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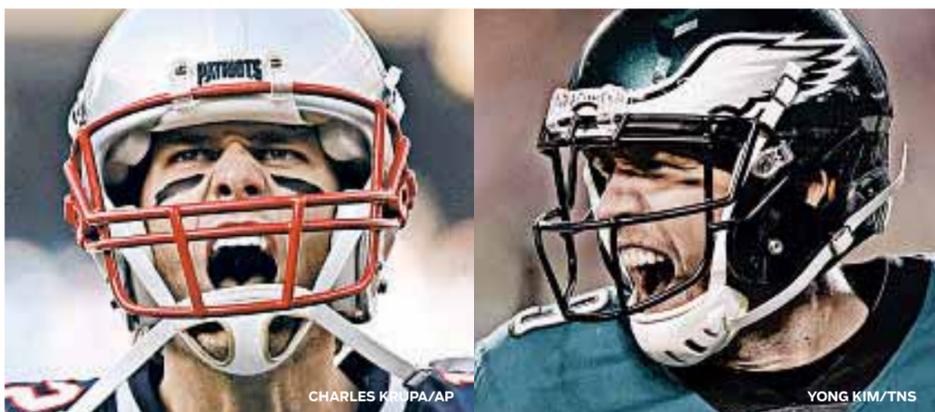
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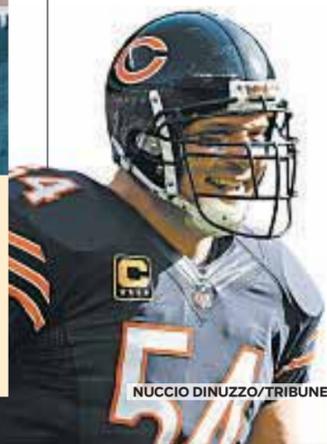
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What GOP memo says — and what it doesn't

File's accuracy difficult to assess without sources

BY CHAD DAY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After more than a week of partisan bickering and social media-fueled buildup, the #releasethememo crowd got their wish.

President Donald Trump declassified it. The GOP majority of the House intelligence committee released it. And the public dissection of the four-page, GOP-authored document began Friday.

Here are a few key takeaways:

What's the gist? The memo makes a series of allegations of misconduct on the part of the FBI and the Justice Department in obtaining a warrant under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, or FISA, to monitor former Trump campaign foreign policy adviser Carter Page.

Specifically, it takes aim at the FBI's use of information from a former British spy, Christopher Steele, who compiled a collection of memos containing several allegations of ties between Trump, his associates and Russia.

The memo says the FBI and the Justice Department didn't tell the FISA

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After memo's publication, Trump claims vindication

The document contends the FBI abused its surveillance powers, but it also includes revelations that may complicate efforts to undermine Robert Mueller's inquiry. *Nation & World*, Page 27

Building boom brings funds to struggling areas

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Derric Eisenmann holds up a pitcher of water from a faucet in his home near Mahomet to show its carbonated, white characteristics.

Pollution-related penalties take a dive under Rauner

Environmental-law enforcement shows major drop since 2015

BY MICHAEL HAWTHORNE
Chicago Tribune

Well before the Trump administration began shifting responsibility for enforcing environmental laws to the states, Illinois already had slowed down the policing of air and water pollution under Gov. Bruce Rauner.

A Tribune analysis of enforcement data shows that since the Republican businessman took office in 2015, penalties sought from Illinois polluters have dropped to \$6.1 million — about two-thirds less than the inflation-adjusted amount demanded during the first three years under Rauner's two predecessors, Democrats Pat Quinn and Rod Blagojevich.



Anni Eisenmann uses bottled water to brush her teeth. The Eisenmanns drank contaminated water for months before they learned about what had happened.

Rauner's enforcement record during the past three years also pales in comparison to the final year in office of the state's last Republican governor, George Ryan. Adjusted for inflation, the penalties sought since Rauner took office are less than half the amount demanded as Ryan wrapped

up his four-year term in 2002.

One of the main reasons enforcement is on the decline statewide is the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has cut back sharply on using its most powerful tool: referring cases to the state attorney general's office for civil or criminal prosecution.

During Rauner's first year as governor, the EPA referred 73 cases to the attorney general — by far the lowest number since 1991. The annual average during his tenure is 80.

By contrast, the EPA sent 198 referrals a year on average during Blagojevich's first three years in office and 144 during the same time period under Quinn, the Tribune analysis found.

"I have been dismayed by the sudden dropoff in the number of IEPA referrals to my office," Attorney General Lisa Madigan said in a statement. "The failure to

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The number of vehicles registered with the city for ride sharing was 117,557 in December.

Surge in Chicago ride sharing stirs worries about its impact

Congestion and public transit effects can be tricky to gauge

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI
Chicago Tribune

The ride-sharing business is surging in Chicago, with the number of registered vehicles used for companies like Uber and Lyft quadrupling over a three-year stretch, according to figures provided by the city via a public records request from the Tribune.

The growth in ride sharing has raised concerns among both transportation experts and professional drivers that the services offered by companies like Uber and

Lyft, while convenient, may be increasing congestion on Chicago streets while cutting into public transit use.

"Uber and Lyft have not delivered what they said they would — fewer cars, less traffic and more mobility," said Ron Burke, executive director of the Active Transportation Alliance, which advocates for pedestrians, bicyclists and transit use. "They're convenient and people like them, but it appears that they're creating more cars and more traffic in the downtown area if not elsewhere. That's not a sustainable trajectory."

The number of vehicles that provide four

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JOHN KASS

Dems enter the Upside Down over Nunes memo

The Democratic Media Complex is once again suffering hysterics, pulling out its hair and screaming over the release of the House Republican report, aka "the memo."

The memo alleges abuses by top officials of the FBI and the Justice Department in their investigation of President Donald Trump and suspected Russian collusion.

Democrats are furious and say the memo is incomplete, full of lies and half-truths, and they're busy telling their followers not to read the memo, while heaping hate on one of the authors, House intelligence committee chairman U.S. Rep. Devin Nunes.

Democrats, the FBI and the Justice Department argued that the memo should not be made public because it endangered national security. But after reading it, those claims appear to be nonsense.

Asked about the political hate coming his way, Nunes said, "It's actually quite enjoyable. You know you're over the target when you're being attacked."

Each side wants to convince Americans that they're on the side of the angels. But if you look for angels in politics, you are apt to be driven mad.

And before the left pulls out one more strand of hair in anger, or makes one more banshee scream of outrage on cable news or in social media over "the memo," I'd like them to at least have the decency to consider the following:

What if it came out that a Republican-funded opposition research dossier against presidential candidate Barack Obama was used to obtain a secret FISA warrant to put Obama's aides under surveillance and take him down?

And what if the federal judge who granted the warrant wasn't told that the partisan oppo-research was the basis of the surveillance warrant?

Or, what if senior FBI officials running the investigation of Obama had expressed loathing for the candidate and his voters?

What would the Democratic Media Complex be doing?

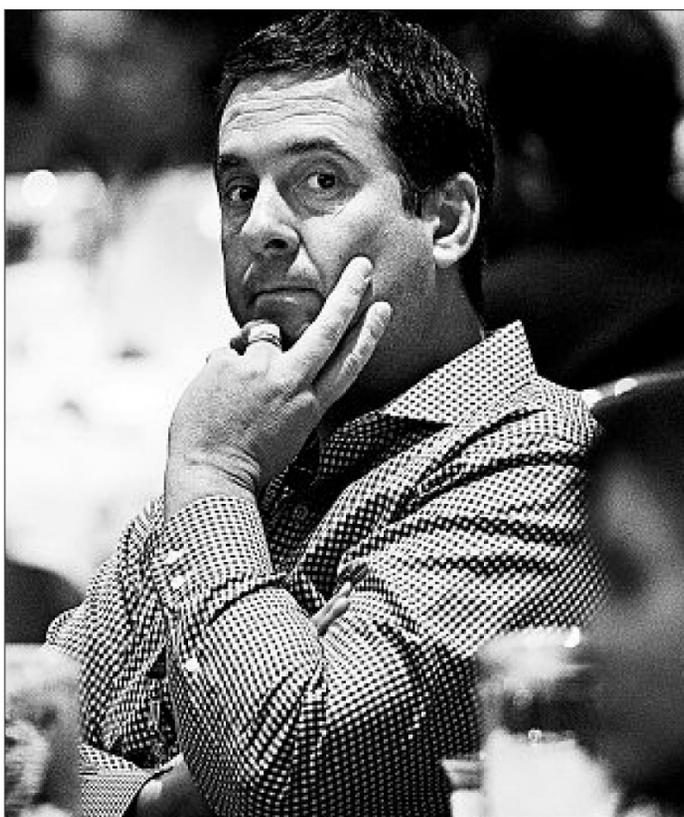
About the same thing they're doing now, pulling out their hair and screaming like banshees, and wailing about institutional racism and the usual litany of complaints.

They'd shriek that the federal FISA judge was lied to by the Deep State to chop the legs from under a president and how the country is going to hell and the Constitution is being trampled.

What we're looking at is politics.

It was politics when the political left loved WikiLeaks boss Julian Assange, back when he released sensitive information, even though it undercut American foreign policy. He was a hero then. But he was hated later, when his work involved Democratic National Committee emails. Then Republicans loved him.

Republicans were once adamantly in support of the FBI, the CIA and some of the other shadowy agencies with great powers to watch us and to monitor our phones, to listen to what we say in the interests of security and to ignore or avoid the Fourth Amendment. And Democrats were once



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U.S. Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., chairman of the House intelligence committee, has been a target of Democrat hate over the release of a formerly secret memo.

adamantly opposed to even suspected abuses by federal police and the intelligence agencies — what is now called "the Deep State" — and they railed against those who'd step on American civil liberties in a political hunt.

But now, Democrats are the champions of shadow warriors in the CIA and the FBI, arguing that we must not challenge these agencies at the risk of national security. And Republicans hammer at the FBI — whose leadership they once respected — including former FBI Director Robert Mueller.

Now that he's special prosecutor investigating Trump, his final report could provide a political basis for Democrats to impeach Trump, should they gain control of Congress in the 2018 midterm elections.

So we're in the Upside Down now. You see how this goes. You can see where it's going.

The best thing to do in this business of the president and the investigation and the memo is to have everything released, all the information, and hope that the American people actually care enough about their country to read it, rather than accept the spin by some that it's a nothing burger, and the spin by others that it's a book of revelations.

Americans should read the Republican memo, and also read the complete rebuttal from the Democrats that is sure to come.

And also read the Department of Justice inspector general's report that is being compiled about this matter and is reportedly digging into any FBI political bias in favor of Hillary Clinton when she was under investigation for tens of thousands of emails, some classified, on her private server.

What would be best is if we could all read the FBI's FISA application used against Trump, which Republicans allege was based on opposition research done for the Clinton campaign and the Democratic National Committee.

If this is, in fact, true, then it is an outrage and an assault on our freedom. If it is not, we best know it quickly.

Getting all this out in the open is preferable to relying on whispers and leaks from shielded investigators to political hacks.

And while the partisans are either pro-Trump or anti-Trump, there's something else that may be even more important.

It's the argument — once offered by big government Republicans and now cleaved to by big government Democrats — that we shouldn't challenge the huge federal bureaucracies that spy on us, and watch us.

The only branch of our government to have proper oversight is Congress. And the only real answer is sunshine, so we may see to make up our own minds about how our country is governed.

Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis put it best: "Sunlight is the best disinfectant."

But in the damp swampy shadows, where there is little sunlight, infections tend to grow.

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Mysterious Chicago Party Aunt in flick with Oscar nod

She's the hard-drinking, 1990s athlete and D-list celebrity-shagging, full-rack-of-ribs and Italian-beef eating cougar sensation of Chicago Twitter.

Now "Chicago Party Aunt" — a parody Twitter account that nails a social stereotype as forcefully as she nails guys in the bathrooms of Rush Street bars — is featured in an Oscar-nominated movie.

Or, at least, the talent behind the @ChiPartyAunt handle is.

Speculation about the true author of such memorable tweets as "Drew Peterson borrowed our Weed Wacker 7 years ago. I guess we ain't getting that back," and "My 3 meanest sisters work TSA at Midway and there's a good chance they've screamed at you," and dozens more that we could never print in a family newspaper, has been rife for months. Some even suggested that the tweets were coming from inside the Tribune Tower. But, folks, nobody here is that funny — that's Hollywood-level laughs.

Inc. was lucky enough to speak last week with the real Chicago Party Aunt, who asked for anonymity — a request we are only too happy to oblige, lest Auntie dearest attack us with a can of Four Loko in a Wrigleyville back alley. Plus, you know, we don't want the tweeting to stop.

Still, we can reveal that the person behind Chicago Party Aunt, who counts 13,000-plus followers, has now worked on an Oscar-nominated picture. Isn't it fun to imagine Party Aunt backstage at the show next month?

And Party Aunt is looking for a way to "monetize" the newfound fame. "Maybe with a branded boxed wine, or something like that."

— Kim Janssen



ANIMAL PLANET PHOTOS
Puppy Bowl players Miss Brie, from top, Buddy (nee Stripe) and Boppity.

Puppy Bowl to feature local trio

This is shaping up to be a big year for Miss Brie, a Jack Russell terrier mix who lives in Palatine. She is set to walk down the aisle at her owners' wedding in June and make her small-screen debut Sunday in Animal Planet's Puppy Bowl XIV.

Miss Brie is one of three Chicago-area dogs playing in the 2 p.m. game, which follows a slate of Puppy Bowl pregame programming. Ninety pups from 48 animal shelters and rescue organizations fill the rosters of Team Ruff and Team Fluff.

Miss Brie, who is on Team Ruff, was adopted from the Anti-Cruelty Society in August by Kevin Katz and his fiancée. She joined older brother Mr. Pecan, also a rescue dog.

"Her favorite thing to do is cuddle with her big brother," Katz said.

One Tail at a Time rescued Stripe, who is on Team Fluff, over the summer. The yellow Labrador mix spent several days battling parvovirus, a contagious virus that affects dog intestines. He overcame the illness and joined a North Side foster family that adopted him soon thereafter and renamed him Buddy.

Boppity, also on Team Fluff, will be available for adoption Sunday. The Chihuahua/terrier mix, his sister Bippity and their mom Carol came from an overcrowded shelter in Mississippi to the South Suburban Humane Society in Chicago Heights. Boppity loves playing with other dogs and shaking his squeaky toys, which he likes to collect and hide under his bed.

— Tracy Swartz

White Sox's young players name youth movement

Not that long ago, Cubs fans referred to the players who carried the franchise's future as the "Core Four." The White Sox are undergoing their own youth movement, and we recently asked some of their up-and-coming players to come up with a moniker that best fits their group.



Zack Burdi: "The Legends of Tomorrow" "That's a little cocky, I don't mean it like that. It came from the comic books. Going off the Marvel stuff, it's a core group of guys. By no means am I saying everyone's going to be a 'legend of tomorrow.' ... Just like in a supergroup, everyone has their thing that they're known for, that they excel at. It's our jobs right now to push ourselves, push one another, to get to that level where the idea of even being a so-called legend is even a question."



Michael Kopech: "To be determined ... by Sox fans" "I think for the most part we're going to embrace whatever the fans label us as. I don't think it's for us to name ourselves, I think that would be kind of awkward. Hopefully the fans can come up with something good for us."



Lucas Giolito: "The Culture" "The thing that James Shields started for us (on the pitching staff), stealing this from Migas a little bit, (it's) 'the culture.' ... Pitchers are weird. It's like a culture of when you take the ball, it's your ball. I'm hungry. I want to win. ... Starting pitchers, we're going to go out there and pitch deep into the game every single time and just put it all together. (It's a) culture of willingness and 'wantingness' to win."



Tim Anderson: "The Roaring Twenties" "We're all about 20. We're all kids, we're ready to go out and have fun. We're all 22, 23. ... It's going to be dope." Anderson, 24, said he wants to "step into that leader role" for the group. "Lead by example."

— Phil Thompson



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What we learn, and don't, about slavery in school



MARY SCHMICH

I've been trying lately to remember what I learned in grade school about slavery and the Civil War and the history of black people in the United States.

When I tunnel that far back in my mind, I glimpse a few words:

Underground Railroad. Plantation. Mulatto. Indentured. Eli Whitney. Cotton gin. Gettysburg.

I remember sitting in Miss Birch's sixth-grade class in Macon, Ga., and feeling the fascination of those words, vaguely shadowed by dread, but I have no memory of them being stitched together into a coherent story.

I carry a few images in my memory too, colorful, romanticized paintings reduced to textbook size: Black people in cotton fields. White colonnaded mansions. Soldiers in blue or gray uniforms on rocky battlefields.

If I was taught to draw a narrative line from the cotton fields to the battlefields, I don't remember it, and if there was a line from any of it to my life as a child, I didn't see it.

In the 1960s, when I was in grade school, there was no Black History Month, a designation given to February in the United States only in 1976, and it was only as an adult that I began to piece those classroom scraps together into something like real history.

And the more I've learned, the more I've wondered: What was I taught in school?

Whatever it was, I'm sure it was far from the full truth. And the sadder fact? What kids learn in school today still is.

According to a new report from the Southern Poverty Law Center, "Teaching Hard History" schools all over the country still do a poor job of teaching about slavery, a history that's important because, in the report's words, "Slavery is not an aberration in American history; it is at the heart of our history, a main event, a central foundational story." Even many schools that do a decent job teaching about the civil rights movement of the 1950s and '60s, the report says, fall short on laying the historical foundation.

A few of its other conclusions:

All over the country, slavery is taught without context, emphasizing "feel good" stories and progress more than the hard, ugly stuff.

It's taught as if the enslavement of Africans was an exclusively Southern institution, when, in fact, slavery existed throughout the American colonies, was protected by the Constitution and was woven into the national economy for decades after the Civil War.

It's taught without connection to the ideology of white supremacy that developed to sustain it.

And it's taught without connection to how it continues to shape all of us as Americans.

Teaching the history of slavery comes with unique challenges, even for teachers who want to teach it well.

"How do they talk about slavery's legacy of racial violence in their classrooms without making their black students feel singled out?" asks the report, which relies on a survey of nearly 1,800 teachers. "How do they discuss it without engendering feelings of guilt, anger or defensiveness among their white students?"

The teachers' struggles to teach well were mirrored in the survey of 1,000 high school seniors, who had trouble correctly answering questions on the topic.

Teaching history of any kind is complicated. All stories of the past are incomplete. What we value and understand shifts.

Our understanding of slavery is complicated by the fact that so many Americans treat the study of its history as if it were a sporting event in which they're obliged to pick a team.

Team Black or Team White? Team Red or Team Blue? Team Remember or Team Move On?

But black history — which is American history — isn't sport. There are no sides, no teams. We're all in this together, which is why I grow more curious all the time about what I've learned, and how and where.

A few months ago, in my quest to understand the history I was taught in school, I called the public library in Macon, Ga., to see if it had textbooks from that time. I was particularly interested in knowing what we were taught about the Civil War: Who were the heroes and villains? What were we taught about the reasons for the war?

I spoke with a librarian who regretted to say they didn't carry the textbooks. I asked if she'd grown up in Macon. She had, and she'd gone to school there in the '60s and '70s.

I asked her what she was taught about the Civil War. She laughed ruefully.

"Not much," she said. "There was Fort Sumter, then there was the war, and then it ended."

She's black and I'm white and neither of us had been taught much, which we agreed was pretty weird.

Black History Month is a good time to ask yourself where you learned your history and to consider what you may not know.

The full report, "Teaching Hard History," is at <http://bit.ly/2BLKLS5>, and as it notes, quoting the writer James Baldwin:

"History is not the past. It is the present. We carry our history with us. We are our history."

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Construction cranes in the West Loop are a good sign for areas that benefit from a program that collects fees from developers.

Building boom paying off for neighborhoods, and Emanuel

Neighborhood Opportunity Fund quickly raking in cash

By BILL RUTHHART
Chicago Tribune

Chicago's building boom is bringing in more money than expected for Mayor Rahm Emanuel's program that sets aside millions in fees from downtown developments for projects in struggling neighborhoods, according to an internal City Hall memo.

In a letter to Emanuel written last week, Planning Commissioner David Reifman said more than \$50 million in such fees are expected to be paid into the mayor's fund this year.

"The Neighborhood Opportunity Fund has already surpassed the most optimistic expectations, delivered tangible benefits in communities and is positioned to be an investment neighborhood businesses can take to the bank," Reifman wrote.

Emanuel unveiled the program in February 2016 as part of a new density bonus program. At the same time, the mayor expanded the borders of where developers can seek approval for downtown high-rises to the north and west, paving the way for more high-density projects — many of them in the West Loop

— to pay into the neighborhood fund.

Chicago's zoning classifications limit how much square footage can be built on a site. The new program allows developers to buy additional square footage through a complex formula based on surrounding real estate values that determines how much they must pay for the right to build higher.

The mayor's program sets aside 80 percent of that money for South and West side projects. Another 10 percent goes to a program that restores city landmarks and the other 10 percent goes to improvements within a mile of the development paying the fees.

To date, \$6.9 million has been paid into the neighborhood fund, while \$860,000 has been set aside for landmarks and another \$860,000 for local projects near the developments, according to the memo. That money has come from nine projects that are underway.

The fees aren't paid to the city until construction starts, and Reifman expects another 14 projects to pay \$50.1 million to the city in 2018, almost all of it coming in the first three quarters of this year. When Emanuel first talked about the project, he hoped to generate \$40 million to \$50 million in the first three to four years.

The timing poses a political benefit for Emanuel, who is working to rebuild his

political support in predominantly African-American neighborhoods ahead of the 2019 mayoral election. During the last campaign, challenger Jesus "Chuy" Garcia contended Emanuel did not do enough to lift up the city's economically down-trodden neighborhoods.

How Emanuel will spend the money remains to be seen. His administration spent \$3.2 million from the neighborhood fund last year, most of it distributed in grants of about \$100,000 to neighborhood businesses. If he sticks to that approach, Emanuel could hand out some 500 grants in the run-up to the election. The mayor also could spend more money on fewer projects that might gain more attention on the campaign trail.

In his memo, Reifman also looked beyond 2018 by estimating payments tied to projects that are planned or proposed. For example, the 1,388-foot mega-skyscraper planned for the parking lot behind Tribune Tower would pay an estimated \$13.6 million into the fund, the Chicago Tribune recently reported.

When such proposed projects are taken into consideration, Reifman estimated developers of 47 new buildings could pay \$106 million into Emanuel's neighborhood fund.

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Woods course design needs more practice rounds



BLAIR KAMIN
Cityscapes

Three questions are paramount in assessing newly revised plans for a Tiger Woods golf course on Chicago's south lakefront: What would it give the city? What would it take? And what does it mean for historic Jackson Park, which was designed by the landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted and is also the site of the planned Obama Presidential Center?

The plans, unveiled Wednesday at the South Shore Cultural Center, call for combining the 18-hole Jackson Park and nine-hole South Shore courses into a single 18-hole course that could host a PGA tournament. They are backed by the Chicago Parks Golf Alliance, a nonprofit charged with raising private funds for the new course. Woods' golf design firm, TGR, got involved at the request of former President (and avid golfer) Barack Obama, whose presidential center would rise north of the course. That's a lot of star power, but don't be dazzled. Golf has a long, sometimes fraught, history in Jackson Park.

That history begins in 1899, when the first public course west of the Alleghenies opened in the park's northeast quadrant, taking over parts of an expansive "great lawn" designed by Olmsted. That nine-hole course democratized a game typically reserved for the country club set, but it did so at a cost: That land is now a driving range for the 18-hole Jackson Park course and gobbles up turf that could be used for strolling, picnicking or playing ball.

In response to community comments after Woods' first plan was unveiled last year, Beau Welling, a TGR senior design consultant, introduced some new wrinkles Wednesday: An altered course layout and a centrally located clubhouse would make it easier for golfers to play nine-hole rounds. Pedestrian paths would cut through the course, improving access to the lakefront. The new course would provide wider, firmer fairways and bigger greens. To keep the upgraded course from being out of economic reach, fees for Chicago residents would be less than \$50 per round on weekends and in the \$30-\$35 range on weekdays, said Chicago Park District General Superintendent and CEO Michael Kelly.



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The South Shore Nature Sanctuary would have two golf holes placed on its edges under plans for a Tiger Woods golf course on Chicago's south lakefront.

So far, so good. But the course would require construction of three underpasses that would allow golfers to get from one section to another without fear of being smacked by speeding vehicles. One, at 67th Street and South Lake Shore Drive, would cost an estimated \$25 million. Smaller underpasses beneath Jeffery Avenue and Hayes Drive carry an estimated price tag of \$1.5 million to \$2 million apiece. The combined tab for the underpasses, just south of \$30 million, is roughly the same as the expected cost of remarking the course itself.

Who would pay for the new infrastructure? Taxpayers, in all likelihood. Which is not to say that the underpasses aren't needed. Improving lakefront access on the South Side has long been on the city's policy agenda. And the proposed underpass at 67th, in the same price range as the striking, 2-year-old pedestrian bridge that crosses Lake Shore Drive at 35th Street, doesn't seem outrageously expensive. Still, unless a donor wants to write a check, federal, state or local taxpayers are going to foot the bill.

Of equal concern is the course's impact on the South Shore Nature Sanctuary, a serene, 4.27-acre swath of dunes, grasslands, wetlands and forest areas that the Park District created in 2002 on lakefront land south of the South Shore Golf Course.

While about 3.5 acres of the sanctuary, chiefly dunes and wetlands, would remain in place under the Woods course's plan, according to district officials, the proposal still calls for placing two golf holes on the edges of the sanctuary. One would occupy a little peninsula that sticks

into Lake Michigan like an outstretched pinkie.

From the peninsula's tip, you can look out over the lake's sublime expanse and see the jagged silhouette of Chicago's skyline. It's easy to understand why TGR Design covets this million-dollar view, so perfect for TV cameras — and just as easy to see why parkgoers who love the sanctuary feel betrayed by the prospect of losing it. True, parkgoers could still partake of over-the-water views from the remaining dunes. But a proposed new "nature area" that would be sandwiched between golf holes on the South Shore section of the course still comes off as a sop to them.

Zoom out to consider how the course will affect all of Jackson Park, and more issues crop up, none more important than the future of the aforementioned driving range. Previous Park District plans have called for moving the range to the park's southwest quadrant and restoring Olmsted's great lawn. But there's not enough room there for the range and the golf course, Welling said Wednesday. Kelly, searching for a compromise, is floating the idea of using the range as a special events venue. Just how that would work is uncertain. Equally vague are landscape plans themselves; much more detail is needed before we can assess whether the course will be a good fit for Olmsted's park.

Wednesday's presentation was part of an ongoing series of public meetings that seek to update the Park District's 1999 framework plan for Jackson Park and the South Shore Cultural Center, an update that is urgently needed to guide the proposals for the Obama center and the golf course. Ideally, the district would have reached out to the community and updated its framework plan before the presidential center and golf course proposals were made. Instead, the district is re-writing its plans in response to those proposals.

That doesn't mean disaster will result. But this on-the-fly planning makes it harder to achieve consensus and an outcome that balances the interests of the new developments with those of the public.

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Does local World's Fair home have a future?

By KATHY ROUTLIFFE
Pioneer Press



GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

This picture of the Stran-Steel model house that stood at the 1933 Chicago Century of Progress World's Fair shows the house at the fair. The house was later moved to Wilmette.

A Wilmette house that may date to the 1933 Chicago World's Fair could be demolished unless someone with a passion for preservation steps up to move it, something its current owners want to happen.

Developer Max Kruszewski said MJK Homes, his family's Wilmette-based company, will pay to disassemble the roughly 1,800-square-foot structure at 2105 Chestnut Ave. and help move it to a new location. It might be willing to subsidize some of the cost of moving the building in larger chunks, he said.

"If we didn't want that, we probably would have torn it down by now," Kruszewski said.

He said nobody has come forward with interest in buying the house, and the company has no immediate plans to demolish it, or a timeline for doing so.

Glencoe architect John Eifler, who has a background in restoration architecture and serves on that village's Historic Preservation Commission, believes the house is a model built by the Stran-Steel Corp. for the 1933-34 World's Fair. He said he compared pictures of the World's Fair model with portions of the Chestnut Avenue house's remaining interior fixtures and determined they were the same structure.

He said the building could be moved to one end of the current lot and renovated for use.

"I know people with the wherewithal to care about the house who would pay to have it picked up and moved 50 feet, allowing Max and his company to build a new home on the remaining land," Eifler said. After the house is sold, MJK Homes could be reimbursed for the land on which it sits, he said. But Kruszewski said

MJK wants it moved entirely off the property.

"We bought this in order to build two new homes," he said.

He said the building's modular nature would make it easy to disassemble and reassemble. Estimates to move the house on the lot were between \$44,000 and \$48,000, with disassembly costing about the same, he said.

MJK Homes closed on the property at the corner of Chestnut and 21st Street in November for \$915,000, Kruszewski said. It planned to subdivide the 100-by-177-foot lot to build the new houses, and learned from village officials about the house's history only after the purchase, he said. At that point, the company put its demolition plans on hold.

The subdivision request is up for review by the Wilmette Plan Commission on Tuesday. John Adler, the village's community development director, said the commission's nonbinding recommendation will go to the Village Board late this month or in early March. He said there is little chance the Plan Commission will hold up the case.

Stran-Steel built the model to popularize mass produced steel homes, Eifler said. However, World War II, and its all-consum-

ing need for metals, killed the concept, he said.

"It really is very intact," Lisa DiChiera, advocacy director at Landmarks Illinois, a nonprofit preservation group, said of the house. "You have to look past decades of 1970s carpeting and stuff that needs to be pulled out, but the essence of the house is there."

Kathy Hussey-Arntson, executive director of the Wilmette Historical Museum, said she was initially skeptical that the building was the Stran-Steel model. After touring the house and checking the timing of its appearance in Wilmette, she became convinced, she said.

She said how the house got to Wilmette from its World's Fair site on Chicago's Northerly Island is still a mystery. Similar World's Fair homes were moved by barge to sites in Indiana, she said.

Eifler said more than 5 million people visited the house during the fair.

"A lot of great minds really thought this was going to be the house of the future... all that history is in that house," he said. "That will be lost if the house is lost."

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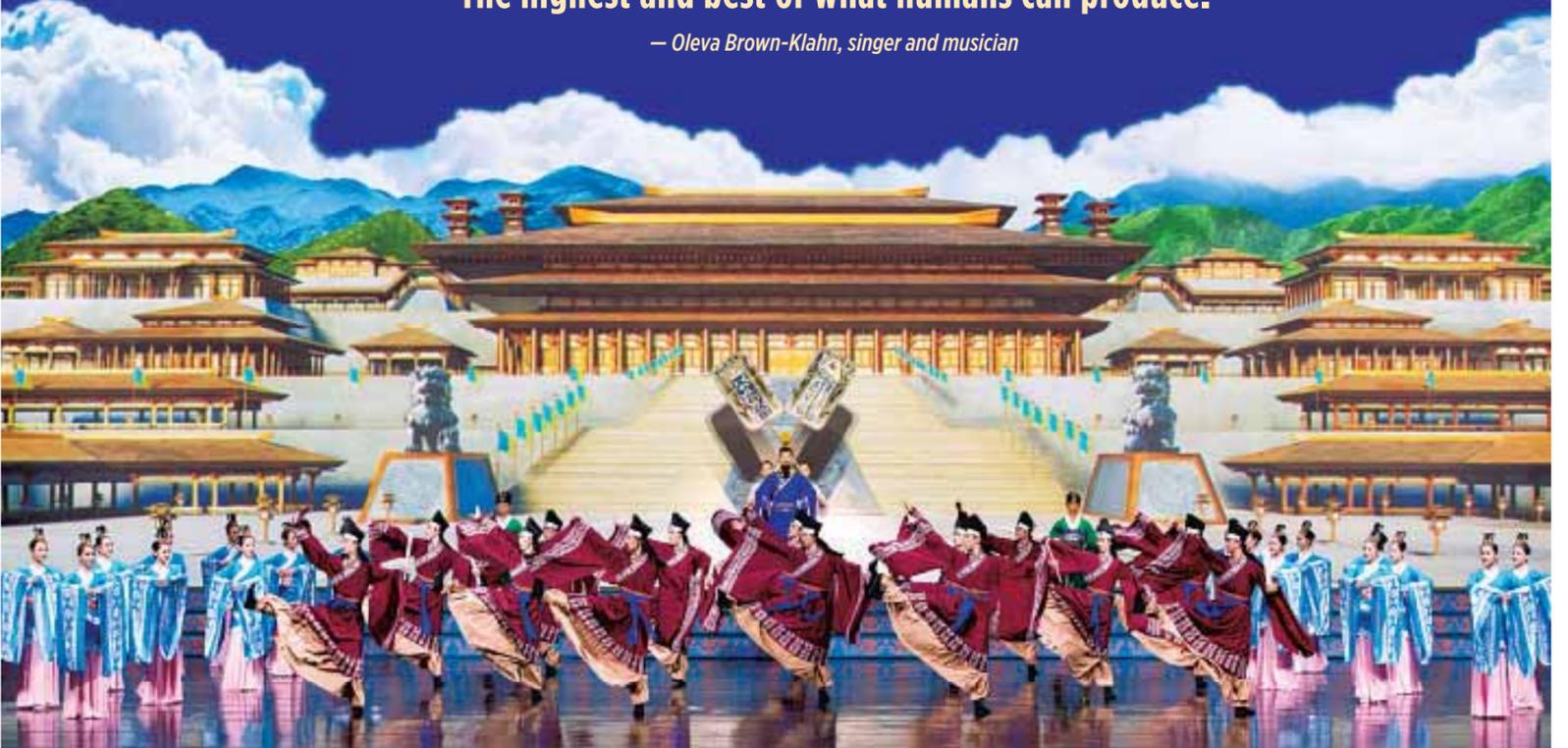
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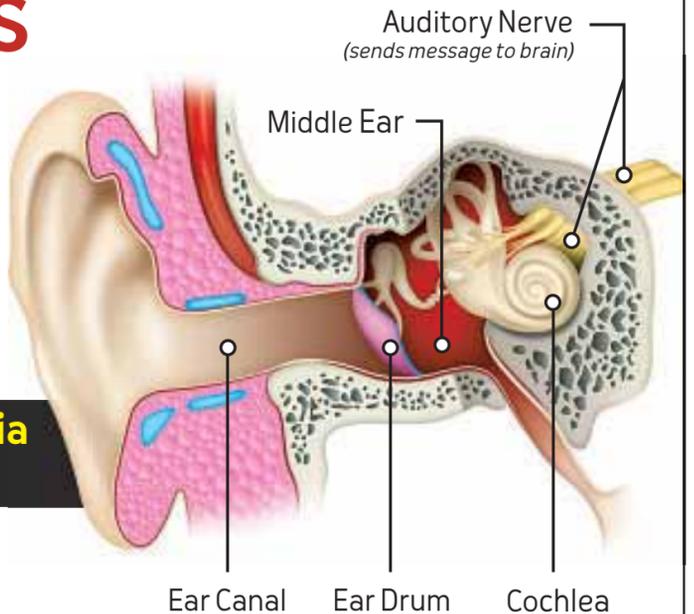
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A 20-year battle for equal pay in Indiana

Retiring legislator says her bill will be state law someday

BY KAREN CAFFARINI
Post-Tribune

The first bill Linda Lawson wrote as a new Indiana state representative from Hammond called for equal pay.

That was in 1998.

Lawson, a Democrat, wrote various versions of the same bill every year for the next 19 years, every time without success.

In this session, her bill didn't even get heard in committee, despite the national momentum of the #MeToo movement, a Republican co-sponsor, a similar bill proposed in the Senate and a report concluding Hoosier women are being paid on average 74 cents for every dollar men are paid.

"I wasn't surprised," Lawson said. "I didn't expect it to get a hearing in a million years. I was told there was no time, but the chairman of the committee heard only two bills. He could have heard five."

Both Lawson's bill and one written by state Sen. Jean Breaux, D-Indianapolis, would charge employers with discrimination for failing to pay female and minority workers the same as male and white workers, and the bills would give the Indiana Civil Rights Commission jurisdiction to investigate and resolve wage complaints.

