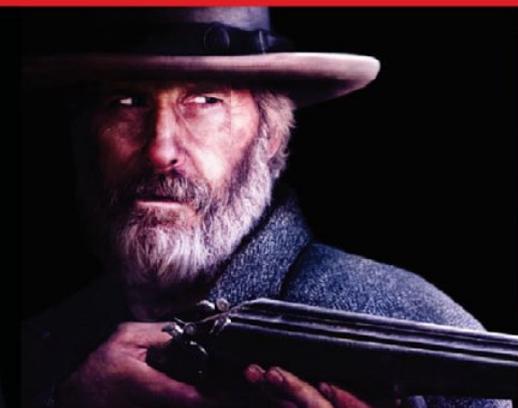
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Now Katharine Hepburn's Oscars record is in jeopardy

Katharine Hepburn holds the record for most acting Academy Awards, but for how long? Here's a by-the-numbers look at the actors primed to break her run:

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Number of acting Academy Awards won by Katharine Hepburn (for "Morning Glory," "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner," "The Lion in Winter," "On Golden Pond").

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Living performers with three Oscars: Daniel Day-Lewis ("My Left Foot," "There Will Be Blood," "Lincoln"), above with Vicky Krieps in "Phantom Thread"; Jack Nicholson ("One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," "Terms of Endearment," "As Good as It Gets") and Meryl Streep ("Kramer vs. Kramer," "Sophie's Choice," "The Iron Lady").

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Day-Lewis and Streep have shots at tying Hepburn, if Day-Lewis is nominated and wins for "Phantom Thread" and if the same happens with Streep and "The Post."

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Day-Lewis could tie Hepburn in a purer sense because all his Oscars, like hers, would have come for lead performances. Streep's "Kramer" Oscar was for supporting actress.

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Day-Lewis' win percentage so far, with three Oscars from five nominations. Hepburn went 4-for-12, or 33.3%.

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Age at which Day-Lewis announced, in 2017, he was through with acting, thus leaving ...

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chance he could tie Hepburn after this year if he means it.

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Arjen Tuiten transforms Jacob Tremblay's face.

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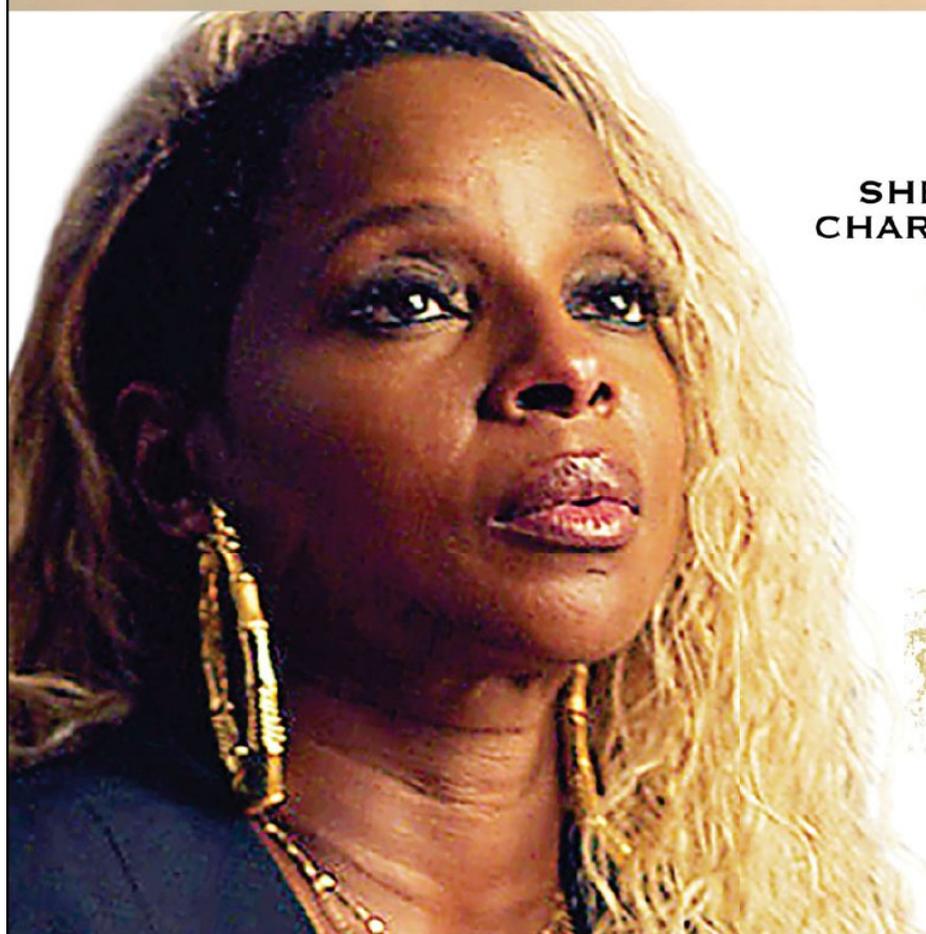
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The Envelope scoured the darkest of theaters to find six of the world's most highly trained (or maybe that's opinionated) Oscar pundits, writers and film critics to predict who this season's nominees will be in several key categories. Down the road, after the academy announces its choices on Jan. 23, the Buzzmeter panelists will offer up their predictions on who the winners will be. Check back here each week as they weigh in on a new category or go online for all their picks at once at latimes.com/buzzmeter. Predictions can change, so check back often!



Justin Chang
Los Angeles Times

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Frances McDormand, "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri"
Margot Robbie, "I, Tonya"
Saoirse Ronan, "Lady Bird"
Meryl Streep, "The Post"

An exciting three-way race among one Oscar-winning veteran, McDormand, and two previous nominees, Hawkins and Ronan, who already feel overdue.



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MARGOT ROBBIE (with Sebastian Stan) is a critics' favorite for "I, Tonya."



Kenneth Turan
Los Angeles Times

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Strongest category this year, no room even for Meryl Streep.



Tom O'Neil
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Sally Hawkins, "The Shape of Water"

It's been 21 years since McDormand won for "Fargo." Even larger gaps occurred between wins by Meryl Streep (29 years) and Katharine Hepburn (35 years).



Anne Thompson
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Meryl Streep, "The Post"
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Margot Robbie, "I, Tonya"

The field is led by two actors' actors: this year's Globes winner Frances McDormand and Sally Hawkins, for whom "Shape" is her second stunning performance in one year after "Maudie."



Nicole Sperling
Vanity Fair

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Frances McDormand, "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri"
Margot Robbie, "I, Tonya"
Saoirse Ronan, "Lady Bird"
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It's the year of the women, so it makes sense that this category is chock full of beloved performances. And I wouldn't be surprised if Meryl Streep knocks out any one of these worthy contenders.



Glenn Whipp
The Envelope

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These five have been seemingly locked in place for weeks with Jessica Chastain ("Molly's Game") looming as the only possible spoiler.

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THE NEXT FEST SMASH IS ...

Last year, after the not-so-secret midnight Sundance screening of Jordan Peele's "Get Out," the film's team took an Uber back to Peele's Park City, Utah, hotel room, where they ordered room service and stayed up until dawn reading the over-the-top reactions to the movie on social media.

"The energy in that theater was so incredible," producer Sean McKittrick remembers. "Everybody was just giddy to be there and you could feel the audience engaging in the material, exploding at all the right moments. I'll never forget it."

McKittrick will also never shake the 2001 Sundance premiere of another one of his films, "Donnie Darko." That one didn't go quite as well. The film was a hot acquisition title — until Harvey Weinstein pulled up in a motorcade of Range Rovers wearing a "Donnie Darko" crew hat.

"Everybody left, assuming he had bought the movie," McKittrick remembers. Weinstein hadn't. And the response to the movie's intriguing blend of sci-fi, horror and dark comedy was decidedly mixed.

"People didn't know what to make of it," McKittrick says. "You remember that Entertainment Weekly buzzmeter? It was an arrow straight down."

With its mix of mostly unproven filmmakers and daring material, the Sundance Film Festival is a crapshoot. No one on the "Get Out" team figured the movie would go on to become an Oscar contender for best picture. And the same could be said for Sundance movies — "Beasts of the Southern Wild," "Precious," "Little Miss Sunshine," among them — that did go on to earn nominations.

So look at this list of 2018 Sundance titles knowing that we might be talking about a couple of them a year from now. And a couple of them might disappear the weekend after they arrive in theaters.



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"GET OUT" got a strong reaction at Sundance after its screening last year.



DUSAN MARTINEK Sundance Institute

SIENNA Miller and Paul Rudd star in Ben Lewin's espionage thriller.

'THE CATCHER WAS A SPY'

Director: Ben Lewin

Cast: Paul Rudd, Sienna Miller, Guy Pearce, Jeff Daniels, Paul Giamatti

True story espionage thriller about a baseball player who becomes a spy during World War II. "Saving Private Ryan" writer Robert Rodat adapted the best-selling book.