Lawson's bill also would make it unlawful for employers to prevent their workers from discussing wage information with one another.

A study released in December by the Indiana Institute for Working Families found the state to be the nation's sixth-worst in terms of pay equality, and the gap widened by 2 percentage points in 2016. The report also stated that working women will be short-changed an average of \$500,000 over a 40-year career.

Lawson said having equal pay would be especially meaningful for single moms and women of color. "White women make more than black women, and black women make more than Hispanic women," she said.

She said she doesn't understand why it has been so difficult to get the bill passed.

"It's just simple to me. Everyone should make the same amount (for the same work)," Lawson said.

Julie Storbeck, president of the Northwest Indiana Chapter for Women, applauded Lawson for refusing to give up the fight, even when there was no path for passage.

"This batch of legislators has shown what is important to them, and what isn't, and the wage gap does not seem to be on their list of priorities," Storbeck said. "What we need to do then is show them why this should be a priority."

"A lot of folks still don't believe that the wage gap is real or that it's unjustified," Storbeck added.

But Rep. Julie Olthoff, R-Crown Point, one of the bill's co-sponsors, said she is concerned that the bill wouldn't give employers any leeway in providing incentives to attract quality workers for hard-to-fill positions or reward the workers who regularly do a good job.

"Everyone wants equal pay, but how do you get there? What do you mandate?" Olthoff asked.

This was Lawson's last attempt at getting an equal pay bill passed. After serving for 20 years, she announced she is retiring.

Lawson said she knows Breaux will continue to pursue the bill and believes some additional female legislators will join the fight.

"Whoever takes over the bill will put their own fingerprints on it, but it will basically be the same bill," Lawson said.

Karen Caffarini is a freelance reporter.

Laurie Dann victim to fight violence for Cupich

Young man shot in notorious '88 case became FBI agent

Chicago Tribune

Continuing the Archdiocese of Chicago's efforts to battle gun violence, Cardinal Blase Cupich has appointed veteran FBI agent Philip Andrew to a newly created position of director of violence prevention.

Andrew served as an FBI agent for 21 years in New

York, Kansas City and, most recently, Chicago. Before joining the FBI, Andrew was the executive director for the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence.

But it was as a 20-year-old in 1988, in a notorious, highly charged case, that he became acutely aware of the toll of gun violence.

Then a student at the University of Illinois, he was in his family's home in Winnetka when Laurie Dann, a mentally ill wom-

an, burst into their kitchen brandishing a gun and took Andrew and his parents hostage. Andrew grabbed the gun after she put it down, removed the clip to win her trust and persuaded her to let his parents go.

Later, though, after police arrived, Andrew was shot in the chest before Dann killed herself. It was the culmination of a violent rampage in which Dann had set fire to a house, tried to firebomb Ravinia School

in Highland Park and opened fire on children at Hubbard Woods School in Winnetka, killing 8-year-old Nick Corwin and injuring five other children.

Andrew will direct the archdiocese's anti-violence initiatives, which will include coalition-building efforts, a greater visibility in distressed neighborhoods and developing programs to help reduce violence and poverty.

"He has known firsthand the impact of violence

as a shooting victim and will help build bridges as we collaborate with people of good will to strengthen a culture of peace across the Chicago area," the archdiocese said in a statement released Thursday.

The position is part of Cupich's campaign against gun violence across the area. Last April, he pledged \$250,000 to support grassroots anti-violence initiatives, and in September he banned guns in all church properties.

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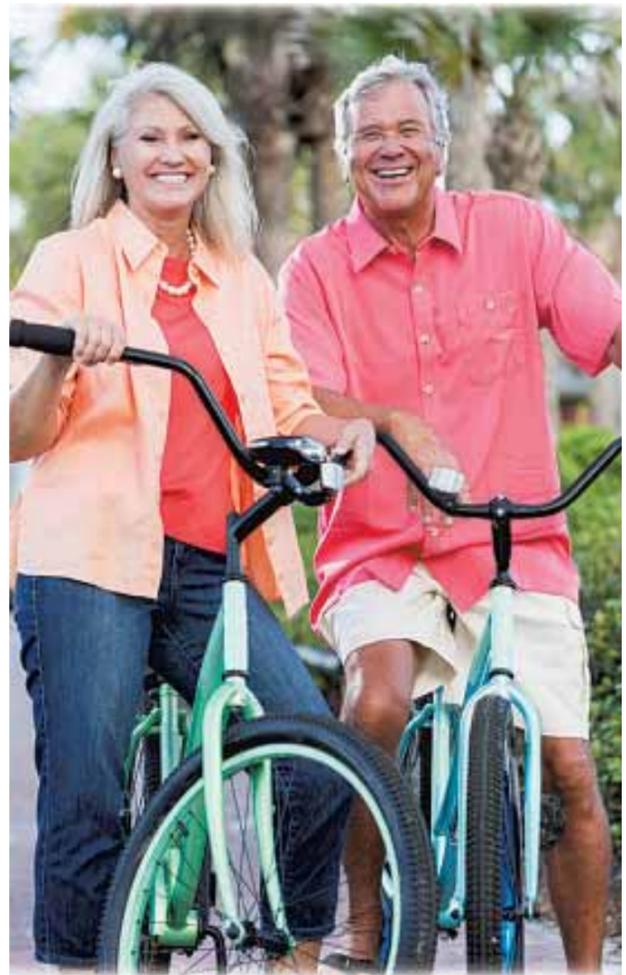


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The 'hardest working man in Homer Glen'

Jewel-Osco employee receives praise, cash after Facebook post

By **DONNA VICKROY**
Daily Southtown

On a cold and rainy Sunday afternoon, John Flemming, a regular customer at the Homer Glen Jewel, turned cart collector John LaRoy into a Facebook sensation.

Flemming, who stops at the supermarket several times a week and often chats with the 55-year-old employee, said that as LaRoy helped him load groceries into his car on Jan. 21, he asked if he could take the dedicated worker's picture and put it on Facebook.

At first LaRoy said no, but a few minutes later posed with a big smile.

"John does great work. He's so friendly and so helpful," Flemming said. "He drops whatever he's doing to help you."

So, when Flemming got home that day, he posted LaRoy's photo on Facebook's Homer Glen Village Square community page with the headline, "Hardest working man in Homer Glen."

Then, Flemming said, "things went crazy."

Within hours there were 1,500 "likes" and a bunch of comments on it.

"And not one was negative," Flemming said.

"I always knew John (LaRoy) was a great guy, but I didn't know the whole town of Homer Glen felt the same way," Flemming said.

Tara Williams saw the post and the many compliments. She took to heart the suggestions that everyone pitch in some money so that LaRoy could "do something nice."

"Then I just decided to pull the trigger and set up a GoFundMe page," Williams said.

Two days later, more than \$2,500 had been collected. Over the weekend, the fund jumped to more than \$4,000.

"Everybody just wants to support him because he's



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The Homer Glen community raised money for John LaRoy to thank him for years of service.



John LaRoy has been called "the hardest working man in Homer Glen" on social media.

supported us for so long," she said.

Williams met LaRoy when she moved to the southwest suburb from Merrionette Park about a year and a half ago.

"I was pregnant. I had a big belly," said the mother of three. One of the first stops she made in town was the Jewel at 143rd and Bell Road.

"I'm walking out with my cart full of food and crossing the (parking area) where the stop sign was and all of a

sudden I hear, 'Ma'am, ma'am,' and I see this man running from the other side of the parking lot toward me. He said, 'I will help you take that to your car.' And he did. He said, 'You get in the front seat and just relax; I'll unload your cart and take it away.' I was like 'Holy cow, I'm not used to this kind of service.'"

Now, every time she visits the store, LaRoy gets a cart for her and wipes it down before she puts her infant son inside.

"John is so friendly. He always says 'hello,' always says 'it's so nice to see the pretty ladies.' He always unloads my cart," she said.

Back home, Williams said, "We always talk about him in my family. But we didn't realize the whole town talks about him, too. Everybody goes home and talks about John LaRoy in the same way."

During a chat inside Starbucks at the Jewel on Friday, LaRoy described his job with sincerity.

"I go outside, get all the carts off the lots, get the papers out of the carts and do whatever they want me to do. I like to talk to people. I like to offer carry-out service. If they don't need it, I just go on my way," he said.

"I love it very much. It's important to help customers out," LaRoy said.

Though he doesn't have a Facebook page, LaRoy said his brother Mark LaRoy told him about Flemming's post and the GoFundMe campaign.

"I'm very happy about it. I am kind of famous now. It makes me feel good inside, makes me feel like I'm doing the right thing," he said, fighting back tears.

"I feel good when I get compliments. I get a lot because I try hard," he said.

Tony Phillips, director of the Homer Glen Jewel-Osco store, said, "John is a great asset to our store. I tell him that everyday, that I don't know what I would do without him here."

In retail, Phillips said, the most important thing is taking care of the customer.

"It's making sure customers understand how much we value them and value them coming to us, because, bottom line, without our customers, we don't need to be here. It's all about the customer," she said. "John understands that."

LaRoy often chats with shoppers about his love for the White Sox and the Blackhawks, Phillips said. "But he will never become a Cubs fan, even with all their fame. He's stayed a loyal Sox fan. He's also loyal to Jewel. He helps out in any way I ask."

Mark LaRoy, of Orland Park, said his brother graduated from Shepard High School in 1982 and attended Sertoma Job Training Center in Blue Island until 1985.

After his father and stepmother moved to Skokie, John LaRoy attended Shore Training Center until 1990.

In 1991, Mark LaRoy said, "John was placed at an Omni store (up north) and within one year he was named employee of the year

for all the Dominick's and Omni stores."

Though he received a cash award, Mark LaRoy said, he was most excited about being able to sit next to Dominick, the founder of the store chain, during the awards ceremony.

"He never told my dad about the check. That's how John is," Mark LaRoy said. "It's never about the money. He just loves his job, and he's completely loyal to it."

LaRoy takes an Uber to work from his home in Palos Park, because his 88-year-old father, with whom he lives, can no longer drive. Mark LaRoy said his brother is "the full-time caregiver for our dad. He does the cooking, the cleaning. Everything."

Before that, Mark LaRoy said, John helped take care of his stepmother until she died.

"John is a special person," Mark LaRoy said. "My brother always said, 'The people love me' and I was always like, 'Yeah, OK,' but it's really true."

"I am awestruck by this outpouring. I always believed he was a valuable employee, but this is just amazing the way the community has come together," he said.

With some cash headed his way, Mark LaRoy said, "Anyone else would say, 'I need a vacation,' but my brother seems to get stronger by helping others. I call him a saint on Earth."

LaRoy said he doesn't have any plans to spend the money from the fundraiser. "I'll put it in the bank — just in case," he said.

In recognition of the community praise, the Homer Glen Jewel on Saturday held a party for LaRoy. Cake was handed out and LaRoy received more gifts.

Mark LaRoy said his younger brother was "completely overwhelmed, but in his style and true to himself, the minute the party was over he went back out to the lot and gathered the carts."

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Adaline Eisenmann, 10, and mother Jodi stand in a bathroom in their home near Mahomet. The aquifer that provides water to the family's home has been contaminated by natural gas.

Pollution-related penalties decline

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thoroughly investigate and refer violations of the laws has dangerous consequences for people's health and the environment."

For decades, slapping polluters with financial penalties has been a way to deter others from dumping toxic waste in environmentally sensitive areas, spilling noxious chemicals into water supplies or churning too much lung-damaging pollution into the air.

Even though some types of pollution have declined as regulations and lawsuits forced power plants and factories to clean up, new threats have sprung up in recent years, and scientists have discovered that dirty air and water are far more dangerous than previously thought.

New industries, including confined livestock operations and businesses related to natural gas fracking, have added to an already-busy workload for inspectors.

Illinois continues to rank among the top 10 states for the amount of industrial air and water pollution released into the environment every year, according to federal records. Federal data also show that Illinoisans still face some of the highest risks in the nation for cancer, lung disease and other health problems linked to toxic chemicals from industry smokestacks.

"To quote Abe Lincoln, law without enforcement is just good advice," said Eric Schaeffer, a former chief of enforcement at the U.S. EPA who now runs the nonprofit Environmental Integrity Project.

"Penalties matter because they cost violators money, and that's an incentive for other companies to stay in compliance," Schaeffer said. "States and the EPA should work to make rules as clear as possible, reduce excess paperwork and encourage voluntary compliance. But those efforts don't yield as much if nobody believes violators will be sanctioned."

Unlike the U.S. EPA, the state environmental agency is prohibited from penalizing polluters on its own. The system created by state lawmakers requires the Illinois EPA to investigate threats to air and water quality and attempt to negotiate informally with companies unless there is an imminent threat to public health.

If a deal can't be brokered, the agency is directed by law to refer the matter to the attorney general, who then can file a complaint in civil or criminal court seeking penalties and corrective actions.

Rauner's office did not respond to multiple requests for comment. An Illinois EPA spokeswoman blamed the decline in pen-



Calves graze on the Eisenmanns' land in Champaign County. Natural gas from a storage facility in the area seeped into an aquifer that supplies drinking water to 850,000 people.



A leak in this Peoples Gas-run well tainted the water supply. State officials didn't refer the case to the attorney general's office until about 10 months after being notified of the leak.

alties on Quinn, Rauner's immediate predecessor, noting in an email that it takes two years on average to resolve cases sent to the attorney general.

The Tribune analysis found no significant drop-off in referrals during Quinn's final years as governor. In addition, Rauner's EPA director, Alec Messina, didn't mention Quinn when he acknowledged the steep decline in enforcement referrals during an October forum at the Thompson Center.

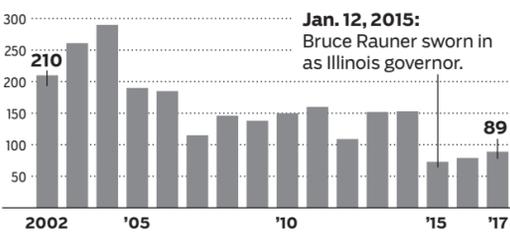
"Anybody who hears that automatically presumes the worst, right?" said Messina, who took over as the agency's director in July 2016, replacing a career EPA staffer kept on from the Quinn administration. "Maybe it's a new administration. Maybe it's a lack of focus on some controversial issue."

Other possible factors, he said, include a shrinking workforce at the agency and a renewed focus on working with small- and medium-sized companies to ensure compliance without taking legal action.

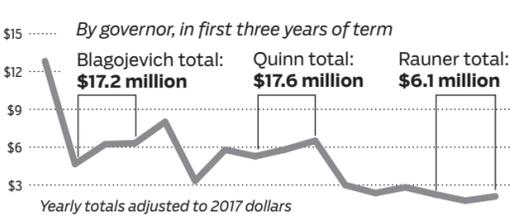
Asked during a recent interview to clarify his remarks, Messina said he has repeatedly urged the agency's staff to crack down on polluters. "Enforcement is still critical to what we do,"

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency enforcement

REFERRALS TO STATE'S ATTORNEY GENERAL



PENALTIES SOUGHT BY IEPA In millions of dollars



SOURCE: Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

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he said. "It doesn't change just because the person at the top changed."

Rauner initially hired Messina to oversee environment and energy policy as top lieutenant in the governor's office. Before joining the administration, Messina led a trade group that lobbied on behalf of industries regulated by the agency he now leads.

Under Messina's watch, the number of EPA enforcement referrals ticked up to 79 in 2016 and 89 last year. More than a dozen of the referrals last year were for missed paperwork deadlines, records show.

One case that highlights the state's sluggish enforcement system is unfolding in downstate Champaign County, where natural gas

from a Peoples Gas storage facility has seeped into an aquifer that provides drinking water to 850,000 people across a wide swath of central Illinois.

In December 2016, shortly after the company alerted the EPA and other regulatory agencies about a leak from one of its gas wells, people living nearby began reporting milky bubbles in well water sputtering from their faucets — a sign of natural gas contamination.

Several homeowners in a rural area north of Mahomet said they were able to light their tap water on fire.

Despite the obvious threat to the facility's neighbors and evidence suggesting natural gas might have spread farther into the Mahomet Aquifer, state officials did not refer the case to the attorney general's office until October 2017.

The referral came from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the agency that regulates oil and gas operations, rather than the Illinois EPA, whose mission includes protecting the state's groundwater.

Madigan filed suit nine days later, securing a court order that required Peoples Gas to provide bottled water to residents and take more aggressive action to determine the extent of the contamination.

Derric and Jodi Eisenmann said their family drank contaminated water for more than three months before they learned what had happened.

When they described the situation to their pediatrician, he urged them to stop bathing their 2-year-old daughter at their newly built farmhouse outside Mahomet, prompting them to shuttle her and their two older children to friends' houses to shower with clean water.

"At that point I was in sheer panic," Jodi Eisenmann said. "People say to us, 'Why don't guys just go someplace else?'"

"We can't leave, because nobody's going to buy our house," Peoples Gas installed a device that reduced the amount of hazardous chemicals in the Eisenmanns' tap water. But Matt Duco, one of the family's lawyers, said EPA testing found the water was still unsafe to drink.

It took pressure from a local politician to prompt the EPA to investigate the gas leak. A few days before Madigan filed her lawsuit, a top agency official asked for a briefing from the DNR, saying Messina was getting "significant inquiry" about the water contamination from state Sen. Chapin Rose, a Mahomet Republican who represents the area.

Rose also wrote a

"I have been dismayed by the sudden dropoff in the number of IEPA referrals to my office."

— State Attorney General Lisa Madigan, in a statement

scathing letter to the EPA and DNR directors complaining there had been "no independent or thorough scientific study ... to determine the extent of the leak, where it stops and who is impacted."

EPA inspectors later went door to door in the area and tested water from at least 40 homes. The agency declined to release results from what it has found so far, and has not disclosed any plans for a more extensive study of the aquifer.

The Illinois EPA finally referred its own case against Peoples Gas to the attorney general Jan. 5, more than a year after the company reported the leak.

The drop in state enforcement under Rauner comes amid a concerted attack on environmental programs by the Republican-controlled Congress and the Trump administration, which is shifting authority to the states while pushing to slash federal support for state environmental agencies.

Federal enforcement actions nationwide have declined significantly since Scott Pruitt took over as EPA administrator, the Environmental Integrity Project and others have found. Veteran staff at the U.S. EPA's Chicago office said it has become more difficult to file cases under Pruitt, who as Oklahoma attorney general repeatedly challenged federal clean air and water regulations.

Pruitt's new pick to lead the agency's Chicago outpost, Cathy Stepp, is a former Wisconsin state official who rolled back enforcement of anti-pollution laws while serving in the administration of Republican Gov. Scott Walker.

Howard Learner, president of the Chicago-based Environmental Law and Policy Center, said cutbacks at the federal and state level threaten to erase hard-fought victories that led to cleaner air and water.

"If you don't have enforcement, the good guys who follow the law are put at a competitive disadvantage," Learner said. "It sends a message to polluting industries that the cop on the beat is looking the other way."

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Ride-sharing use surges in Chicago

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or more trips a month, defined by the city as “active registered vehicles,” increased from 15,078 in March 2015 to 68,832 in December 2017, according to data supplied by the city’s Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection, which licenses ride-share operators, after requests made by the Chicago Tribune under the Freedom of Information Act.

The city released its data only after months of negotiations with the Tribune, and it declined to provide other information requested, including the number of trips made by ride-sharing services like Uber, Lyft and Via and where trips began and ended. City officials denied most of the records requests, saying the data would reveal proprietary information about the ride-share companies.

The overall number of vehicles registered with the city for ride-sharing services increased since March 2015 from 26,803 to 117,557 in December 2017. The numbers include owners who use a car for more than one company, those who provide four or more trips a month and those who do less business.

Congestion questions

It is difficult to say whether or how much ride sharing has increased congestion in Chicago or, more specifically, downtown because the city’s Transportation Department does not have estimates of the total number of vehicles on the roads over time.

Indeed, ride sharing may be keeping some drivers off the streets, because they are using Uber or Lyft instead. During recent budget hearings, city officials noted decreased garage revenues, which would indicate fewer people taking cars downtown. Ride-sharing compa-

nies argue that their services make people less dependent on car ownership.

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning found that for the fourth quarter of 2016, the most recent time period for which data are available, the total time that Chicago area expressways and tollways are congested daily increased by 15 minutes to just under 5½ hours, compared with the fourth quarter of 2015. CMAP said the increase could be due to lower gas prices, a stronger economy and road construction.

Anecdotal accounts from both ride-sharing drivers and cabdrivers say an increase in ride-sharing vehicles is causing slower travel times, along with construction and more bike lanes.

“There are more ride-share vehicles on the road these days and it’s pretty obvious they’re having a huge impact on congestion, especially when you consider all the double-parking, circling around the block and U-turns that drivers do when picking up and dropping off passengers,” Harry Campbell, a California Uber and Lyft driver who runs a popular blog for drivers called The Rideshare Guy, said in an email.

Campbell said this is hurting ride-share drivers because they already don’t make much money to sit in traffic. He said Chicago Uber drivers earn just \$9 per hour.

Cabdrivers also complain about the increased number of ride-sharing cars on the road. The cab industry has been badly hurt by ride sharing, which has sunk the price of taxi medallions.

David Kreisman, spokesman for Cab Drivers United AFSCME Local 2500, said the number of cabs operating in the city is limited to 6,999 to reduce congestion and assure there is adequate coverage, but there are no such limits on ride sharing. There are cur-

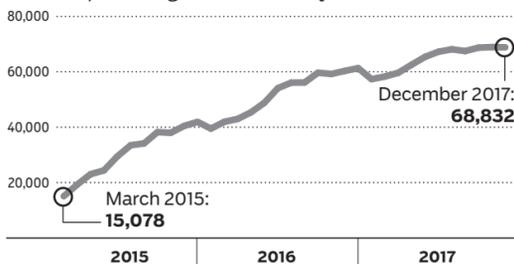


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Ride-sharing drivers as well as cabdrivers say an increase in ride-sharing vehicles is a factor in slower travel times.

CHICAGO RIDE-SHARE VEHICLES

Number of active registered vehicles by month



SOURCE: City of Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection

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rently 11,961 active, licensed taxicab chauffeurs and 6,908 taxi medallion licenses, the city said. “Every other car in the Loop seems to be a ride-share vehicle,” Kreisman said.

Cabdriver Manuel Rosales, 43, said he used to drive 12 hours and about 200 miles daily. Now he drives the same amount of time, but just 120 to 140 miles a day, and he blames congestion from ride-sharing vehicles, bike lanes and construction. “It is definitely impacting us,” said Rosales, noting that the worst areas are anything along Lake Shore Drive or close to the I-90/94 expressways downtown.

Bryant Greening, co-founder of LegalRideshare, a law firm that represents injured drivers and passengers from ride-sharing services, said drivers tell him that congestion is worse and fares have become harder to come by, which suggests greater competition.

Greening does not expect full-time drivers to drop out of the business, but he said he thinks some part-timers will drive less if they make less money than they used to. “If it’s not easy money, it’s not worth your time,” he said.

Ald. Anthony Beale, 9th, who has advocated for stronger licensing requirements for ride-sharing drivers, said he believed ride sharing is having an “adverse impact” on the city in terms of congestion and loss of garage revenue. He said regulating the industry has been his “biggest challenge” over the past few years. “They feel they’re above the law and don’t have to be regulated,” Beale said.

Lilia Chacon, a spokeswoman for the city’s business affairs department, wrote in an email: “The City’s goal is to satisfy consumer demand and provide diverse, safe and reliable transportation options. We continue to enforce rules and regulations that create a fair and vigorous marketplace while protecting consumer interests. These ride-share vehicles are primarily personal vehicles being driven by part-time drivers. We know one thing: we are seeing growth in the number of drivers because of growing demand.”

“Ride-sharing companies, meanwhile, say that they complement transit use and are providing options to car ownership.”

Lyft spokesman Scott Coriell noted that Lyft Line, Lyft’s shared-ride option that puts more than one passenger in one car, accounts for about 40 percent of rides in markets where it is available, including Chicago. He also cited a report that about a quarter-million Lyft passengers say they got rid of a car thanks to the availability of ride sharing.

Uber spokeswoman Molly Spaeth said Uber’s goal is to “decrease reliance on personal car ownership by encouraging more multimodal journeys using a mix of public transportation and ride-sharing.”

Spaeth also pointed to an increase in downtown residents, declining gas prices, new bike lanes and dedicated bus lanes as all contributing to traffic changes

in downtown Chicago.

Studies about congestion and ride sharing have been done in New York City and in San Francisco. A 2017 New York study found that Uber, Lyft and other app-based ride services added 600 million miles in 2016, more than the total yellow cab mileage in Manhattan. The San Francisco study found that ride-sharing vehicles account for about 20 percent of all daily vehicle miles traveled.

Burke said more ride-sharing data should be made available so cities can make better decisions on how to manage the technology. The New York City report was based on trip and mileage data that are uniquely available there, providing the most complete assessment of the new services in any U.S. city.

Public transit loses

Ride-sharing services also have been blamed for falling public transit use. A 2017 study by the University of California at Davis Institute of Transportation Studies found that after survey respondents adopted ride-sharing services, there was a 6 percent net decline in transit use.

Total ridership on the CTA declined almost 9 percent since its peak of 546 million rides in 2012, down to 498 million in 2016. Other big-city transit agencies are also seeing declines, particularly in bus ridership. “There are a number of factors that are contributing to the ridership loss,” said CTA President Dorval Carter. “Certainly the ride-sharing market is one of them.” He also cited low gas prices.

The City Council last year approved a proposal to increase city fees on ride-share trips and give the money to the CTA. The Emanuel administration had argued that the ride-sharing industry has drained \$40 million from city and other local government coffers, in part by shifting some commuters away from the CTA.

However, a study last month by the Chicago-based Shared-Use Mobility Center, a nonprofit public interest organization, found that peak use of services like Uber comes on weekends and evenings, not during rush hours when public transit use is highest and when there is the most traffic congestion. The study, which looked at Chicago and four other cities, also found a correlation between frequent ride-sharing use and lower rates of car ownership.

“In a congested environment, generally nothing is more efficient at moving lots of people than public transit,” said the center’s executive director, Sharon Feigon. “But we can see where (ride sharing) fits into the gaps where the transit systems don’t work as well.”

The number of ride-sharing vehicles on Chicago streets may be chipped away by market forces.

Greening also said he does not have an opinion whether the city should cap the number of ride-sharing vehicles on the road, as it caps the number of taxis. “I think we should let the free market decide how many vehicles are on the road.”

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Roeper stays, but news column spiked over Twitter followers

BY ROSEMARY SOBOL
Chicago Tribune

Chicago Sun-Times film critic Richard Roeper, who was among celebrities identified as paying money to artificially boost their Twitter numbers with fake followers, will delete his Twitter account and start from scratch with a new one, the Chicago Sun-Times announced late Friday.

In addition, the Sun-Times scrapped recently announced plans for Roeper to write a news column. He will continue to review movies and work on other entertainment stories, the Sun-Times said.

The newspaper, which conducted its own investigation after Roeper was named in a New York Times story last weekend, said the critic paid \$650 of his own money to purchase about 50,000 followers from two

companies on at least six separate occasions between July 2014 and July 2016. On Friday, that Twitter account claimed 217,000 followers.

The Sun-Times said the 50,000 accounts were “all the follower purchases that he has been able to find to date; he did not rule out other potential purchases.”

According to the newspaper, “Roeper stated that he was unaware that any of these followers were fake or had had their identities compromised. Both companies, he said, portrayed themselves as promising ‘legitimate’ followers.”

The Sun-Times said “Roeper is genuinely contrite — aware, now, that these purchases were improper.”

The newspaper’s statement included Roeper’s admission: “On a number of occasions, in an effort to build my brand, I bought

Twitter followers. I did this on my own, without the knowledge of the Chicago Sun-Times or any other media organization for which I have worked.”

The Sun-Times said it had no rule banning the practice but would “implement a policy to clarify what we thought was obvious — that journalists should not pay to acquire followers on social media.”

Contacted Friday night by the Tribune, Sun-Times Editor-in-Chief Chris Fusco declined to comment further on behalf of himself and Roeper. “We’ve all agreed to put this behind us, so no interviews beyond the statement,” Fusco emailed.

Roeper, 58, the author of several books, became known nationally as a co-host with the late Roger Ebert on “At the Movies.”

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Lake health officials backing ‘Tobacco 21’

BY JIM NEWTON
News-Sun

Proposed state legislation to raise the purchasing age of tobacco to 21, a move several Lake County communities have already taken and others are studying, is sponsored by some local legislators and has the support of county health officials.

State Sen. Terry Link, D-Vernon Hills, one of the bill’s sponsors, said last week that with tobacco use on the rise among teens for the first time in years, it is the perfect time to have a uniform age of 21 established for legally purchasing tobacco in Illinois. State Sen. Julie Morrison, D-Deerfield, introduced the bill in the Senate.

Link said the proposed statewide law, known as “Tobacco 21,” would increase the momentum of the Smoke Free Illinois law passed more than a decade

ago that banned smoking in most public places. Lake County was also a leader in supporting and implementing that law.

Lake County Health Department Executive Director Mark Pfister, who was in Springfield for a news conference on the effort Tuesday, said the Health Department and other Tobacco 21 advocates in Lake County are pleased with the legislative effort.

Mundelein, Vernon Hills, Highland Park, Lincolnshire, Deerfield and Buffalo Grove have already passed local ordinances raising the age limit on tobacco sales to 21. Lake County has also raised the legal limit in unincorporated areas of the county.

According to the Lake County Health Department, other county communities working toward similar action are Waukegan, Gurnee, Lake Forest, Lake Bluff and North Chicago.

Link said in the years since Smoke Free Illinois went into effect, there has been a 20 percent decrease in hospitalization of various smoking-related diseases. But he said that according to the American Lung Association, with the popularity of electronic cigarettes and vaping, tobacco use among teenagers is on the rise for the first time in years.

“More than 90 percent of smokers start before the age of 21,” Link said. “We must do everything possible to curb teen use and protect the lives of adolescent Illinoisans. Tobacco 21 will help us do that.”

Link pointed to Evanston as an example of the impact raising the tobacco age can have on youth. In October 2014, Evanston became the first Illinois community to adopt Tobacco 21. Since then, Link said, tobacco use among high school students there has dropped by more than 37 percent.

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Gary police chief stresses community interaction

New department head says focus is on citizens, safety

BY BECKY JACOBS
Post-Tribune



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Chief Richard Allen, above, was sworn in Jan. 8, replacing Larry McKinley, who had served as chief since 2014.

which has 175 active officers, Allen said he plans to build on McKinley's work.

"I think the department is on a good course," he said.

Allen stresses the importance of community policing, which he said he will focus on and encourage as chief.

"I've always said this, that community policing is not a division or a unit, but it's a philosophy. It's the way policing should be done," he said.

Officers have to establish trust and respect with citizens by being fair, transparent and impartial, he said. They have to get out of their cars and really listen to the people they interact with, according to Allen.

"A lot of times people just want to be heard," he said.

For his officers to be able to do that, Allen said he is going to work to give them the training, tools and supervision they need on the job.

"Every once in a while you get that sense of accomplishment or someone comes up and thanks you for what you did," Allen said.

"And that's what I want the patrol officers to have, that sense of accomplishment, that sense of job satisfaction."

The patrol officers are the "backbone" of the department, and Allen said he gives them a lot of credit.

"I think the personnel that we have at the Gary Police Department are second to none," Allen said. "I

think we have some of the best officers anywhere in this country."

It's by them that Allen said he will measure his own success as chief.

"We're up here making decisions, but they're the ones doing all the legwork. So we have to make sure that they're successful," Allen said.

Freeman-Wilson said she thought McKinley did a good job building relationships with the community and other police departments. She emphasized a focus on that, rather than judging success based on crime or homicide statistics.

"When you do that, you send the wrong message to the community, I think, that the rate of crime ... is solely the responsibility of the police," she said.

Gary's homicides, though, are slightly down in recent years, according to data from the Lake County (Ind.) coroner's office. Gary had 43 homicides in 2017 compared with 55 in 2014 when McKinley took over, the data shows.

"Our department has really gone to a data-driven type of department," Allen said. "We look at the data and see where we can reallocate manpower and equipment."

While combating new crime, Allen said he also hopes to tackle unsolved and cold cases. One way to do that is to have investigators periodically revisit cases and give them the resources they need. But it also comes from the community policing the chief emphasizes, he said.

Allen said he also wants to continue partnering with local, state and federal agencies to fight crime, such as what his department did with the Lake County/Gary Metro Homicide Unit.

"I see those relationships blossoming even more," he said.

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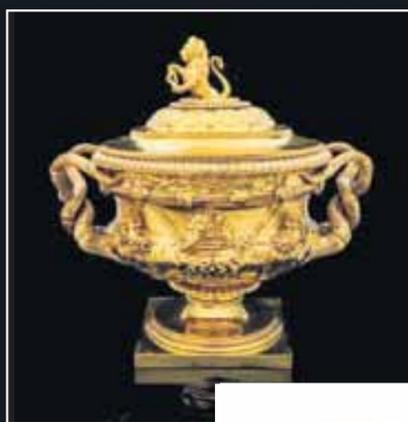
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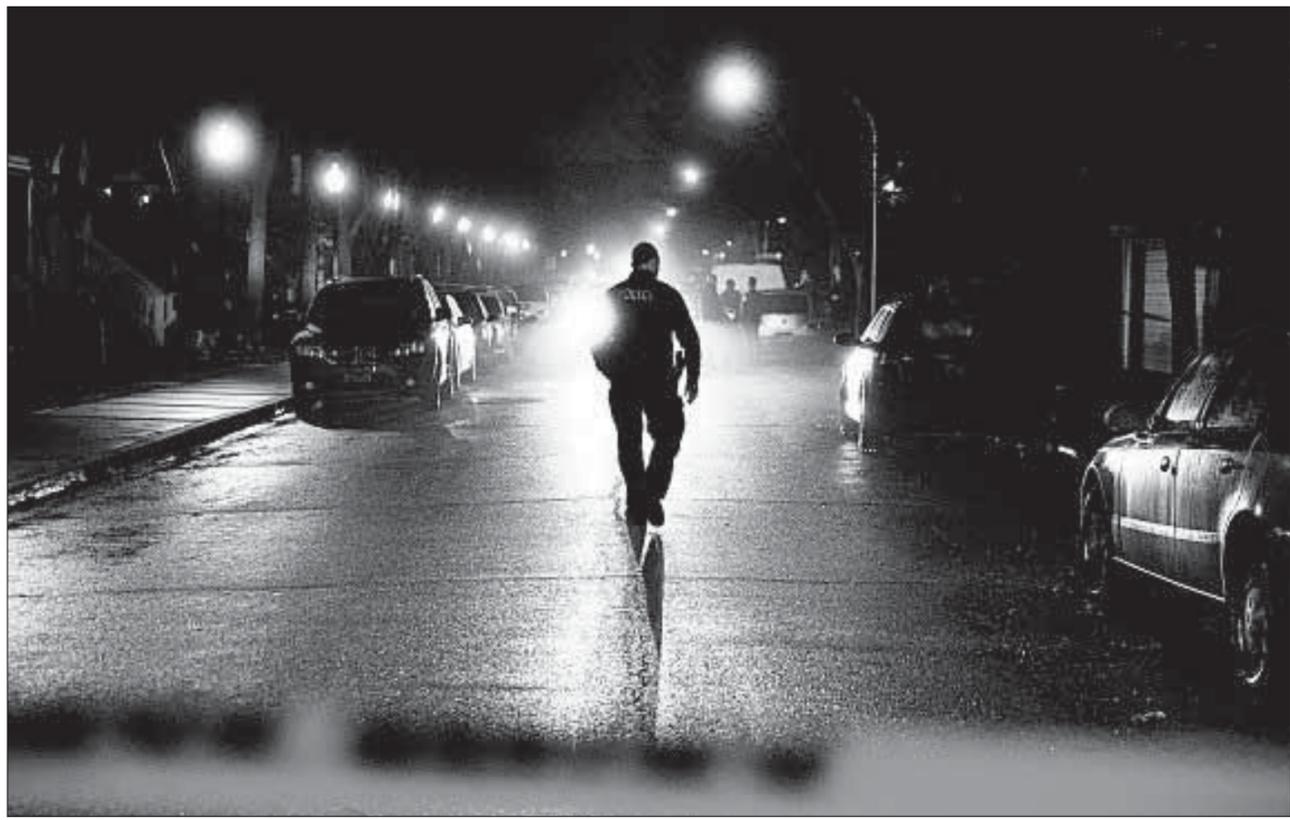


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Police work at the scene of a shooting last month on the South Side. Across the city, a recent string of crimes hit a Northwest Side neighborhood.