TINA ROWDEN

CHIWETEL EJIOFOR stars as a preacher whose beliefs change.

'COME SUNDAY'

Director: Joshua Marston

Cast: Chiwetel Ejiofor

Long-gestating project (Jonathan Demme was once attached to direct) about a Pentecostal preacher who comes to believe there's no hell. Martin Sheen's on board as Oral Roberts.



Sundance Institute

ELSIE FISHER plays a student facing the end of middle school.

'EIGHTH GRADE'

Director: Bo Burnham

Cast: Elsie Fisher

Thirteen-year-old navigates through the last week of middle school in the first film that acclaimed producer Scott Rudin has ever brought to Sundance. Comedian Burnham was part of "The Big Sick" ensemble.



SCOTT PATRICK GREEN

JOAQUIN Phoenix and Jonah Hill in a film about a paralyzed cartoonist.

'DON'T WORRY, HE WON'T GET FAR ON FOOT'

Director: Gus Van Sant

Cast: Joaquin Phoenix, Rooney Mara, Jonah Hill, Jack Black

Phoenix plays cartoonist John Callahan, who turned to drawing as therapy after an auto accident left him paralyzed.

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ETHAN HAWKE, left, Rose Byrne and Chris O'Dowd star in the dramedy.

'JULIET, NAKED'

Director: Jesse Peretz

Cast: Rose Byrne, Ethan Hawke, Chris O'Dowd

Obsessed music fan finds long-lost demo of his hero, much to the dismay of his long-suffering girlfriend. From a great set of producers: Judd Apatow, Barry Mendel, Albert Berger, Ron Yerxa.



JULIE VRABELOVA Covert Media / Sundance Institute

DAISY Ridley plays Ophelia in a spin on the Shakespeare play "Hamlet."

'OPHELIA'

Director: Claire McCarthy

Cast: Daisy Ridley, Naomi Watts, Clive Owen

Described as a "mythic spin on Hamlet through a lens of female empowerment," with Ridley playing a lady-in-waiting to the queen who captures the eye of a certain Danish prince.

'BLINDSPOTTING'

Director: Carlos López Estrada

Cast: Daveed Diggs (also co-wrote)

Diggs, a Tony winner for originating the role of Thomas Jefferson and Marquis de Lafayette in "Hamilton," stars in this buddy film that focuses on gentrification in Oakland. With police brutality part of the story, expect serious scrutiny.

'I THINK WE'RE ALONE NOW'

Director: Reed Morano

Cast: Peter Dinklage, Elle Fanning

The apocalypse isn't so bad for a recluse until he finds he wasn't the only survivor. Morano won an Emmy in September for directing the pilot episode of "The Handmaid's Tale."

'PRIVATE LIFE'

Director: Tamara Jenkins

Cast: Kathryn Hahn, Paul Giamatti

Infertile couple considers third-party reproduction. It's complicated.

'YARDIE'

Director: Idris Elba

Cast: Ami Ameen, Shantol Jackson

Elba's directorial debut centers on a young Jamaican man caught up in a life of gang violence, eventually hunting down his brother's assassin in London.

'LIZZIE'

Director: Craig William Macneill

Cast: Chloë Sevigny, Kristen Stewart

The story of Lizzie, as in the ax-wielding Borden, is told through her intimate relationship with the family's live-in maid.



Sundance Institute

MAGGIE Gyllenhaal and Parker Sevak are in the school drama.

'THE KINDERGARTEN TEACHER'

Director: Sara Colangelo

Cast: Maggie Gyllenhaal

Staten Island teacher becomes fixated on a 5-year-old prodigy.



Sundance Institute

CAREY MULLIGAN, left, Ed Oxenbould and Jake Gyllenhaal in the drama.

'WILDLIFE'

Director: Paul Dano

Cast: Jake Gyllenhaal, Carey Mulligan, Ed Oxenbould

Boy watches his parents' marriage disintegrate after Mom begins an affair with an older man in this adaptation of the Richard Ford novel, which Dano co-wrote with real-life partner Zoe Kazan ("The Big Sick").

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IN THEIR FINEST HOURS

The leaders in 'LBJ' and 'Darkest Hour' set aside their personal demons to preserve democracy, an example to us all.

BY HUGH HART

Most movies about politicians depict either slippery narcissists — “Nixon,” “The Deal” (about Tony Blair), “Game Change” (Sarah Palin), this spring’s “Chappaquiddick” (Ted Kennedy) — or complicated personalities driven to achieve the greater good, as in “Lincoln” and the Franklin Roosevelt love story “Hyde Park on Hudson.”

This year, “LBJ” and “Darkest Hour” dramatize how American President Lyndon Baines Johnson (Woody Harrelson) and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill (Gary Oldman) transcended personal demons to lead their countries through perilous times. Written before the 2016 election, both films offer heartening reminders that democracy in action can sometimes be a beautiful thing to behold.

“Darkest Hour” writer-producer Anthony McCarten, who built his script around three 1940 Churchill speeches that galvanized the British people to resist Adolf Hitler’s fast-approaching Nazi juggernaut, marvels at the prime minister’s mastery of language, particularly for a man riddled with uncertainty and doubt. “What separates Winston Churchill as a leader from contemporary politicians, and most politicians throughout history, is that he had an astonishing ability with words,” McCarten says. “His life seemed to be devoted to the proposition that words can be tasked with the job of persuading people towards a certain course of action. Churchill spent a lifetime perfecting that skill, which found a perfect forum in May 1940.”

In addition to his uncommon eloquence, sense of humor and “audacity,” McCarten says, Churchill stood out from the pack because he abhorred lying. “By nature, Churchill was incapable of deceit, sometimes to the detriment of his own ca-



reer,” McCarten says. “Even when the news was bad, he told the people the truth.” By contrast, McCarten observes, “Truth and untruth, right now, are given almost equal authority. In the age of tweetdom, we have to be vigilant and call people out when language is abused because trust can be broken very quickly, but it takes a long time to repair it.”

If Churchill changed the course of history by galvanizing public sentiment with brilliant rhetoric, “LBJ’s” Johnson pushed through the landmark 1964 Civil Rights Act with his genius for backroom negotiations. Though he never wrote a book about it, Johnson had mastered the art of the deal in the corridors of Congress by the time he became the United States’ 36th president following John F. Kennedy’s assassination.

“LBJ” director Rob Reiner says, “He cajoled, he sweet-talked, he twisted arms, he reached across the aisle, he used all these tools to push for civil rights. People think of Johnson as this boorish bull in the china shop, but he possessed enormous skill as a lawmaker. LBJ understood, in his bones, the nexus between policy, politics and government as opposed to the guy in the White House now, who does not understand how government works and has no interest in learning.”

Like Churchill, a heavy drinker given to bouts of “Black Dog” depression, Johnson suffered from self-doubt and would soon be brought low by his catastrophic decision to escalate the Vietnam War. But during their finest hours, both leaders set aside personal foibles and partisan concerns to preserve democracy.

“LBJ was deeply insecure,” Reiner says. “He wasn’t good-looking like the Kennedys and had recurring nightmares about being paralyzed. As much as he championed civil rights and the war on poverty, Johnson wanted to achieve those things so the American people would love him. On some level, all politicians are narcissists. Look at Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt, Churchill — many great leaders have all kinds of character flaws, but at least they understood how to get things done. Right now, it seems we only have the character flaws, without any of the functionality.”

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STYLE ISSUES ON DEADLINE

By VALLI HERMAN >>> Costume designer Ann Roth is legendary in the film industry for her successful and long association with Meryl Streep, who stars in “The Post” as Katharine Graham, the first female publisher of the Washington Post.

Equal parts intellectual and artist, Roth is known to build wardrobes with a precision and passion that come from her keen observation and intense research — like an investigative reporter of cloth.

“The Post” represented a departure for Roth, if only because it was her first collaboration with director Steven Spielberg. The film centers on Graham’s growing command of the paper as it published the Pentagon Papers, secret documents that exposed decades of lies and coverups about the Vietnam War. It also shows how a sheltered woman learns to harness her power and become a respected leader. The film also stars Tom Hanks as editor Ben Bradlee, Bob Odenkirk as journalist Ben Bagdikian, Matthew Rhys as Daniel Ellsberg and Tracy Letts as Fritz Beebe.

Between preparing sketches for a new musical, Roth discussed her working process on “The Post.”

You had to dress Meryl Streep as Katharine Graham in a range of roles — executive, social hostess, mother. What did you learn about Graham to guide your costume selections?

She was an executive woman but, for instance, in one of the scripts, there were dinner parties and she [sometimes] went directly from work. What she wore to work were basically shirtwaist dresses. Some of them were Halstons. She had all of these roles, but she was raised in such a way ... to be very classic. You could really draw from her real life.

How was it working with Spielberg for the first time?