When a crime wave hits home



MARY WISNIEWSKI

This winter, suddenly, my neighborhood got scary.

It's a miserable feeling, and one that many Chicagoans and ex-Chicagoans have experienced.

My neighborhood isn't fancy — it's not one tourists come to see. We have a mix of people and occupations: lawyers, teachers and retail clerks; Latino and Polish; gay and straight. My neighbors organize block parties, share perennials and will help you carry an old couch to the alley.

It had always been a happy place, where we felt safe. I walked alone to choir practice and didn't worry about being hassled. We knew that we had to keep our wits about us, but also felt we could carry groceries inside without having to fear for our lives. There was an easiness — a feeling that our area was a refuge.

That changed last month after a terrifying string of break-ins, assaults and armed robberies. There were several violent muggings, within a few blocks and a few weeks. People were attacked by one man or small groups, at knifepoint and at gunpoint.

Just before Christmas, my husband was knocked to the sidewalk, in broad daylight, by someone who threatened to cut him. Raised a city kid, my husband retrieved his wallet and dumped out the bills and credit card. This made it easy for the mugger, who grabbed the loot and bolted. My husband's right side was purple with bruises, and I'm trying to feel lucky that it was nothing more.

But I don't feel lucky. I feel furious. Seething, boiling, hotter-than-a-thousand-suns angry that we had been victimized, and that our feeling of safety is gone.

I know that we've been lucky. Lots of communities are hurting so much worse than ours, and have been for a long time. But from talking to people around the city, I know that some

feelings of loss are the same. One day you're OK with the kids playing out front, the next you're keeping them inside and wondering if your love of your home is worth this, and if it's time to get out.

Because it does not matter how good our transit system is, or that our lakefront is beautiful, theaters packed and restaurants Michelin-starred, if the people who live in the neighborhoods don't feel safe coming home from work.

What do you do? Go to the suburbs? To another state? Many do — Chicago was the only major city to lose population in 2016, dropping 8,638 residents, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Do you leave? Or do you stay in your community, and fight?

For a few weeks, the things that once looked beautiful turned sinister. I looked down our block and didn't see the Christmas lights in the windows so much as the shadowy places and the gangways. The blocks from the "L" seem so long, so full of hazard. We checked and

rechecked the locks, and scanned the streets and alleys for suspicious characters. Neighbors walked with each other. One bought whistles for us to carry. A Facebook group was started so people could share information. Residents called police, and gave descriptions. The police put out more patrols.

We fought back. Then a breakthrough came — early this month police arrested an adult and three juveniles believed to be connected with multiple robberies. The suspects are from our own Northwest Side police district, the 17th. Police credited "great cooperation" from residents, said police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi.

Then another group committed seven armed robberies in our area.

It's not time to relax. Crime went up 18 percent in our district in the last three years.

The neighborhood CAPS officer, Jerry Zanders, said at a recent meeting we need to stay alert and involved. "I like nosy neighbors," he said. "That's how a lot of these

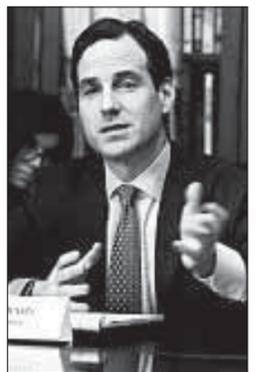
cases do get solved." He said crooks hate the "Mrs. Kravitz" type, the character from the old "Bewitched" TV show who was always peeking out her front window with a gimlet eye. "When we all work together, that's the biggest thing," he said.

I've lived in Chicago most of my life — and it feels different. An innocence I hung onto for too long is gone. I understand why people leave the city that they love. Our neighborhood isn't an island separated from the forces affecting the rest of the city, and it really never was.

I see the beauty of our streets again, but I'm looking in the dark places more closely than ever. I've become suspicious, peering down alleys and out of windows, ready to call police at any sign of mischief. My feelings are harder now, less comfortable, but my love for my community is still stronger than my fear.

I'm Mrs. Kravitz now. And I'm not going anywhere.

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Democratic attorney general candidate Scott Drury talks to the Chicago Tribune Editorial Board last month.

Drury continues fight for ballot spot

AG candidate to appeal new ruling kicking him off

By MONIQUE GARCIA
Chicago Tribune

A Cook County judge ruled Friday that Democratic attorney general candidate Scott Drury's name should not appear on the March primary ballot, but he plans to appeal.

At issue is an economic disclosure form that candidates need to seek the office. Drury had used the same economic interest statement on file from his bid for state representative, and his attorney contended a second one would be redundant.

Some state election officials disagreed, saying the public should be able to assess any potential conflicts of interest of the state's head attorney. The Illinois State Board of Elections ruled last month that Drury should stay on the ballot, but the case went to court.

On Friday, Judge Alfred J. Paul ruled Drury shouldn't be on the ballot, and Drury's campaign said he plans to appeal, even as the March 20 primary is less than two months away.

In a statement, Drury argued that Democratic leadership led by House Speaker Michael Madigan "would do anything it could to prevent a proven reformer from becoming Illinois' next attorney general." Drury was the only lawmaker to not cast a vote in favor of Madigan serving another term as speaker last year, voting "present."

"I have instilled a fear in Mike Madigan that has not been seen during his reign in Springfield," Drury said in a statement. "Justice was not served today, but the battle is not over."

Drury is one of eight Democrats hoping to succeed Attorney General Lisa Madigan, Speaker Madigan's daughter. She is not running for re-election. Drury received the support of fellow Democratic candidate Aaron Goldstein, who called the decision "typical machine shenanigans."

"I hope that Scott's appeal is successful as he has gotten the necessary signatures and I don't believe a technicality, an inconsequential and good faith mistake should result in him being knocked off the ballot," Goldstein said in a statement. "As Democrats, we need to be better than this."

Also on Friday, the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners voted to allow State Sen. Ira Silverstein onto the ballot. The Chicago Democrat's nomination petitions had been challenged, but it was decided that he had met the minimum requirement of 1,000 signatures. The objector to his petitions has five days to appeal in court.

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How to pick a side when each is hated



REX HUPPKE

Let me be frank: This year's Super Bowl stinks.

The Philadelphia Eagles and the New England Patriots will meet Sunday in Minneapolis to play a game that can only be enjoyed by the unfortunate souls who, somewhere along the way, possibly in a drunken stupor, made the tragic decision to embrace one of these two uniquely unlikable teams.

Don't get me wrong, I love the Super Bowl. It's like a second Christmas to me, and I almost always find a reason to pull for one of the teams. Anyone who wants to enjoy the game has to do that, and Chicagoans, given the Bears' limited Super Bowl appearances, should have considerable experience on that front.

But Super Bowl LII? This is a tough one. Allow me to explain why.

I'll start with the New England Patriots, a team many Americans can relate to not liking. Since the Bears pulverized them in Super Bowl XX — I believe the final score was 147-0 — the Patriots have morphed into a dynasty, with most of their success owed to the combination of quarterback/guy-who-stole-your-girlfriend-in-high-school Tom Brady and head coach Bill Belichick, who is what you get when you breed a sigh with a pile of laundry.

Patriots to seven Super Bowls — this year's will be their eighth — and have won five. Anyone who isn't a Patriots fan will tell you that is far too much success. It's not fair and it needs to stop.

Brady winning another Super Bowl is like a billionaire winning the lottery for the sixth time and then stealing your girlfriend.

Along with feeling that the Patriots have maxed out their good fortune, I have a personal issue with Brady because he is very handsome and has forced me to settle for "Second Most Handsome Man in America" every year since he arrived on the NFL scene. (My wife says I'm always first most handsome in her eyes, but I know she's lying, and that makes me resent Brady even more.)

Nobody outside of New England's fan base wants to see the Patriots win Sunday, which leaves us with Philadelphia. As the underdog, many will opt to pull for the Eagles, but I strongly advise against that decision.

Granted, this is the Eagles' third Super Bowl appearance, and the team has never won the Lombardi Trophy. But don't let the underdog appeal fool you.

I went to college in Pennsylvania, a little more than an hour outside of Philadelphia. I spent considerable time around Eagles fans. I formed life-long friendships with many Eagles fans, and I can tell you with absolute certainty, and without fear of damaging those friendships, that they are THE



STEVEN SENNE/AP

Patriots fan Keith Birchall cheers during a Super Bowl send-off rally last week. The last thing the Patriots need is another win, especially with Tom Brady at the helm.



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his shirt, remove the part of his brain responsible for impulse control and you'll get about halfway to understanding what an Eagles fan is like.

So this is the dilemma we face on Super Bowl Sunday. It's like trying to decide whether to root for Voldemort or Pennywise, the evil clown from the movie "It."

Since I can't pull for a team, I've decided to root for several different scenarios I'd like to see unfold:

1. In the waning seconds of the game, one team's receiver partially catches the ball in the end zone. It seems obvious that it's not a catch, but the referees review the play and declare it a game-winning touchdown. That goes down as one of the worst calls in Super Bowl history, and the winning team is left knowing it won due to a mistake while the losing team knows it should have won but didn't. Nobody's happy. A perfect outcome.
2. The game ends in a tie, then that tie continues

through overtime and into a second, third, fourth and fifth overtime. The game drags on for days and then weeks. It ends only when Brady announces his retirement and Eagles fans recognize the error of their ways.

3. The temperature in Minneapolis drops so low the doors on the teams' buses freeze shut, trapping them until everyone loses interest and goes home. (Given that the game is between the Patriots and the Eagles, that should only take an hour or so.)

Those are the only acceptable outcomes. Tom Brady must not get a sixth Super Bowl ring. Eagles fans MUST NOT have something they can actually brag about.

And to any of my college friends or other Eagles devotees, know this: HAH! I'm just messing with you!

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Happy Super Bowl, everyone.

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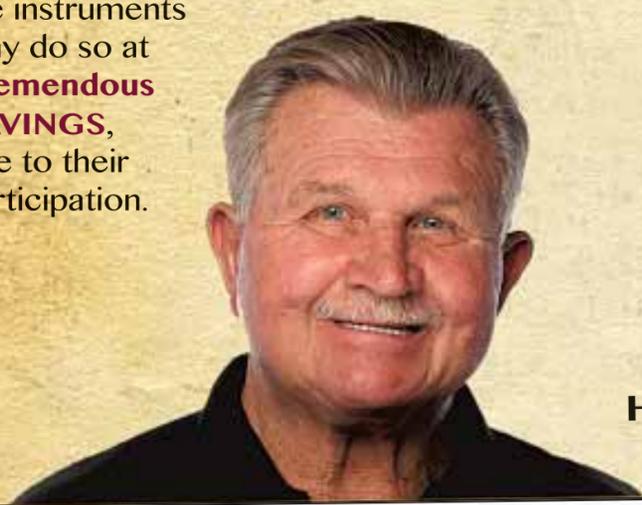
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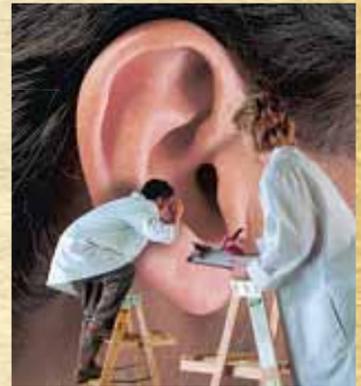
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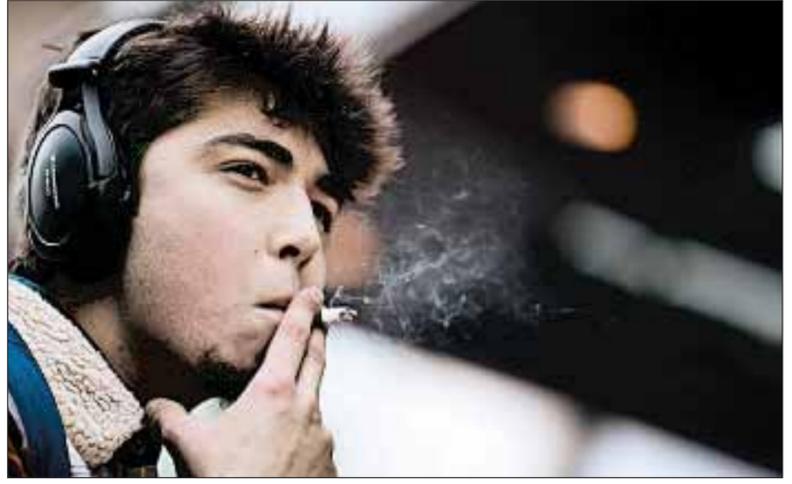


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CHICAGO WEEK



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Cook County Commissioner Jesus "Chuy" Garcia added several endorsements from local Democrats to succeed U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez and now faces fewer challengers. Northwest Side Ald. Proco "Joe" Moreno and Southwest Side Ald. Raymond Lopez both dropped their bids for the seat.



CHRIS SWEDA/TRIBUNE
4th Congressional District Democratic candidate Jesus "Chuy" Garcia

A steady stream of hints that Paul Vallas might make a run for mayor in 2019 led to his departure from a temporary job that was supposed to last until June, school officials said. "I find it unfortunate that he would attempt to use Chicago State University as a platform to run for the mayor of the city of Chicago," said university board Vice President Nicholas Gowen. Vallas, who used an appearance at a City Club of Chicago luncheon to take some swipes at Mayor Rahm Emanuel, said he resigned from the post.

The legal age for buying tobacco products would be 21 statewide under a proposal from Democratic lawmakers. Fourteen Illinois communities have already made that the law locally.

Results of an independent study on the fairness and accuracy of residential property tax assessments in Cook County aren't ex-



JOSE M. OSORIO/TRIBUNE
Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner and challenger state Rep. Jeanne Ives

pected until a few weeks before the March 20 primary, when voters will decide the fate of county Assessor Joseph Berrios. The study, prompted by a Tribune investigation that found high error rates in residential property valuations, was ordered nearly seven months ago and was first scheduled to be completed in mid-December.

A provision of state gun laws barring firearms near public parks is unconstitutional, the Illinois Supreme Court ruled. It's the latest

chip in the state's efforts to regulate guns.

Republican governor candidate Jeanne Ives canceled a fundraising speech by a controversial internet commentator. The Ives campaign also pulled an endorsement video from Bill Whittle, who has said he believes African-Americans are intellectually inferior to whites and that correlates to higher poverty and crime among blacks.

Data collected between 1999 and 2016 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show Illinois is consistently among the top five states for cold-related deaths per year.

Members of the Chicago Teachers Union approved changes that will allow a merger with a labor group representing teachers at privately run charter schools.

Opposition to having Steve Bannon speak at the University of Chicago mounted as more than 1,000 former students signed a letter to the university's president saying Bannon's presence would damage the school's reputation. The controversial former White House adviser was invited by a U. of C. professor, but no date for a talk has been set.



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During the Civil War, the U.S. government created pensions for veterans hurt in battle and widows of those killed. The system was repeatedly expanded after the war.

How federal policies mortgage the future



STEVE CHAPMAN

Twenty or 50 years from now, the uproar over the House intelligence committee memo will be no more than a footnote to history, and many Americans living then will have fading memories, if any, of the Trump administration. But they will be sure to feel the consequence of other policies, little noticed now, that will weigh more heavily with each passing year. You may have never heard of Irene Triplett, who illustrates something politicians often forget: Decisions made for immediate purposes can reverberate for a long, long time.

During the Civil War, to bolster military recruitment, the U.S. government established pensions for veterans wounded in battle and widows of those killed. After the war, the system was repeatedly expanded to cover ever more beneficiaries, including men whose disabilities had nothing to do with their service in uniform.

As economist John Cogan of Stanford University and the Hoover Institution notes in his new book, “The

High Cost of Good Intentions,” Congress eventually granted pensions to widows of Union veterans who married after 1890. Then it included all widows whose marriages had lasted 10 years. “In 1957,” he writes, “Congress dropped the 10-year requirement. Incredibly, a year later, Congress granted pensions to widows of Confederate soldiers.”

In 1924, Mose Triplett, who had served in the Union and the Confederate armies, married a woman who bore him a daughter named Irene. Born five years later, she is still getting survivor benefits from the Civil War, 153 years after it ended.

Cogan’s book chronicles the steady growth of federal entitlements. Social Security was originally meant to ensure protection against poverty to about half of future retirees. But “every Congress, save one, and every president during the years from 1950 to 1972 took action to expand the program.”

The pattern is logical. New programs “confine benefits to a group of individuals who are deemed to be particularly worthy of assistance,” Cogan says. But groups outside the category push to be included and ultimately prevail. The change puts another group closer to qualifying, and that group does the same thing. The process repeats until the original rationale is lost.

Today, federal entitlement assistance of one type or another goes to more than half of U.S. households — and 31 percent of beneficiaries are in families whose income exceeds the national average. In 2015, households in the top fifth of earners collected \$225 billion in federal benefits.

Restraining the cost of entitlements such as Social Security and Medicare is especially hard now. The ongoing retirement of the baby boom generation automatically swells their rolls. With a commitment to fiscal responsibility and regard for future generations, our elected officials might devise humane ways to curb this growth. But to the extent that commitment ever existed, it is gone. It vanished on Dec. 22, when President Donald Trump signed a tax bill that the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget projects will generate \$1.8 trillion in additional deficits over the next decade — on top of the \$10.2 trillion already in the pipeline.

The bipartisan watchdog group also says, “Congress is likely to consider increasing discretionary spending caps for the next two years, disaster relief to deal with last year’s hurricanes, (and) extensions of temporary tax provisions that expired at the end of 2016.” In that scenario, the extra 10-year deficits would be more like \$2.2 trillion.

Conservatives claim the gap will force Congress to slash domestic spending. Fat chance. In the late 1990s, President Bill Clinton and the Republican Congress could envision and reach a clear achievement: balancing the budget. But once that goal is hopelessly out of reach, politicians have nothing to gain from spending discipline.

Once deficits are considered the immutable norm, elected officials have every reason to enlarge them, delivering ever-richer benefits to current voters without charging those voters the full price. Much of the cost is deferred to future taxpayers, who have no say. Since 2001, the federal budget has gone from a \$156 billion surplus to a \$440 billion deficit. Outlays, which then were 17.6 percent of gross domestic product, are now 21.5 percent of GDP. Deficits don’t constrain spending; they stimulate it.

Abraham Lincoln couldn’t have dreamed that 21st-century Americans would still be paying for pensions created under him. Our leaders, by contrast, know full well that the debt they are piling up today will be a burden on our descendants. When they look back, they may curse us.

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CHANGE OF SUBJECT

BY ERIC ZORN



How big a sin is it to buy Twitter followers?

Just about every conversation I've had in the past week has come around to the question of how we should regard those who purchase followers on Twitter.

It's wrong, most people agree. But how wrong?

Wrong like allowing your friends to think your cubic zirconium ring is a diamond? Wrong like lying on a job application? Or somewhere in between?

A bit of background. Twitter is the social media platform where your cachet, your status as an important voice and influencer, is measured by the number of people who have chosen to follow you — to have your little thought-bursts and self-promotional wheezes show up in their timelines. That number is displayed on your home page for all to see.

But, as a Jan. 28 New York Times investigative report explained, it's easy to boost that number by purchasing fake followers for a fraction of a penny each, thus cheaply making yourself seem like a bigger deal



Richard Roeper is keeping his job at the Sun-Times.

than you are. The paper identified "entertainers, entrepreneurs, athletes and media figures," who've bought followers by the tens of thousands, including critic Richard Roeper of the Sun-Times, who has been reinstated after a brief suspension.

It's deliberately deceptive. Vain. Manipulative. And the reason this is such a good conversation topic is that it prompts a consideration of the various ways in which people create or allow false impressions to linger, from wearing wigs, lifts or other physical enhancements, representing themselves

with old or drastically retouched photos (the one on this column is, I confess, from 2014 when I was much better looking), to claiming degrees and honors never awarded.

Does it make a difference if you proclaim a falsehood yourself or merely lay the groundwork for others to proclaim it for you — as in, say, buying up massive quantities of your own book to get yourself onto the best-seller list?

And does it matter that the context here is a social media environment known for bots, fake names, mysterious handles and a general

lack of transparency? After all, an online auditing tool found that, at last check in late 2016, 14 percent of my followers were fake, and I have no idea how or why the fakes got there, honest. And I swear to the tweeting gods that I have never bought followers.

Some smart people have told me they believe there's nothing shady about buying a little marketing edge on Twitter. It's no worse than recruiting friends to cast numerous votes for you in online popularity polls or driving a car that suggests you're more successful than you are.

Other smart people have told me they believe buying followers constitutes an outright lie and one to be taken very seriously in an era when employers, readers and advertisers take notice of and sometimes rely on a person's reach on social media.

My take: It's a misdemeanor violation of the truth, not a felony; an embarrassment, not a disgrace. Like in real life, affection online should be real, not

phony; earned not purchased. A loss of face, not the loss of a career, is the fitting consequence.

Online trolls get one strike and they're out

I used to dread election season.

The nasty tone of campaigns seemed to amp everybody up. Emails got nastier and more personal. Online comments turned more toxic. Voice messages got uglier.

No more. I don't dread election season because, as far as all that goes, it's now *always* election season. Critical email, comments and other messages are consistently (though not at all entirely!) intemperate, profane and discouraging, even without the inflammatory contributions of campaigners.

The amateur sociologist in me suspects that the incivility of the Donald Trump era, the partisan siloing of our media and the growth of online opportunities to hurl drive-by abuse have combined to create a permanently poisonous climate. But whatever.

This column is to the man whose email to me Tuesday read simply (and incoherently) "You (blanking) (blank), you need to leave America you suck sick," to the man who, a few weeks ago, wrote "What exactly are your intentions by spewing this vile crap? Who do you really work for? The CIA?" and to the person who several days later wrote "You cannot think for yourself anymore. It's as if they have you on autopilot. Brainwashed. Mind control. Spare us from your hatred and narrow-mindedness." And to so many others.

When you send me or anyone else in the media a bilious message or when you post an insulting screed on social media, you're forfeiting the opportunity you had to make a difference. Many of us now have a one-strike-you're-out policy when it comes to abusive communication, a policy made ridiculously easy by one-click tools that allow us to block you, mute you or relegate you to the spam filter forever.

So when the day comes when you actually have an argument to make, a series of facts to offer that might change our minds or at least soften our positions, you won't be able to reach us. Don't waste your time. You might as well be shrieking into your pillow.

Post all you want in public online comment threads. They've become so overrun by trolls and churls that most journalists I know haven't bothered to look at them for years.

Am I thin-skinned and averse to criticism? Not at all! I love a good scrap, a strong letter or a post that offers contrasting and plausible views. I don't even mind a little condescension if the writer has earned the right.

I don't always have the time to reply, but I read every such letter or message all the way to the end, often with gratitude. Even when the writers haven't changed my mind, they've at least opened it a bit. Constructive engagement with readers is one of the privileges of this job.

And however you categorize that which I spew, it's always meant to be in the service of advancing a conversation, not declaring it closed.

Thing is, as the political temperature has risen and the rhetoric has become harsher, the impulse has grown for all of us, not just journalists, to quickly block from our worlds those who show signs of vituperative boorishness.

So we end up in bubbles, closed ideological ecosystems where seldom is heard a discouraging word and opponents with reasonable arguments don't come around much. Those with different views who do try to break through seem to think that the louder they yell, the nastier they are, the better chance they have of being persuasive.

Breaking the now non-stop negative feedback loop requires a measured approach, the exercise of reason and the at least tacit acknowledgment that the other person isn't a (blanking) (blank).

As my handlers at the CIA tell me: To be respected, be respectful.

Re:Tweets

Change of Subject readers' favorite tweet off the list of 10 finalists this week came from @OhNoShe Twitnt, a fiery liberal whom I urge real people to follow: "Obama is the guy I'd ask to walk me home after a night class in college, and Trump is the guy who's the reason I'd want an escort."

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CHICAGO FLASHBACK

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Plot: Bomb dozens to kill 1

Man targeted plane in hopes of murdering wife

BY COLLEEN CONNOLLY
Chicago Tribune

"He has shown a wicked, depraved and abandoned heart."

These were the words of federal Judge Richard B. Austin on Feb. 6, 1968, as he sentenced an executive from Naperville to 20 years in prison for attempting to bomb an airplane carrying his wife. The murder plot, unusual in its excess and disregard for the 80 other people on board the plane, was unsuccessful, and Jeanne Elizabeth Cook, wife of Earle T. Cook, survived.

In 1967, Earle Cook was a manager at a Coca-Cola bottling plant in St. Charles, and his wife was a former elementary school teacher who had quit her job for medical reasons. They'd been married for 15 years and had two teenage sons. A neighbor described the couple to the Tribune as "nice, quiet people," adding, "I never at any time saw any indication that Mr. Cook wasn't getting along with his wife or had anything like this in mind."

But Cook did have something like that on his mind.

Cook's plan to murder his wife began four years before he planted the bomb on an American Airlines plane at O'Hare International Airport. According to Tribune coverage of the attempted bombing, the FBI interviewed a man named George C. Cliff in Hot Springs, Ark., who said that Cook visited him in his private plane six or seven times and offered him \$2,000 to kill his wife. He suggested drowning her, shooting her or bombing an airplane as possible methods. When Cliff evaded Cook's requests, the Naperville executive took things into his own hands and constructed a bomb in his home.

What happened next is unthinkable in today's world of air travel. Cook took his wife to O'Hare and checked her bags while she waited in a lounge, according to a Tribune report. An FBI agent said Cook removed the contents of one of the bags, placed the homemade bomb inside and handed the bags to an airport porter who checked them. There was no search of the bags whatsoever. Ironically, the same porter who took the luggage without checking it handled it roughly, causing parts of the bomb to dislodge and malfunction, the FBI surmised.

Midway through the non-stop flight to San Diego, the bomb went off in the luggage compartment. It made a loud noise that caught the attention of the pilot and passengers, but nobody realized it was a bomb. The pilot thought the plane struck a downdraft, so he kept flying. It was only when they arrived at their destination that the crew found the bomb parts and wreckage in the luggage hold.

During the trial, both of the Cooks maintained that Earle was innocent, despite the FBI's testimony that he had been plotting his wife's murder for four years. Jeanne initially concealed the fact that the two had briefly separated before moving to Naperville from Houston and that several life insurance policies had been taken out in her name in recent years.

"He has always been a wonderful husband," Cook testified in court, tears rolling down her face. When she was asked whether her husband ever did anything that made her believe he would threaten her life, she answered, "No. He never would. I know he wouldn't."

In contrast, Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Schultz called Earle Cook "subhuman."

"You saw how he did it. You saw that dynamite. You saw how he put that ugly machine together. Can you imagine a



JACK MULCAHY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 1968

Earle T. Cook was convicted in 1968 of trying to bomb an American Airlines plane the prior year in order to kill his wife, Jeanne, left.



CHICAGO TRIBUNE HISTORICAL PHOTO

Cook, center, of Naperville, is led into court for his arraignment in 1967. He placed a homemade explosive device in his wife's suitcase, which exploded in midair but did not down the plane.

"You saw how he put that ugly machine together. Can you imagine a human being doing that?"

— Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Schultz, about Earle T. Cook

human being doing that?" Schultz said at the trial.

Coverage of the attempted bombing and subsequent trial were splashed on the Tribune's front page, but the case narrowly avoided becoming a much bigger news story due to the bomb's malfunction. There is little information available on the case outside of the Tribune archives.

Looking back at the story today, however, the brazen murder attempt isn't the only

part that raises eyebrows. Fifty years of hindsight also highlight the necessary changes to laws regarding air travel and security protocols over time. Bombing a commercial aircraft was made illegal only 11 years before the 1967 incident. And it would be 34 more years before the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) was created, in response to the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

In the early decades of air

travel, airplane bombings were more often related to domestic disputes rather than terrorism as they are now.

Cook was not the first to come up with the idea of murdering an individual in this way. In 1949, Joseph Albert Guay of Canada put a bomb in his wife's luggage and blew up a Quebec Airways plane, killing all 19 passengers and four crew members. Police suspected a lover's quarrel to be the motive.

Do you have a Flashback idea?

Share suggestions with Lara Weber at lweber@chicago.tribune.com or 312-222-3440.

The first recorded case of airplane sabotage, which also has ties to the Chicago area, happened in 1933. A plane traveling from New York to Chicago crashed near Chesterton, Ind., killing all seven people on board. Although the cause and motive were never clearly determined, police eventually arrested a Chicago gang member, who they believed left the bomb on the plane to rid himself of evidence. Whether he meant the bomb to go off is still up for debate.

The motive behind Cook's murder plot was never fully ascertained either, but the couple's temporary separation and the possible existence of three other women in Cook's life were brought up during the trial. Two of these women were identified as "call girls."

Despite these details and FBI testimony that Cook had been plotting his wife's death for four years, Jeanne Cook proclaimed her husband's innocence until the end. When the judge spoke of her husband's murderous intentions in court, the Tribune reported, she slid forward on her bench and gasped, "That's not right." She later fled the courtroom, reportedly crying, "He is innocent!"

Earle Cook, for his part, remained calmer in the courtroom, but his last words before reporting for his 20-year prison sentence also defended his innocence.

"I feel that I have been given a trial under a system I believe in," Cook said. "I believe in our form of government. The only thing I am sorry about is that I am innocent. The evidence presented didn't quite portray my innocence."

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EDITORIALS

Trump's war on the Mueller investigation

President Donald Trump is using two military strategies to defeat Democrats and the Russia investigation: psy-ops and a scorched-earth policy. Further proof that politics is a form of warfare.

When Trump lashes out on Twitter against special counsel Robert Mueller's probe, when he impugns Democrats, the Justice Department and the FBI, the president isn't just venting. He's attacking the motives of his accusers and denigrating the investigators.

By the time Trump's done with this battle, he hopes, the credibility of his perceived enemies will seem so tarnished that no fact-based conclusions related to the investigation will survive. There will be only political opinions. All objectivity will be destroyed.

We don't think it plays out like that.

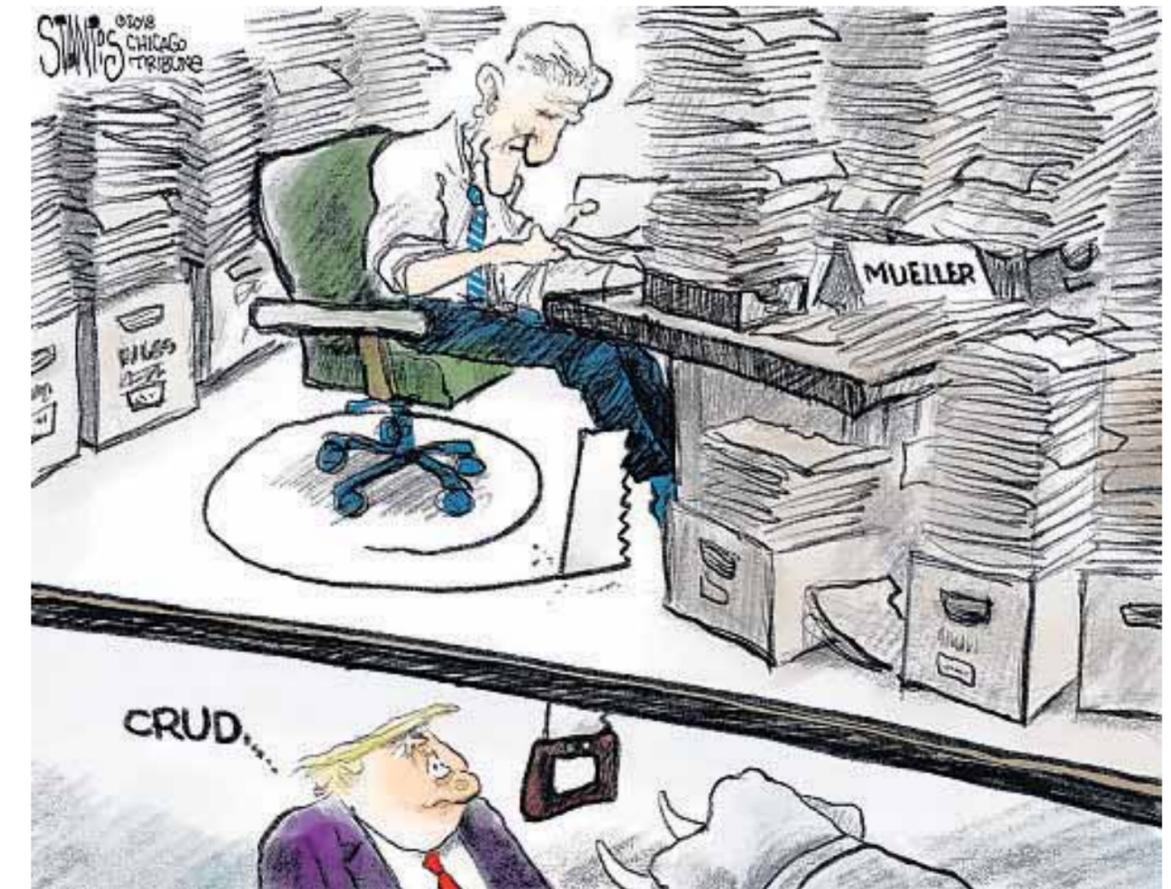
The institutions of American democracy are stronger than one noisy president.

Trump believes he'll be able to claim victory over the Russia investigation and move on. The president was transparent about his goal in a tweet Friday morning, as Washington awaited release of a classified House intelligence committee memo that assails the investigation: "The top Leadership and Investigators of the FBI and the Justice Department have politicized the sacred investigative process in favor of Democrats and against Republicans - something which would have been unthinkable just a short time ago. Rank & File are great people!"

Note that as Trump tried to take down Justice, his tweet attempted to avoid collateral damage by not demeaning the integrity of all FBI agents. The union representing those agents, though, already had taken sides against Trump by saying it supported FBI Director Christopher Wray, who didn't want the memo released.

The fear that grips many about Trump's tactics is that his bluster and bullying threaten democratic institutions. From the first days of his candidacy, Trump's un-presidential demeanor has divided the country. His supporters see a designated outlier surmounting Washington dysfunction. His detractors see a dictator-in-training.

What we see is a president who goes negative when it suits him, which is often. He can be mean, disrespectful, conniving and dunderheaded. Yet he also can get the



SCOTT STANTIS

people's work done. Many Republicans and Democrats in Washington behave just the same. They are fighters. Their motives aren't always pure. The biggest practical (not stylistic) difference between Trump in 2018 and a past practitioner such as, say, Lyndon Johnson is that Johnson didn't tweet his every impulse.

And so, to the memo, written by aides to Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., a Trump supporter who chairs the House intel committee. The president wanted the memo released because he believed it would reveal the FBI held an anti-Trump bias as it initiated an investigation of Trump campaign officials. Trump thinks the

memo is exculpatory. His critics counter that it's a selectively compiled distraction. Some officials have warned that release of the memo would harm national security. With each attack on someone else's motives, some American institution comes under fire.

Meanwhile, away from the bright light of politics, the Mueller investigation rolls on. There's a lot to be learned about the Russia scandal. Yes, the forces of Vladimir Putin tried to meddle in the 2016 election. But was there collusion between the Russians and Trump's campaign — or is that a canard? Has Trump attempted to

obstruct justice? As special counsel, Mueller has the time and space to conduct a thorough investigation.

We have faith in the integrity of that investigation. We also have faith in American democracy, which limits the impact of politics by separating government powers. Yes, we're intrigued by the prospect of clashing memos that will bring all of us closer to the underlying truths. But any one memo isn't proof of anything except that the war over the Trump presidency rages on.

Mostly we're eager for the noise to die down — and for Robert Mueller to finish his work.

Illinois college presidents want more money. What do they offer in return?