I had never even met him before — how about that? I don’t generally work with somebody new. But sometime, I think it was in April, I got asked to do this picture, sight unseen. The director had never laid eyes on me. I didn’t know anything about him, except his movies. We met, and it was a very good meeting. A great meeting. I liked the fact that he told me a bit about his personal life. I guess I went on and on about my grandchildren.

Spielberg rather remarkably made this film in a few months. Filming began just weeks after he hired you, and it premiered in mid-December. How did you manage?

I considered it not a big project — until I started reading it. It was very big. It was



“THE POST” is Ann Roth’s first collaboration with Steven Spielberg.

huge. It was done in a hell of a hurry. We worked late at night, flying around, getting it together. During the course of it, I said to him, “We haven’t had time to plot the color and character. If there is anything I do, it’s that character plotting. You must tell me immediately if you hate it. I will not burst into tears.” In a sense, I was winging it.

How would you know when you had a costume right?

He would come up to me, “Oh, I love that tie.” I would say, “That tie was given to me from Walter Cronkite.” That’s true. Tom wore five Walter Cronkite ties that were given to me after he died.

How did you distinguish between the ranks of the men in the newsroom? Did all of the executives get long sleeves and great ties and the reporters wear



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THE “CLASSIC” look of Katharine Graham (played by Meryl Streep, top) goes from day to night. Sleeves paint the picture for Tom Hanks and company.

short-sleeve shirts?

I made a chart where they all went to middle school. Let’s say there was a group of guys who went to St. Mark’s in New England, and from there either Yale or Harvard, or the Navy. A lot of them, JFK and Bradlee, went to the South Pacific. It became a little civilization of people who

then gravitated to Washington or New York. These were the guys who wore ties to dinner. This is a huge subject and if you have nothing to do in your life, you should dig into it, because it is so utterly fascinating.

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MARY J. BLIGE FINDS PEACE

By Margy Rochlin

During a post-“Mudbound” screening Q&A, director Dee Rees was asked a question that her star, Mary J. Blige, didn’t know the answer to: What inspired Rees to cast Blige — the “Queen of Hip-Hop Soul” and the seller of more than 50 million confession-heavy albums — in her Netflix period drama? “She said she loved me in ‘The Wiz,’ ” says Blige of the 2015 TV adaptation of the Broadway musical in which she gave a stage-owning performance as Evillene, the wicked witch. “I just thought, ‘Oh, wow.’ [Dee] never told me that.” ¶ Another thing Rees didn’t tell Blige: In her turn as Florence, the wife, mother and beating heart of a Mississippi Delta cotton-farming family, Blige would be unrecognizable. “I cried,” says Blige about sitting in the audience at the Sundance premiere of “Mudbound.” “I was, like, ‘Oh, God. Who is that?’ I couldn’t see myself.” ¶ Two days before the Golden Globes — she was nominated for supporting actress and original song for “Mighty River” — the appealingly straightforward Blige sat in a Four Seasons hotel room, talking about delivering a career-altering performance just as her 12-year marriage was unraveling, and suddenly being taken seriously as an actress in Hollywood. “I know I went to New Orleans to try to do something great, to pour my heart out into something,” Blige says. “But I didn’t see this coming.”

[See **Blige**, S18]

A photograph of Mary J. Blige sitting on a light-colored couch. She is wearing a brown, draped, sleeveless top. She has long, wavy blonde hair and is looking upwards and to the left. A tattoo is visible on her right shoulder. The background is dark.

With 'Mudbound,' the hip-hop performer poured pain from life into a role she recognized, one that gave her confidence

HIP-HOP icon Mary J. Blige had to leave the glamour behind while starring in the gritty drama "Mudbound."

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[Blige, from *S16*]

Draw a line between you and Florence.

Florence was like my grandmother, my aunts. She was a Southerner. My family are Southern people. They were these strong, strong women who didn't say a lot but their husbands listened to them. They were sharecroppers, had farms, cows, chickens and whatever they killed or got out of the garden, we ate. I was being prepped for [Florence] since I was a little girl.

That said, the role came to you at a difficult time in your life.

Fortunately, I have a friend who's a great acting coach, Tasha Smith. I'd show up to her house crying, talking about my hell. She didn't baby me. She'd say, "Sis? I love you, but I don't want to hear it. Save it all for Florence." So Florence became a place for me to lay all my stuff, to just give it to somebody else.

When were you told that Florence's look would be glam-free?

Not until I got down there. Dee was like, "I want it all natural." And I was like, "What? I have to show my own textured hair?" When it was time to strip away the wigs and weaves, it made me nervous. I negotiated for, like, two days in a row. I'd say to Angie Wells, who did the makeup, "Can I get a strip of lashes?" and she'd say, "No, Dee doesn't want any lashes." [Laughs.]

Then I just surrendered. I was running around with a full Afro and no makeup. [Florence] gave me new confidence. People were whistling and hitting on Florence and saying, "Wow, Florence is so beautiful." It really helped me a lot. It was like, "Mary? It's not as bad as you think. You don't need all this stuff to feel good."

Talk about shooting a film in 28 days at St. Joseph's Plantation, an active sugar farm so remote that actors rarely left the set.

[Temperatures were] in the three digits every single day. Some days it would rain and we'd have to wear rain boots to



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MARY J. BLIGE admits she was taken aback when director Dee Rees told her she'd be working without makeup.

walk through the mud, which was just ridiculous, to get to our location. And the mosquitoes, there were so many of them. [Laughs.] Lots of times we couldn't just go back to the trailer because it was so far away. So we'd just sit all day in costume, [staying] in character.

Were there lots of sharing sessions regarding your tricky emotional time?

I didn't tell a soul. Nobody knew. I didn't think it was anybody's business and because it was the beginning of everything that was about to explode. I didn't think that it was something for me to be on set with these new people, who I just met, and say, "I'm going through hell and I might be getting a divorce." It hadn't hit yet. I was just thinking, "I can't believe what I'm going to have to do."

What did your "Mudbound" experience clarify for you, then?

Great things are sometimes born out of hard times, out of trials and tribulations. This is a dark time we're having in the world, but I think something great is being born out of it, that it's uniting people all over the United States. My life has been

nothing but ups and downs. Something great will happen, then something terrible will happen. And it teaches you how to appreciate the good.

There were women in key positions throughout the "Mudbound" crew. Had you ever been in that sort of work environment?

No. And I tell you, it was calm and beautiful and confident and everyone knew what they were doing. It was hot and everyone was burning up, but there were women everywhere and it was beautiful.

Was singing and co-writing "Mighty River" a package deal?

They didn't ask until the movie was done. But I was waiting — patiently — for them to ask. The words came from what I saw as the silver lining in the movie. Which is love. That's the part that saved everybody. I looked at the mud as being the negativity. Love is the mighty river that's going to fix everything.

How does acting in front of a camera for a film differ from performing for 50,000 screaming fans?

'Florence was like my grandmother, my aunts. ... They were these strong, strong women who didn't say a lot but their husbands listened to them.'

— MARY J. BLIGE

I'm not as nervous in front of a whole bunch of people as I am in front of a camera. The difference being in front of 50,000 people is you're just having a good time, just letting it rip. But that whole camera thing? I'm transparent anyway. In front of a camera you find out how shallow or afraid or whatever you are. For real. It's like spending alone time. When we have to deal with ourselves it's sometimes a creepy thing. But when we're ready, it's great. I'm ready.

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“She had four marriages ... she married her stepson, who’d been a little boy when she married [director] Nick Ray. That was pretty scandalous — that would be scandalous now if it happened, let alone back then.”

—ANNETTE BENING



BENING enjoys the discussion about her latest movie at the Envelope Screening Series session.



ANNETTE BENING and Jamie Bell talk “Film Stars Don’t Die in Liverpool,” based on a real story of Gloria Grahame. Photographs by MICHAEL OWEN BAKER For The Times

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By Gary Goldstein >>> It's often said that history repeats itself. But when it comes to the Oscars, history, or more specifically, the feting of real-life historical characters, has been a recurring rite since 1931, when George Arliss collected the third-ever lead actor award for his portrayal of British Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli in "Disraeli."

Since then, scores of our most popular, accomplished actors have brought home the industry's top prize for playing a vast array of true-life notables, some well-known, others less so — until they received their big screen close-up.

The academy's love for real historical figures is so consistent that, in the last 50 years, only twice — for the films of 1976 and 1979 — have all 10 lead acting nominees been for fictional portrayals. For the movies of 2004, 2013, 2014 and 2015, a remarkable four out of five lead actor slots went to true-life depictions. Last year's lead actress race included three nominees who played real people, and that wasn't the first time.

This year's crop of Oscar-caliber performances based on actual people is perhaps even larger and more eclectic than usual. Lead actor possibilities include Gary Oldman (as Winston Churchill in "Darkest Hour"), Chadwick Boseman (Thurgood Marshall in "Marshall"), Tom Hanks (Ben Bradlee in "The Post") and Jake Gyllenhaal (Jeff Bauman in "Stronger"), while such actresses as Margot Robbie (as Tonya Harding in "I, Tonya"), Jessica Chastain (Molly Bloom in "Molly's Game"), Annette Bening (Gloria Grahame in "Film Stars Don't Die in Liverpool"), Emma Stone (Billie Jean King in "Battle of the Sexes"), Judi Dench (Queen Victoria in "Victoria and Abdul"), Michelle Williams (Gail Harris, "All the Money in the World") and Meryl Streep (Katharine Graham in "The Post") are possible contenders. The supporting categories are also rich with real-life depictions; consider Christopher Plummer as J. Paul Getty in "All the Money in the World."

So why is this particular well dipped into year after year?

Hollywood veteran David Permut, who has produced numerous features and telefilms inspired by true events (most recently last year's picture nominee "Hacksaw Ridge") recalled the founding credo of Warner Bros. studio: "To educate, enlighten and entertain."

"I think some of the most promising filmmakers of the past and present have achieved this [philosophy] by reflecting on the real stories of our lives and the people who have influenced and changed them," said Permut. "Filmmakers have consistently gravitated to



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stories based on fact to heighten awareness of social issues, current events, historical and other famous figures, forgotten heroes and more."

"Academy voters clearly like 'important' films," said Ben Mankiewicz, a film historian and Turner Classic Movies host. "History, history lessons, biographies, socially relevant movies — those feel important. They feel like the kind of thing we're supposed to promote."

But like most choices made in Hollywood, there are financial and marketing concerns, with observers often noting the "pre-sold" nature of real characters and true stories that has helped these kinds of films endure.

"Like adapting a bestseller into a movie, producers see value in making movies involving a known quantity," said Mankiewicz. "The audience, it appears to [producers], is more likely to respond to people or events they know or like — stuff that already interests them."

"That said, when a true story makes money, it seems to me it's often because we don't know much about it," Mankiewicz added, citing last year's multiple Oscar-nominee "Hidden Figures" as a prime case.

"It's a true story, space exploration is relatable, it's a story we all like. But the soul of the movie taught us about people whose work we not only didn't appreciate, we didn't know they existed."

Even if, to paraphrase Mark Twain, there's gold in them thar roles, it's generally agreed that, first and foremost, actors like a challenge, one that these true-life parts have perennially offered.

"To portray a real-life character, [actors] not only have to embrace the heart and soul of that person but study every nuance and mannerism. They have to transform physically into these roles," said Permut.

According to Mankiewicz, there's another plus to playing these characters: "With a real person, actors have an opportunity to completely re-imagine the public's perception."

The chance to rethink an established persona has also long inspired those writing about true-life figures. Said Liz Hannah, who with Josh Singer co-wrote Steven Spielberg's Pentagon Papers drama "The Post": "When you're able to present to an audience a real person that they probably have a formulated opinion on and you're able to show them a deeper side or just a different side of that person that they didn't expect, that can be really exciting and really rewarding."

Singer, who shared the adapted screenplay Oscar in 2016 for his work on another real-life chronicle, "Spotlight," and more recently wrote Damien Chazelle's upcoming Neil Armstrong biopic "First Man," believes the longevity of films about actual events and figures may also be due to "the lessons you can glean by looking backward," declaring "The Post" a strong example of that.

"The film shows how the Fourth Estate was one of the very important checks on [then-President] Nixon's power," said Singer. "I think that there is a way to make a commentary on what's going on right now...by writing a story about what happened in 1971."

As for Hollywood's lasting affinity for mining actual tales from the past, Singer concluded, "They're just great stories. And all you're looking for as a storyteller is a great story."



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SUSAN CLARK, left, plays Bidy in “Phantom Thread.” The former teacher of dressmaking and tailoring taught star Daniel Day-Lewis, right, about couture.

WHEN ACTORS NEED A PRO TO TEACH A SKILL

By RANDEE DAWN >>> Acting isn’t just about knowing your lines and hitting your marks: Performers have to become instant experts in whatever their characters do best, and those specialized talents shift with every film. So, in order for the actors to become proficient in a new skill, studios call in outside help. Here are four experts in their field who stepped forward to teach sewing (“Phantom Thread”), ice skating (“I, Tonya”), Native American language and culture (“Hostiles”) and tennis (“Battle of the Sexes”) techniques that helped those films’ stars make it all look easy, natural and — hopefully — award-worthy.

SUSAN CLARK | SEAMSTRESS, “PHANTOM THREAD”

Expert résumé: Clark, a former teacher of dressmaking and tailoring and now a specialist sewing volunteer at the Victoria & Albert Museum in London, was brought in to speak with director Paul Thomas Anderson, costume designer Mark Bridges and star Daniel Day-Lewis (as fashion designer Reynolds Woodcock) about mid-20th century couture dressmaking rooms and about the outfits themselves. Next, she was asked to appear in the film — Clark plays Bidy, one of Woodcock’s seamstress employees. “We weren’t allowed to tell anyone we met,” said Clark. “It was a secret.”

Lessons learned: Day-Lewis “in particular” asked Clark (and fellow V&A volunteer Joan Brown) to point out what could be improved or if something was being done wrong; that included assembling a lacy dress in the correct order. “Daniel had already learned to sew and make garments,” she recalls. “He was quite apt in sewing.”

Expert extra: The phrase “phantom thread” has no particular meaning in sewing circles.



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CLARK, right, plays seamstress Bidy in “Phantom Thread.”

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**VINCE SPADEA | TENNIS COACH,
BODY DOUBLE FOR STEVE CARELL,
CHOREOGRAPHER FOR “BATTLE OF THE SEXES”**



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TENNIS coach Vince Spadea worked with Emma Stone and Steve Carell.

hit the ball the way King and Riggs did. “It was like an art project that we had to re-create as closely as possible,” he says, though he adds he wishes they’d had more time. “It’s about having your brain train a whole motor system.”

Expert extra: Spadea played matches for Carell as Riggs, but also jumped in as a ball boy in one scene when another performer failed to do it convincingly.

Expert résumé: Former professional tennis player Spadea formed his own talent agency to help athletes get body double roles in films. While attending the casting for “Battle,” he was asked to try out and “it all flowed after that.”

Lessons learned: Spadea worked closely with star Emma Stone (as Billie Jean King) for nearly two months, though less intensively with Steve Carell (Bobby Riggs). “It comes down to technique and repetition,” he said of teaching actors to appear like champs. That applied to holding rackets at the correct angle and ensuring the actors

**JOELY PROUDFIT, CHRIS EYRE
LANGUAGE AND CULTURE ADVISORS, “HOSTILES”**



LOREY SEBASTIAN

CHRIS EYRE, left, and Joely Proudfit were language advisors for Christian Bale.

accuracy had little to do with dialogue. “A lot is said without words,” notes Proudfit. “How women might have reacted emotionally, or with male counterparts, or white men who had incarcerated them — their body language had to speak volumes.”

Expert extra: While filming, the production team took a group photo for the press that indicated they stood with the Standing Rock protesters.

Expert résumé: Professor Proudfit and director (1998’s “Smoke Signals”) Eyre created Native Networkers to help producers and filmmakers portray Native American culture and language in their projects. “We’re not the police, just a bridge between producers and culture,” says Eyre. “We’re a liaison for that.”

Lessons learned: Star Christian Bale (Capt. Blocker) learned the southern dialect of Cheyenne for his role, though there was a problem: “The joke we had is he’s almost too fluent [for his character],” says Eyre. “I told [director Scott Cooper] you have to pull him back a bit.” In addition, many points of

‘We’re not the police, just a bridge between producers and culture.’

— CHRIS EYRE, a language and culture advisor for the film “Hostiles”

‘It goes beyond learning to skate technically. It has to look natural to them.’

— SARAH KAWAHARA, skating coach and choreographer for “I, Tonya,” on what she teaches her students



ALLEN J. SCHABEN Los Angeles Times

FIGURE SKATER and choreographer Sarah Kawahara taught Margot Robbie how to skate for her role as Tonya Harding in “I, Tonya.”

**SARAH KAWAHARA | SKATING COACH
AND CHOREOGRAPHER, “I, TONYA”**

Expert résumé: Figure skater and choreographer Kawahara joined Ice Capades at age 17, and later earned two Emmys for her choreography of exhibition skating TV specials (including one with Nancy Kerrigan).

Lessons learned: While Margot Robbie (as Tonya Harding at many ages) ultimately dedicated months to train in skating, Kawahara was on hand intensively for the first five weeks and provided drills for her to do when she went home to her native Australia. “It goes beyond learning to skate technically,” says Kawahara. “It has to look natural to them.” That included casual moves, like skating out to the ice and back again and stopping. In addition, 2017 skating skills are different from the ones in the 1990s, when the film takes place. “Today’s competitive skater is widely versed; the scope of their athleticism is phenomenal,” she says. “It’s even more difficult now than it was back then.”