Here's a dismal metric that came across our screen: In 2002, 29 percent of four-year Illinois high school graduates enrolled in colleges outside the state. By 2016, 46 percent of high school graduates fled Illinois for out-of-state schools. In just 14 years, the Illinois Board of Higher Education says, the out-of-state enrollment rate soared by over 57 percent.

That's not a blip, it's a rising vote of no confidence in this state's higher ed leadership. It calls for a rapid response from lawmakers, college presidents, business execs and anyone else with a stake in keeping Illinois robust.

University leaders look devoid of imagination on how to react. They want to talk about how much more state money they desire. Great. Let's have that talk. But let's also talk about the reinvention that's owed to the taxpayers who built these universities — and who now watch in frustration as many once-proud schools dwindle.

Ten of Illinois' 12 public university campuses suffered overall enrollment declines in 2017, some plunging by double-digit percentages. Some schools have watched enrollment shrivel for years without mustering much urgency to change their ways. These schools have a hard time differentiating themselves, in Illinois or

nationally; many are look-alikes without distinctive academic specialties. They don't focus obsessively on key questions: Are our students learning and graduating? How can we do better with what we have, not what we wish for? And what restructuring of higher ed statewide would make this school unique?

A two-year state budget stalemate should have radically ended this complacency. But instead of parlaying disruption into discovery, many university presidents complained — and complain — about spending cuts. As a group they could push to capitalize on various schools' strengths and reduce redundancies. But their Plan B looks like Plan A: Keep complaining.

Gov. Bruce Rauner and legislative leaders should use this crisis to provoke long-overdue reforms to their uncoordinated public college system. These universities can rebound and earn back students — if those students and their parents find Illinois schools academically distinctive, competitively priced and highly effective. That is, if families see universities focusing on different specialties in higher-level curriculums — no longer trying to offer all academic things to all students.

This means reinventing Illinois higher ed along the lines of California, Wisconsin and New York's unified systems. We asked

six Democratic candidates for governor in a Tribune Editorial Board session and heard a lot of agreement that Illinois' system needs to be, in Chris Kennedy's word, "harmonized." One of his notions: The now-balkanized system should better smooth the glide path for community college students into four-year institutions.

The IBHE and presidents of the nine state universities, meanwhile, are tussling over how much to request from the legislature in next year's budget. The IBHE proposes a \$254 million increase over current funding. The presidents want an extra \$100 million on top of that increase. They want to match what they received in 2015, before Springfield's budget grudge match.

"The divestment in Illinois public higher education must stop now," the college presidents wrote to the IBHE. "The continued lack of support threatens to further erode confidence in the state and its institutions of higher learning." In other words: Let's return to the good old days when cash flowed from Springfield but lawmakers didn't ask many questions about how well the schools were educating students.

How convenient for the university presidents. How unaware of Illinois' miserable finances and its rising outflow

not only of students, but of taxpayers by the tens of thousands.

But IBHE Chairman Tom Cross, a former Republican legislator, warned: "I think this board needs to maintain its credibility, and you lose it if you're not cognizant of the financial situation of the state of Illinois." He's right. Cross and IBHE Executive Director Al Bowman say there is "urgency for bold initiatives" — but they haven't specified what those initiatives should be. They assure us that the organization is "poised to play a central role" by providing analysis and advice to lawmakers and education leaders.

So get cracking. Let's talk give and take. The presidents want to take more, but what do they offer? Let's hear their plan for a bold re-engineering of their redundant and change-resistant university structure.

Rauner says he'll form a commission to recommend those sorts of fixes. Soon, governor, and set a tight deadline. Include audacious thinkers on your panel, not just margin-tinkerers.

Because Illinois higher ed looks paralyzed, clueless, as many of this state's students plan their futures — in Madison, Bloomington, Columbus, Columbia, West Lafayette, East Lansing, Iowa City, Winona, Milwaukee ...

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Democrats with long memories remember the futile attempts to disparage the \$300 checks issued by President George W. Bush as paltry in comparison to the windfalls reaped by the wealthy. (Call this the Woody Allen critique: *The food is bad ... and such small portions!*)

The complaint didn't resonate because many voters in 2004 were happy to get anything. The same could be true this year, and that might make some Democrats choose to fight Trump and the GOP on different terrain.

Bill Scher, Politico

The raising and training of a boy is typically a different task from the raising and training of a girl. The cultural conservative looks at the male child and says, I want to train him to take care of a family, to be a provider and a protector. I want to channel his strength and aggression into duty, courage, and honor. I want to channel his drive and energy into a lifelong quest for self-improvement and service. In other words, I don't want him to see his masculinity as a problem to be controlled but rather a gift to be properly enjoyed.

A cultural liberal — especially a secular cultural liberal — increasingly responds with a fundamentally different answer. A man is a person who believes that he's a man. His masculinity is unrelated to his biology and instead inextricably linked to his self-conception. Since both men and women can possess stereotypically "masculine" or "feminine" traits, the terms themselves have little meaning — except as a means of understanding outdated and damaging gender stereotypes. To the extent that a man has any special responsibility, it is to combat toxic masculinity and to undermine male privilege. Masculinity, as traditionally understood, isn't a gift to be properly enjoyed but rather a problem to be controlled.

David French, National Review

PERSPECTIVE

QUOTABLES

“For anyone who likes the BBC, this is a complete horror show.”

— Conservative English lawmaker Julian Knight, on complaints about gender pay inequities at the BBC

“Ugh. I voted for him, and he’s the joke of the country. I don’t know how, but I’m happy with him and I’m embarrassed by him at the same time.”

— Bob Schmidt, 36, on the experience of watching President Donald Trump give his first State of the Union address at a bar and grill in Palatine

“It’s a fruitless effort when the boss knows the predator and says, ‘He’s a good dude.’ That was it for me, and even though he was retiring, I knew I couldn’t work for her, or work there, any longer.”

— Cook County State’s Attorney Kim Foxx, on being sexually harassed while working as a Cook County prosecutor, which she alleges in a new book. Anita Alvarez, Foxx’s predecessor, said she was previously unaware of Foxx’s claims.

“What allowed an atrocity of this scale to occur? We had been conditioned for years to obey at all costs.”

— Annie Labrie, a victim of disgraced former Michigan State and USA Gymnastics doctor Larry Nassar, on the conditions that allowed Nassar to sexually abuse hundreds of young gymnasts

Democrats, beware Trump Derangement Syndrome



CLARENCE PAGE

Back in 2003, conservative columnist Charles Krauthammer coined the term “Bush Derangement Syndrome” to describe people who had gone off the rails with their hatred of President George W. Bush.

The crazy was only starting.

Six years later, conservative author David Horowitz warned that criticism of President Barack Obama was approaching “over-the-top hysteria,” which he branded “Obama Derangement Syndrome.”

“Conservatives, please,” he wrote on the FrontPage Magazine website. “Let’s not duplicate the manias of the left as we figure out how to deal with Mr. Obama. He is not exactly the anti-Christ, although a disturbing number of people on the right are convinced he is.”

After President Donald Trump’s first State of the Union address, I am ready to send a version of Horowitz’s message to congressional Democrats. As I used to hear an old Chicago Democratic ward boss say: Don’t get mad, get smart.

Don’t just sit on your hands and pout while President Trump takes advantage of the one thing he knows how to do better than most of his fellow politicians do: video salesmanship.

I take no glee in making this critique. I’m not a fan of Trump’s politics, his vulgarity, his exaggerations and his outright falsehoods when he speaks. I don’t like the way he deliberately drives wedges between racial, ethnic and gender identity groups and blows dog-whistle kisses to the intolerant right.

But consider the congressional Democrats who decided to sit silently and look visibly displeased throughout the speech, even when it touched on issues or developments of which they approved — such as a record dip in black unemployment. The Democrats are understandably displeased that Trump brags about that statistic as if it reflects a trend that started on his watch,



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Like Ronald Reagan did, President Donald Trump demonstrated outstanding stagecraft at his State of the Union address Tuesday.

when it actually began in 2011 under Obama.

And Democratic leaders are right to note that they did nothing nearly as rude as Republican Rep. Joe Wilson of South Carolina who shouted, “You lie,” during a similar speech to Congress by President Obama in 2009.

But, ah, it is not the facts or ideas that make a difference in the political impact of major events. It is the optics. As long as Trump is seen by his supporters and persuadable moderates as reaching out to other races and standing up for America, the details don’t matter. It’s how people feel about you that counts. In his mastery of those “instincts,” as Trump likes to explain, he comes closest to Ronald Reagan, the nation’s only other president

to come from the entertainment industry.

Like Reagan, Trump’s stagecraft at the State of the Union was outstanding, befitting a man who spent most of his adult life building his brand as a celebrity through celebrity gossip media and his own reality TV shows. More comfortable with ad libs to a rally crowd than with reading a teleprompter, Trump filled the speech with callouts to guests in his audience who had poignant, tragic, heroic or uplifting stories to tell.

Reagan, in fact, was the first president to amplify the impact of the State of the Union address by calling out notable audience members in 1982. He had one guest that year. Trump had 15 this year.

Such is the power and majesty of the State of the

Union. In the hands of a savvy entertainer or pitchman — Reagan and Trump were both — the majesty of the occasion can easily make any political adversaries look small.

So whatever message the Democrats had in mind as they decided to protest by refusing to stand or clap for Trump, it didn’t have much of a chance against Trump’s stagecraft. He seems to enjoy making smoke come out of his opponents’ ears — like the professional wrestlers with whom he used to work in the WWE. Show public anger at Trump? Go ahead. He welcomes it.

Yet, ironically, Trump actually showed surprisingly significant movement toward the Dems in his speech. Sure, he might reverse himself later, as he has in the past. He’s already getting pressure from the

right, for example, for his surprisingly progressive offer of a “pathway to citizenship” for immigrants brought here unlawfully as children. Conservative website Breitbart immediately branded him “Amnesty Don.”

But, as long as the option is available, Democrats, don’t let Trump Derangement Syndrome stop you. You owe it to yourselves and your constituents to work with this president as much as you would want Republicans to work with the next Democratic president.

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The real debate

I believe that the biggest issue in the Illinois gubernatorial campaign is the unfunded state pension liability. The last time I looked, it was \$130 billion and counting. Yet none of the candidates want to talk about this very important issue. This includes both Democratic and Republican challengers, as well as the incumbent governor, Bruce Rauner, who does not have a serious proposal on the table that would survive a court challenge.

This is not just the elephant in the room; it’s the blue whale in the room. Thousands of state and local employees are counting on the pension system to fund their retirement. Unfunded liability is an enormous problem, which has a huge effect on the state’s fiscal health. Any credible candidate for Illinois governor has to answer

this question: What specifically are you going to do about the state’s unfunded pension liability? I challenge all candidates to answer this question. I also challenge reporters from all media to make candidates provide answers. In the Jan. 21 Tribune editorial “Could one of these Democrats save Illinois from itself?” you called for such a discussion, which is a good start.

Unfunded pension liability is not a sexy issue, and any good solution is likely to be an unpopular one. However, it is an issue that must be faced, and it must be faced by the next governor of Illinois. Candidates, let the debate begin!

— Dennis Sweeney, Chicago

The source

From the Illinois Constitution: “Membership in any pension or

retirement system of the state, any unit of local government or school district, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, shall be an enforceable contractual relationship, the benefits of which shall not be diminished or impaired.”

Until this is removed from the Illinois Constitution, our fiscal problems will never change. Any move to fix the pension problems will simply be brushed aside by the courts. Don’t forget judges are Illinois pensioners. If you think they are going to cut their own pensions, I have a bridge in Brooklyn for sale.

— Perry Norsworthy, St. Charles

Illinois’ flagging pride

Ever since July 6, 1915, we have been faced with a pressing issue not unique to Illinois, but still a tragedy nonetheless. That issue, of course, is our state flag. Out of all 50 states in the Union, almost half of them have flags that are simply made up of the state seal on a solid colored background, and Illinois bears the shame of

being one of them.

All of our other problems in the state stem from having a terrible flag. I wouldn’t go so far as to state categorically that the violence at the 1968 Democratic National Convention can be directly linked to our shoddy flag, but I wouldn’t rule out the possibility that both the police and rioters were acting on underlying frustration from having to look at our flag every day. I mean think about it, do any states with a decent flag have issues like we do? Colorado, California and Texas all have cool-looking flags, and all of them are doing fantastically right now.

This even goes beyond the states. Have you ever heard of a country with a garbage flag doing well? Of course not — the idea is ridiculous. If we want people to begin improving our state, we need to begin instilling a level of pride in our home. And the quickest way to accomplish that is to give the people something of which to be proud, a well-designed state flag cre-

ated and voted on by the people of Illinois.

— Joe Siemer, Teutopolis, Ill.

Mascot miff

As an alumnus of the University of Illinois, I see nothing wrong with non-school-sanctioned appearances by the former mascot Chief Illiniwek. The university did what it had to do to comply with the dictates of the NCAA by banning the official appearances of the Chief, but now his appearances become a First Amendment issue. If we are protecting the rights of the Ku Klux Klan and Nazis to march on college campuses and other places, then how do we prevent a student from dressing in costume, to the delight of current and former students? He has the right, and even though some might disagree, there is nothing negative in how he behaves. The Chief will always be a part of the Illini experience for current as well as former students.

— Howard Kirschner, Morton Grove

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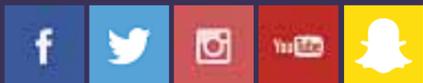
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Trump claims memo vindication

But line on role of Papadopoulos undercuts assertion

BY ERIC TUCKER, MARY CLARE JALONICK AND CHAD DAY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Even before he had read the Republican-drafted memo, President Donald Trump seized on what it could mean. And on Saturday, he claimed vindication from the four-page document, which alleges the FBI abused its surveillance powers during the investigation into his campaign's possible Russia ties.

Trump told confidants in recent days that he believed the memo would validate his concerns that the "deep state," an alleged shadowy network of powerful entrenched federal and military interests, had conspired to undermine the legitimacy of his presidency, according to an outside adviser.

But the memo also includes revelations that might complicate efforts by Trump and his allies to undermine special counsel Robert Mueller's inquiry.

The document released Friday contends that the FBI, when it applied for a surveillance warrant on onetime Trump campaign associate Carter Page, relied excessively on an ex-British spy whose opposition research was funded by Democrats.

At the same time, the memo confirms that the investigation into potential Trump links to Russia began in July 2016, months before the warrant was sought, and was "triggered"



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A crowd of mostly supporters of President Donald Trump lines the route of the president's motorcade Saturday in Florida.

by information concerning campaign aide George Papadopoulos.

The confirmation about Papadopoulos is "the most important fact disclosed in this otherwise shoddy memo," California Rep. Adam Schiff, the House committee's top Democrat, tweeted Saturday.

Papadopoulos pleaded guilty last year to lying to the FBI.

The timing makes clear that other Trump associates beyond Page had generated law enforcement scrutiny. The memo also omits that Page had been on the FBI's radar a few years earlier as part of a separate counterintelligence investigation

into Russian influence.

The warrant authorizing the FBI to monitor the communications of Page was not a one-time request, but was approved by a judge on four occasions, the memo says, and was even signed off on by the second-ranking official at the Justice Department, Rod Rosenstein, whom Trump appointed as deputy attorney general.

Trump, however, tweeted Saturday about the memo while riding to his golf course in Florida, where he is spending the weekend.

"This memo totally vindicates 'Trump' in probe," he said. "But the Russian

Witch Hunt goes on and on. Their (sic) was no Collusion and there was no Obstruction (the word now used because, after one year of looking endlessly and finding NOTHING, collusion is dead)."

Trump later wrote three additional tweets, including two quoting from a supportive Wall Street Journal editorial.

The underlying materials that served as the basis for the warrant application were not made public in the memo. As a result, the document only intensified a partisan battle over how to interpret the actions of the FBI and Justice Department during the early stages

of the counterintelligence investigation that Mueller later inherited.

Even as Democrats described it as inaccurate, some Republicans cited the memo — released over the objections of the FBI and Justice Department — in their arguments that Mueller's investigation is politically tainted.

The memo's central allegation is that agents and prosecutors, in applying in October 2016 to monitor Page's communications, failed to tell a judge that the opposition research that provided grounds for the FBI's suspicion received funding from Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign

and the Democratic National Committee. Page had stopped advising the campaign sometime around the end of that summer.

Democrats and newspaper reports say the judge was told of a political link. Further, the warrant was renewed three times, suggesting the court saw merit in surveilling Page, who was probed as a suspected Russian agent as far back as 2013.

Christopher Steele, the former spy who compiled the allegations, acknowledged having anti-Trump sentiments. But he also was a "longtime FBI source" with a credible track record, according to the memo from the House intelligence committee chairman, Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., and his staff.

Steele's research, according to the memo, "formed an essential part" of the warrant application.

But it's unclear how much or what information Steele collected made it into the application, or how much has been corroborated. Steele was working for Fusion GPS, a firm initially hired by the conservative Washington Free Beacon to do opposition research on Trump.

Steele didn't begin work on the project until after Democratic groups took over the funding.

Republicans say a judge should have known that "political actors" were involved in allegations that led the Justice Department to believe Page might be an agent of a foreign power, an accusation he has denied.

Los Angeles Times and Washington Bureau contributed.

Tillerson travels with Trump's talk as baggage

President's remarks undercut his aide's Latin America tour

BY TRACY WILKINSON
Washington Bureau

PANAMA CITY — During his visit to Mexico City on Friday, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson was carefully trying to explain to his counterparts from Mexico and Canada just why the United States' efforts to restrict both legal and illegal immigration are not mean-spirited.

Just outside Washington, however, President Donald Trump was holding forth with U.S. Homeland Security officials, complaining about immigrants who are in the country illegally and drugs flooding across the southern border and questioning the commitments of both Mexico and Colombia, which Tillerson plans to visit Tuesday, to stop the traffic.

Perhaps he should just cut off their foreign aid, the president groused.

So much for Tillerson's weeklong goodwill tour of the region, as Trump's words inevitably traveled south.

"The president's com-

ments were not helpful," said a senior State Department official who accompanied Tillerson, in rare acknowledgment of the messaging gulf between Trump and his secretary of State.

It was the latest incident in which Trump has undercut Tillerson, America's top diplomat, by announcing or simply tweeting policies — or insults — at inopportune moments.

Last year, memorably, as Tillerson returned from delicate talks with China about cooperating to confront North Korea, Trump tweeted that Tillerson should "stop wasting your time" with diplomacy on the matter.

Amid Tillerson's talks Friday with Mexican Foreign Minister Luis Videgaray and Canada's Chrystia Freeland, Trump spoke at a federal facility in northern Virginia, near Washington, D.C., to a roundtable of border and customs agents about illegal immigration and drug trafficking.

"And what are Mexico and Colombia and these other countries — what are they doing about it? Nothing," Trump said. When he was told the countries actually were close partners with the United States in

policing efforts, Trump replied skeptically, "Do you think they're really trying?"

Speaking of the influx of illegal drugs, Trump said, "These countries are not our friends. You know, we think they're our friends and we send them massive aid. And I won't mention names right now, but I look at these countries, I look at the numbers we send them — we send them massive aid and they're pouring drugs into our country and they're laughing at us."

"I want to stop the aid," Trump added, "if they can't stop drugs from coming in."

Diplomats have said that such harsh rhetoric from the president impedes the broader mission of Tillerson and other State Department envoys who seek to build relationships to further the U.S. agenda.

At a news conference after the talks in Mexico City, Tillerson sidestepped a question about how the contradictions between what he and Trump say ultimately make his job more difficult.

Other State Department officials, while carefully avoiding direct reference to Trump, emphasized that it is Tillerson who articulates American foreign policy



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U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, left, and Eugenio Breard, center, director of Argentina's national parks, visit the Nahuel Huapi Lake in Bariloche, Argentina, on Saturday.

and who oversees how some immigration policies are shaped. Yet that has not always been the case in the year-old Trump administration. Also, if Tillerson speaks on American policy, and Trump says something else, foreigners are all but certain to accept the president's version over his aide's.

Tillerson "is a respectful person who wants to help those who are in limbo to reach a solution," said Steven Goldstein, undersecretary for public diplomacy and public affairs. "He doesn't change his speech,

regardless of what might be happening in the world.

"Different people speak different ways, but the policy hasn't changed, and the secretary spoke about U.S. foreign policy today," added Goldstein, in remarks to reporters traveling with Tillerson as he flew from Mexico to Saturday's stop in Bariloche, Argentina.

Despite the backdrop of tensions, Videgaray and Freeland lavished praise on Tillerson, though not Trump, with the Canadian foreign minister referring to the American secretary of state as the voice for the

respect of international rules.

Mexican officials were apparently so chagrined at Trump's recent rhetoric that they tried at the last minute to conceal who had attended a dinner with Tillerson on Thursday night at the residence of the U.S. ambassador to Mexico, Roberta Jacobson, according to a U.S. official with knowledge of the proceedings.

In addition to Videgaray, Mexico's top military brass attended, an unusual twist of protocol.

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Dozens say FBI knew about Nassar allegations for over year

BY DAVID EGGERT AND MIKE HOUSEHOLDER
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DETROIT — At least 40 girls and women said they were molested by a Michigan sports doctor over a 14-month period while the FBI at the same time was aware that Larry Nassar had been accused of molesting gymnasts, a newspaper reported Saturday.

The FBI became aware of Nassar in July 2015 when it was contacted by USA Gymnastics, which trains

athletes for the Olympics. But he wasn't publicly exposed until The Indianapolis Star published allegations by a victim in 2016, The New York Times reported.

In the meantime, Nassar continued to see young female athletes, especially gymnasts, or dancers while working at Michigan State University. USA Gymnastics, where he was a team doctor, cut ties with him in 2015.

Nassar, 54, has been sentenced to 40 to 175 years in

prison for sexual assault. He'll get another sentence Monday in Eaton County, Mich. Both cases were filed by the Michigan attorney general under state law. Nassar admitted penetrating females with ungloved hands when they visited him for various injuries. The number of victims who have come forward exceeds 250, going back decades.

Federal authorities in Michigan ultimately charged Nassar with child pornography after police found images in his trash.

That led to a separate 60-year prison sentence.

The Times said the FBI declined to answer detailed questions about how it handled allegations forwarded by Indianapolis-based USA Gymnastics. The FBI told the newspaper that the allegations "transcended jurisdictions," apparently a reference to Texas, Michigan and other places where Nassar was suspected of molesting people.

Asked why families and coaches weren't alerted, W. Jay Abbott, who led the FBI

office in Indianapolis, said: "That's where things can get tricky."

"There is a duty to warn those who might be harmed in the future," said Abbott, who retired in January. "But everyone is still trying to ascertain whether a crime has been committed. Everybody has rights here," including Nassar.

Many of Nassar's accusers have blamed Michigan State, USA Gymnastics and the U.S. Olympic Committee for not doing more earlier to stop him.



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Larry Nassar, 54, will receive another sentence Monday.

Citizenship fight for 1 twin, not the other

Gay couple sues government over denied birthright for their son

BY ALENE TCHEKMEDIYAN
Los Angeles Times

The two envelopes, one for each twin brother, arrived in the mailbox on the same day in March last year.

The larger parcel, for Aiden Dvash-Banks, contained a new U.S. passport and a letter congratulating the boy on his American citizenship. A smaller, flimsier envelope came for Ethan Dvash-Banks. Inside, a letter stated that his citizenship application had been denied.

The boys were carried in the same womb and born 16 months ago in Canada, minutes apart. But now, only one of them is in the U.S. legally.

The disparity is at the crux of a lawsuit filed last month against the State Department in which the twins' parents, a married binational gay couple, allege that the government's policy of granting birthright citizenship to children born abroad based on blood relation discriminates against LGBT couples.

Aiden and Ethan were conceived using an anonymous donor's eggs and the sperm of their fathers, Andrew and Elad Dvash-Banks. The twins were carried and delivered by a surrogate. Aiden shares DNA with Andrew, a Santa Monica native, while Ethan is biologically related to Elad, who was born and raised in Israel.

In Ethan's denial letter, addressed to Andrew, a U.S. Consulate official said the Immigration and Nationality Act requires "a blood relationship between a child and the U.S. citizen parent in order for the parent to transmit U.S. citizenship."

The boy's "claim to U.S. citizenship has not been



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Elad Dvash-Banks, right, and his spouse, Andrew, play with their twin sons, Ethan, left, and Aiden, in their apartment.

satisfactorily established, as you are not his biological father," the letter said.

The couple were devastated — and livid.

"As a parent, my No. 1 job is to protect my sons," Andrew Dvash-Banks, 36, said in an interview. "I can't allow anyone to treat them differently. That is what my government is doing."

In their fathers' eyes, the boys are the same. They both grimace at the sight of broccoli. Both love hide-and-seek and Elmo, the furry red Muppet. But without birthright citizenship, the couple said, Ethan is undeniably different.

For example, "If he's not a U.S. citizen at birth, he can't become a U.S. president," said Elad Dvash-Banks, 32. "A child should not start his life with, 'You can't do this.'"

The couple never intended to disclose their biological connections to their sons — or to anyone else. They said it wasn't necessary, and not even their parents or grand-

parents asked.

"The fact that the State Department has taken it upon themselves to make it their business is wrong," Andrew Dvash-Banks said. The lawsuit argues that the provisions cited by the State Department apply only to children born outside of marriage, and therefore shouldn't apply to them.

A State Department official declined to comment on pending litigation.

The family's case exposes the unique immigration challenges facing binational LGBT couples, which number about 36,000 in the U.S., said Jackie Yodashkin, public affairs director for Immigration Equality.

"That means there are a lot of people who have or will be starting families soon," Yodashkin said. "If the goal is to keep families together, then why would you ever create a situation where you have an undocumented baby and a U.S. citizen twin brother?"

Legal experts said the statutes were written with-

out contemplating same-sex marriages.

"Fundamentally, we're dealing with very conservative, traditional notions of family when these statutes were written," said Jean Reisz, a professor at Gould School of Law at the University of Southern California, adding that she was surprised by the State Department's position.

But Nancy Polikoff, a visiting professor at the UCLA School of Law, said straight couples who use assisted reproduction abroad run into similar problems.

"The definition of parents that's being used has not caught up to the reality of parentage today, which is that lots of people are recognized as legal parents even though they aren't biological parents and they haven't adopted the child," she said.

Andrew and Elad Dvash-Banks met in 2008 at a holiday party at Tel Aviv University in Israel, where Andrew was working

toward a master's degree in Middle Eastern studies.

They fell in love and, two years later, were married. They intended to settle in California, where Andrew Dvash-Banks has four siblings, and 14 nieces and nephews. But at the time, same-sex marriages were not allowed in California and not recognized by the federal government.

That meant Elad Dvash-Banks couldn't obtain lawful permanent residency in the U.S. through his marriage. So his partner had a choice: He could either start his marriage away from his family, or away from his husband.

"Obviously I chose to live with the man I fell in love with," Andrew Dvash-Banks said. The couple settled in Canada, where Andrew has dual citizenship.

The couple were elated in 2013, when the U.S. Supreme Court struck down part of a federal law that denied benefits to legally married gay couples. Elad applied for a green

card soon after.

A few months after the twins were born, the couple visited the U.S. Consulate in Toronto to get their sons U.S. passports. They carried their marriage certificate, matching birth certificates, a check, diapers and their two newborns.

After hours of waiting, an official called them to the window. There, they were asked a series of detailed questions about the boys' conception. They felt humiliated, but answered.

The official said Andrew Dvash-Banks would have to undergo a DNA test to prove a biological link to each twin. Without that, neither child would qualify.

"If we were a hetero couple," Elad Dvash-Banks said, "she would never ask that because she would assume we are husband and wife."

Andrew Dvash-Banks wept at the window. Onlookers watched in silence.

"We were hit with a ton of bricks," he said.

A few months after Ethan's application was denied, the family arrived in June at Los Angeles International Airport. Andrew and Aiden carried their U.S. passports, while Elad had his Israeli passport and green card. Ethan passed through customs with a Canadian passport and a six-month tourist visa.

In December, the family canceled a trip to Israel to visit the twins' great-grandparents. Ethan's tourist visa had expired, and leaving the country was too risky.

The day they arrived in Los Angeles, the couple swore they would fight until Ethan obtained birthright citizenship.

"We're going to do whatever it takes to help Ethan to get what is rightfully his," Elad Dvash-Banks said. "I know I will tell them, look at this — this is a piece of history, because we fought for you and we changed the world."

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Clearing ice without salting lakes, rivers

Officials look to cut sodium chloride use in creative ways

BY MICHAEL CASEY
Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — Looking to strike a balance between ice-free roads and clean waterways, public works departments around the country are working to cut their salt use in winter by slathering the roads with beet juice, molasses, and even beer waste to make them safer.

Rock salt for decades has provided the cheapest and most effective way to cut down on traffic accidents and pedestrian falls during winter storms. But researchers cite mounting evidence that those tons of sodium chloride crystals — more than 20 million nationwide each year — are increasing the salinity of hundreds of lakes, especially in the Northeast and Midwest. That is putting everything from fish and frogs to microscopic zooplankton at risk.

“There has been a sense of alarm on the impacts of road salt on organisms and ecosystems,” said Victoria Kelly, a road salt expert at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in New York. “We’ve seen increasing concentrations in river



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More than a million truckloads of salt a year are deployed in icy areas.

water, lakes, streams. Then, scientists started asking the question: What is going to happen to the organisms living in freshwater bodies and what will happen to the freshwater bodies as a whole?”

Believed to be first used in the 1940s in New Hampshire, salt became the go-to de-icing agent as cities expanded, highways were built and motorists came to expect clear roads. More than a million truckloads a year are deployed in ice-prone climates, most heavily in the Northeast and Midwest.

But many state and local agencies are seeking ways to reduce salt use as its environmental impacts are becoming more apparent.

They have turned to high-tech equipment to spread salt more efficiently, better weather forecasting to time their salting, and liquefied organic additives that help salt stick to pavement. That reduces salt use by preventing it from washing away immediately.

Agencies from New Jersey to North Dakota are using a mixture that includes beet juice; New Hampshire and Maine use

one with molasses. Highway departments also have turned to beer waste, pickle brine and, in at least one Wisconsin county, cheese brine.

“Adding salt to the environment does have negative impacts, but for those of us in the Northeast, especially in rural states, where driving is the predominant way of getting around, we need mobility,” said Jonathan Rubin, director of the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center and lead author on a 2010 report on the cost and benefits of salting Maine roads.

“In my opinion, we are always going to be using some degree of road salt,” he said. “The question is, can we use less?”

Salt corrosion alone causes billions of dollars in damage each year to cars, roads and bridges — and now there are growing signs it’s making freshwater ecosystems saltier. In the past 50 years, chloride concentrations in some lakes and rivers quadrupled and, in a few, increased a hundredfold.

Last year, a study in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences concluded that more than 40 percent of 327 lakes examined had experienced long-term salinization and that thousands more were at a risk. Researchers also estimated nearly 50 lakes in the study, including small ones in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Rhode Island, could surpass the Environmental Protection Agency’s chloride threshold concentration by 2050, potentially harming aquatic life.

Earlier this month, the University of Maryland’s Sujay Kaushal led another PNAS study that showed how road salt also results in the release of other salts like potassium and magnesium along with toxic metals like lead and copper into the nation’s waterways. Dubbed the freshwater sali-

nization syndrome, Kaushal said this has caused a spike in salinity and alkaline levels at nearly 230 sites in the East and Midwest including the Hudson, Potomac and Mississippi rivers.

Experiments at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute aquatic lab in Troy, N.Y., have found that higher salt concentrations reduced growth rates in rainbow trout and decreased the abundance of zooplankton — tiny animals or larvae that are critical to the aquatic food chain and play a role in keeping lakes and streams clean.

Other studies have shown that salinization of lakes and streams reduces the numbers of fish and amphibians, kills off plants and alters the freshwater ecosystems.

“At high road salt concentrations, you can see reductions in growth, reduction in the diversity of species within a system and you can also see effects on reproduction of certain species,” said William Hintz, of Rensselaer Polytechnic.

Despite environmental concerns, Caleb Dobbins, New Hampshire’s highway maintenance engineer, doesn’t envision salt being replaced anytime soon.

“Everybody is looking throughout the world,” he said. “Nobody is finding that silver bullet.”



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Police in Macerata, Italy, investigate Saturday after a shooting rampage. The gunman’s trajectory allegedly included the area where a teen girl’s remains were found in suitcases.

6 immigrants shot in Italy; extremist charged

Man said to have been motivated ‘by racial hatred’

BY COLLEEN BARRY
Associated Press

MILAN — An Italian gunman with extreme right-wing views shot and wounded six African immigrants Saturday in a two-hour drive-by rampage, authorities said, terrorizing a small Italian city where a Nigerian man had been arrested days earlier in a teenager’s gruesome killing.



Traini

Police photos showed the shooting suspect with a neo-Nazi tattoo on his forehead as he sat in custody and an Italian flag tied around his neck as he was arrested in the central Italian city of Macerata. Authorities identified him as Luca Traini, a 28-year-old Italian with no previous record.

Traini had run for town council on the anti-migrant

Northern League’s list in a local election last year in Corridonia, the party confirmed, but its mayoral candidate lost the race. The news agency ANSA quoted friends of his as saying that Traini was previously affiliated with Italian extremist parties like the neo-fascist Forza Nuova and Casa-Pound.

The shooting rampage came days after the slaying of 18-year-old Pamela Mastropietro and amid a heated electoral campaign in Italy where anti-for-eigner sentiment has become a key theme. In recent years Italy has struggled with the arrival of hundreds of thousands of migrants coming across the Mediterranean Sea in smugglers’ boats.

After the attack, Premier Paolo Gentiloni warned in Rome that “the state will be particularly severe against whoever thinks of feeding the spiral of violence.”

In Macerata, Interior Minister Marco Minniti said the gunman was moti-

vated “by racial hatred” and had “a background of right-wing extremism with clear references to fascism and Nazism.”

Authorities said the six wounded — five men and one woman — appeared to be random targets in various parts of the city of 43,000 in Italy’s central Marche region. Italian news reports indicated the gunman’s trajectory included the area where Mastropietro’s remains were found and where the prime suspect in her slaying lived.

The identities and nationalities of the shooting victims remained unknown. Hospital officials said late Saturday that one had been treated and released, while the others had undergone surgery or were facing operations for their injuries. One of them remained in intensive care.

Mastropietro’s remains were found Wednesday in two suitcases days after she walked away from a drug rehab community. A judge Saturday confirmed the arrest of the main suspect, Innocent Oseghale, 29.

Uma Thurman accuses Weinstein of sex assault

Actress also says Tarantino forced her into unsafe car

BY JOCELYN NOVECK
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Actress Uma Thurman, in long-awaited remarks, has accused embattled Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein of forcing himself upon her sexually and accused “Kill Bill” director Quentin Tarantino of making her perform a dangerous car stunt that injured her.

Thurman’s allegations against Weinstein had been anticipated since she hinted late last year that she had a story to tell about the movie mogul, who is accused of sexual misconduct

against many women, but wanted to wait until she was less angry. Her story came in an interview with New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd.

Thurman told Dowd that an early encounter with Weinstein in a Paris hotel room in the 1990s ended with him appearing in a bathrobe and leading her to a steam room but that the first “attack” — the word appears in quotes — happened later in London.

“He pushed me down,” she said. “He tried to shove himself on me. He tried to expose himself. He did all kinds of unpleasant things. But he didn’t actually put his back into it and force me.”

The Times article says Thurman’s memory of the encounter stops there, but it quotes a friend who was waiting downstairs as saying Thurman emerged



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In an interview with The New York Times that was published Saturday, actress Uma Thurman accused former movie producer Harvey Weinstein of sexual assault.

from an elevator disheveled and shaking. “Her eyes were crazy, and she was totally out of control,” said the friend, Ilona Herman.

When Thurman was able to talk again, Herman said, she revealed that Weinstein, who was one of the most powerful men in Hollywood, had threatened to derail her career.

Weinstein, the executive producer of award-winning movies including “Pulp Fiction,” acknowledged making an “awkward pass” at Thurman but denied physical assault.

“Mr. Weinstein acknowledges making an awkward pass 25 years ago at Ms. Thurman in England after misreading her signals, after a flirtatious exchange in Paris, for which he immediately apologized and deeply regrets,” his representative Holly Baird said in an emailed statement.