Expert extra: Kawahara also helped choreograph Will Ferrell’s 2007 feature “Blades of Glory.” “That was a real adventure,” she says.

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NINE-YEAR-OLD actor Jacob Tremblay manages to endure the elaborate daily makeup procedures for his role as a boy with Treacher Collins syndrome.

THE CONTENDERS

A 'WONDER' OF REAL MAKEUP

BY RAMIN ZAHED

Dutch-born special-effects makeup designer Arjen Tuiten has worked with such famed creature designers as Stan Winston and Phil Tippett, and delivered eye-popping visuals for “Pan’s Labyrinth” (2006), “Alice in Wonderland” (2010), and “Maleficent” (2014). But the family film “Wonder” brings his work into the realm of reality. For it, Tuiten was tasked with creating special makeup for the young lead character Auggie Pullman (portrayed by Jacob Tremblay) who has Treacher Collins syndrome — a rare genetic condition that affects the development of facial bones.

“From the very beginning, the director, Stephen Chbosky, knew that he wanted us to have a boy in makeup,” says Tuiten during an interview at R.E.N., his airy Glendale special makeup effects studio. “He never saw it as a visual-effects job. The challenge was that it required the lead to be in heavy prosthetics makeup for 40 days. Realistically, you can only expect a 9-year-old to do so much.”

“Wonder” is based on R.J. Palacio’s best-seller, but he didn’t offer a lot of physical descriptions in the book. How did you come up with the details of Auggie’s face?

In the book, his condition is more severe. People with Treacher Collins have very distinguishable features. They have underdeveloped ears, cleft palate, underdeveloped cheekbones, which make the eyes droop. I talked with experts at a hospital in Chicago that specializes in treating



GENARO MOLINA Los Angeles Times

ARJEN TUITEN designed the makeup to illustrate a rare genetic condition.

children with this condition. I looked at a lot of pictures and was fortunate enough to meet Nathaniel Newman (a 13-year-old who is called “Auggie Pullman come to life” by Palacio) and his parents.

When I did the sculpt, I had to find the right balance between looking true to the condition and making sure it didn’t take too much from the performance. I also had to make sure Jacob was comfortable. One of the best parts of the job was getting feedback from parents who said they were happy that we told their stories. It was also

great to hear from surgeons who said they didn’t realize we had used prosthetics!

What was the daily makeup session with Jacob like?

We had two months before filming began in Vancouver to prepare. We took a head and shoulder cast of Jacob and started sculpting. As amazing and professional as Jacob is, he is still a kid and we had to make sure it didn’t take longer than an hour and a half to put the makeup on every day. To create the droopy eyes, we

came up with this lock system with a thread that would pull the eyelids down. We would then hide it under a skullcap that he would wear under this wig and prosthetics.

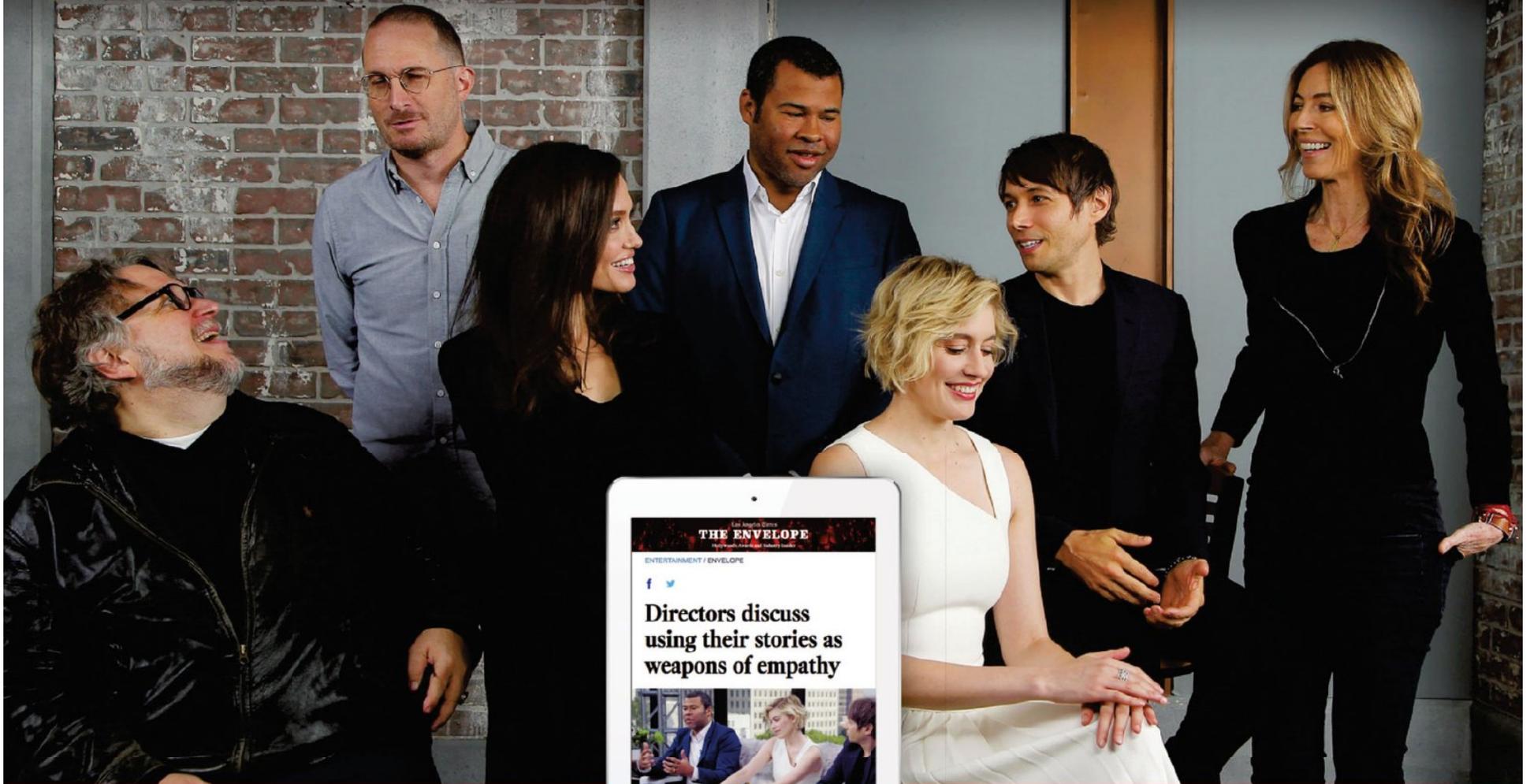
I knew I couldn’t glue his eyes down for nine hours, so this way, he could relax his eyes after an hour. We had prosthetics on the chin and nose, fake eyebrows and teeth and little eye-bags that are connected to the wire. Then, when we did the first tests, we noticed that his eyes looked melted, more like a burn victim. So I came up with contact lenses that enlarged the iris and filled the white of the eyes. This helped get rid of that droopy look and made him cuter. The first time Jacob’s mother saw him with the makeup, she burst into tears.

You started your own special makeup studio two years ago at a time when CGI effects are taking over the film business. What is your take on its widespread use?

I have many friends who work in CG effects, and I think it’s an amazing tool. But I do think that they have been over-used. Some of the most memorable villains in cinema were created with physical effects. You get some amazing moments of magic when you put makeup on a great actor. Actors sometimes complain about the makeup process when they’re shooting the movie, but they always tell us in the end that the prosthetics helped them find the characters. In “Wonder,” as soon as the prosthetics went on Jacob, he would become a completely different kid. I believe there will always be a place for physical makeup in the movies.

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Is it true that Emily VanCamp is engaged to her co-star from *Revenge*?
—Bruce L., Northridge, Calif.

A: VanCamp and Josh Bowman, 29, who played an unhappily married couple on *Revenge*, did indeed get (happily) engaged in real life last May. But no wedding date has been set. VanCamp, 31, returns to TV as nurse Nicolette Nevin in the new Fox series *The Resident* Jan. 21. The fast-paced medical drama centers on a tough senior resident (Matt Czuchy) who runs an idealistic young doctor (Manish Dayal) through the first-year gauntlet. VanCamp says her character is "based on a real-life nurse who was a whistleblower to a corrupt situation in a hospital."

Inside HBO's *Mosaic*

Mosaic, starring **Garrett Hedlund**,

Sharon Stone and Paul (Pee-wee Herman) Reubens, is a six-part small-town murder mystery directed by Steven Soderbergh that begins airing Jan. 22 on HBO. Users of a special free *Mosaic* smartphone app (available on iTunes and Google Play) can go even deeper into the mystery, choosing their own paths and piecing together clues through access to extra clips, voicemails and documents.



WALTER SCOTT ASKS

DAKOTA FANNING

In *The Alienist*, Fanning—Elle's older sister—stars as a police secretary in the late 1890s helping her male colleagues search for one of New York City's first serial killers. The TNT series begins Jan. 22. Then Jan. 26, in the movie *Please Stand By*, Fanning, 23, will play Wendy, a young autistic woman who runs away to enter a writing contest with a *Star Trek* script she's written.

What drew you to *The Alienist*? Getting to see the birth of psychology and forensics. It wasn't actually that long ago that people didn't know about fingerprints and things.

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Sara is coming into her femininity and sexuality. She's someone who's trying to be taken seriously. She's constantly trying to prove herself, but she is confident in herself and in her own intelligence.

For a scene in *Please Stand By*, you had to learn how to talk Klingon. Yeah, it was so funny. I laughed really hard doing that scene with Patton Oswalt. We had a teacher that recorded all the lines for us so that we could say them phonetically.

You are juggling college simultaneously with your acting career. I've taken at least one class every semester since the beginning. I do a lot of independent studies. I'm just soldiering on and I should be done soon.

How did she prepare to play a woman with autism?
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5 THINGS

Honoring Mr. Freeman

Academy Award-winning actor **Morgan Freeman**, 80, will be honored with the SAG Life Achievement Award when the 24th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards show airs Jan. 21 on TNT and TBS. Here are five facts about the Tennessee-born, Mississippi-raised star of *Driving Miss Daisy*, *Million Dollar Baby* and *The Shawshank Redemption*, whose résumé includes more than 75 other movies.

- 1 Freeman's dream of being a fighter pilot led him to enlist in the U.S. Air Force, where he rose to the rank of airman 1st class.
- 2 Gary Cooper Westerns inspired him to become an actor.
- 3 He co-owns the blues club Ground Zero in Clarksdale, Miss.
- 4 After learning that the survival of wild bees was threatened, he turned 124 acres of his Mississippi property into a bee sanctuary that houses 26 hives.
- 5 His first big break was as part of the cast of *The Electric Company*.



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Michael Shannon Stars in *Waco*

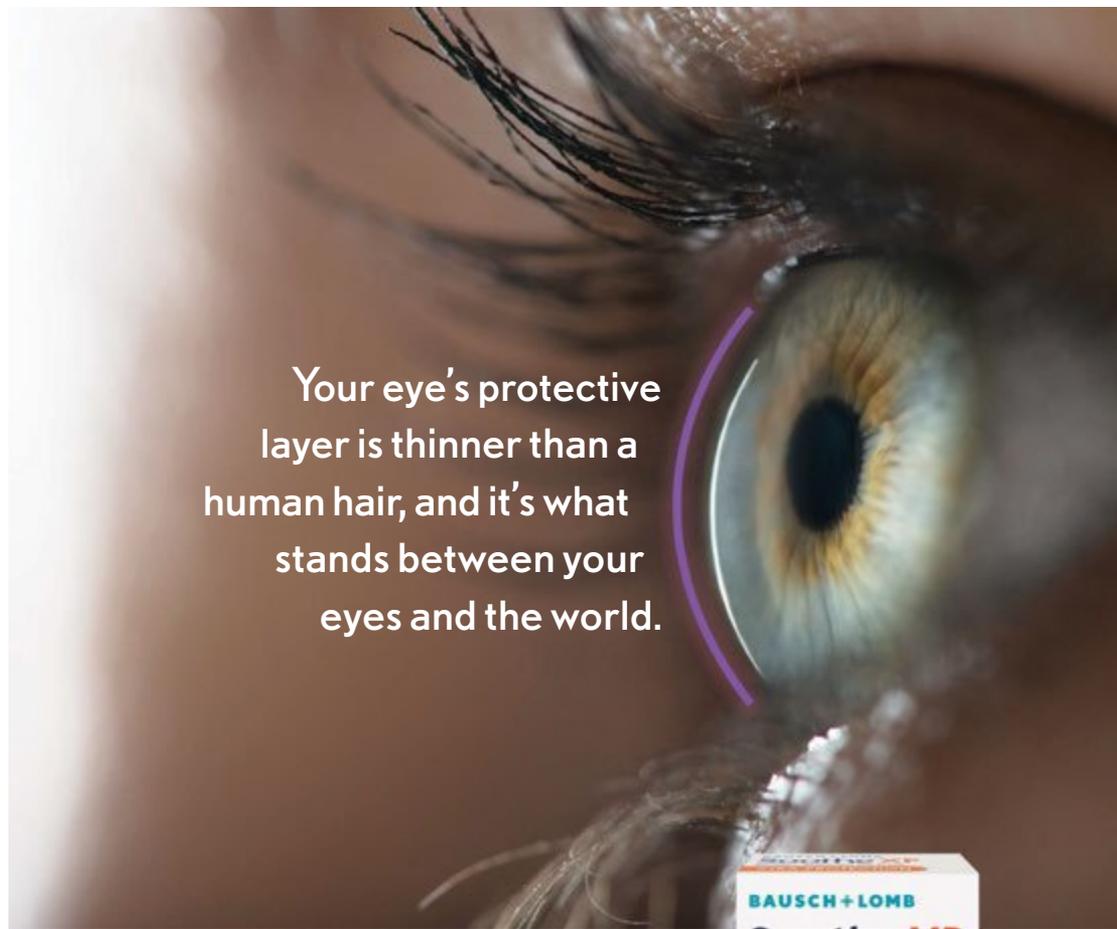
Coming off major movie buzz for his supporting-role performance in *The Shape of Water*, Shannon, 43, returns to television to play FBI negotiator Gary Noesner in the six-part series *Waco*, premiering Jan. 24 on Paramount (formerly Spike) Network. It's based on the true story of the 1993 siege of the Texas compound of the Branch Davidian religious sect by local law enforcement and the FBI, during which more than 80 members of the cult died. Taylor Kitsch co-stars as the Davidians' leader, David Koresh.



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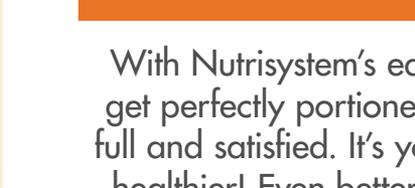


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As their hit CBS sitcom, *Mom*, approaches a milestone, co-stars **Allison Janney and Anna Faris** talk about strong women, pranks, figure skating and friendship.

By Amy Spencer • Cover and opening photography by Kevin Lynch

On *Mom*, Allison Janney and Anna Faris co-star as a mother and her grown daughter. But their relationship—on the show and in real life—is something different.

“Anna’s a bit of a camp counselor at work; she really likes to organize the group,” says Janney of her co-star. But what surprised her most when she met Faris (whose first name, by the way, is pronounced with an “ah” sound, as in “Donna”) is “what an instigator she is.” Janney laughs. “She’s a prankster.”

Both women play recovering drug and alcohol addicts on *Mom*. Faris, 41, is Christy Plunkett, who restarted her life in Napa, Calif., with her daughter, Violet (Sadie Calvano), and son, Roscoe (Blake Garrett Rosenthal). Janney, 58, plays her mother, Bonnie, who hasn’t been much of a mother figure and wants to make up for lost time. The half-hour show—now in its fifth season and about to celebrate its major-milestone 100th episode on Thursday, Feb. 1—has a strong female cast that also includes Mimi Kennedy, Jaime Pressly and Beth Hall as the main characters’ friends and fellow AA members.

“It’s not just the story of women, it’s the story of people going through their journeys, and that feels incredibly unique,” Faris says. “Especially when not all of the storylines are centered around a love interest.”

When Faris was cast in the show, which premiered in 2013, Janney couldn’t wait to meet her co-star. She recalls how she loved Faris in *The House Bunny* and had seen *Scary Movie 1, 2, 3 and 4*. “Not 5,” says Faris dryly of the final film in the horror-spoof series.

“I was so intimidated by you,” she says to Janney, whose award-winning résumé spans TV’s *The West Wing* and *Masters of Sex* and dozens of hit movies, including *The Help*, *Hairspray*, *Juno* and *The Girl on the Train*. “You had sort of this, like, intellectual sophistication, but also mischievousness.”

They’re sitting beside each other on a big couch in a greenroom on the set of their CBS comedy in Burbank, Calif.—Faris in jeans, Uggs and a sweatshirt and Janney barefoot, in jeans and a sweater. They both laugh, a lot. “We’re a little rascally!” says Faris.

STRONG ROLE MODELS

Faris was born in Baltimore and raised, with her older brother, Robert, in Edmonds, Wash. Her mother, Karen, worked at Faris' elementary school. Her father, Jack, a professor of sociology, also ran an advertising agency in Seattle and worked for the Bill Gates Foundation. (Her brother is also a sociologist.) Her mother always encouraged her imagination. "Like, she would pretend to be somebody evil, or like a great chef," says Faris, who now embraces those same games with her own son, Jack, 5, with actor Chris Pratt (*Guardians of the Galaxy*, *Parks and Recreation*). The couple split this past August after eight years of marriage.

She says her mother "is crazy loyal—truly ferocious. I think that scared some boyfriends. I mean, not that I *had* boyfriends." She laughs, adding that her mom always instilled in her, "You will never be dependent on a man."