“However, her claims about being physically as-



Weinstein



Tarantino

9 women accuse Berry’s ex-manager of sexual harassment

BY TRACY JAN
The Washington Post

LOS ANGELES — Tamika Lamison was a 27-year-old stage actress living in New York City in 1996 when she stepped into Hollywood manager Vincent Cirrincione’s hotel suite, excited by the opportunity to audition for the man behind Halle Berry’s rising stardom.

Soon after her arrival, Cirrincione’s phone rang. It was Berry, she said. He put the actress on speaker as

Lamison listened silently, in awe — thinking perhaps Cirrincione could steer her career to Hollywood success in an industry with few leading roles for African-American actresses like herself. When the call ended, Lamison began reciting a poem she had written. Midway through her performance, she said Cirrincione grabbed her and started kissing her, sticking his tongue in her mouth.

She said he told her he could take her on as a client, on the condition he get to

see her for sex whenever he wanted. She said she pushed him away and left.

Lamison is among nine women — eight African-Americans and one Asian-American — who have told The Washington Post that Cirrincione made unwanted sexual advances toward them over a period of two decades. Several said they viewed Cirrincione, who is white, as an important gatekeeper for black actresses in an industry notoriously difficult to break into — one whose

path is even more narrow for minorities. They said he took advantage of that dynamic to prey upon young women of color seeking an entry into Hollywood.

The Post interviewed each woman separately, multiple times, as well as friends, family members and others in whom the women said they confided aspects of their interactions with Cirrincione. The earliest allegation of inappropriate conduct was in 1993, and the most recent in 2011.

Cirrincione, 70, said in a

statement that he accepts responsibility for pursuing sexual relationships but denies allegations that he sought sexual favors in exchange for representing actresses.

“We live in a time where men are being confronted with a very real opportunity to take responsibility for their actions. I support this movement wholeheartedly,” Cirrincione said.

He added: “I was under the impression I was living my life as a supportive man to women. It is with a heavy

heart that I see now I was wrong.”

The nine women distinguished Cirrincione’s behavior from Harvey Weinstein’s, which included accusations of rape that the Hollywood titan has denied. None have made criminal allegations against Cirrincione or sought legal recourse.

Berry said in a statement that she ended her relationship with Cirrincione more than three years ago after learning of a misconduct allegation against him.



Ian Black, an inmate at the Casa Grande, a work-release facility, laughs at the jokes of his boss, Ron Nelsen, at Pioneer Overhead Door. "He's my best worker," Nelsen says of Black.



Black installs a garage door at a Las Vegas residence. Most of the money he earns goes to pay restitution to people he stole from and to the state to cover rent at Casa Grande.



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Black, who spends nights locked up, loads a truck in preparation for a day of installing garage doors. He credits Nevada's work-release program with breaking his "prison mindset."

Doors opening behind bars

As jobs stay unfilled, companies turning to prisoners, ex-inmates

BY HEATHER LONG | The Washington Post

Ron Nelsen has been in the garage door business since 1976. He can't recall a time when it's been this difficult to find workers for his family business, Pioneer Overhead Door in Las Vegas.

When his assistant handed him Ian Black's resume in April, it seemed like a godsend. Black had more than a decade of experience.

Then Nelsen noticed that all of Black's recent jobs were at a state prison.

Black is an inmate at Casa Grande, a work-release facility that's a seven-minute walk from Pioneer Overhead Door. Nelsen knew the place well. He and other business owners in the industrial neighborhood had protested Casa Grande's arrival in 2005.

But now his business was booming, and Nelsen needed workers who knew what they were doing. He decided to interview the inmate.

"Ian did well in the interview. He was articulate and respectful, and he told me he'd been an idiot when he was younger," Nelsen said. Even so, Nelsen said, "I was still apprehensive."

America's unemployment rate is at a 17-year low — at 4.1 percent — and JPMorgan predicts it could fall to 3.4 percent this year, the lowest level since the 1969. Businesses large and small complain they can't find workers, especially ones willing to do the arduous labor of landscaping, construction or stocking shelves. Companies have traditionally sought out immigrant labor to fill some of these jobs, but the Trump administration is aggressively going after businesses that use immigrants not allowed to legally work and live in the U.S.

In this political and economic environment, big companies such as Walmart and Koch Industries and smaller ones such as Pioneer Overhead Door are turning to an underutilized source of labor: inmates and

the formerly incarcerated.

It's a large, mostly untapped pool of workers: Roughly 20 million Americans have been convicted of a felony, according to research by University of Georgia Professor Sarah Shannon and her colleagues.

But even if the need for workers is great and attitudes are shifting, it's not an easy decision. On his desk in a big warehouse a few blocks from the Las Vegas Strip, Nelsen has statues of saints and the Virgin Mary. A practicing Catholic, he asked friends whether he should hire a Casa Grande inmate. Almost everyone said yes, he should offer a chance of redemption. Among fellow business owners, opinions were mixed.

Nelsen has five workers who hang the garage doors at homes and commercial facilities such as warehouses and car washes. It was a big risk, some said, to take on someone convicted six times for nonviolent burglaries.

Nelsen's wife urged him to take a chance. So he offered Black a job, and Black, who has been in prison for the past nine years, accepted quickly, saying it gave him a "sense of purpose" for the first time in decades.

Black spends his nights locked in a cell, but on weekdays, he wears a dark gray Pioneer Overhead Door uniform. Customers don't know about his past. They only see the quality of

the work now.

"He's my best worker," Nelsen said. "Out of all my technicians, he's the one I wouldn't want to lose."

Some companies ask job applicants immediately if they have ever been convicted of a crime, but the ACLU and the NAACP say they have seen a "change of heart" in the past year, with more businesses willing to take a chance on people with criminal histories.

"Businesses are beginning to ask: Why did we have such stringent bans?" says Ngozi Ndulue, senior director of criminal justice programs at the NAACP.

Increasingly, business leaders see hiring people with criminal records as the right thing to do for America and for their companies.

"We've hired a lot of people with criminal records who have been good employees," said Mark Holden, general counsel at Koch Industries. "What someone did on their worst day doesn't define them forever."

Black credits Nevada's work-release program with breaking his "prison mindset." He had been in prison twice before for shorter sentences that he says didn't change him. He was released in 2008 with \$25 to his name. With no money and few prospects, he went right back to what he knew before, crime and drugs.

Within two months, he was caught stealing again.

"I grew up in a very cliché childhood: Broken home. My mom passed away when I was young, and I bounced around a lot. I cared about nothing," Black says. "I was a career criminal. It took a devastating amount of prison time for me to rethink my position in this world."

He meditates and draws in the evenings. When he turned 40, he joined the prison squad that fights wildfires. A year later, he was able to apply for Casa Grande and get into a job orientation class called Turning Point.

"I want to be able to look myself in the mirror. I want to be respectable," Black said.

Most of the money he earns goes to pay restitution to people he stole from and to the state of Nevada to cover rent at Casa Grande. But he has saved about \$700.

Black, 42, is among the 2.3 million Americans behind bars, about 95 percent of whom will be released. Finding better ways to get people from prison into jobs is a cause that has united conservatives, especially religious and business leaders, with progressives. It has even made it onto President Donald Trump's agenda.

"Many prisoners end up returning to crime, and they

end up returning to prison," Trump said at a recent White House event on prison reform. "We can help break this vicious cycle through job training."

Some of the most outspoken advocates are conservative power brokers such as the Koch brothers and Clay Bennett, owner of the National Basketball Association's Oklahoma Thunder.

Last summer, Bennett invited ACLU fellow Megan Marcelin to speak to a large gathering of Oklahoma business executives to make the case for hiring people with criminal pasts. She found a receptive audience.

Many conservatives, including Trump, see prison-to-job initiatives as part of a larger goal of reducing prison and welfare costs and lowering unemployment.

Walmart and Koch Industries no longer ask about criminal histories on their job applications. That small step has given many more people a chance to get in front of a hiring manager. Walmart and Koch don't do a full background check until the final stages of the hiring process, when they already have a sense of an applicant.

This is part of a broader movement known as "ban the box," a reference to removing the check-box question on applications.

President Barack Obama banned the box for most federal government jobs. A grass-roots movement has advocated for changes in state laws as well.

"It's common sense: We want former prisoners to be able to support themselves," says Beth Avery, a staff attorney at the National Employment Law Project. "That's good for everyone in the long run. It reduces recidivism and public spending on incarceration."

The federal government doesn't track how many people with criminal histories have been hired across the country. But studies of cities such as Minneapolis that have banned the box found that more than 50 percent of people whose applications had been

flagged with "concern" because of a prior conviction were hired after the law changed.

Nelsen says he's become more aware of what these reforms can do for society and for businesses.

"I was originally negative on Casa Grande," Nelsen said. "Now I'm one of the biggest beneficiaries of it."

The ACLU and Koch Industries are also pushing for people with criminal pasts to be able to get state licenses to do everything from plumbing to being makeup artists to being security guards. Nearly 30 percent of U.S. jobs require a state license, according to the Brookings Institution, but some states prevent felons from getting licenses.

Another hurdle that remains is racial prejudice. Studies have found it's twice as easy for white inmates and formerly incarcerated Caucasians to get jobs than for African-Americans. Research by economists at the University of Virginia and the University of Oregon last year found that banning the box caused some employers to discriminate against African-Americans and Latinos because hiring managers made assumptions about who was more likely to have a criminal record.

Black feels lucky to be working again and is preparing for a parole hearing in February. He has been mentoring a 20-year-old named Eric Fernandez, who recently joined Pioneer Overhead Door. Black showed him what tools to buy and taught him all the different types of garage door springs. In exchange, Fernandez drives the truck, since Black can't get his driver's license back yet.

What's it like to be working with Black?

Fernandez shrugs, signaling he hasn't given it much thought.

"He's pretty funny," Fernandez says. He looks over at Black and they laugh in unison, pausing for a few seconds in the Las Vegas heat before getting back to work.



"I want to be able to look myself in the mirror. I want to be respectable."

— Ian Black, in his room at the Casa Grande Transitional Housing facility in Las Vegas

Democrats dispute some of memo content, context

Memo, from Page 1

court enough about Steele's role in an opposition research effort. The research was funded by Democrat Hillary Clinton through a Washington law firm.

The document also takes aim at several senior FBI and Justice Department officials. Among them is former Associate Deputy Attorney General Bruce Ohr, who it says knew of Steele's anti-Trump leanings and whose wife worked at the firm behind the opposition research effort.

What's new? The memo provides the first formal government confirmation of the secret FISA warrant and that Page was the person being monitored.

Information like that is ordinarily considered among the most tightly held national security information, and it almost never gets released to the public.

Though the memo takes issue with the FBI's methods, it also confirms that the FBI and Justice Department believed there was probable cause that Page was acting as an agent of a foreign power and judges agreed — four times over.

The memo fills in the timeline of the Russia investigation, showing that Page was under surveillance for months.

According to the memo, the Justice Department and FBI obtained the FISA warrant on Page on Oct. 21, 2016, and then had it reauthorized three more times.

Given that FISA warrants must be renewed every 90 days, the memo indicates that the government monitored Page's communications for nearly a year.

How it started: According to the memo, information about former Trump campaign foreign policy adviser George Papadopoulos "triggered the opening of an FBI counterintelligence investigation in late July 2016."

That's significant because Trump and his allies in the GOP have tried to undermine the Russia investigation by saying it all stems from the Steele dossier.

But the memo confirms reporting by The New York Times late last year that FBI concerns about Papadopoulos started the investigation. Papadopoulos pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI last year. Court papers show he had several contacts with people representing themselves as being tied to the Russian government starting in the spring of 2016.

Court papers show that Papadopoulos learned the Russians had "dirt" on Clinton in the form of "thousands of emails" prior to that information becoming public.

Info from Steele: The memo says Steele's collection of reports "formed an essential part" of the FISA application for Page, but it doesn't specify what information was used or how much. It also says that the FISA application relied on a September 2016 Yahoo



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Ex-campaign aide George Papadopoulos pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI.



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Ex-FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe's testimony is key in the memo.



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Carter Page, former foreign policy adviser to Donald Trump's 2016 campaign.

News article, and claims that the information in the article also came from Steele.

The document cites former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe as telling the House intelligence committee in December that "no surveillance warrant would have been sought" from the FISA court "without the Steele dossier information," although it doesn't directly quote him.

According to the memo, the application also included "Steele's past record of credible reporting on other unrelated matters."

What wasn't released: The accuracy of the memo is hard to assess because the

majority of the underlying contents are classified or confidential.

The memo cites an initial FISA warrant application — a document with dozens of pages — as well as three additional renewals by the court. None of those documents are public.

The same is true of the transcripts of the committee's closed-door interviews with McCabe and other senior FBI officials who had contact with Steele.

On Friday, the committee's top Democrat, Rep. Adam Schiff of California, took issue with the memo's characterization of McCabe's comments, saying the former FBI deputy director was speaking generally about how any FISA application relies on "each and every component" included.

But the committee's chairman, Rep. Devin Nunes of California, said late Friday the description of McCabe's comments is "a summation of a long interview and that's definitely what he said." He noted that other witnesses have said "similar things."

Minimally corroborated: It's been a burning question ever since the dossier was published by BuzzFeed News last year: How much did the FBI corroborate?

According to the memo, not much at the time the FBI obtained the FISA warrant on Page. The memo cites FBI Assistant Director Bill Priestap as saying FBI corroboration of the dossier was in its "infancy" when the court authorized the first FISA warrant.

It also says an "independent unit" in the FBI conducted a "source validation report" on Steele's reporting and found it "only minimally corroborated."

But without the underlying documents or transcripts of Priestap's testimony, it's hard to judge the accuracy of the memo's description.

The probe: What does this have to do with the Russia investigation? Not much. The memo focuses on government surveillance, approved by the FISA court, of Page. He has not been charged with a crime, and has accused the government of improperly eavesdropping on him.

Classified: The memo was top secret. How is it becoming public? The House intelligence committee used a process that experts say has never been used before. After allowing all members of the House the opportunity to read the secret document — about 200 reportedly did — the committee voted along party lines to send it to the White House. Trump had five days to object to its release, but he declassified it Friday. The committee also voted on party lines to block the release of a Democratic rebuttal, saying it needs to go through the same process.

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In Texas colonias, future never arrives

Unincorporated towns lack water, electricity service

BY MARIA SACCHETTI
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LA PRESA, Texas — A ragged American flag flutters outside Rosa Castro's trailer near the U.S.-Mexico border. She has no electricity, no running water, and little hope that she ever will.

Castro is one of about 500,000 people residing in hundreds of unincorporated towns in south Texas, places with quirky names such as Little Mexico, Radar Base, Betty Acres and Mike's that were created when developers carved up ranchland that was unprepared for human habitation and sold the parcels at bargain prices, mostly to low-income immigrants and Mexican-Americans.

Buyers plunked down double-wide trailers or wood-and-cinder-block houses and waited for the paved roads, electricity, and water and sewer systems to arrive.

For thousands of people, they never did.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas says the enclaves, known in Spanish as *colonias*, represent one of the largest concentrations of poverty in the United States. Texas outlawed their creation and expansion in 1989. The state and federal government have spent hundreds of millions of dollars to improve some of the outposts, but have done little in others, for reasons that include the high costs and questions about who owns which land.

Critics of *colonias* say people frustrated by the lack of services should move to established cities and towns, but residents refuse to abandon their land after years of trying to make it work. They are irked that the state government recently cut funding for health care, water and other services for *colonias*, and



Rosa Castro, right, plays loteria, the Mexican version of bingo, with other elderly residents at La Presa Community Center.

that President Donald Trump is pushing a \$25 billion border wall and security upgrades at a time when illegal border crossings are low and *colonias* could use a federal boost.

"We can't move away from here. We want Washington to do something," said Castro, a 70-year-old grandmother. "We're in the United States after all."

Jesse Gonzalez, an elected commissioner in Webb County, said he has made it his priority to bring a park and a water pump to La Presa. The county has applied for state grants to finance both projects.

"We don't live in a Third World country," Gonzalez said.

About 330 *colonias* — and nearly 38,000 people — are stuck in the most extreme conditions, without clean running water, sewers or even clear boundaries needed to develop the land, according to the state. Another 115,000 people live in enclaves without paved

roads, drainage or solid-waste disposal.

Residents of La Presa, a community of 300 surrounding a bluish lake at the center of town that is hidden by mesquite and sweet acacia trees, buy bottled water for drinking. Two or three times a week, they hitch empty water tanks to pickup trucks and drive about a dozen miles to Laredo to pump water for their washing machines, sinks, toilets and tubs.

The cost is nominal, about \$1.25 each filling, but the supply dwindles fast.

Sylvia Zuazua, a flea market cashier, has lived without running water for decades. She and her husband paid \$5,200 for an acre of land in the 1970s, dreaming of raising their family on a small farm. They bought chickens, cows and a pony, but they eventually sold them all because they had no water.

"Supposedly the United States is the richest country," she said with a shake of

her head. "I tell my husband, he's going to be buried and we won't see water."

The improvements that have trickled into La Presa over the years have made a big difference, residents say. Electrical hookups arrived over a decade ago for residents who could prove they owned the land.

Around the same time, the government built a community center where elderly residents play *loteria*, the Mexican version of bingo, pick up bags of donated sweet bread and ham sandwiches, and gather for meetings.

But for those, like Castro, who cannot prove they own their land, electricity was not an option. And for county officials, some improvements are simply too expensive — extending water and sewer service to La Presa, for example, would cost more than \$120,000 per family, which is more expensive than housing in Laredo.

The rightful homeown-

ers in *colonias* are often unclear because many paid for their land in cash and did not have the land formally mapped out and deeded with the county government. Others illegally carved up existing plots and sold them. And in other cases, the owners died without having a will that would indicate who owns the property.

"Those property owners who have chosen to live in the subdivision without basic services are also free to choose to relocate to an area where those services are available," Webb County spokesman Larry Sanchez said in an email. "Until there is a significant reduction in the cost per connection or other funding resources are generated, this subdivision will remain without water and sewer service or other utility services."

Texas' Republican Gov. Greg Abbott this summer eliminated an \$860,000 state ombudsman program

for *colonias*, which allowed them to seek help from an array of state agencies through a single point of entry.

The Associated Press reported that some of those agencies lost funding they had used to provide water and other services to *colonias*.

State officials say the settlements will continue to receive funding and can seek help directly at each government agency. But some Texas politicians say the state and federal governments should find a way to bring *colonias* up to basic standards. Most residents of *colonias* are U.S. citizens, they note. Many served in the U.S. military.

Rep. Henry Cuellar, a Democrat and former secretary of state in Texas who represents La Presa and the surrounding area, has suggested diverting border-wall funding to improve the *colonias*.

Carlos Cascos, a Republican and another former secretary of state, under Abbott, said the state and federal governments should invest \$100 million a year for the next 15 years to modernize *colonias*.

"These are basic necessities," said Cascos, who lives in the border city of Brownsville and is running for a judgeship in Cameron County. "They're not asking for curbs and gutters and sidewalks. They're asking for water."

Castro said she moved to La Presa more than a dozen years ago, after she lost her house in Laredo to foreclosure. County officials say they can do little to provide Castro access to utilities for her trailer, because it's unclear who owns the property where she lives, and only a court can resolve the issue.

Officials tried to help her apply for public housing in Laredo, but Castro says she wants to pay her own way.

"They're going to build a park," Castro said. "We don't need a park. We need water."



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Mayor, others want to create museum against right wing

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PREDAPPIO, Italy — Thousands of admirers of Italian dictator Benito Mussolini visit his tiny home town every year. Now, as far-right parties expand their appeal ahead of March elections, the town's leftist mayor wants to open a museum of fascism on the main square, not as an homage to their cause but as a way to contain it.

The effort has reignited a long-running debate about Italy's conflicted relationship with the jut-jawed Mussolini, who seized power in 1922 and held his nation in thrall for more than two decades, building it into an industrial behemoth even as he threw his opponents into prison camps. Many historians and politicians say Italy never fully reckoned with its fascist past — and that one result is the modern-day popularity of leaders who cite Mussolini as a model.

The nostalgia has grown even thicker this year in the run-up to the March 4 vote, in which insurgent outsiders who say Mussolini is misunderstood are gaining on traditional centrist candidates. One aspiring governor in a prosperous region recently said Italy must protect “the white race.” Another politician said Mussolini did “great things” for the country.

Predappio's center-left mayor wants to overhaul the town's crumbling 1937 House of Fascism, an imposing marble-and-brick edifice with a balcony once used to address cheering crowds, for the proposed Museum of Fascism.

Backers of the plan envision a spiraling display modeled on Dante's circles of hell, with Mussolini's pugnacious presence at its center. Visitors would gaze



Giorgio Frassinetti, the mayor of Predappio, walks through the House of Fascism, which he wants to turn into a museum.

out at neighboring hills from the curving, airy ballroom where local fascists held their galas. They would eat in the same spot Blackshirts once sipped espressos.

If the project's backers find the additional \$6.2 million they need for the museum, it would be Italy's first devoted exclusively to the fascist era, 73 years after Mussolini was executed, then strung up in a public square in Milan. Shops in Predappio cater to his fans, selling marble busts of the dictator, hats stitched with fascist icons and collections of his speeches.

“Predappio is the right place to do this, because it's a fascist symbol,” said Giorgio Frassinetti, the mayor of the leafy town of 6,000 in Italy's rolling northeast. “I want to use culture as a weapon of mass destruction for ignorance.”

Advocates already have \$2.5 million in pledges. The town owns the property. Unlike neighboring Ger-

many, where Adolf Hitler remains a third rail even for far-right parties, Italy has long harbored ambivalent feelings about its fascist leader.

“Mussolini built so many things,” Matteo Salvini, the leader of the far-right Northern League party, said on Italian radio Friday. “But I prefer democracy to dictatorship, dictatorships of any kind.”

A sense that Mussolini is being rehabilitated unsettles some of Italy's mainstream leaders.

“It is surprising to hear, even today, from some quarters, that fascism had some merits but made two serious mistakes: the racial laws and the entry into the war,” said Italian President Sergio Mattarella, in a speech last week marking the 80th anniversary of the signing of Italy's notorious anti-Semitic racial laws. “Racism and war were not deviations or episodes from its way of thinking, but the direct and inevitable consequence.”

Frassinetti said he fears there is a trend on the continent toward a fascist resurgence.

“In Europe, there is a wind blowing in that direction,” he said in Predappio's town hall, where he said his high-ceiling office once served as Mussolini's childhood bedroom. He blamed a poor understanding of the past. “This country has given up on a whole generation. Because schools and politicians haven't done their job.”

In Predappio, traces of the fascist leader are everywhere. His birthplace, a squat stone structure where the guest book is full of far-right slogans, is fronted by a sweeping Fascist-era plaza. Just outside town, the leader's crypt looms over the cemetery.

On a recent sunny weekday afternoon, a steady stream of visitors walked up to the high-arched mausoleum, where a red, white and green Italian flag was tied to a door handle. Some

threw the stiff-armed fascist salute. Others praised Mussolini's leadership.

“This is our Bethlehem. This is a way to pay thanks for what he did for the world,” said Antonino Monti, 64, who ambled up to the crypt, trailed by his wife, daughter and pet Chihuahua, before saluting smartly.

“He was the best leader of the 20th century,” said Monti, who said he visits Predappio several times a year from his home in Sicily, where he works on the Sigonella air base.

The growing traffic to Predappio — city leaders say it draws more than 50,000 people a year — has upset groups that represent victims of fascism.

“This city is becoming a temple to Mussolini,” said Noemi Di Segni, the head of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, who backs the museum.

The museum's planners, like Di Segni, argue that it is past time for an analytical

look at the history.

Some civic leaders say Italy has not learned lessons from the past.

“We weren't able to spread out to young people in the schools how bad a dictatorship is compared to a democracy,” said Emanuele Fiano, a center-left lawmaker in the Italian Parliament who recently proposed a bill to outlaw the fascist salute and distribution of Fascist and Nazi party imagery. Current laws ban such materials only if they are being used to recreate the historical Fascist Party, which gives wide leeway to Mussolini's admirers.

But critics of the museum say that rather than diminish the town's appeal as a fascist mecca, it could entrench it by adding yet another place on the far-right Mussolini tour. Predappio is far from Italy's established tourist centers, requiring a slow train and a bus from Bologna, the nearest big city. Few people seek it out, other than those with a penchant for Mussolini.

“I'm afraid Predappio might become a place for spreading fascism, not rejecting it,” said Anna Foa, a historian of Italian Judaism who opposes the project.

The head of Italy's influential anti-fascist partisans association shares the worry.

“A museum of fascism would de facto become a place of pilgrimage for fascists” if it were in Predappio, said Carla Nespolo, the group's president.

In Predappio, anti-fascist activists say they remain shocked that such sentiment is still so visible. Stores selling Mussolini memorabilia line the main street in proud defiance of laws against “apologizing for fascism.”

“They're like sex shops for fascism,” said Stefano Ignone, a member of a local foundation that has battled the museum plan. “But at least in a sex shop they cover the windows. Here it's all in the open.”

Some Israelis recoil amid bid to oust Africans

Plan to expel 40K refugees called unethical

BY ARON HELLER
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — A government plan to deport tens of thousands of African migrants has sparked an unexpected backlash from liberal Israelis and their American Jewish allies who say Israel — established in the wake of the Holocaust — should never be turning away those in need.

The showdown could come to a head April 1, when the state plans to start expelling Africans, some of whom have been in Israel for years and have children who know no other home, to an uncertain fate.

In recent weeks, groups of Israeli pilots, doctors, writers, former ambassadors and Holocaust survivors have all appealed to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to halt the deportation plan, warning it was unethical and would cause grave damage to Israel's self-described image as a light upon the nations.

Even Yad Vashem, Israel's official Holocaust memorial, has weighed in.

While rejecting any comparisons between the plight of the migrants and the victims of the Holocaust, it said the issue nonetheless is a “national and international challenge that requires empathy, compassion and mercy.”

“The experience of the Jewish people over generations heightens this obligation,” it said in a statement. “The authorities in Israel must make every effort so that there is no person who arrived in Israel with a sword over his neck that did not receive refugee status.”

Even such an inference has struck a raw nerve, with the government accusing some critics of cynically invoking comparisons to the plight of Jews in Nazi Germany.

“This campaign is baseless and absurd,” Netanyahu said. “Genuine refugees and their families will remain in Israel. We have no obligation to allow illegal labor migrants who are not refugees to remain here.”

Advocates dispute that, noting Israel's poor record of processing refugee re-



Eritrean migrants wear chains to mimic slaves at a demonstration last month.

quests. They note that of some 15,000 African refugee status requests, only 11 have been approved, citing this as evidence that Israel is being disingenuous and not living up to international standards.

“These are lies on the backs of the weakest people,” said Dror Sadot, from the Hotline for Refugees and Migrants advocacy group. “It's unreasonable that only in Israel these are ‘infiltrators’ and everywhere else in the world they are refugees.”

The Africans began heading to Israel in 2005 after neighboring Egypt violently quashed a demon-

stration by Sudanese refugees in which at least 27 were killed, and word began to spread of safety and job opportunities in Israel. Since then, Israel has been grappling with how to balance the country's history as a refuge for Jews.

About 60,000 migrants crossed Israel's previously porous desert border with Egypt before a barrier was completed in 2012 along the 130-mile frontier.

Since then about 20,000 have left either voluntarily, via a United Nations program or with the encouragement of the government, which offers each about \$3,500 and a plane ticket to leave. Others have found

themselves locked up for lengthy periods in a massive detention center in the remote southern desert, keeping them away from their menial jobs in hotels and restaurants.

Still, thousands of migrants are concentrated in neighborhoods in south Tel Aviv, where ethnic food shops and phone card stalls line the streets, and the area has become known as “Little Africa.” This has sparked tension with the working-class Jewish residents who have been putting pressure on the government to find a solution.

The government, dominated by nationalist parties, has championed the cause

of the residents. After years of delays, the Cabinet recently voted to begin shipping out the remaining 40,000 migrants, even against their will, to an unnamed third African country with which it has reached a secret agreement.

The country is widely reported to be Rwanda, though it denies it, and Netanyahu has cryptically referred to it as what “the U.N. considers it to be one of the safest countries in Africa.”

Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked said the vast majority of Africans in Israel are young men seeking work, rather than refugees, and Israel had a right to dictate its immigration policy.

“Israel cannot be the unemployment office of Africa,” she told Israel's Army Radio on Tuesday. “They are not being sent to their death, they are going to work somewhere else.”

The Africans' advocates say this is not so. They say Rwanda has not absorbed them, with most moving on to Uganda and then elsewhere in Africa.

Nearly all hail from Eritrea, where men are often forced into military service with slavery-like conditions, and Sudan, which was torn by a 22-year-civil war and a genocide in its Western region of Darfur.

Unable to return to their home countries, the activists say the migrants have been pushed into a second refugee ordeal.

Jailbirds, the black sheep of Serb society, care for stray dogs



DARKO VOJINOVIC/AP

A group of prisoners walks dogs in Serbia's biggest prison in Sremska Mitrovica, northwest of Belgrade.

BY JOVANA GEC
Associated Press

SREMSKA MITROVICA, Serbia — In Serbia's biggest prison, some inmates' days are filled with joyous barks and happy licks.

The prison in Sremska Mitrovica, northwest of Belgrade, has set up a shelter for stray dogs within the prison compound and tasked a group of inmates with taking care of the animals.

The move is part of a

project with the municipal authorities that is designed to boost the inmates' resocialization while also helping solve a big problem in the town.

About a dozen prisoners have helped run the shelter for some 260 dogs since it opened in November, cleaning the facilities, feeding the dogs, walking and training them.

“We do everything we would normally do with our own dogs,” said one of the prisoners, Radomir Djakovic. “Working with

animals is great, it makes our time here pass much more quickly.”

The idea, prison authorities said, is to help the inmates develop empathy through interaction with the animals and learn new skills they can use later in life.

The project is backed by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, which is aiding reform in the Balkan country as it seeks entry into the European Union following years of crisis in the 1990s.

“This is a huge step forward for Serbia when it comes to work with prisoners,” said warden Aleksandar Alimpic. “There is huge potential, and it is up to us to make the best of it.”

Only inmates serving terms for lesser offenses and who have experience with the shelter. Alimpic said work with more serious offenders is yet to come.

“The true benefit would be to make a difference with resocialization of the worst offenders,” he said.

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

8 Turkish troops, Russian pilot die in separate events in Syria

BEIRUT — Turkey said eight of its troops were killed Saturday in Ankara's military operation against a Syrian Kurdish militia, the deadliest day in the two-week-old offensive in the enclave of Afrin, while in another part of Syria, al-Qaida-linked militants downed a Russian fighter jet, then shot and killed the pilot.

The Turkish military said five soldiers were killed after their tank in Syria came under attack

near Afrin. Three others also were reported killed in the offensive.

The total death toll of Turkish troops since the operation, codenamed Olive Branch, started Jan. 20 stands at 13.

Meanwhile, in Idlib province, militants said they downed a Russian jet and killed its pilot after he ejected from the plane. The pilot resisted being captured and fired at the militants who then shot and killed him.

Mexican authorities find 300 migrants crammed in trucks

MEXICO CITY — Three hundred Central American migrants being transported in tractor-trailers were rescued in two Gulf coast states, Mexican authorities reported Saturday.

A statement from the National Immigration Institute said two trucks were stopped at a checkpoint before dawn in the northern state of Tamaulipas, which borders Texas. Scanners detected peo-

ple inside, and 198 migrants from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador were found without proper ventilation, food or water, and with practically no space to move.

Three people were arrested on suspicion of human trafficking.

A separate statement described a similar discovery Friday in Veracruz state, saying a truck was found carrying 102 Central Americans.

2 charged after girl burned in exorcism ritual, authorities say

EAST BRIDGE-WATER, Mass. — Two sisters tied down and burned a 5-year-old girl, permanently disfiguring her, in a ritual meant to rid her of a demon causing her to misbehave, police said.

The women also threatened to cut off the head of the girl's 8-year-old brother with a machete, authorities said.

The boy said his sister was tied down on two

occasions while the sisters blew fire over her face and cut her on the arm and in the collar area with a needle-like object, drawing blood, police said. The girl said the women also poured a substance that stung over her eyes.

Peggy LaBossiere, 51, and Rachel Hilaire, 40, pleaded not guilty Jan. 29 to assault and other charges. A public defender didn't return a call seeking comment Saturday.



A video still shows images inside a 4,400-year-old tomb discovered outside Cairo.

4,400-year-old tomb unearthed near Giza pyramids, Egypt says

CAIRO — Archaeologists in Egypt have discovered a 4,400-year-old tomb near the country's famed pyramids at the Giza plateau just outside Cairo, the Antiquities Ministry said Saturday, the latest discovery that authorities hope will help revive the country's tourism sector.

The tomb was found in a wider area of Giza's western necropolis, which is known to be home to tombs from the Old Kingdom.

It likely belonged to a woman known as Hetpet, who archaeologists believe was close to ancient Egyptian royals of the 5th Dynasty.

The tomb, unveiled to

the media Saturday, is made of mud brick and includes wall paintings depicting Hetpet observing different hunting and fishing scenes. Other scenes show a monkey — in pharaonic times, monkeys were commonly kept as domestic animals — picking fruit. Another scene shows a monkey dancing before an orchestra.

According to the ministry, the archaeological mission behind the discovery started excavation work last October. Archaeologists have been making discoveries near the site since the 19th century, and Mostafa al-Waziri, who led the mission, believes there

is still more to be found.

Hetpet is a previously known figure in Egyptian antiquity though her mummy has not been found. Fragments of artifacts belonging to Hetpet were found in the same area in 1909.

Despite all the discoveries already made about ancient Egypt, experts say they hope to find more — in part thanks to modern technology — treasures still buried under the desert.

Tourism in Egypt has been hit hard by extremist attacks and political turmoil following the 2011 popular uprising that toppled longtime autocrat Hosni Mubarak.

Teacher accused of assaulting student over pledge

LAFAYETTE, Colo. — Police say they're investigating an allegation that a Colorado middle school teacher assaulted a student who refused to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

KUSA-TV reported that the teacher has been placed on paid administrative leave while officers look

into the alleged incident, which occurred Thursday at Angevine Middle School in Lafayette, about 22 miles north of downtown Denver.

Police did not give details about the nature of the alleged assault.

Boulder Valley School District spokesman Randy

Barber said district policy allows students to stand or sit for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Barber identified the teacher as Karen Smith, a 20-year employee of the district who teaches physical education. No phone number could be found for her.

Suicide blast kills 11, injures 13 in Pakistan, military says

MINGORA, Pakistan — A suicide bombing in Pakistan's northwestern Swat Valley killed 11 soldiers and wounded 13 Saturday in what authorities said was the first attack in over three years in the region once ruled by militants.

No group claimed responsibility for the attack.

The bomber detonated his explosives vest near an empty lot used by the soldiers for sports and exercise in the Kabal area, the military said.

The military said the wounded were being treated at a local hospital.

Security forces cordoned off the area, the statement added.

Islamic militants ruled the Swat Valley from 2007 until a massive military operation routed them from the area in 2009. The operation involved evacuating 2 million people from the valley. They were able later to return to their homes.

Televangelist Pat Robertson is recovering after suffering an embolic stroke. The Christian Broadcasting Network, which Robertson founded, says he was rushed to treatment after a family member recognized the onset of symptoms. The network said Robertson, 87, quickly responded to treatment.

Palestinian authorities say a 19-year-old man was killed during a stone-throwing confrontation with the Israeli military Saturday near the northern West Bank town of Jenin. The Red Crescent said five other protesters were injured by rubber-coated bullets. The Israeli military said it was looking into reports of injuries.

OBITUARIES

DEATHS IN THE NEWS

Robert McCormick Adams, 91, anthropologist and former University of Chicago provost — and distant relation to the McCormick family that owned the Chicago Tribune and developed the McCormick reaper — who as secretary of the Smithsonian Institution (1984-94) played a critical role in opening new museums and sought to make “confrontation, experimentation and debate” part of the institution's mandate; Jan. 27, in Chula Vista, Calif.

Claribel Alegria, 93, Nicaraguan writer of 40-plus books of poetry, fiction and historical “testimony” whose accolades included the 2006 Neustadt International Prize for Literature and the Casa de las Americas Prize, for her 1978 poetry collection “Sobrevivo” (“I Survive”) and who last year was awarded the Queen Sofia Iberoamerican Poetry Award, one of the highest honors in Spanish-language poetry, by Spain's government and the University of Salamanca; Jan. 25, in Managua.

William Milton Anderson, 44, former chairman of the Moapa Band of Paiutes who was one of the tribe's youngest leaders when he was named chairman at age 26, and was selected to be chairman for a second time in 2011, and an environmental advocate who organized efforts against the Reid Gardner power plant, located a few hundred yards from the tribe's housing area, after years of complaints about respiratory ailments; Jan. 28, in Nevada.

William Cousins Jr., 90, Harvard-trained Chicago alderman who represented the 8th Ward on the South Side for nine years before taking seats on the circuit and appellate court benches; Jan. 20, in Chicago.

Oscar Gamble, 68, out-



BIKASH KARKI/GETTY-AFP 2014

Chicago native Elizabeth Hawley maintained the “Himalayan Database,” an unofficial record book of mountaineering.



Gamble



Walker

fielder who hit 200 home runs over 17 major league seasons, including with the Chicago Cubs and White Sox and was famous during his playing days for an Afro that spilled out of his helmet; Jan. 31, in Birmingham, Ala., of ameloblastic carcinoma.

Elizabeth Hawley, 94, Chicago-born journalist who never climbed any mountain yet kept records of mountaineers on Nepal's highest peaks, which include eight of the world's 14 highest, including Mount Everest, by maintaining the “Himalayan Database” and who in 2014 was honored when Nepal named a mountain after her: Peak Hawley, 20,330 feet; Jan. 26, in Kathmandu, of pneumonia.

Kenneth Radnitzer, 91, Marine Corps veteran and lifelong Oak Parker who fought in World War II's Battle of Okinawa and was awarded a Silver Star Medal, fought in the Korean War and received the Bronze Star Medal with a

“V” for valor, and went on to serve for many years in the active reserve, and who competed in hundreds of 5K races and ran the Chicago Marathon at age 60; Jan. 1, in Urbana, of cardiac arrest.

Dr. Angelo Scanu, 93, University of Chicago cardiologist who conducted groundbreaking research that led to the discovery of a cholesterol particle associated with increased risk of coronary artery disease for 1 in every 5 or 6 people; Jan. 12, after a fall in his home in Chicago.

Eddie Shaw, 80, saxophonist from Mississippi who at Muddy Waters' urging moved to Chicago in 1957, where he joined the band of Howlin' Wolf and also performed with Magic Sam, Freddie King, Otis Rush and others, becoming legendary among blues listeners; Jan. 30, in Chicago.

Mort Walker, 94, comic strip artist and World War II veteran who satirized the Army and tickled millions of newspaper readers with the antics of the lazy private “Beetle Bailey,” which appeared in as many as 1,800 newspapers, and later created the “Hi and Lois” strip; Jan. 27, in Stamford, Conn.

DENNIS EDWARDS 1943-2018

Temptations singer known for a string of classic hits

By KEVIN C. JOHNSON
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Grammy-winning singer and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee Dennis Edwards, an unmistakable voice of classic Motown vocal group The Temptations, died Thursday of complications from meningitis, his family said.

Edwards, 74, would have turned 75 Saturday.

Edwards, who lived in Florissant in the St. Louis area with his wife, Brenda Edwards, died in a hospital in Chicago. He had been in and out of hospitals since a May 2017 diagnosis, she said.

While Edwards wasn't an original singer with the classic Temptations lineup — David Ruffin, Melvin Franklin, Eddie Kendricks, Paul Williams and Otis Williams — he was the official sixth member. It was his rough-and-tough signature voice that helped guide the Temptations through its funk-psychedelic period on classic tunes such as “Cloud Nine,” “Ball of Confusion (That's What the World is Today),” “Papa Was a Rollin' Stone” and “I Can't Get Next to You.” “Cloud Nine” and “Papa Was a Rollin' Stone” were Grammy-winning songs.

The Temptations won a Lifetime Achievement Grammy in 2013 that Edwards received along with Otis Williams and survivors of the departed group members. The Temptations were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1989.

Ronald Isley of the Isley Brothers, a longtime friend of Edwards, called him “one of the greats. He had a gift, a talent, and he really sang. There aren't many people left with voices like his.”

The two met in 1965



ZUMA PRESS 1970

Dennis Edwards died in Chicago of complications from meningitis.

when The Temptations and the Isley Brothers were working their way up in the music world, often performing shows together.

Edwards, Isley and Aretha Franklin performed “A Song for You” together in 2011 in Cleveland at the 16th Annual Music Masters tribute concert honoring Franklin. It was one of Isley's last great memories with Edwards. “We had a ball,” he says. “(Franklin) asked about him every time I talked to her.”

Isley, who knew Edwards had been ailing, said “we prayed for him and hoped he would get himself together and be able to come back. But he's with the Lord now.”

A number of other famous names paid tribute to Edwards, including the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Kenny Rogers, Roland Martin and the Pointer Sisters (Edwards was briefly married to Ruth Pointer in 1977).

Erika Thomas says her father was loving, full of life and positivity, and was always complimentary of St. Louis, the city he adopted during the 1980s when he moved here to be closer to his mother. In his later years, he was often seen at the Fox Theatre and Peabody Opera House when classic soul artists passed through.

“St. Louis is the best

thing that ever happened to me,” Edwards told The St. Louis Post-Dispatch in 2013. “I needed that peace in my life. And I've always been a semi-country boy.”

Edwards, born in Fairfield, Ala., in 1943, moved to Detroit as a boy and eventually joined early Motown group the Contours in the 1960s. The Contours opened for The Temptations; Edwards joined in 1968 as a replacement for Ruffin.

He recounted the switch to the Post-Dispatch: “I had been hearing rumors about David and drugs and alcohol. One morning at 4 a.m. he knocked on my door. I said, ‘David it's 4 o'clock.’ He said, ‘I'm leaving the Temptations, and they're gonna ask you to replace me.’”

He said his time with The Temptations was amazing but also rocky. “I never imagined I'd be one of the last ones standing, me and Otis,” he said. “We really got caught up in the times, and how the heck did I make it? We dabbled and dabbled with alcohol and drugs. But it's important for people to know if you change your lifestyle and wake up, there is hope.”

Williams fired Edwards in 1977, but he was in and out of the group for years to come. Through it all, he focused on a solo career, scoring a hit with “Don't Look Any Further” featuring singer Siedah Garrett in 1984. His solo career also included “(You're My) Aphrodisiac” and “Try a Little Tenderness.”

Survivors include Edwards' wife; daughters Issa Pointer of Rhode Island, Maya Peacock of Ohio, Denise Edwards, Alison Turner and Erika Thomas, all of St. Louis; son Bernard Hubbard of Indiana; and several grandchildren.

OBITUARIES

RON TAYLOR 1957-2018

Pastor helped establish coalition for social justice

BY GRAYDON MEGAN
Chicago Tribune



Ron Taylor was founder of the Disciples for Christ Church in Oak Lawn.

"Pastor Taylor was a key person in every single piece of legislation that United Congress has ever (gotten) passed."

Legislative successes included rules allowing a tax credit for employers hiring ex-offenders, several measures offering protections for juvenile offenders in the criminal justice system, and requirements for school disciplinary record transparency.

Nashashibi, a 2017 MacArthur Foundation grant recipient, said he worked with Taylor on several issues, including criminal justice reforms and police accountability. "He provided balance—he helped ground the conversation and made sure peoples' voices were heard. He was a person of profound integrity who had a tremendous capacity for love and for empathy."

Van Pelt said United Congress began with about 15 people, all people of color, working together to solve common problems. But over time, relationships developed across other lines of religion and ethnicity. "It ended up being something larger."

"Ron was able to see both sides of the coin," she said. "He had a knack for understanding what other people were saying and being able to weave common thread to create something that was worthwhile."

Johnnie Taylor said her husband's greatest impact was on young people. "He was able to bring the best out of so many people, to make them feel like they could be someone ... they could add something of value."

Taylor is also survived by a daughter, Rebecca; a brother, Larry; sisters Larryne Ghoston, Phillistine Moore, Sharon Butler, Charlene Harris, Rochelle and Lethette Taylor; and a granddaughter; Services were held.

Graydon Megan is a freelance reporter.

Disciples for Christ Church, now in Oak Lawn. In 2002, ministry became his full-time occupation. His community activism included many years with Target Area Development Corporation (no connection to Target stores), where he held several posts, including vice chairman of the board. He was a member of the executive council of United Congress for nine years before becoming executive director.

Cook County Commissioner Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, also a United Congress founder, said Taylor worked with him on several Cook County issues. Those included supporting the county's policy of not turning over undocumented immigrants to Immigration and Customs Enforcement without an arrest warrant. He also testified before the Cook County Board on legislation Garcia sponsored to end discrimination in Cook County suburbs against people with housing choice vouchers, often called Section 8 vouchers.

"He helped change that law in Cook County," Garcia said. "Pastor Ron embodied the values of advancing social justice in our time and building new coalitions."

"He did similar types of things in Springfield as leader and executive director of United Congress," Garcia said. "He truly embodied the type of action that's necessary to bring people together across race, ethnicity and faith."

"We spent countless hours in Springfield," said Mecole Jordan, who worked with Taylor at United Congress and is now interim executive director. Jordan said Taylor was hardworking, tenacious and a man of integrity.

Ron Taylor, executive director of the United Congress of Community and Religious Organizations, was a front-line leader in fighting for social justice and opportunity for disadvantaged communities across racial, ethnic and religious lines.

The Chicago-based United Congress began as an idea in 2004 and had its official start in 2006, according to state Sen. Patricia Van Pelt, who said Taylor joined her and others in founding the broad-based coalition.

"We wanted to solve real long-term problems," like integration, jobs, housing, criminal justice and education, she said. "We started thinking about how to approach them as one voice."

Taylor helped shape that voice with a combination of skills and conviction, according to Rami Nashashibi, executive director of the Inner-city Muslim Action Network, another founder of the United Congress.

"He was a phenomenal community organizer who was rooted in faith, and that faith animated everything he did."

Taylor, 60, died of cancer Jan. 20 in Little Company of Mary Hospital in Evergreen Park, according to his wife of 40 years, Johnnie. He was a lifelong resident of Chicago.

Taylor grew up on the West Side. After completing high school at what is now Farragut Career Academy, he worked in the Chicago area for the Postal Service, Wells Manufacturing, Sears and R. R. Donnelly and Sons Co.

He later got a certificate in business management from Kellogg School of Management and was working on a bachelor's degree in business from the online Capella University, his wife said.

In 1997, he founded the

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON FEBRUARY 4 ...

In 1746 Thaddeus Kosciuszko, a Polish army officer who was one of the few foreign-born heroes to fight on the colonists' side in the Revolutionary War, was born in Poland's Polesie province.

In 1783 Britain declared a formal cessation of hostilities with its former colonies, the United States of America.

In 1789 electors unanimously chose George Washington to be the first president of the United States.

In 1801 John Marshall was sworn in as chief justice of the United States.

In 1861 delegates from six southern states met in Montgomery, Ala., to form the Confederate States of America.

In 1913 civil rights pioneer

Rosa Parks was born in Tuskegee, Ala.

In 1945 President Franklin Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin began a wartime conference at Yalta.

In 1974 newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was kidnapped in Berkeley, Calif., by the Symbionese Liberation Army.

In 1977 two Chicago elevated trains crashed at Lake Street and Wabash Avenue, killing 11 people and injuring 183.

In 1983 singer Karen Carpenter died in Downey, Calif.; she was 32.

In 1987 pianist Liberace died in Palm Springs, Calif.; he was 67.

In 1997 a civil jury in Santa Monica, Calif., found O.J. Simpson liable for the

deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman.

In 2000 Austrian President Thomas Klestil swore in a coalition government that included Joerg Haider's far-right Freedom Party, a development that triggered European Union sanctions. **Also in 2000** former House Speaker Carl Albert died in McAlester, Okla.; he was 91.

In 2003 lawmakers formally dissolved Yugoslavia and replaced it with a loose union of its remaining two republics, Serbia and Montenegro.

In 2004 the Massachusetts high court declared gays were entitled to nothing less than marriage and that Vermont-style civil unions would not suffice. **Also in 2004** the social networking website Facebook had its beginnings as Harvard student Mark Zuckerberg launched "Thefacebook"

In 2005 gunmen kidnapped Italian journalist Giuliana Sgrena in Baghdad. (Sgrena was freed a month later; however, an Italian agent who had secured her release was killed by U.S. gunfire at a checkpoint.)

In 2007 the Chicago Bears lost Super Bowl XLI to the Indianapolis Colts, 21-17, in a rainy Miami.

In 2016 six family members of three generations were found dead after a vicious attack in their house in Chicago's Gage Park neighborhood. **Also in 2016** it was announced that technology entrepreneur and nascent media baron Michael Ferro became the largest shareholder in Chicago-based Tribune Publishing, parent company of the Chicago Tribune and other major daily newspapers, in a \$44.4 million deal.

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Aggen, Michelle C.

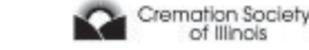
Michelle C. Aggen nee Noakes age 70 late of Tinley Park, IL. Beloved wife of the late John. Loving mother of Daniel Bradley, Mark (Debra) Bradley, Jill (Joe Morton) Bradley and Lisa (Michael) Piper. Cherished step mother of Thomas Aggen and Chad (Sue) Aggen. Proud grandmother of Tyler, Jordan, Madison (Nick), Hailey, Jacob, Corissa, Dylan, Jaclyn and Justin. Great grandmother of Easton. Caring sister of Wayne (Donna) Noakes, Marlene (Earl) Silver and the late Louis (late Pearl) Noakes and Richard (late Joan) Noakes. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Service Monday February 5, 2018 11:00 AM at the **Vandenberg Funeral Home** 17248 S. Harlem Ave. Tinley Park, IL 60477. Interment in St. Mary Cemetery Evergreen Park, IL. In lieu of flowers donations to Alzheimer's Association www.alz.org. Visitation Monday February 5, 2018 from 9:00 AM until time of service 11:00 AM. For information 708-532-1635 or www.vandenbergfuneralhome.com
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Anderson, Cara-Anya Z.

Cara-Anya Z. Anderson, 41, of Elgin passed away on Monday, January 29, 2018. She was born on August 26, 1976 in Chicago, daughter of the late Charles and Jana Zagars Morris. Cara is survived by her husband Matthew Bennett; children, Duke and Hazel Anderson; their father Vincent Anderson and grandparents Dale and Donna Anderson. A celebration of Cara's life will be Wed., Feb. 7 at 12:00 Noon in the **Laird Funeral Home**, Elgin. Visitation Wednesday morning from 11:00 AM until the time of services. 847-741-8800 or www.lairdfamilyfuneralservices.com.
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Anderson, Neal J.

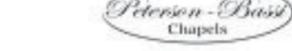
Neal J. Anderson, 77, of Chicago, passed away on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston with his wife Carol at his side. He is survived by his wife Carol; loved children Erik and Bree Anderson, Rhonda Teven, Laura and Michael Watkinson; and beloved grandchildren Emily, Lanna, Katie, Brandon, Abby, Jillian, Matthew, and Molly. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to either the American Heart Association or the Boston University Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy Center.



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Andreoni, Frances Rita

Age 95, nee Dolan. Beloved wife of the late Armand; Loving mother of Armand Jr. (Mary Kay), James (Ann), Dr. John (Julia), Mary, William, Rosemary (Patrick) Bresnahan and Margaret Marren; Dear sister of the late Sr. Anne Marie Dolan, BVM, and the late Cyril (Alice) Dolan; Cherished grandmother of 21. In lieu of flowers, masses appreciated and donations to the Organization for Autism Research. Mrs. Andreoni will lie in state on Monday from 8:30 a.m. until Mass of Christian Burial 10:00 a.m. at St. Vincent Ferrer Church, 1530 Jackson Ave. River Forest. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Info. www.petersonfuneralhome.com or 773 637-4441



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BARRON, RONALD EUGENE

89, passed peacefully in his sleep in the early morning hours of Thursday, January 25, with the love of his life, Lois Barron, by his side.

Ron began his life-long career as a professional drummer with the U.S. Army bands at the tender age of 17. After ten years, he returned home with the rank of Staff Sergeant and began his 20-year career

of touring followed by playing shows in Las Vegas. When he moved to Chicago, he was well known for working with the Barrett Deems big band, as well as touring with the Celebration Dixieland Jazz Band for 20 years. Always devoted to his brothers in arms, Ron was also an active member of the American Legion Post 748 for 20 yrs. and the VFW Post 4551 for 10 years—both in Antioch.

In 2014 Ron established Ron Barron and Friends, a Jazz sextet performing weekly at the Lake House Restaurant in Lake Bluff. His last performance was Dec. 8th. Ron will be remembered as a man who loved music and life. Ron is survived by his wife, Lois Barron, of Antioch, loving step-daughter, Carrie Burner, of Tooele, UT, and two estranged daughters. Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas E. and Eva B. Burnette, and his beloved canine companion "Peanut". A Celebration of Life will be Feb. 10, 2018 at 11:00am at The Lake House restaurant, 525 Rockland Rd. Lake Bluff. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to GoFundMe.com/ronbarron or, in person, at the event. Arrangements by STRANG FUNERAL HOME OF ANTIOCH, 847-395-4000 or www.strangfh.com

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Becker, Jr., Col. Merrill M.

Col. Merrill M. Becker, Jr. passed away at his home in Riverside on January 27, 2018. Beloved son of the late Merrill M. Becker, Sr. and late Marie nee Yuro; brother of the late Roger Becker; loving husband of 62 years of Rose nee Montifeltro; cherished father of Caroline (Brian) Joss; grandfather of Catherine and Madeline, who he adored deeply and many

nieces, nephews and cousins. Col. Becker was a soldier and Ranger in the U.S. Army and the U.S. Army National Guard where he served for forty years. He went on to spend decades as the owner of Merrill Becker, Knoll and Associates Real Estate and as a Triton College Trustee. Col. Becker was a graduate of Saint Ignatius High School, Northwestern University, The Command and General Staff College United States Army and The U.S. Army War College. Col. Becker was inspired by art, literature, teaching, business, his community and the lives of children. He was always interested in the views and opinions of those who entered his life. As a teacher, mentor and friend, Merrill had the unique ability of making people feel confident in themselves and happy about their lives. Visitation Friday, February 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. at **Ivins/Moravecck Funeral Home**, 80 E. Burlington St., Riverside followed by Funeral Mass 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church 126 Herrick Rd. Riverside, Inurnment, Mount Carmel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in memoriam to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls at www.mercyhome.org. Funeral info 708-447-2261 or www.moravecck.com.



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Beebe, Bruce H.

Bruce H. Beebe, age 61, of Bolingbrook, IL; beloved husband of 31 years to Peggy; loving father of Nikki (Josh) Abbott, Alli (Nik Cotteleer) Beebe, and Tyler Beebe; dear grandfather of Nikolas, Riley, and Anthony; fond brother of Chris (Tom) Suchan, Sandy (late Robert) Kosner, Jamie (Jim) Dunn, Alan (Paula) Beebe, and Mark (Lisa) Beebe; son of the late James & late Helen Beebe; uncle and friend of many. Visitation Monday, Feb. 5 from 3 to 9pm at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 301 - 75th St., Downers Grove. Funeral Service 10am Tuesday, Feb. 6 at the funeral home. Interment private. Funeral Info: 630-964-6500 or hjfunerals.com
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Brown, Roger Olcott

Roger Olcott Brown died unexpectedly on January 7, 2018 in Nantucket, Ma. at the age of 87.

Roger is survived by his wife of 46 years Elizabeth (Betsy), his children Stephen G. Brown (Linda), Nancy Brown Montejano (Rick), Richard C. Brown (Margaret) and E. Ashley Brown-Hill (Debbie M. Yakimisky), and grandchildren Michelle Montejano, Patrick Montejano, Richard E. Brown, Griffin P. Hill, E. Devin Hill, Tyler J. Yakimisky, Jake R. Yakimisky, and Cody J. Yakimisky.

Roger was born on June 4, 1931 in Evanston, IL to Frank Olney Brown and Madolyn Olcott Brown. He graduated from New Trier High School and attended Williams College. After graduating, he joined the Navy and defended the west coast during the Korean Conflict. While in the Navy, he married Barbara Grimm of Kenilworth IL. They moved back to Winnetka after leaving the Navy. He joined the family company, Squire Dinee Co. (Ma Brown Pickles and Preserves) as a salesman. In 1967, he became a partner with his brother, Donald O. Brown, in Brown Brokerage Company which he was involved with even after his brother passed away. Roger continued to run the company until his passing.

He married Barbara Grimm on 12/26/53 in the Kenilworth Union Church. He was active in the Winnetka Presbyterian Church and the Boy Scouts of America. After his first wife passed away in March of 1969, Roger married Elizabeth (Betsy) Cluxton in October of 1973 at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Lake Forest.

He loved curling, tennis and gardening. When they retired to Nantucket, he liked to fish in the ocean. A memorial service is pending.
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Brunner, Donna

Donna R. Brunner, age 83, of Indian Head Park, IL

passed away peacefully at her home on January 29, 2018. Donna was the beloved wife of the late Milton F. Brunner. She was a fond aunt, cousin and friend of many. Donna loved the time that she spent with Milton at their second home in Hollywood, FL. She missed her many friends in Florida

once she was no longer able to travel there for the winter. Donna loved to socialize and she celebrated all of the holidays with many decorations, especially her Halloween birthday. There will be a graveside committal service at Grand Prairie Cemetery, 12408 IL-17, Bonfield, IL 60913 on Monday, February 5, 2018 at noon. Arrangements entrusted to **Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale**. For information: 630-703-9131 or www.powellfuneraldirectors.com



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Burda, LaVerne E

LaVerne E. Burda, (Spear) 91 formerly Willow Springs and Port Charlotte, FL resident passed January 29, 2018 at Brookdale Senior Living in Burr Ridge, IL. She was born August 3, 1926 in Willow Springs, IL, moved to Port Charlotte and lived recently in Burr Ridge. LaVerne has now joined her husband, Chester M. Burda, who preceded her. She is survived by Larry (Joanne) Burda of LaGrange, Richard (Laurie) Burda of Lemont and Sharon (Tim) Harlow of Indian Head Park; two brothers, Norman (Margie) Spear of Hoopeson and Chester (Diane) Spear of Middleton, ID; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Memorial services were held at St. Max in Port Charlotte. Memorial contributions may be made to Angels for Hospice Charity, 325 West Huron Street, Suite 200, Chicago, IL 60654.

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ILLINOIS
Feb. 3
Powerball 15 23 27 48 53 / 6
Powerball jackpot: \$145M
Lotto 10 14 16 20 28 44 / 22
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Pick 3 midday 375 / 5
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05 18 31 34 41
Pick 3 evening 289 / 5
Pick 4 evening 3218 / 1
Lucky Day Lotto evening
04 13 15 31 35
Feb. 2
Mega Millions
01 04 14 17 40 / 04
Mega Millions jackpot: \$104M
Pick 3 midday 246 / 7
Pick 4 midday 8780 / 2
Lucky Day Lotto midday
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Pick 3 evening 273 / 3
Pick 4 evening 1615 / 7
Lucky Day Lotto evening
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Feb. 6 Mega Millions: \$120M

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Feb. 3
Lotto 08 24 25 30 42 45
Daily 3 midday 624 / 8
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MICHIGAN
Feb. 3
Lotto 01 06 18 39 43 44
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Feb. 3
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Badger 5 07 18 23 26 28
SuperCash 01 02 19 20 21 31

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Burger, Mary G.

Mary G. Burger nee McCarthy, age 96, late of Posen. Loving wife of the late William Burger. Caring mother of Robert Burger, John Burger, and Marianne (Lou) Pazdan. Proud grandmother of Jill Burger, Christopher Pazdan, Stacy Burger, Jeffrey (Kathryn) Pazdan, and Stephanie (Michael) Day. Funeral Monday February 5, 2018 10:45am prayers from **Hickey Memorial Chapels** 4201 W. 147th St Midlothian to St Stanislaus Church Mass 11:30am. Interment St Mary Cemetery. Visitation 9-10:45am. In lieu of flowers memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital www.stjude.org. For more information and online register www.hickeyfuneral.com or (708) 385-4478.



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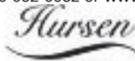
Campana, Sr., Thomas J.

Thomas J. Campana, Sr., born December 4, 1923 in Chicago, Illinois, at rest January 31, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Kathleen Joan (nee Moore). Loving father of James, Gail (Ed) Colaianni, Mark, and the late Thomas Jr. Beloved grandfather of Thomas (Laura) Campana III, Nicholas Campana, Edward Colaianni, and great grandfather of Harrison Campana. Proud World War II veteran and Bronze Star recipient, having served in the 445th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force flying out of Tibenham, England. Services are private.

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Carlson, Joseph E.

Joseph E. Carlson, of Westchester, beloved husband of the late Kay, nee Yankovich; loving father of Thomas, Mary Jo (James) Gearhart, Kathleen (Joseph) Gearhart, Joseph G. Carlson and Patricia (Kevin) Hicks; dear grandfather of Jessica (Ethan) Teas, Michelle, Sarah and Kristin Gearhart, Colleen (Thomas) Fallon and Jacklyn Gearhart and Andrew and Amanda Mohr; great-grandfather of Amelia, Zachary, Gabrielle and Atticus; fond brother of the late William Carlson. Retired Associate Engineer for Commonwealth Edison. Visitation Thursday 3:00 - 9:00 pm at **HURSEN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY**, SW corner of Mannheim & Roosevelt Rds, Hillside/Westchester. Prayers Friday 9:00 am at funeral home to Divine Infant Church, Westchester. Mass 10:00 am. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Funeral info: 800-562-0082 or www.hursen.com.



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Catapano, Mary Ann

Mary Ann Catapano nee Welton; Dearly Beloved Wife of the late Frank R. Catapano Sr.; Loving Mother of Christine (Joe) Berrios, Theresa, and Frank R. Jr.; Beloved Daughter of the late James and Hilda Welton; Fond Grandmother of Nicholas, Stephanie, and Natalie; Dear Sister of Helen, the late Tommy, Geraldine, and Jimmy; Fond aunt of many Nieces and Nephews; Sister in law of many. Funeral Services Wednesday 8:30am from **Carbonara Funeral Home** 1515 N. 25th ave Melrose Park to St. Beatrice Church, Mass 10am. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday 3-9pm. Please visit Mary Ann's tribute at Carbonarafuneralhome.net 708-343-6161

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Cirignani, Joseph

Joseph Cirignani, age 68. Beloved husband to Rosanne, nee Michalak; loving father of Amy (Joe) Gattone, and Joe; fond Papa of Joey and Giuliana; dear brother of Fr. Tony Cirignani, O.F.M., and the late MaryAnne Corriero; dear friend to many. Visitation Monday, February 5, 2018 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL 60706. Funeral services begin Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home and will proceed to Mary Seat of Wisdom Church, 920 W. Granville Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068 for Funeral Mass at 12:00 p.m. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Hillside, IL. Kindly omit flowers. Info 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com.

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Credio, Rosemary

Age 75, passed away peacefully Saturday, February 3, 2018 with her loved ones by her side. Rosemary was employed by the Arch Diocese of Chicago for 34 dedicated years and retired in 2008.



Preceded in death by her parents Stanley and Mary Busiel and one brother, Daniel Busiel.

Survived by her sons Ralph (Liz) and Ron Credio and one daughter Roxanne (Mike) DeVito; loving grandsons Michael and Anthony DeVito and one brother Gerald (Sharon) Busiel.

Services will be held Tuesday, February 6, 2018 in the O'Neil Funeral Home Chapel 1105 E. 9th St Lockport, IL 60441 at 6:00pm with Deacon Kevin Ryan Officiating. Following all services cremation rites will be respectfully addressed. Visitation Tuesday, February 6, 2018 in the funeral home chapel from 4:00pm until 6:00pm.

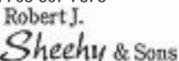
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Curran, Maureen T.

nee Scanlon. Beloved wife of Joseph Curran Ret. C.F.D. Loving mother of Joseph (Jeannette) Curran and Michael O.L.F.D. (Katie) Curran. Proud grandma of Kailen, Taylor, Brendan, Jillian and Kristen. Dear sister of Eileen (James Ret. C.F.D.) Looney, Kevin Scanlon, the late Michael Scanlon and Dolores McDonnell. Cherished sister in law of the late Jack (Eileen) Curran, the late Therese (the late Jim) Rattigan, the late Robert Curran, Mary Rita (Denny) Gashler and Mary (Brad) Freeman. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Retired school clerk at Chicago Board of Education after many years. Services and interment were held privately. Arrangements were handled by the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878



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Daniels, Virginia 'Gina'

Virginia Daniels, nee Micelli. 85 years. Beloved wife of the late Richard M. Devoted mother of Richard J. (Kathy). Adored "Nana" of Richie (Maggie), Mary Kate, Emily, and Maggie. Dear sister of Rose Mary (the late Wally) Rosignol, Eddie (Verda) Micelli, Donald (Terrie) Micelli, Carol (Tom) Martinez, Chris (Tom) Corcoran, and the late Charlie (Lori) Micelli, Frank (the late Joyce) Micelli, Josie (the late Sam) Calvano, Joe Micelli, and Kitty (the late Mike) Carollo. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Tuesday 9 A.M. from the **Becvar & Son Funeral Home**, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood, to Incarnation Church for a 9:30 A.M. Mass. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Mercy Home For Boys and Girls (www.mercyhome.org) would be appreciated. (708) 824-9000 or www.becvarfuneralhome.com



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Darida, Sandra

Sandra B. Darida, age 76, of Grayslake passed away Monday, January 29, 2018 at her home. She was born August 21, 1941 in Morrison, IL to Lester and Blanche Bull. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1963. She taught school in Mt. Prospect and Avon School in Grayslake. She later worked as a librarian for the Grayslake Library for 12 years. Sandra is survived by her husband, Denis whom she married 52 years ago on December 27, 1965; her children, Jeffrey (Gracie) of Antioch and Suzanne (Michael) Lewis of Poplar Grove; grandchildren, Austin Darida and Michael, Marcus, and Alexa Lewis; great-granddaughter, Isabella Darida; and a brother Kenneth (Sandra) Bull of Sun Prairie, WI. She was preceded in death by her parents. A memorial gathering will be held at a later date. For information, please call 847-223-8122 or go to www.strangfuneral.org.



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Debs, Melvin G.

Melvin G. Debs, WWII Army Air force Veteran, retired employee of Pepperidge Farms, past commander of the Westmont V.F.W. Post #9267, past President of the Westmont Little League, Melvin was involved with Boys Scouts and fundraising for the Indian Boundary YMCA. Beloved husband of the late Virginia, nee Spalenka; loving father of Debra Patton, Cynthia (John) Hansford, Duane (Diana), Jody Debs (George Gigliolo) and Tim (Beth); cherished grandfather of 12, great-grandfather of 6; uncle to loving nieces and nephews. His greatest joy in life was his family and grand kids, who will miss him more than words can express. Visitation Monday, 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. at **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 South Cass Avenue, Darien, where funeral service will be held Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. Int. Clarendon Hills Cem. In lieu of flowers donations to Honor Flight Chicago or the American Heart Assoc. apprec. For info. 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com.

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Dentice, Thomas S. 'Tom'

Thomas S. "Tom" Dentice, age 79, a resident of Oak Brook, IL for 34 years, passed away on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove, IL. He was born January 12, 1939 in Wauwatosa, WI.

Tom served in the U.S. Air Force from 1958-1965. After his honorable discharge in 1965, Tom joined McDonald's Corp., starting as a manager trainee and retiring in 1997 as an Executive Vice President. A private visitation and funeral service were held. Interment: Private.

Arrangements by **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL**.

For a complete obituary or more information, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213.



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Di Simone, Dominic S.

Dominic S. Di Simone, Age 89, WWII Army Veteran and decorated veteran of the Korean Conflict. A Member of Corp-D'Elite Military Police Co., that guarded the peace talks at Panmunjom. He also guarded President Eisenhower, Generals and other Dignitaries on their visit to Korea. Beloved husband for 62 yrs. to Theresa nee Mastromarco. Loving father of John Di Simone and Gina Carlson, Proud grandfather of Dominic Di Simone and Robbie & Nicole Carlson. Dear brother of Steven Di Simone and the late Lena Di Simone and Jeanette (late Rocco) DeVincenzo. Fond brother in law of Mary Mastromarco. Caring uncle of Rocco and Anthony DeVincenzo. Funeral Mass and interment will be held privately. Arrangements entrusted to **Cumberland Chapels**, www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708-456-8300.



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Donley, Paul Joseph

Paul J. Donley, 52, of Chicago, IL passed suddenly on Tuesday, January 30, 2018. He was born October 31, 1965 in Chicago, IL. Survivors include his beloved wife of 25 years, Lauren, cherished father of Timothy (Haily) and Sarah. Caring brother of Maureen (John), Thomas (Terry), Lynn (James), Edward, and fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews and cousins. He is preceded in death by his parents Robert and Margaret.

Paul was a generous and caring friend. His stories and laugh will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

A funeral mass will be celebrated on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 1pm at St. Barnabas Catholic Church, 10134 South Longwood Drive, Chicago.

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Duranso, Donald C.

Donald C. Duranso, age 94, January 30, 2018. Devoted husband to Eileen nee Billingsley Duranso. Loved father of Nancy (Jerry) Burns, John (Janet) Duranso and Amy (Paul) Miller; fond grandfather of Andrew (Marianthe) and Christopher Burns, Lauren (Scott) Keen, Nicole (Andrew) Stoeckel and Natalie Duranso, Kimberly and the late Megan Miller; great grandfather to Christian and Alexander Burns and Tatum and Brady Keen; loved brother of James J. (Therese) Duranso. Retired Finance Director for the Village of Glencoe having served over 35 years from 1951 - 1987. Services and interment private. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Arrangements by the **Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory** 516 S. Washington St. Naperville. 630 355 0264. www.beidelmankunschfh.com.



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Eser, Richard J.

Richard J. Eser, age 92, of Lake Forest, passed away January 30, 2018. He was the beloved husband of the late Peggy nee Abbott for over 62 years; loving father of Lynn (Bill) Bastian and Pam (Paul Rotmil) Eser, and dear grandfather of Alexandra and Kathleen. Born in Chicago in 1925 to Alexander and Margaret Eser, Dick grew up in Oak Park. He attended Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio while in the Navy V-12 Program, graduating with a BA in 1946. After the war, Dick attended Northwestern Law School, earning his JD. He pursued a career in insurance and reinsurance, rising through the ranks at Allstate Insurance. He held various claims positions from local to national, including Commercial and Reinsurance. During his retirement, he enjoyed spending winters in Highland Beach, Florida, playing bridge and poker, listening to opera and music, traveling and spending time with family and friends. Services have been held. Burial will be private. No donations. Info: Wenban Funeral Home, (847)234-0022 or www.wenbanfh.com



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Fehling, Ralph

Ralph Earl Fehling passed away on January 18, 2018 at the age of 91. Ralph was born on October 29, 1926 in Chicago to Helen Smith Fehling and Charles William Fehling. He is preceded in death by his wife, Marie Vucko Fehling, who he was married to for 55 years, his parents, his brother Richard, his daughter Marcia Nalepa Mattes, and his son-in-law

Harold Mattes. Ralph is survived by his son, Ronald Nalepa (Bonnie), his grandchildren Bill Nalepa, Jill Nalepa Fischer (Paul), Brian Mattes, Jennifer Nalepa Williams (Mark), Jodi Nalepa Kling, Scott Mattes, and Tony Nalepa (Amy), his great-grandchildren Laura Williams Kercinik (James), Robert Fischer (Melissa), Angela Fischer Dreisbach (Bradley), Kristen Fischer, Rebecca Kitchen, Teresa Kling, Samantha Kling, Michael Fischer (Kaitlyn), Devin Kitchen, Matt Williams, Cassandra Fischer, and Victoria Nalepa, and his great-great grandchildren Lucas Kirner, Mila Fischer, and Lorelei Dreisbach and his dear friend Christine Peachy (Charles).