Janney was raised in Cincinnati and Dayton, Ohio, the middle child with two brothers. Her mother, Macy, is a former actress who went to the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City. Her father, Jarvis, ran a family hydraulics company and worked in commercial real estate. He was also a jazz musician and an artist. Janney's older brother, Jay, is a musician. Her younger brother, Hal, died by suicide in 2011 after struggling for years with addiction and other issues.

Janney says her mother "decided to forgo an acting career and get married and have kids instead—back when it's what women did." Her mom became "the doyenne of Dayton, Ohio," Janney says. She was on the boards of multiple performance, arts and education programs. Along with a strong feminist stance, Janney also inherited her mother's organizational genes. "I like to plan!" she says. "I start thinking about the napkin rings, or I start thinking, *We're gonna need 26 plates...*" It's in those moments, she says, that everybody tells her, "You sound just like Macy—just like your mom."

Faris was enticed by acting at a young age, performing onstage before she was 10 and booking her first commercial in high school. In Hollywood, she found her footing playing campy comedic roles in films like *Lost in Translation* and *Just Friends*. But she cemented her place in comedy with 2008's *The House Bunny*, a film she pitched around Hollywood endless times—in costume as the title character, she says—before getting the green light.

"We kept hearing that it was a great pitch," she says of the movie about a former Playboy bunny who—after getting kicked out of the mansion—finds a job as

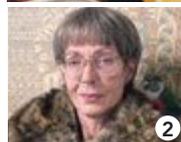
the house mother for a sorority of socially awkward girls. "But I don't think at the time people wanted to invest in a female-driven comedy." Adam Sandler's company finally bought the rights to the film, "and five weeks later," says Faris, she was at a gym with a trainer to get ready for the midriff-baring role.

SKATING TO SUCCESS

Janney had another love before acting: "I used to be a figure skater," she says. "It was what I wanted to do before I ever wanted to be an actress." She was later mentored onstage by Paul Newman when he directed a play at her college, and she participated in summer programs at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London, which eventually led her to roles in films like *The Ice Storm* and *The Hours*, and she went on to earn two Tony nominations and seven Emmy awards for her stage and TV

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— Anna Faris



(1) Faris and Janney on *Mom*; (2) Janney as Tonya Harding's mother in *I, Tonya*; (3) Janney with Emma Stone in *The Help*



(4) Janney as C.J. Cregg on TV's *The West Wing* with Rob Lowe (left) and Martin Sheen; (5) Faris with son Jack and ex-husband Chris Pratt; (6) Faris with Simon Rex (left) and Charlie Sheen in 2003's *Scary Movie 3*



(7) Director Sofia Coppola (center) in 2003 with her *Lost in Translation* star, Scarlett Johansson (left), and Faris, who played a ditzy actress in the film





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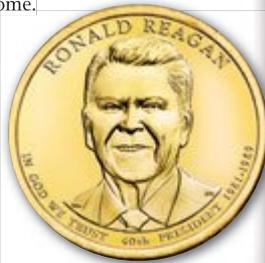
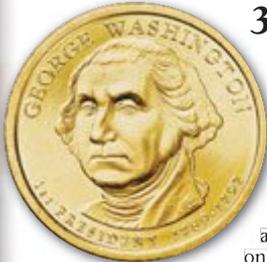
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work. But comedy—like she's doing now—has always been close to her heart.

"I grew up in love with Carol Burnett," says Janney. "I love comedy—love, love, love it. I will always look for something funny to do in a drama." While playing press secretary C.J. Cregg for seven seasons of *The West Wing*, she appreciated the silly, comic moments, like when she got to pardon a turkey or fall off a treadmill.



Faris and Janney appeared together as presenters at the 2017 Emmy Awards.

In real life, Janney says, "having a political conversation or dressing down a four-star general is not something I would feel comfortable doing, so to step into that character and have [creator/writer] Aaron Sorkin's brilliant words to say, to dress somebody down with the most *articulate* argument? It is the most powerful feeling, because my mind doesn't work like that!"

It was, in a way, a similar strength of character that drew Janney to the part of Bonnie in *Mom*. "I admire her," says Janney, "because she doesn't care what anyone thinks about her. Which is so opposite of me. I'm a huge critic of myself."

Both Janney and Faris live in L.A., but they spend their downtime differently. Faris looks forward to every second she can get with her young son. In fact, when he shows

up at *Parade's* photo shoot, she squeals and calls him onto the set. "Hi, bud!" she says, squatting down for a big hug.

On days off, they go to a nearby train museum and she plays imaginary games, just as her own mother did with her. Sometimes Jack will heave fake

sobs in front of her, then "look up at me with this sly grin, and I'm like, 'Oh, my God, you've manufactured this and you have tears— and you're

better at it than I am!" (She is now said to be dating Michael Barrett, the cinematographer on her film *Overboard*, due out this spring.)

TELLING HER STORY

Faris has spent much of this year on tour promoting her memoir, *Unqualified*, released in October, and hosting her funny-advice podcast, *Anna Faris Is Unqualified*, which she started "as a weird hobby" with her producing partner, Sim Sarna, in 2015. She and Sarna are also adjunct lecturers at the University of Southern California, walking students through the growing medium to make pilots of their own podcast projects.

"I've worked hard to be independent, so the podcast has given me a lot of freedom," she says. "I enjoy creating my own content and feeling like I'm not waiting for the next

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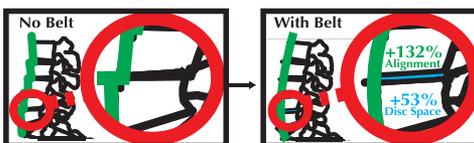
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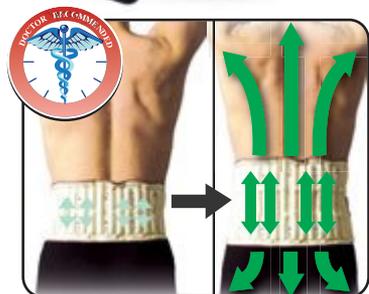
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role to come around.”

When Janney has time to herself, she'll take her three dogs for a long walk, then pick a recipe from a cooking magazine. “I go to the store and get the food, cook all day and then have my niece and nephew over, and we binge-watch TV or watch a movie with the dogs on the couch. That's my idea of a day off.”

“When I call you,” says Faris, “you are always in the bath.”

“I do take a lot of baths,” admits Janney, who is certainly soaking in all the Academy Award buzz for her role in the film *I, Tonya*, based on the story of figure skater Tonya Harding (played by Margot Robbie), infamously a party to the 1994 attack that sidelined her biggest Olympic rival, Nancy Kerrigan. Janney plays Harding's mother, LaVona Golden.

And while Janney didn't know Harding or Kerrigan personally from her skating days, “I was floored that this sort of thing would happen in the world of figure skating—a very refined, elegant sport that was rocked by this crazy incident.”

Faris, listening to Janney talk about the film, is now itching to say something. She turns to Janney and sits up. “I was just gonna say if we have a falling out, and you're walking onto a stage, and somebody takes a little tool to your knee—it won't be me, OK?”

Janney laughs, knowing her co-star, prankster and playful instigator so well after five years. Besides, adds Faris, “when you're at the Oscars that night, I'm gonna break into your house and steal a few of your Emmys.”

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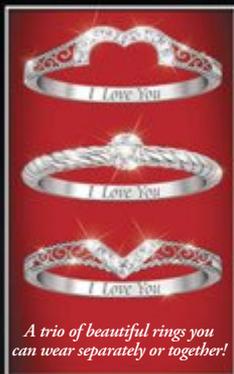
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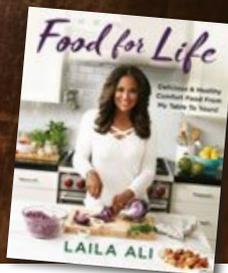
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Louisiana-Style Jambalaya

- ▶ 1 lb skinless boneless chicken thighs, cut into 1-inch pieces
- ▶ 2 tsp sea salt, divided
- ▶ ¾ tsp smoked paprika
- ▶ ½ tsp freshly ground black pepper
- ▶ 2 Tbsp extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- ▶ 1 medium onion, chopped
- ▶ 2 medium shallots, chopped
- ▶ 2 celery stalks, chopped
- ▶ 1 medium green bell pepper, chopped
- ▶ 1½ tsp garlic powder
- ▶ Cayenne pepper (optional)
- ▶ ½ cup low-sodium chicken broth or water, plus more as needed
- ▶ ⅓ cup canned tomato puree
- ▶ 8 oz smoked andouille sausage, cut crosswise into ½-inch slices
- ▶ 1 lb large shrimp, peeled and deveined
- ▶ 3 cups cooked brown rice
- ▶ ¼ cup chopped flat-leaf parsley, plus more for garnish