Ralph worked at the Illinois Tollway for many years. His previous jobs included Fuller Brush salesman, Walgreens soda counter, Milk delivery, shoe salesman, and florist.

Ralph was an extremely caring and giving man. He was known for handing out bananas, gum, and candy to everyone, even complete strangers, and greeting people with "Happy Monday". His generosity and positive attitude will be missed by all who knew him.



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Flamini, Joseph

Joseph Flamini, age 68 of Homewood, IL, passed away on January 30, 2018. Beloved husband of Denise L. (Nee Finley) for 45 years. He is survived by many cousins, in-laws, nieces and nephews. He retired from Shell Oil Company after 28 years of dedicated service, worked at Great Lakes Terminal for 10 years and Walgreens for a year. He loved sports and was on bowling leagues, a flag football team and his favorite sport of softball with his last team, the Gray Wolves. He was an active member of the Chicago Heights Drama Group with his only stage appearance as the bald man in Sweeney Todd. Visitation Monday, February 5th from 2:00 P.M. until 8 P.M. at Kerr-Parzygnot Funeral Home 540 Dixie Hwy. (at Joe Orr Road), Chicago Heights, IL 60411. Funeral Mass Tuesday 10 A.M. at the funeral home. Entombment: Assumption Cemetery, Glenwood, Illinois. Info: (708) 754-0016. <http://kerr-parzygnotfuneralhomes.com>

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Flerlage, Diana S.

Memorial mass for Diana S. Flerlage, 56, will be held at 10am Friday, February 9th at St. Raymond church on Elmhurst Road at Lincoln Street, Mt. Prospect. Born November 13th 1961 in Moline died Wednesday, January, 24th 2018 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. She was a 1983 graduate of Harper College in Palatine. She worked as a

Dental Hygienist for 32 years in Park Ridge. Survivors include her mother Marilyn DeKoster, her brothers Dirk and Dan, her husband Tim, and children Kevin, Ryan and Carly. Was preceded in death by her father Robert G. DeKoster.

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Foss, Diana

Diana Foss, age 84, passed away on January 30, 2018. Loving mother of Carter Duke (Barbara) Foss. Beloved daughter of Felix Velinske and Anastasia Osmolska. Fond grandmother of Graham Foss. Dear sister of Johnny Velinski and fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday February 7, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11:00 a.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Norridge. Interment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery in River Grove. Info www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708-456-8300



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Frolichstein, Seymour "Sy" Rees

Seymour "Sy" Rees Frolichstein, 81. Beloved husband of Susan nee Heyman. Loving father of Tamar (Elliot) Frolichstein-Appel and Michael (Ellen) Frolichstein. Proud grandfather of Jessica, Melanie, Samuel, Abraham, Nathaniel and the late Joseph. Dear brother-in-law of Gerry (Steven) Keen and Jay (Judy) Heyman. Service Monday 1PM at Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation, 303 Dodge Ave., Evanston, IL 60202. Interment will be private at Rosehill Cemetery. Memorials to JRC, www.jrc-ewanston.org, Changing Worlds, www.changingworlds.org, or Albany Park Theater Project, www.aptchicago.org would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals-Skokie Chapel**, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com.

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Galante, William A.

William A. Galante; Devoted husband of the late Mary, nee Shaloo; Loving father of Margaret McMahon, M. Beth Galante, Katie O'Brien, William, M. Jane (Brian) Burns, and James (Tana); Proud Papa of 13, and Great-Grandpa of six; Beloved brother of the late Adeline Rullo; Dear uncle, cousin, and friend to many; Chicago Sun-Times Legend and Auto Manager; Proud U.S. Marine Corps Veteran; Visitation Tuesday 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Wednesday 9:00 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th St. Chicago Ridge to Sacred Heart Church 8245 W 111th St, Palos Hills. Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery; In lieu of flowers, donations to Alzheimer's Association, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr, Suite 800 Chicago, IL 60631 or Arthritis Foundation Greater Chicago Chapter, 29 E. Madison Street, Chicago, IL 60602 would be appreciated; For Funeral info (708) 422-2700 or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Gentile, Frederick J.

Frederick J. Gentile, age 91. Beloved Brother of Antoinette "Nettie", the late Joseph (the late Jessie) and the late Salvatore (Mary Lombardo) Gentile; devoted son of the late Frederick and Anne Gentile; dear uncle of Linda (the late Albert) Korbel, Joseph (Charlene) & James (Susan) Gentile, Diane (John) Zilke and Mary Anne (Edward) Arcuri. Retired District manager for Jewel Food Stores for 40 years. Visitation Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at **HURSEN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY**, SW CORNER OF MANNHEIM & ROOSEVELT RDS, HILLSIDE/WESTCHESTER. Prayers Tuesday 9:00 a.m. from the funeral home to Divine Providence Church, Westchester. Mass 10:00 a.m. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL. For info 800-562-0082 or www.hursen.com

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Giannini, Carmen C.

Carmen C. Giannini, age 71, of Lisle, IL, passed away suddenly on January 31, 2018. He was born on October 7, 1946 in Chicago, IL. Carmen is survived by his loving wife of 31 years, Kimberly (nee Kohles); his cherished sons, Joseph Giannini, Nicholas Giannini and Christopher Asbury; his beloved mother, Anna Giannini; his loving siblings, Phyllis (Joseph) Scolire, Sandra Giannini and Peter Giannini; as well as nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Mario Giannini. Carmen loved the Chicago Cubs, Christmas and his faithful companion, Wilson. He was a selfless and generous man who always put his family first. A memorial visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 3:00 until 8:00 PM at the **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 7, 11:00 AM at SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 36 N. Ellsworth, Naperville. For information please call 630/355-0213 or visit www.friedrich-jones.com

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Glabus, Edmund J.

Edmund J. Glabus, age 78, of Carlisle, PA, passed away Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at UPMC Pinnacle Carlisle Hospital. He was born April 16, 1939 in Chicago, IL to the late Edmund M. and Eleanor K. (Lysakowski) Glabus and was baptized at St. Thecla Catholic Church. Ed attended St. Theresa's Elementary School and completed his secondary education at Marmion Military Academy, Aurora, IL where he was head of the drill team and President of his class. He graduated from Loyola University, Chicago with a BS in English, where he was head of his ROTC class, the drill team and President of TKE Fraternity Chapter. Ed received his Master's Degree in Public Administration from Auburn University, AL. In addition, he attended the Air Force Command and Staff College and the US Army War College, Carlisle. As a senior in high school, Ed met his lovely bride, K. Carol "Binnie" (Poull), a junior, while acting in a school play. After graduating from Loyola, Ed married Carol and joined the Army.

Ed proudly served two tours in Vietnam. After continuing his service at the Pentagon, he went on to become a West Point Regimental Commander. He then returned to teach at the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA. He retired as Colonel of Infantry. Upon retiring from the military, Ed was called into service for our Lord in God's army and worked for the Archdiocese of Harrisburg as the Assistant to the Vicar General and was instrumental in the success of the Parish Consultations Process. Ed was a devout Catholic and active member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Carlisle where he served as Lay Eucharist Minister and devoted appointed teacher of the RCIA program. Ed (and Carol) sponsored many candidates and catechumens in their faithful journeys. Ed's passions and hobbies, in addition to his love of God, family and country, included a purposeful religious life, reading, fitness, bowling, fixing things, CHOCOLATE, and fishing. He is survived by: his wife of 56 years, K. Carol "Binnie" (Poull) Glabus of Carlisle, PA; five children, Edmund M. Glabus of Kensington, MD, Katherine M. (husband Douglas) McCullough of Driftwood, TX, Anne M. (husband Mark) Troyanowski of Naperville, IL, Jeanne T. (husband Chris) Barys of Rancho Mission Viejo, CA and Elizabeth S. Glabus of Harrisburg, PA; three siblings, Dale, Jan and Marlene, all of Illinois; and eleven grandchildren, Brittany, Kaitlin, Justin, Allyson, Keegan, Sydney, Briana, Christopher, Tierney, Lauryn and Aaron. In addition to his parents, Edmund was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Virginia Jeanne.

Visitation will take place on Saturday February 10, 2018 from 9 A.M. until the time of service at 10:30 A.M. at **The Healy Chapel**, 332 W. Downer Pl., Aurora. Interment will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Marmion Military Academy, 1000 Butterfield Rd., Aurora, IL 60502. For further information, please call 630-897-9291 or visit our website at www.healychapel.com to leave an online condolence.

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Goodwin, Alan Lee 'Lee'

Alan Lee Goodwin of Chicago, Illinois, and formerly from Batesville, Mississippi, passed away unexpectedly on January 29, 2018 at the age of 53 while on vacation in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and JoAnn Goodwin, of Batesville. He leaves behind his husband Rob DuCharme of Chicago; brother Kenny Goodwin (Martha) of Senatobia, MS; niece Amy Sherman (Granville) of Charleston, MS; niece Desiree Jones (Steve) of Hampshire, IL; niece Denise Bergdahl of Hampshire, IL; nephew John Goodwin (Mary Elinor) of Madison, MS; nephew Zakary DuCharme of Lake in the Hills, IL; His loving pet Billy and his extended family and many friends.

Lee was born on February 24, 1964 in Batesville and grew up there. He graduated high school from West Panola Academy in 1982. He attended Northwest Junior College and graduated from Baptist Memorial Hospital Health Sciences School of Radiology in Memphis, TN. He also held a B.S. from University of St. Francis in Joliet, IL.

Lee has been the C.T. Technical Coordinator at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago for the past 19 1/2 years. Lee was an avid traveler and dog lover who generously supported the Humane Society. Donations may be made to the ASPCA and/or the Trio Animal Foundation. A memorial celebration is being planned.

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Halpern, Jack

Jack Halpern, the Louis Block Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the University of Chicago, was a recognized leader in the fields of inorganic and organometallic chemistry and his groundbreaking work in the field of homogeneous catalysis influenced a generation of chemists around the world. Halpern also was devoted to his family and a lover of the arts. He died in Chicago on January 31, 2018 at age 93.

A longtime resident of Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood, Halpern was born in Poland and moved to Canada at age 4. He earned his B.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees at McGill University in Montreal, then undertook postdoctoral research at the University of Manchester with Professor A.G. Evans. He joined the faculty at the University of British Columbia in 1950, where he quickly achieved recognition for his work in the mechanisms of reactions of dissolved metal species and for his seminal articles on homogeneous activation of dihydrogen by metal ions and for the development with his team of the first homogeneous catalyst for the hydrogenation of olefins. "This pioneering work constitutes a major landmark in the field of catalysis," wrote John E. Bercaw, the Centennial Professor of Chemistry, Emeritus at the California Institute of Technology in a special volume of *Inorganica Chimica Acta* dedicated to Halpern in 1998. "Modern homogeneous catalysis, a field that has many important scientific and technical applications, can be traced to these contributions."

In 1962, Halpern moved to the University of Chicago. His continued work on the understanding of homogeneous catalytic reactions established him as a world leader in the field. He also helped establish the subfield of bioinorganic chemistry with his pioneering and influential contributions. He authored or coauthored more than 280 scientific publications. In addition to devoting himself to fundamental studies, Halpern emphasized the importance of the practice of science in the real world. He was a long-term consultant for Monsanto Company and Argonne National Laboratory, and his insights helped shape the advancement of many important areas in the chemical industry.

Halpern, who became a US citizen in 1985, was elected a Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences, the Royal Society of London, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Royal Society of Canada and an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry. He received many honorary degrees and prestigious academic awards from around the world, including the Robert A. Welch Prize in Chemistry, awards for Inorganic Chemistry and Organometallic Chemistry from the American Chemical Society, and the Distinguished Service in Inorganic Chemistry which recognized his long tenure as editor of the *Journal of the American Chemical Society*.

From 1993 to 2001, Halpern served as Vice President of the US National Academy of Sciences. Over the years, he was a visiting professor at many of the world's leading academic research centers, including Harvard University, CalTech, Cambridge University, Princeton University, the Max-Planck Institute, the University of Copenhagen and Kyoto University.

"Jack is certainly a world-class scientist by any definition," wrote Professors Albert Chan and Tamio Hayashi in *Tetrahedron: Asymmetry* in 2006. "Aside from the tremendous accomplishments in his own research, his devotion to the service of the scientific community and promotion of scientific research and education worldwide is greatly appreciated by his colleagues and peers."

Halpern's passion for chemistry was equaled by his passion for the arts. He and his wife Helen, who died in 2011, were important collectors of 20th Century fine art, with a special interest in Expressionism, Cubism and Surrealism. For many years, he served on the Board of Directors of the University of Chicago's Court Theatre and Smart Museum of Art. He and Helen were regular attendees at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Lyric Opera.

Halpern is survived by two daughters, Janice and Nina (Mark Ardley); two grandchildren, Jared Henry (Alison) and Claire Henry; one great grandchild, Andrew Henry; a brother, Norman (Clara); and many nieces and nephews. In his later years, he was blessed by the company of many wonderful caregivers, especially Estrellita Paccaro-Fry, who cared for his wife and him for more than 10 years. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Court Theatre or Smart Museum of Art at the University of Chicago or to Doctors Without Borders.

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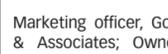
Halter, Charles D.

Charles D. Halter age 88. Loving father of Kathleen and Kenneth. Survived by Patricia Halter nee Mueller and many loving friends and relatives. Former Deputy Commissioner for the Water Department City of Chicago. His career was dedicated to the design, construction and operation of the Central Water Filtration Plant (now known as the James W. Jardine Water Purification Plant) next to Navy Pier. He was passionate about his hobbies of art, music, billiards, bowling and fishing. Visitation will be held Tuesday, February 6th from 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM and Wednesday, February 7th 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM from **TOHLE FUNERAL HOME** 4325 W. Lawrence Ave. to St. Edward Church 4350 W. Sunnyside, Funeral Mass 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers donations to St. Edward Church or your own favorite charity appreciated. Interment All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, IL. Info 773-685-4400 or tohlefuneralhome.com

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Hamilton, Thomas Stephen

Thomas Stephen Hamilton, 80, of Barrington, passed away peacefully with his family at his side on January 26, 2018. After earning his BA in History from the University of Iowa and his MBA from the University of Chicago, Tom went on to enjoy a long and illustrious career in the advertising industry, serving as V.P., McCann Erickson and J. Walter Thompson; Chief Marketing officer, Golden Bear; President, Norton & Associates; Owner/CEO Hamilton Marketing, and as a professor & Associate Chair, Marketing Communication Department, Columbia College. With his love of travel and global connections, Tom developed Columbia's Prague Global Marketing Program. He was a volunteer for Barrington's Art in The Barn, the Wauconda Food Pantry, and Barrington Career Center. He was a devoted husband, devoted father, mentor and friend to all those he met. Beloved husband of 52 years of the late Mitzi Bernauer Hamilton; devoted father of Thomas G. (Juan Palomino) and Stephen M. (Celeste) Hamilton; very proud and loving grandfather of Max and Olivia Hamilton; dear brother of John William (Judith) Hamilton of Omaha. Preceded in death by parents George B. Hamilton and Frieda Manescu Hamilton. Celebration of life Sunday, February 11, 2-5pm, Makray Golf Club, 1010 S. Northwest Hwy., Barrington, 60010. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to Columbia College, <https://giving.colum.edu/index.html>. Arrangements by **Cremation Society of Illinois**, 773-281-5058 or www.cremation-society.com.



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Harbison, Victor Charles 'Big Daddy'

Victor C. Harbison of Chicago, Illinois passed away suddenly Friday January 5th, 2018 in Presence Saint Joseph Hospital at the age of 57. He was born in Westland, Michigan, on September 5th, 1960, the youngest son of William Matthew (Matt) and Anne (nee Stroup) Harbison. Victor married Mayte Gonzales on January 16, 1999; the marriage ended in divorce in 2016. Victor is survived by his two daughters, Isabella America and Victoria Anne, and his brothers Mark (Linda), Doug (Debbie) and Gordon (Linda).

Victor taught in the Chicago public schools for 23 years. The first social science teacher in Illinois history to achieve the honor of National Board Certification, he was a hero to his students, whom he led to a national prize for social justice video production, accompanying them to field trips as far as the New Hampshire presidential primary and the Obama inauguration. His greatest joy, however, were his two daughters.

A celebration of Victor's life will be held on Saturday February 10th at 3pm at the Chicago Teachers Union building at 1901 W. Carroll Ave., Chicago, IL 60612.

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Heinz, Gerald A.

85, beloved husband of Mary Ann Musselman, loving father of Ken (Jill), Keith (Julie), Jerry (Anita) and Laura. Beloved grandfather of 10, great grandfather of 6; Loving brother of Carol Schmidt (Glenn); loving uncle to many nieces and nephews; beloved member of The Musselman Family. Body donated for Alzheimer's research. Services private.

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Helme, James W.

James W. Helme, age 76, of Hazel Crest and the Homewood area. Retired Snorkel Squad #1 C.F.D. and a U.S. Army veteran. Beloved father of Beth (Brian Smith) Helme-Smith. Cherished grandfather of Jake and Josh Smith. Dear brother of the late Linda (Leo) Lewis and uncle of 6 nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents Lavila and James M. Helme. Resting at the **Tews-Ryan Funeral Home** 18230 Dixie Highway in Homewood on Monday February 5, from 4 - 8 pm. Funeral Tuesday 9:30am from the Funeral Home to St. Joseph Church Mass 10 am. Interment private. For additional information contact 708-798-5300 or tews-ryanfh.com

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Hoelzer, Dennis Keith

Dennis Keith Hoelzer, age 64 years old, passed away on Tuesday, January 30th, 2018 at his home in Batavia, IL after a lengthy and courageous battle with cancer. He was born on February 4th, 1953 in Franklin Park, IL and was the son of the late William and Eleanor Hoelzer.

Denny was married to Mary, nee Ballent, on September 8, 1979 and they were happily married for over 38 years. Denny is also survived by their son Brad (Elyse) Hoelzer and daughter Jessica Hoelzer; and brother, Jim Emmel.

Denny's dream had always been to start his own company, which he did in 1982. Sentinel Technologies is now a high-end IT Services company located in Downers Grove, IL. Sentinel has grown and flourished under his leadership along with others that he brought on board over the past thirty years. The company now has 500 employees and is located in six different states. He will be deeply missed by all at Sentinel, many who consider him a close friend.

A private celebration of Denny's life will be held by the family. In loving memory of Denny, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society at cancer.org. Please visit www.NewTraditionFunerals.com to leave a message or memory. For info, call 630-230-8399.

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Jaffee, Richard M. 'Dick'

Richard M. Jaffee, age 82, beloved husband of late Shirley Handmaker Jaffee to whom he was married for 60 years. He was the loving father of Susan (David), Karen (Thomas), Nancy (William), and Daniel (Heidi); also remembered in the hearts of his 14 grandchildren, Jennifer, Michael, Kevin (Rebecca), Jimmy, Coley, Becca, Camille, Jeffrey, Taylor, Elise, Claire, Joey, Jaqueline, and Nathaniel; loving brother to Robert (Phyllis); and missed by many many more.

Dick graduated from the University of Wisconsin School of Business in 1957 and received honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees from the Illinois Institute of Technology in 2001 and from Rush University in 2013. He earned his CPA certificate from the State of Illinois in 1957 and briefly worked in public accounting for the firm of Deloitte & Touche. In 1958, after serving as an officer in the United States Army, Dick joined Oil-Dri Corporation of America. He assumed the role of President, from his father and company founder, Nick Jaffee, in 1960, and became Chief Executive Officer in 1962. Under his stewardship, until his retirement in 2001, Dick grew the company into a worldwide leader in the manufacturing of clay products, employing 800 people. He continued to serve as Chairman of the Board until his passing.

In addition to his business achievements, Dick helped others through his considerable civic and philanthropic work. From 2008 to 2013, he served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Rush University Medical Center and Chairman of its Executive Committee. Dick chaired Rush's largest-ever capital campaign, ultimately raising over \$389 million. Dick's legacy remains forever memorialized by the new Rush University Center hospital dedicated in 2012. He was a life trustee of the Illinois Institute of Technology, the Museum of Science and Industry, and the Chicago History Museum. Dick served on an SEC advisory committee on smaller public companies and on an advisory committee to the Chicago Federal Reserve. He also served as a director of Harris Bank until 2006. He was inducted into the Chicago Business Hall of Fame and received the Making History Award which recognizes extraordinary contributions to Chicago.

Dick's unique ability and captivating desire to help those he encountered in daily life will be notably missed. He was known to invest in the personal stories of everyone around him, from cab drivers to the valets at Rush, and loved to help people, usually by connecting them to someone who could be of further assistance. Dick Jaffee was a true humanitarian.

Private burial services have been held while a celebration of Dick's life will take place some time in the Spring or early Summer. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Rush University Medical Center at (312) 942-1514 or <https://www.rush.edu/giving-rush>.

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Jaross, Robert

Robert (Bob) A. Jaross, 90, passed away suddenly on Jan. 28 at his home in Geneva. He previously resided in Aurora and in Sandwich. Born and raised in Elmhurst, he joined the Army at the close of WWII and received a BS in Electrical Engineering from the University of Illinois under the GI Bill. After a brief employment at Alice Chalmers in Milwaukee he joined Argonne National Laboratory in Lemont, where he worked in nuclear reactor design until his retirement in 1991. His most rewarding work was building components of the Sodium cooling system for the Experimental Breeder Reactor (EBR 2) in Idaho, where two of his children were born. He had a love of trees and maintained a tree farm along the banks of the Fox River for several decades. Robert married Jeannette Garner in 1951. She died from complications of Alzheimers in March. The two shared many interests including a love of antiques and a second home in northern Michigan. After a short career in primary education she turned to raising her children and became an accomplished decorator and homemaker. She spent countless hours in volunteer activities including an elected position on the Sandwich school board. Bob had an older brother Eddie who was killed in the 1977 "L" crash. The couple are survived by their children, Ann, Glen, and Lisa, and four grandchildren.

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Johnson, Milton

Milton Vernon Johnson passed away on December 23, 2017. He was born on June 23, 1926 in Chicago, Illinois to Ruth and Charles Johnson. A 1947 graduate of Purdue University, he joined WGN-TV in 1949 and retired in 1989. He served in the US Army during the Korean War. He married Zella Morgan McCall on August 23, 1953. They retired to Savannah, Georgia in 1989. Predeceased by his wife and son, he is survived by his daughter, 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

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Kashul, Bill

Bill Kashul. Age 84 of Park Ridge. Loving husband of the late Christine, nee Karnazes. Loving father of Bill (Karen), Steve (Cindy), Tom (Mary), Deborah (Brian) Kracic, Laura, and Susie (Carl) Moellenkamp. Devoted grandfather of 17 and great-grandfather of 4. Dear brother of Olga, Marie and the late Leona and Emilie. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday, February 8, 3-8 p.m. at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy. (2 blks. S. of Touhy), Park Ridge. Funeral Friday, 12 noon from funeral home to St. Paul of the Cross Church. Mass 12:30 p.m. Interment Private. Funeral Information, www.ryan-parke.com.

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Kaye, Martin I.

Martin I. Kaye, 90, of Lincolnwood. Beloved husband of Myra Kaye, nee Winston; loving step-father of Marty (Renée) Sachs and Bobby (Judith) Sachs; proud grandfather of Aaron Sachs and David (fiancée Mercedes White) Sachs; caring brother of the late Alex Sokofsky, Bess Divers, and Geraldine Kosofsky. Mr. Kaye was a World War II Army veteran. Graveside services will be held 3:00 p.m., Monday, February 5, 2018, at Westlawn Cemetery, 7801 W. Montrose Ave., Norridge, IL 60706. For funeral information 847-256-5700.

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Kemper, Philip H

Philip H. Kemper Jr., age 89, Beloved husband of Patricia Kemper nee Lewin. Preceded in death by parents Philip and Jane Kemper and siblings Jane King and Mary Therese Kemper. Memorial Service, February 7, 2018, 11 AM, Prentice Women's Hospital, The Mathews Chapel, 3rd FL, 250 E. Superior St., Chicago, IL.

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Kimmel, Sigmunt M. 'Siggy'

Sigmunt (Siggy) M. Kimmel, 89 of Chicago, IL and Scottsdale, AZ passed away peacefully while surrounded by his family and loved ones on February 1, 2018. Siggy is survived by his loving wife of 58 years Dolores, his son Lawrence (Larry) with his spouse Ronald (Ron) and daughter Lisa. He was born in Stanislav, Poland on December 27, 1928 to Leon and Pepe (Lipa) Kimmel. Siggy crossed the Atlantic Ocean to the United States through Ellis Island in January of 1947. Soon after arriving Siggy enlisted in the United States Army and proudly served his new country. Siggy became a beloved husband to Dolores in 1959 and soon after they started Cote D'Or Coiffures and worked together for 45 years. A memorial service will be held 10:30 AM Tuesday February 6, 2018 at **Messinger Pinnacle Peak Mortuary**. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in Siggy's honor to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org

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Kistenmacher, Jacqueline

Jacqueline Kistenmacher, age 85, passed away February 1, 2018. Beloved daughter of the late Arnold and Helen; loving sister to Elaine (Bernard) Beben, the late Joan, the late Louis, and the late Bonnie; dear aunt and friend to many. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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Kolze, Larry

Larry Kolze of Pepin, WI formerly of Elroy, WI and Palatine, IL died Jan 31, 2018. He was a force of creative energy. Larry, nee Lawrence Martin Kolze, was born in Chicago to Lawrence Oscar Henry Kolze and Grace Laura Gronewold on October 7, 1929. He has an older sister, Pauline "Polly" and younger sister, Mary "Sue". Larry married Natalie Mavis Parke, May 2, 1950. Natalie died in 2014. Larry and Natalie raised 5 kids in Palatine and had 8 grandkids. Larry was a Korean War vet in Special Services Photography 1949-51. He was a commercial photographer, his own LARRY KOLZE STUDIO in Chicago from 1969-1987 and SKY KING in WI. He also pursued fine art photography. Larry and Natalie, had a farm in Elroy, WI late 1980's until 2003, living in town in Elroy until 2016 when he moved to Pepin. Larry's endless creativity allowed him to transform all of his residences into artful and welcoming homes. A celebration of Larry's life will be held on March 24, 2018 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Morton Arboretum in Lisle, Illinois. With our gratitude, memorials may be made to Haitian Relief or Heifer Intl. in memory of Larry.

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Krumwiede, Constance Bauer

Connie Krumwiede, age 89, beloved wife of the late Ted and devoted mother of David, Patti Belasco (Arnold), Tom (Kris), Larry (Maryfrances), Chuck (Janice) and cherished grandmother of Adam, Austin, Carolyn, Kaitlin, Kerry, Kristen and Rachel. Graduate of Lyons Township HS and Northwestern University. A lifetime resident of the area, Connie was active in her community, schools and church, serving on numerous committees and forging many treasured friendships. Memorial service will be held at Plymouth Place, 315 N. La Grange Road, La Grange Park at 2:00 on Feb. 10th. Memorials to ASPCA at aspc.org

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Lachiw, Maria

Maria Lachiw, nee Smal, 84, formerly of Park Ridge, passed away February 2, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Ark; loving mother of Vera (Helmut) Walentschik, Mark (Linda) and Milly (Chris) Romano; cherished grandmother of Marissa, Chris, Joey, Janina and Nikki; dear sister of Walter Smal and sister-in-law of Eugenia and Luda (George). Visitation Tues., Feb. 6th from 4 - 9 p.m. at **The Elms Funeral Home**, 7600 W. Grand Ave., Elmwood Park where a funeral service will be held Wed., Feb. 7th at 10 a.m. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. Please direct memorial contributions to Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st St., Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131. For more information 708-453-1234 or www.elmsfh.com

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Laschen, Joan E.

Joan E. Laschen (nee Brodnick) 83, beloved wife of Larry, loving mother of Jeff (Kathy), Leslie, Michelle (Tom) Crowley, grandmother of Patrick (Lara), Mike (Stacey), Katie (Don) Quinn, Maureen, Shea (Casey) Dehoedt, Sam Crowley, great grandmother of Thomas, Elin, William and Emmett. Visitation is 10-11 AM Friday February 9, 2018 at St. Mary of the Annunciation Church 22333 West Erhart Rd. Mundelein. Funeral mass at 11 AM. In lieu of flowers donations to the Ray Graham Association 901 Warrenville Rd. Suite 500 Lisle, IL 60532 or www.raygraham.org. For information visit www.kristan-funeralhome.com or call 847-566-8020.

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Leone, David Reid

David Reid Leone, 34, of Chicago, IL passed away suddenly on January 30, 2018. David leaves behind his loving parents Ken Leone and Suzanne Reid and his two brothers Richard and Matthew (Edna Angeles) Leone. All services are private. For more information, please contact **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home** at 847-831-4260 or www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com

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Leyser, Mary Claire

Mary Claire Leyser 80 of Elmhurst, IL passed away on January 31, 2018. Beloved daughter of the late Fred and Theresa Leyser, dear sister of William F. (Verna Thinnies), John E. Leyser, the late Charlotte A. (Rick) Peter, aunt of Brent J. Leyser, Jeffrey W. Peter and Steven A. Peter, Kelly A. Enereow, Jessica D. Milbonrne, and Victoria A. Moreland. Visitation Monday Feb 5, 2018 3 to 8 p.m. at **Steuerele Funeral Home** 350 S. Ardmore Ave, Villa Park, IL Funeral Tuesday Feb 6, 2018 9:00 a.m. until Mass time 10:00 a.m. at St. Alexander Church 300 S. Cornell, Villa Park, IL. Interment Assumption Cemetery, Wheaton, IL. For info 630-832-4161 or www.steuerelefh.com

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Liebman, Harriet

Harriet Liebman, 97, of Chicago. Beloved wife of Jack Liebman; loving mother of Jeff (Nancy Cadiff) Liebman, Jeannie (Mark) Stein and Bobby (Reggie) Liebman; proud grandmother of Josh (Beata) Liebman, Rebecca (Rajat) Dawar, Zach Liebman, Amy (Craig) Strent, Peggy (Seth) Marcus, Danny (Christin) Stein, Erin (Deren) Chen, Kelly Liebman, Ryan Liebman, and great grandmother of 14; caring sister of Dick Fine. Private family services have been held. Arrangements by **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**. Information 847-256-5700.

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Lopez, Fidel L.

Fidel L. Lopez, 80, of Chicago and most recently, Venice, Florida passed away on Jan 17, 2018 after a battle with Parkinson's Disease. Fidel was born in Mexico City in 1937, and moved with his parents to the United States on January 10, 1944 at the age of 6. Fidel is survived by his wife, Joyce P. Lopez, his three daughters, Blythe Lopez, Erica Lopez Jarecki (Donald) and Christa Lopez Wittrup (Michael), as well as four grandchildren, Christopher Jarecki, Nicholas Jarecki, Alexandra Jarecki, and Cruze Wittrup. His sister Norma Schiller, Susan Lopez Cotillas and his brother Eduard Lopez, including nieces, nephews, other family members and long time friends. A visitation will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2018 from 10:00 am until time of memorial service 1:00 pm at **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home**, 1787 Deerfield Rd., Highland Park, IL 60035. In lieu of flowers, contributions are being made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 5014 Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014, or www.michaeljfox.org. For info or directions please contact **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home** at 847-831-4260 or www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com

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Lopienski, Olga

Olga Lopienski, nee Wujtowich, passed away peacefully February 3, at Plymouth Place, in La Grange Park, where she resided since 2016; formerly of Bellwood. Beloved wife of the late Walter J. for 48 years; loving mother of Larry (Rita) Lopienski and Linda (Rob) McDougle; proud grandmother of Kristina & Michael Lopienski. Olga loved her family visits, dog visits, music and reading. Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Plymouth Place would be appreciated. Services entrusted to **HURSEN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY**. 800-562-0082

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Mansfield, Sr., James C.

James C. Mansfield, Sr. age 90, of Burr Ridge. President of James Mansfield & Sons Roofing & Sheet Metal Company. Dearly Beloved husband of Bernardine P. (nee Jaros); loving father of Jamie Claire (Jay) Refieuna, James Clarence Mansfield, Jr. and the late William Jaros Mansfield; cherished grandfather of Jeffrey and Jason Refieuna, Danielle Mansfield and the late James C. Mansfield III; dear brother of Gloria (the late Robert) Thomas and the late Anita (the late Dave) White; loved uncle to many nieces & nephews. James was a U.S. Navy Veteran, the main trustee of Roofers Local 11, Roofers Local 73 apprentice program and Past President of the Chicago Roofing Contractors Association, enjoyed fishing and spending time at his summer home in Lake Geneva. Visitation Monday, February 5, from 3 until 9pm at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home** 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Funeral Service Tuesday, February 6, 10:30am at the funeral Home. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the American Heart Association would be appreciated. Service Info: (708) 352-6500 or please visit www.hjfunerals.com

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Marcoux, Mildred A.

Mildred A. Marcoux, nee Kaczmarek, 88, died on February 1, 2018 at Central Baptist Village with her family by her side. Beloved wife of the late Donald E. Marcoux. Dear cousin of Diane (Fred) Becht and Tom Brehman. Forever grateful to cousin, Jeanine Kelley for her help these past two years. Visitation Monday, Feb. 5, 2018 at the **M J Suerth Funeral Home**, 6754 N. Northwest Hwy., Chicago from 11:00 AM until time of funeral service 12:00 PM. Entombment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials to the Central Baptist Village appreciated. For further information 877-631-1240 or www.suerth.com.

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Mattick, Richard Walter

Richard Walter Mattick, of Barrington, IL, beloved husband of the late Sara Lynne Mattick; loving father of Richard K. "Rick" (Donna) Mattick and Lynne (Ed) Payne; cherished grandfather of Clara and Anna Mattick, Lindsey, Lyle, Logan and Lilly Payne; and loving brother of Howard (Londa) Mattick and the late Diane (Jon) Weichelt. President of Mattick Business Forms and Mattick's Antiques; accomplished Jazz pianist; leader of the Dick Mattick Swingtet. Grad of W.H. Taft H.S. and Carnegie Mellon Univ.; USS Oriskany Veteran. Visitation 5-8:00 pm Friday, at **Glueckert Funeral Home**, Ltd., 1520 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights. Funeral Service Saturday, 11 am at Presbyterian Church of Barrington, 6 Brinker Road, Barrington Hills with last respects at 10 am. Interment Ridgewood Cemetery in Des Plaines. A detailed bio., funeral information and condolences at www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.

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Matuska, Gloria A.

Gloria A. Matuska nee Adamek, age 90, passed away on Feb. 1, 2018. For funeral service info please contact **Modell Funeral Home**, Darien at 630-852-3595 or visit their website at www.modelldarien.com.

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Mayor, Steve

Steve Mayor, age 81, of Elmhurst. Devoted husband of Ruth, nee Boer; loving father of Regina Saviano. Steve was a longtime member of the Shriners. Family will be greeting friends Saturday, 2:30 p.m. until time of memorial service 3:00 p.m. at **HURSEN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY**, SW corner of Roosevelt & Mannheim Roads, Hillside/Westchster. Info 800-562-0082 or www.hursen.com

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Mieleszuk, Jan

Jan Mieleszuk, age 91; beloved husband of Maria; loving father of Elizabeth Broecker, and Anne Mieleszuk (John Kouracos); proud grandfather of Michelle Broecker and Stephanie Broecker; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews; dearest brother and step-brother. Visitation Sunday 3 PM until 8 PM at the **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home**, 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. Funeral Service Monday 10 AM going to St. Ladislaus Church for 11 AM Mass. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. Funeral info: 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com

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Mordini, Anna Marie

Memorial Visitation Saturday February 10th from 9:00 a.m. until time of 10:30 a.m. Service at St. Marks Episcopal Church 393 N. Main St., Glen Ellyn, IL. Interment will be private. Info www.cumberland-chapels.com 708-456-8300.

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Mueller, Judith Ann

Judith Ann Mueller, nee Yacullo. Age 75. Beloved wife of the late Frederick. Loving mother of Julie Mueller and Amy (David) Olson. Devoted grandmother of Jack and Matthew Olson. Dear sister of Mary LaGrou and Kathy (Joe) Mega. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Received an MBA from Kellogg School of Management in 1993, retired from AT&T. Memorial Visitation Saturday, February 10, from 2-4 p.m., at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy., (2 blks. S. of Touhy), Park Ridge. Memorial Service at 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org, are appreciated. Info., www.ryan-parke.com.