1. Place chicken in a large bowl; season with ½ tsp salt, paprika and pepper. Let stand 30 minutes while prepping other ingredients.
2. In a large, heavy saucepan or Dutch oven, heat 1 Tbsp oil over medium. Add chicken; cook, undisturbed, 5 minutes. Stir; cook 5 minutes or until lightly browned on second side. Transfer chicken to a bowl.
3. Add remaining 1 Tbsp oil to pan. Add onion, shallots, celery and bell pepper. Cook 10 minutes or until tender and starting to brown, stirring occasionally. Stir in garlic powder and a pinch of cayenne, if desired. Cook 1 minute, scraping bottom of pan to prevent spices from sticking. Add broth. Increase heat and scrape up any browned bits stuck to bottom of pan. Add chicken and juices, tomato puree and 1 tsp salt. Bring to a simmer. Cover, reduce heat to low and cook 15 minutes, stirring once or twice. Add sausage, shrimp and remaining ½ tsp salt. Increase heat to medium-high. Bring to a simmer, reduce heat to medium-low and cook 5 minutes or until shrimp are nearly done (when they're pink and opaque) and sausage is warmed through.
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SUPER COUPON

FREE

WITH ANY PURCHASE

3-1/2" SUPER BRIGHT ALUMINUM FLASHLIGHT

COMPARE TO ~~\$150~~ RAYOVAC MODEL: BRSSLED-B

ITEM 69111
63599/62522/62573
63875/63884/63886
63888/69052 shown

- 9 LED
- Compact, Lightweight

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SUPER COUPON

FREE

WITH ANY PURCHASE

HEAVY DUTY BATTERIES PACK OF 24

THUNDERBOLT BATTERIES

- Long Lasting, Reliable Power

COMPARE TO ~~\$580~~ GO GREEN MODEL: 92839526

YOUR CHOICE

AA ITEM 61323 | AAA ITEM 61677/61273

68382/61675 shown

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SUPER COUPON

FREE

WITH ANY PURCHASE

PITTSBURGH 4-IN-1 SCREWDRIVER

LIFETIME WARRANTY

- Soft-Grip Handle
- Stores Bits
- 2 Slotted
- 2 Phillips Head

COMPARE TO ~~\$97~~ HDX MODEL: 1208012D

ITEM 61988
98989/69470 shown

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FINAL MARKDOWN

SAVE \$29

TAILGATOR 900 MAX. STARTING/700 RUNNING WATTS 2 HP (63 CC) 2 CYCLE GAS GENERATOR

5 hours run-time @ 50% capacity

COMPARE TO ~~\$119.92~~ ALL POWER MODEL: APG3024A

ITEM 63024/63025 shown

Customer Rating ★★★★★

LIMIT 2 - Coupon valid through 5/21/18*

FINAL MARKDOWN

SAVE 73%

HARDY MECHANIC'S GLOVES

COMPARE TO ~~\$5.00~~ MECHANIX MODEL: S475800

ITEM 62434, 62426, 62433, 62432, 62429, 62428 shown

Customer Rating ★★★★★

LIMIT 3 - Coupon valid through 5/21/18*

FINAL MARKDOWN

SAVE 59%

CENTRAL PNEUMATIC 3 GALLON, 100 PSI OIL-FREE AIR COMPRESSORS

A. HOT DOG
B. PANCAKE

ITEM 69269/97080 shown

ITEM 60637/61615/95275 shown

Air delivery: 0.6 CFM @ 90 PSI, 1 CFM @ 40 PSI

COMPARE TO ~~\$98.62~~ PORTER-CABLE MODEL: PCFP002

YOUR CHOICE

ITEM 60637/61615/95275 shown

Customer Rating ★★★★★

LIMIT 4 - Coupon valid through 5/21/18*

FINAL MARKDOWN

SAVE \$80

HERCULES BEATS DEWALT 1/2" COMPACT DRILL/DRIVER KIT

Customer Rating ★★★★★

- 576 in. lbs. of torque
- 2.5 amp hour battery
- Weights 3.6 lbs.

COMPARE TO ~~\$109.99~~ DEWALT MODEL: DCF7002

ITEM 63381

Customer Rating ★★★★★

LIMIT 3 - Coupon valid through 5/21/18*

FINAL MARKDOWN

SAVE 65%

HaulMaster STEP STOOL/WORKING PLATFORM

Customer Rating ★★★★★

COMPARE TO ~~\$57.55~~ GPL

ITEM 62515
66911 shown

350 lb. capacity

Customer Rating ★★★★★

LIMIT 7 - Coupon valid through 5/21/18*

FINAL MARKDOWN

SAVE \$169

CHICAGO ELECTRIC POWER TOOLS 12" SLIDING COMPOUND DOUBLE-BEVEL MITER SAW

Customer Rating ★★★★★

Blade sold separately.

COMPARE TO ~~\$299~~ KOBALT MODEL: K080800

ITEM 61969/61970
69684 shown

Customer Rating ★★★★★

LIMIT 4 - Coupon valid through 5/21/18*

FINAL MARKDOWN

SAVE 66%

SOLAR ROPE LIGHT

Great outdoor accent lighting
Super bright light

COMPARE TO ~~\$29.97~~ HAMPTON BAY MODEL: 2206-0558

ITEM 62533/63941/68353 shown

Customer Rating ★★★★★

LIMIT 6 - Coupon valid through 5/21/18*

FINAL MARKDOWN

SAVE \$40

RAPID PUMP 1.5 TON ALUMINUM RACING JACK

PITTSBURGH #1 SELLING JACKS IN AMERICA

- 3-1/2 pumps lifts most vehicles
- Lifts from 3-1/2" to 14-1/8"
- Lightweight 34 lbs.

COMPARE TO ~~\$99.99~~ DURALAST MODEL: FTR0160

ITEM 62496/62516/69252/60569 shown

Customer Rating ★★★★★

LIMIT 4 - Coupon valid through 5/21/18*

FINAL MARKDOWN

SAVE 57%

CENTECH 2/10/50 AMP, 12 VOLT BATTERY CHARGER/ENGINE STARTER

COMPARE TO ~~\$69.99~~ SCHUMACHER ELECTRIC MODEL: SC-1250

ITEM 60581
60653 shown

Customer Rating ★★★★★

LIMIT 3 - Coupon valid through 5/21/18*

FINAL MARKDOWN

SAVE 83%

WARRIOR 29 PIECE TITANIUM DRILL BIT SET

Customer Rating ★★★★★

COMPARE TO ~~\$17.99~~ DEWALT MODEL: DW1309

ITEM 62281/61637 shown

Customer Rating ★★★★★

LIMIT 6 - Coupon valid through 5/21/18*

FINAL MARKDOWN

SAVE \$85

UNION 1.51 CUBIC FT. SOLID STEEL ELECTRONIC DIGITAL FLOOR SAFE

Customer Rating ★★★★★

COMPARE TO ~~\$175~~ SENTRYSAFE MODEL: SFW1250C

ITEM 91006/62678/62977 shown

Customer Rating ★★★★★

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 5/21/18*

FINAL MARKDOWN

SAVE 81%

TILTING FLAT PANEL TV MOUNT

Customer Rating ★★★★★

- 176 lb. capacity
- Holds flat screen TV up to 70 inches

COMPARE TO ~~\$79.99~~ ROCKETFISH MODEL: RF-TVM170S

ITEM 62289/61807 shown

Customer Rating ★★★★★

LIMIT 7 - Coupon valid through 5/21/18*

FINAL MARKDOWN

SAVE 58%

Bunker Hill Security WIRELESS SECURITY ALERT SYSTEM

COMPARE TO ~~\$23.99~~ SWANN MODEL: SWHM-DIVELA

ITEM 69590/61910/62447/93068 shown

Customer Rating ★★★★★

LIMIT 8 - Coupon valid through 5/21/18*

FINAL MARKDOWN

SAVE 60%

CHICAGO ELECTRIC POWER TOOLS RECIPROCATING SAW WITH ROTATING HANDLE

Customer Rating ★★★★★

COMPARE TO ~~\$49.98~~ PORTER-CABLE MODEL: PC350

ITEM 61884/65570/62370 shown

Customer Rating ★★★★★

LIMIT 6 - Coupon valid through 5/21/18*

FINAL MARKDOWN

SAVE 51%

HaulMaster 18" x 12" MOVER'S DOLLY

COMPARE TO ~~\$16.43~~ BUFFALO TOOLS MODEL: HDPP01LY

ITEM 61899/63095/63096
63098/63097/93888 shown

Customer Rating ★★★★★

LIMIT 9 - Coupon valid through 5/21/18*

FINAL MARKDOWN

SAVE 50%

PORTLAND 14" ELECTRIC CHAIN SAW

Customer Rating ★★★★★

COMPARE TO ~~\$79.99~~ CRAFTSMAN MODEL: SC909P

ITEM 61592/67255 shown

Customer Rating ★★★★★

LIMIT 4 - Coupon valid through 5/21/18*

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