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Mycz, Wasyl

Wasyl Mycz, 92, January 31, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Hedwig. Loving father of Marika Cantwell & Irene Mycz. Cherished grandfather of Allison Cantwell and Morgan (Thomas) Popovich and great-grandfather of Richard Popovich. Funeral Tuesday 11:00 A.M. from **Muzyka Funeral Home**, 2157 W. Chicago Ave., to Sts. Volodymyr & Olha Ukrainian Catholic Church for an 11:30 A.M. Funeral Service. Interment St. Nicholas Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday 9-11 A.M. at Muzyka Chapel. Info: 773-278-7767

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Neale, Ann Schaefer

Ann Schaefer Neale died on January 21st, 2018 in Tomahawk, Wisconsin of natural causes. She was 95 years old. She was born in New York City on September 19th, 1922, the third of four children of Herbert William Schaefer and Marguerite Blendinger Schaefer. She was the last surviving member of that family. Ann grew up in North Plainfield, New Jersey. As a young woman, she became an accomplished equestrian, winning many awards. During the early days of World War II, she married Herbert Thomas Neale. She was preceded in death by him in 2015 after 72 years of marriage.

She was a devoted member of the Episcopal church and was involved in many of its ministries, most notably as a member of the choir, a Stephen Minister, a Lay Eucharistic Minister, and as the chief steward of The Church of the Holy Spirit's resale shop for 27 years.

Beloved by many, she is survived by her three children, Thomas of Brantwood, WI, Deborah N. Vonderhaar of Chicago, IL, and Jonathan of The Woodlands, TX; plus ten grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service is planned to celebrate Ann's life on April 7, 2018 at The Church of the Holy Spirit in Lake Forest, Illinois. Ann loved gardening and nature. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lake Forest Open Lands Association.

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New, Daniel P. 'Dan'

Daniel P. "Dan" New, age 85, U.S. Air Force veteran, a longtime resident of Naperville, IL, died Monday, January 29, 2018 at Edward Hospital in Naperville after suffering a stroke. He was born November 4, 1932 in Manhattan, New York City, NY.

Arrangements by **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL**. For service times and a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213.

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Nolte, Carolyn

Carolyn Louise Ryan Nolte, of Glen Ellyn, passed away on January 31, 2018 in Naperville, IL. She was born on June 8th, 1939 in Oak Park, IL and predeceased by her father, Edward J. Ryan; mother, Florence Louise Garnier Ryan; sister, Sharon Eileen Ryan; son, Mark Edwin Nolte, and furry children Molly B. and Suni. Longstanding member of First United Methodist Church in Glen Ellyn, the Red Hat Group, and String Theory Yarn Knitting Club. Carolyn, know that you are loved...to infinity and beyond...as you embark on this next journey of life, your sister Patricia E. Wayman. Memorials to PAWS, St. Jude and the American Cancer Society. A special thank you to all who have cared and loved her. Visitation Thursday, February 8th, 3PM until time of prayer service at 7 PM at **Knollcrest Funeral Home**, 1500 S. Meyers Rd. (3 blks. So. of Roosevelt Rd) Lombard. Interment private. For info: www.knollcrest.net or 630-932-1500.

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O'Keefe, Harold Joseph

Air Force Veteran, passed away January 27, 2018 at the age of 76. Beloved husband of 56 years to Charlene (nee Urso). Devoted father to Kimberly (Mark) Lucas, AnnMarie (Philip) Fornaro, and Jae (Mae) O'Keefe. Proud grandfather of Emma, Jack, Molly, Joey and James who is on the way. He was preceded in death by his parents Eugene and Florence and brothers Millard, Eugene, and Patrick. Loving uncle and great-uncle to many nieces and nephews. In life, Harold enjoyed his family and friends, a good book and a single malt scotch in front of a roaring fire. As a fifty year resident of Lisle, he was actively involved in village administration and a long time member of St. Joan of Arc Parish. Village Hall flags in Lisle were flown at Half-Staff in honor of his service to the community. Visitation will be Thursday, February 8 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am with Memorial Mass to follow at 11:30 am at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 820 Division St., Lisle, IL. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 230 East Ohio St., Suite 500, Chicago, IL 60611. Online donations can be made at pulmonaryfibrosis.org in Harold's name.

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O'Shaughnessy, Robert J.

Robert J. O'Shaughnessy Beloved husband of Beatrice (nee O'Malley) of 54 years. Loving father of Edward, Ann, Daniel (Susan), Kara (Kevin) Prior, Michael (Lara), John and the late Barbara Anne. Fond grandfather of 16 and great grandfather of 2. Dear brother of Kathleen Daray and the late William (Helen). Caring uncle of many nieces and nephews. Proud veteran of the U.S. Army. Graduate of DePaul University and 4th degree of The Knights of Columbus. Illustrious career that spanned over 50 years in banking and finance. He retired as Executive Vice President of Bank Financial. Visitation at **Cooney Funeral Home** 625 Busse Hwy. Monday from 3 to 9 p.m.. Funeral Tuesday 10:45 a.m. to St. Emily Church for mass at 11:30 a.m.. Interment All Saints Cemetery. For info 847-685-1002 or www.cooneyfuneralhome.com.

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Paz, Jesus M.

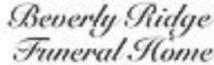
Jesus M. Paz, age 97. Devoted husband of the late Juana A. nee Pena; loving father of Milagros (Leonard) Mondl and Jose (Ana) Paz; beloved son of the late Jose and Rosenda Paz; fond grandfather of Tony (Bree), Megan (Ashley) Wharton; Amanda, Jose and Andres; great grandfather of Riley and Kedzie; dear brother of the late Jose Paz; fond uncle and cousin of many. Family and Friends to meet Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Emily Church, 1400 E Central Rd, Mt Prospect, IL 60056 for visitation until time of Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the American Heart Assn., www.heart.org would be appreciated. Info 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com.



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Pelozo, Mario

Mario Pelozo, Veteran US Army. Beloved husband of Rita, nee Ryan. Dear father of Trisha (Patrick) Preissing, Dave and Lisa Pelozo. Loving grandfather of Samantha, Ryan, Tyler and Emma. Dear brother of Aldo, Boris, Eddie and the late Maria Barcevic and Radovan Pelozo. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Family and friends will gather Monday 10:00 a.m. at St. John Fisher Church; 10300 S. Washtenaw until time of Mass 11:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. 773-779-4411



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Permanian, Mary Joyce

Mary Joyce Permanian nee Budacz, age 83. Devoted wife of the late Mugar; beloved mother of Frannie (Mel) Rozanski, Michael and the late Craig Permanian; loving Grammy of Krysta (Tom) Schoenbeck; special Gigi to Olivia, Jack and Lucy; daughter of the late Edward and the late Mary Budacz; sister of Oscar (Jan), Lynette (George) and Gayle; special aunt and friend to many. Visitation Monday February 5, 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday February 6, from 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Service at 12:00 noon at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Mary's name to a charity of your choice. Info 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com.



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Persson, Karl-Erik Gunnar

Karl Persson passed away suddenly on January 23 2018. He is survived by his son Edward Persson, and daughter Susanne Persson Hoglund (Paul Hoglund) and grandsons Karl and Hans Hoglund as well as siblings in Sweden. Karl ran his mobil truck repair firm for many years, serving the Chicagoland-area avidly. Karl and his late wife Ingrid M Persson lived 46 years in Northbrook IL and have been active in the Swedish-American community all their lives together in Chicago. Karl loved singing and has been a member of the American Union of Swedish Singers for over 50 years, as well as the Y'All Come Choir of Northbrook in the 1990s. Visitation will be Thursday February 8 starting at 5pm, the service at 7pm at Gloria Dei Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1133 Pflingsten Rd, Northbrook, IL 60062. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Chicago Swedish Mixed Chorus, marked Karl E. Persson, or to Gloria Dei Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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Peters, Eileen R.

Eileen R. Peters (nee Shearn) age 70, formerly of Lombard. Loving mother of Christopher (Andrea) Peters, Lisa Peters and Amy (John) Christ; cherished grandmother of Henry, Andrew, Francesca, Theodore and Samuel; dear sister of Joan (Jerry) Montgomery, Chris (Janet) Shearn and Dennis (Patty) Shearn; fond aunt of many. Visitation will be held on Tuesday February 6, from 3 until 9pm at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home** 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Funeral Wednesday, February 7, prayers will begin at 9:15am from the chapel and proceed to St. Cletus Church in LaGrange for a 10am Mass of Christian Burial. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Service Info: (708) 352-6500 or please visit www.hjfunerals.com

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Petritis, Donald

Donald "Pops" Petritis, age 83, of Chicago. Beloved husband of Mariann for 58 years. Loving father of Don (Kathy), Rich (René), Tom (Helen), Mike (Maureen), Jim and the late Therese Mary. Cherished grandpa of Melissa, Matthew, Steven, Mike, Joey, Ryan and Eddy. Brother of Diane (Brian) Cravens and the late Dorothy (the late Bill) DeBolt. Favorite uncle of many nieces and nephews. Son of the late Alphonse and the late Mary Sybella Petritis. Pops' first love was always his family, but his second love was the Chicago White Sox.

Visitation Friday, February 9, 2018 from 3-8 PM at **Malec & Sons Funeral Home**, 6000 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago. Prayers Saturday, February 10, 2018 9:30 AM at the funeral home. Life Celebration Mass to follow at 10:30 AM at St. Constance Church, 5843 W Strong St, Chicago. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation in memory of Pops to St. Jude at www.stjude.org

For funeral info: MalecandSonsFH.com or 773-774-4100.



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Pitcher, David

David Mark Pitcher, loving husband, father, grandfather and friend, passed away on Monday, January 29, 2018 in Loveland, Colorado after a year-long battle with cancer. He was 58.

Dave's beautiful life was spent mostly in the Chicago area. He and Beth also lived in Lake Tomahawk, WI and settled in Loveland, Colorado 4 years ago. He filled everyone's lives with his amazing love, drumming and painting. His beautiful spirit lives on in the many lives he touched and will be missed until we meet again.

He leaves his loving wife, Beth (nee Hoberman); mother, Beverly Lerf; daughter, Ashley (Dan) Schrock; son, Dean Pitcher (Krista Johnson); stepson, Dirck (Julie) Weitzel; cherished grandchildren, Joshua, Brooklyn, Jonathan, Kadence and Brennan; sisters Sue (Tom) Steen and Beth Merritt; numerous nieces and nephews and many, many close friends. He is preceded in death by his father, Richard Pitcher, and stepfather, Hansruedi Lerf.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to <http://www.foundationsofmusic.org>.

A celebration service will be held in Chicago. Please visit www.resthavencolorado.com to view the full obituary and service details.

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Prost, William Frank 'Bill'

Bill Prost, age 96, US Army WWII Veteran, passed away peacefully January 13. Born December 12, 1921, beloved son of the late Frank and Coletta. He is survived by best friend and companion Lee Milesis, younger brother Bob and sister-in-law Rita. Also survived by five nephews, three nieces and good friends Bob and Irene (Milesis) Haas. Services and interment private.

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Rachlis, Benjamin 'Ben'

1930 - 2018
Ben Rachlis, 88 of Wilmette, formerly of Northfield, passed away from a battle with dementia on January 19, 2018. He was the loving husband of Julie Baker Cooper for over 42 years. Brother to Robert Rachlis (Colorado Springs, CO). Father to Kenneth Rachlis (Burlington, VT) and to Lynne Rachlis Moore (David) (Needham, MA) and grandfather to Daniel Moore (Somerville, MA). He was also step-father to the late Melissa Cooper Gooder and to James Baker Cooper (Lori Davis Cooper) of Glencoe and step-grandfather to Alison Baker Cooper. Ben was born in New Haven, Connecticut and grew up in New York City. He attended to Fiorello H. La Guardia High School of Music, Art and Performing Arts and City College of New York. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity and MENSEA. After graduation from college, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Korea during that war where he was awarded the Bronze Star.

Employment opportunities brought Ben to Chicago. During his lifetime he worked for the A.C. Nielson and Fred A. Niles Companies in marketing and sales. He also owned his own real estate firm - Rachlis Realty.

Ben's passion was classical music, especially opera. He studied classical singing in high school and in college. As a youth he sang in a church choir, "supered" at the Metropolitan Opera as a young man and managed the Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra for ten years prior to his retirement. He was past President of the Northfield Chapter of Lyric Opera of Chicago, and a season ticket holder of 'Lyric' for over 40 years.

Ben always had a good story to tell and was a great organizer. He loved to share his favorite experiences with others.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lyric Opera of Chicago, 20 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606

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RAMALEY, JACK D.

July 8, 1920- Jan. 20, 2018
Jack didn't quite make it to a hundred, but he lived a vigorous life more full of fun and accomplishments than a mere century's worth. Raised in Springdale, PA, Jack graduated from Penn State University, class of 1942 with a degree in metallurgy. He later served as a naval officer in the South Pacific in WWII. After the war, he worked for Alcoa's Chicago office as sales manager. His career in the cleaning industry began in 1958 when he joined Breuer Electric Manufacturing Co. as zone sales manager, where he was named vice president of sales in 1969. Through Breuer, he was introduced to ISSA, a non-profit association serving the cleaning and maintenance industries. Ramaley served as ISSA's treasurer from 1973-74. In 1975 he left Breuer to serve as ISSA's executive director, a position he held for 14 years. Under Ramaley's leadership, he built the organization from 1,600 manufacturer and distributor firms to more than 3,000 members. In 2001, the ISSA Foundation created the Jack D. Ramaley Designated Scholarship, which is presented annually.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter Susan Elizabeth Ramaley, brother, Stephen W. Ramaley, and first wife of 57 years, Jayne Ingram Ramaley. He is survived by wife, Gloria Main, sister Margaret R. Moore, sons Ben Duncan and Jay Ingram Ramaley, daughter Jaclyn Lee Ramaley, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. His ashes will be interred with military honors at Ft. Logan Cemetery in Denver, CO sometime in the late Spring. Memorial gifts made be made to the Jack D. Ramaley Scholarship in Materials Science and Engineering at Penn State (Attn. Karen Reese, 207 Deike Bldg., University Park, PA 16802) or to the ISSA Foundation Jack D. Ramaley Fund, 3300 Dundee Road, Northbrook, IL 60062 or contact tracy@issa.com.

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Rauba, John Charles

John Charles Rauba, 87, of North Riverside, devoted husband of Barbara. John was a Korean War U.S. Army Veteran and a greenhouse grower and gardener having worked at Fairfax, Fairview and Scottish Home Nursing Homes. Private services entrusted to **Ivins/Moravecek Funeral Home**, Riverside Funeral info 708-447-2261 or www.moravecek.com.



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Ray, Monna S.

Monna Jean Schaper Ray, age 87, passed away peacefully at her home on Monday, Jan. 29, 2018. She was born March 18, 1930, in Beloit, Kansas to Pauline (née Teis) and Harry Schaper. She will be adoringly remembered for the remarkable breadth and depth of her interests and knowledge, profound compassion, unshakeable faith, and unconditional love. Monna is survived by her brothers: Don (Guenhaëlle) and Larry (Marcia) Schaper, niece: Anne (Peter) Englot, nephews: John (Beth) Schaper, Ross Schaper, Neil (Jan) Schaper. All whose lives Monna touched are invited to her memorial service at 1PM Saturday, Feb. 10, at Lincoln Park Presbyterian, 600 W. Fullerton Pkwy. Memorial donations may be made to The Village Chicago (thevillagechicago.org/be-a-donor/).

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Reichelderfer, Catherine Evelyn Aaron

Catherine Evelyn Aaron Reichelderfer, formerly of Winnetka, Illinois, died on Jan. 6, 2018, in Sarasota, Florida. She was 99. She was preceded in death by her husband Frank of 64 years and her sister Virginia Aaron Siegle. Catherine Aaron was born in 1918 on a farm near Big Neck, Illinois. By grade school, her family had moved to Peoria, Illinois, where in high school she met her future husband Frank Reichelderfer. Catherine graduated from the University of Illinois in 1940 and remained in Champaign to attend the University of Illinois Law School, earning a J.D. in 1943 as one of just a handful of women in her graduating class. She and Frank married in 1943 and moved to Chicago, where their children were born: Frank Jr., who died in infancy, Mark, Ann and Glen. In 1954, the family settled in Winnetka, with Frank commuting to Chicago, where he was a successful real estate lawyer. During these years, Catherine raised their three children and — although she did not necessarily identify as one — became a community leader, fearlessly tackling the social and political challenges of her era. Among her professional accomplishments were helping to establish a Head Start preschool in the now-defunct Stateway Garden Public Housing complex on the south side of Chicago, on whose board she served for over 12 years. Catherine was instrumental in the founding of Winnetka's Alliance for Early Childhood. She also served on the board of the Winnetka Public School Nursery and chaired the Youth Commission on Vandalism in Winnetka. Catherine was a founding member of the Citizens Information Service of Chicago, the Winnetka Inter-Church Council and the North Shore Interfaith Housing Council. Once her children were grown, she became a lawyer for the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago, taking on slum landlords on behalf of tenants who could not otherwise afford legal counsel. Catherine was the first woman to serve as chair of the Winnetka Caucus, the first woman president of the Winnetka Congregational Church and the first woman to serve on the board of the Harris Bank in Winnetka. When it came to politics, Catherine stood out in Winnetka by being an active member of the Democratic Party. She stuck to her convictions and worked at the polls on election days even as most of her friends and neighbors, not to mention her husband, voted Republican. But most of all, she loved having her grandchildren visit and taking them to museums, plays and musicals. In 1991, she and Frank began spending winters in Sarasota, Florida, where they retired full-time in 1997. She was both fearless and fortunate, demanding and loving, opinionated and open-minded, a lifelong learner and a good friend, wife, mother, grandmother and advocate. Catherine is survived by three of her children, ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Her family is very grateful for the care she received from the staff of the Smith Care Center at Plymouth Harbor in Sarasota, Florida. A memorial service will be held in the spring at the Winnetka Congregational Church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Frank A. and Catherine A. Reichelderfer Scholarship Fund at the University of Illinois Law School, c/o University of Illinois Foundation, 1305 West Green Street, Urbana, IL 61801-2962, 217-333-0810 or to the Plymouth Harbor Residence Assistance Fund, 700 John Ringling Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34236.

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Riola, Marian 'Cookie'

Marian (Cookie) Riola, (b. January 19, 1938) passed peacefully on November 14, 2017 in Port Charlotte FL. She is survived by her loving partner, Ann Hamilton; her beloved grandchildren — Tony, Jason, and Dominic Riola; 3 great-grandchildren; Gail Riola Griffith (Ken); Dominic Riola; and Danna DiGiovani. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 10 at 10:00AM at Community Presbyterian Church, 39 North Prospect, Clarendon Hills IL.

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Rog, Norma M.

Norma M. Rog, nee Raeder, age 97, beloved wife of the late Leon; loving mother of Antonia (Jim) Jennings, Genevieve (Ken) Raey, Kathyne Rog, Michael (Peggy) Rog, Mary (Mike) Hoenic, Therese Rog, and Geraldine (Mark) Manieri.; dear grandmother of William, Kristen, Anthony, Annie, Michael, Tim, Holly, Robert, Jessica, Stetson, Patrick, Steven, Nicholas, and the late Matthew; great grandmother of 12; great-great grandmother of 1. She was a member of the St. John Brebeuf Catholic Women's Club, the GLADD Program, and the 41st Division (through her spouse). Visitation at the Skaja Terrace Funeral Home 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles on Monday from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Funeral Tuesday 9:15 am to St. John Brebeuf Church Mass 10:00 am. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital appreciated. Funeral info: 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com



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Rooney, Susan F.

Susan F. Rooney, age 53; Beloved daughter of Marian (nee Southwick) and the late Richard Rooney; Dear sister of Daniel (Mary), Eileen, Kathleen Rooney, Mary Pat (John Jr), Deckinga and the late Thomas Rooney; Fond aunt and great aunt of many nieces and nephews. Family and friends to gather Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at Our Lady of Loretto Church, 8925 S. Kostner, Hometown, IL., for a Memorial Mass at 11:00 A.M.; Interment Private. Long time dedicated Amtrak employee. Arrangements entrusted to **Andrew J. McGann & Son Funeral Home**, for info 773-783-7700.



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Rosen, Virginia 'Ginny'

Virginia "Ginny" Rosen, nee Lobell, 90. Beloved wife of the late S. Bernard "Bernie" Rosen; devoted mother of Laurel (Greg), Lee (Susan), and Bonnie (Wes); cherished grandmother of Ben; also surviving are Bernie's children Robert, Howard (Lynn), and Phillip (Diane), grandchildren Scott (Ann Lesley), Jack (Lisa), and John "J.W." (Alyssa), and great-grandchildren Liana, Gillian, Asher, Amira, Sarah, and Josh. Ginny will be missed by "elder" cousin Edwin (Shirley), cousins Barry (Barbara) and the late Howard (Mary), and many other cousins and friends. Ginny was very active at the Northbrook Public Library, the Northbrook Garden Club, and many other Northbrook civic organizations. She was a volunteer at the Chicago Botanic Garden for over 30 years. Visitation Sunday, Feb. 4, 1-6 PM, at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Funeral service at the funeral home Monday, Feb. 5, 10 AM, followed by interment at Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Chicago Botanic Garden, www.chicagobotanic.org. For info: 847-256-5700.



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Roth, David Henry

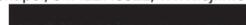
David Henry Roth. US Air Force Veteran. Beloved husband of Charmaine nee Klein. Loving father of Alison (Greg) Kolloff, Jennifer (John) Gilligan, Christopher Roth and Meredith (Thomas) Young. Proud grandfather of Kyle, Miranda, Carl-Erik, Olivia, Sydney, Emma, Ethan, Chris and Sean. Devoted son of the late Harry and Frieda Roth. Dear brother of the late Barbara (the late David) Gower. Fond uncle of many. Family and friends will gather Saturday, February 10th at Olson Burke/Sullivan Funeral and Cremation Center, 6471 N Northwest Hwy, Chicago for Memorial Visitation from 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm with a Memorial Service at 3:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to your favorite charity would be appreciated. For info 773-774-3333



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Rubin, Harry

Harry Rubin, age 89. Beloved husband of the late Beverly, nee Ivener. Loving father of Jerry (Cindy) Rubin, Lorry (Leonie) Rubin and Sherry Selavy. Proud grandfather of Jared and Leigh Rubin, Marcie (Adam Schaffner) Rubin, Craig (Sabrina) Rubin and Lindsay Rubin. Cherished great grandfather of Brett, Miles, Sybil and Zadie. Dear brother of Lillian (Arvin) Reingold and Bernice Rubin. He will be missed by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel**, 847.229.8822, www.cjfnfo.com.



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Ryan, Lawrence W.

Lawrence W. Ryan, Age 87 of Park Ridge. Beloved husband of 64 years to Geraldine "Gerry", nee Schiavone. Loving father of Kevin (Molly), Kathy (Bob) Braband, Beth (Kenn) Nemeck, Lynne (the late Frank) Pavel, Mike (Beth) and Mary (Randy) Smith; Devoted grandfather of Kevin (Mary), Caitlin (Tom), Keenan (Virginia) Brianna (Trevor), Trevor, Jack, Tess, Matthew, the late Jennifer, Colleen (Greg), Christine (Bob), Joseph, Jennifer, Sean, Katie, Alyssa and Abby; Great-grandfather of Ellie, Maggie, George, William, Andrew, Elizabeth, Nathan, Elizabeth, Edward, Evelyn, Madelyn and Isabella; Dear brother of the late Timothy (the late Gerry), the late Donald (Dee), the late Mary Jane (the late Bob) Bremhorst and Darlene (the late Jerome) Walsh. Owner of T.H. Ryan Cartage Co. with his late brother, Don Ryan. Visitation Monday, February 5, 4-8 p.m., at **Parke-Ryan Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy. (2 blks. S. of Touhy), Park Ridge. Funeral Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. prayers from funeral home, to St. Paul of the Cross Church. Mass 10 a.m. Entombment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to The Woodlawn Foundation, www.woodlawnfoundation.org or Handmaids of the Precious Blood, www.nunsforpriests.org, are appreciated. Info., www.ryan-parke.com.



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Sawyer, Carol Cunningham

Carol Cunningham Sawyer, 80, passed away peacefully after a brief illness, Tuesday, January 30, 2018. Carol was born and raised in Evanston, the daughter of Douglas S. Cunningham Sr., and Dorothy Rioch Cunningham. She graduated in 1959 from Northwestern University where she studied in the School of Education. She was a member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority and was a varsity letterwinner.

As an elementary school teacher for decades, she taught a generation of District 28 children, retiring in 2001. She was an avid supporter and volunteer of educational activities throughout her life. Carol was especially kind, generous, supportive and loving. Above all, her family came first. A longtime Northbrook resident, she also enjoyed annual vacations to Manistee, Michigan and Venice, Florida. Athletically gifted, Carol enjoyed playing many sports as a youth and competed in bowling and tennis into her later years.

She is survived by her sons, Doug (Theresa) and Dave (Kathy); grandchildren, Chris, Kim, Melissa, Hannah, Katy and Megan; nephew, Doug Cunningham, III, and niece, Heather Storck. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Tom, and her loving brother, Doug.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Carol will be laid to rest with her parents and brother at Oak Grove Cemetery in Manistee, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to the Village Presbyterian Church, 1300 Shermer Rd., Northbrook, Illinois 60062.



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Schnitzer, Ethel P.

Ethel P. Schnitzer, age 83. Dear mother of Maria and Sheila Schnitzer. She was a Secular Franciscan, usher at Holy Name Cathedral, dedicated volunteer at Lakeview Pantry, and a retired CPS school teacher at Longfellow School. Visitation Friday, February 9, 2018 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at **Michalik Funeral Home**, 1056 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60642. Visitation Saturday, February 10, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the 10:30 a.m. Funeral Mass at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 N. State St., Chicago, IL 60610. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Alsip, Illinois. For further information please call 312-421-0936 or sign guestbook at www.michalikfuneralhome.com.



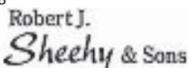
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Sommerfeld, Karen J.

Karen J. Sommerfeld age 62; loving daughter of the late Alfred and the late Arlene nee Mickle; dear sister of the late Allen; cherished Aunt of Cheryl (David) Joseph and Dan (Jessica) Sommerfeld; Great Aunt of Alaina, Kayla and Maria. In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to St. Peter Ev. Lutheran Church. Visitation Tuesday February 6, 2018, 3 pm to 8 pm at **Kosary Funeral Home** 9837 S. Kedzie, Evergreen Park. Funeral Wednesday February 7th; Lying in State 10 am; Funeral Service 11 am at St. Peter Ev. Lutheran Church 8550 S. Kedvale, Chicago Interment Chapel Hill Garden South Cemetery (708) 499-3223 or www.kosaryfuneralhome.com
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Soppet, Allen M.

Age 30. Beloved husband of Megan (nee Ryan). Loving son of Teresa Soppet and the late Gary Soppet. Cherished brother of Samantha (Justin) Masters and Colleen Soppet. Dear grandson of Donna (Merle) Broberg, the late Duane Soppet and the late Joseph and Beverly Kibort. Adored uncle of Elliot and Jayna. Cherished son-in-law of James and Margie Ryan. Dear nephew, cousin and friend of many. Visitation Monday 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL. Family and friends to gather Tuesday at St. Christina Church, 3342 W. 111th Street, Chicago, IL for Mass of the Resurrection, 9:30 a.m. Interment Clarendon Hills Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to redribbon.org, 2490 Coral Way, Miami, FL 33145 would be appreciated. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878



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Stein, Anne W.

Anne Stein, nee Weiss, 96. Beloved wife of the late Ralph; devoted mother of Leonard (Laurel) Stein and Steven (Rosemary) Stein; dear sister of Belle (late Robert) Singer and Betty (Jules) Schwartz; loving aunt of many nieces and nephews; caring friend of many. Anne enjoyed painting throughout her life. She will be remembered for her compassion and loving disposition. Funeral service Monday, Feb. 5, 12 PM, at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Westlawn. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org. For info: 847-256-5700.



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Svihla, Leatrice

Leatrice Svihla, of Mount Prospect, IL, passed away surrounded by the love and prayers of her family at St. Alexius in Hoffman Estates, IL on Wednesday, January 31, 2018. She was born in Berwyn, IL, January 16, 1947, to proud parents Edward and Beatrice Svihla. She will be sorely missed and never forgotten Leatrice is survived by her brothers: Edward B. (Elinor) Svihla and Alan (Sandra) Svihla; two nieces: Evonne (Scott) Lavigne and Elaine (Ed) Malone; a dear friend, Debbie Tessler; one great-niece and three great-nephews. She is preceded in death by loving parents Edward and Beatrice Svihla. Services will be held at a later date.
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Symonanis, Alan J.

Alan J. Symonanis, age 76, at rest February 1, 2018. Beloved husband of Judy A. Symonanis (nee: Mazzetti) for 54 years. Loving father of Michael (Ramona) Symonanis and Stephen Symonanis (Karen Morris). Devoted grandfather of Maya and Trey Symonanis. Dear brother of Brian (Diane) Symonanis, Jamie Symonanis and Mary Ann (John) Hartmann. Fond uncle of Andrew Kloubec and Noe Symonanis. Al was a longtime deacon at Notre Dame Church. He also had a distinguished business career as human resource manager with Amoco/ BP Oil Co. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959 would be appreciated. Deacon Al will be Lying in State on Sunday February 4th from 3 pm to 6 pm at Notre Dame Catholic Church, 64 Norfolk Ave; Clarendon Hills and again lying in State on Monday February 5th from 10:00 am until time of Mass 11:00 a.m. Entombment at Bronwood Cemetery. Service information: Adolf Funeral Home - Willowbrook, 630-325-2300 or www.adolfservices.com



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Terracina, Robert S.

Robert S. Terracina, age 84, of Hoffman Estates, formerly of Des Plaines for 40 years. Beloved husband of the late Judy Terracina, nee Huttner. Loving father of Julie (Tim Martin) Terracina and Jeanne (Rick) Gonzalez. Devoted grandfather of Ricardo and Madeline. Caring son of the late Angelo and Lorraine Terracina. Cherished brother of Roger (Judith) Terracina, Roland (Mary Anne) Terracina, Roy (Vickie) Terracina, the late Rosemary (the late Donald) Faust and the late Ronnie (Judy) Terracina. Favorite uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday from 3 to 8 PM at Ahlgrim & Sons Funeral and Cremation Services, 330 W. Golf Road, Schaumburg. Funeral prayers 9 AM Tuesday at the funeral home to St. Zachary Parish, 567 W. Algonquin Rd., Des Plaines. Mass 10 AM. Interment Elm Lawn Cemetery, Elmhurst. In lieu of flowers, memorials will be appreciated to Alzheimer's Association or Alexian Brothers Foundation. Funeral information or online condolences, www.ahlgrimfuneral.com or 847-882-5580.



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Tirio, Philomena C.

Philomena C. Tirio (nee Cece), age 90, passed away February 1, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Charles G. Tirio; loving mother of Mark C. (Patrice) Tirio and the late Louis D. Tirio; dear mother-in-law of Marilyn Tirio; cherished grandmother of Anastasia; dearest sister of the late Joseph Bari; fond Aunt Phil to many nieces and nephews. Funeral Wednesday, February 7th at 10:15 a.m. from the **McKenzie Funeral Home**, 15618 S. Cicero Ave., Oak Forest, to St. Damian Church, Mass 11:00 a.m. Entombment St. Joseph Cemetery, River Grove. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Catholic Charities, 721 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60654 is preferred. Visitation Tuesday, February 6th from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. For information: 708-687-2990.
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Togher, Sharon L.

Sharon Peterson Togher Age 57, of New Lenox. Loving mother of the late Terrence Togher. Beloved sister of Karen (Steve) Strimel, Patricia Peterson and Leonard (Kathy) Peterson. Precious daughter of the late Leonard "Swede" and the late Patricia Peterson. Sharon was also preceded in death by her fiancé Anthony Schillaci. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated Friday Feb. 9th 10:00 AM at St. Jude Church 241 W. 2nd St. New Lenox, IL. Private interment will be at St. Mary Cemetery. Family will receive friends for a memorial visitation Thursday Feb. 8th from 4 - 9 PM at the **Hickey Memorial Chapel** 442 E. Lincoln Hwy. New Lenox, IL. For information and online register www.hickeyfuneral.com or 815-485-8697



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Trezzo, Theresa J.

Theresa J. Trezzo (nee Federici), 93, recently of Northlake, formerly of Hillside and Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Sam C. Trezzo. Loving and devoted mother of Timothy F. and Sam J. (Kim) Trezzo. Adored grandmother of Tiffany, Jacquelyn, Sam "Sonny" Trezzo, Kelly Weldon and Timmy and Bobby Trezzo. Fond great-grandmother of Daniel, Cameron and Khloe. Theresa was preceded in death by her siblings the late Phil, Bob, William, Millie, Tony, Mary, Pat, Sue and Arcy. Survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home** 10501 W. Cermak Road (2 Blks. W. of Mannheim Rd) Westchester on Sunday, February 4, 2018 from 2 to 8pm. Funeral Monday 9:15 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Domitilla Church for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Entombment Christ the King Mausoleum at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org). Arrangements entrusted to Brian D. Kuratko, The Original Kuratko Family Directors. Funeral Info at 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L



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Triezenberg, Joy E.

Joy E. Triezenberg; Age 21; Loving daughter of Jennifer (Mark) Rosciani; Loving sister of Faith and Hope; Proud granddaughter of Lori (Pomplio) Rosciani, Butch Triezenberg, and the late Lee, Norma Dascenzo; Beloved niece of Tom (Arnet) Dascenzo, Nancy (Tom) Haas, Patricia (Todd) Werner, Paul (Donna) Rosciani and Terri (Gary) Triezenberg; Dear cousin and friend to many Visitation Monday 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a Chapel Service at 7:00 p.m. at **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th St, Chicago Ridge; Interment Private; In lieu of flowers, donations to Advocate Children's Hospital C/O Joy's Name, 4440 West 95TH Street, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 would be appreciated; For Funeral info 708-422-2700 or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

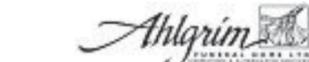


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Tullsen, John Peter 'Pete'

John Peter "Pete" Tullsen, 77, longtime area resident, passed away unexpectedly in Elmhurst on January 31, 2018, from a heart attack. Beloved husband of the late Nancy Clegg Tullsen; dear father of Barbara Tullsen (Daniel) Hill and John P. (Evan Siegel) Tullsen, Jr.; cherished Grampa Pete ("G.P.") of Wesley Tullsen Hill and Alaina Elizabeth Hill; adored brother of the late Dr. R. Catherine Cohen; caring brother-in-law of Carolyn (Stephen) Hemman and the late Howard R. Clegg; uncle of devoted nephew Jeffery S. (Rachel) Hemman and niece Suzanne (Jeff) York; and fun-loving grand-uncle to many. Pete was born in Chicago to Jane and Volney Tullsen and raised in Scotch Plains, New Jersey. He attended Gettysburg College, where he met his late wife of 50 years, and graduated in 1962 with a major in business administration. He then served two years in the U.S. Army at Fort Bliss, Texas, where he was honorably discharged as a Lieutenant and then received a Master of Business Administration from the University of Massachusetts. Pete and family moved around the country more than a dozen times, primarily due to job transfers for his career as an executive in labor relations and human resources for several multinational corporations. Among his many interests and talents, Pete was a devoted participant and fan of sports, including playing high school football, jogging since the 1970s, and bicycling, among others. He had an insatiable appetite for movies, spy and detective novels, and especially jazz music, which he enthusiastically followed for decades. Known as a warm, fair, and honorable man, Pete had a great sense of humor, was easygoing, and was always enormous fun to be around. He was a dedicated and generous volunteer at a number of organizations that assist people who needed an ally like Pete, including most recently at Elmhurst Memorial Hospital. He will be forever missed by his family and many friends. Services and Interment Private. If you are so inclined, please lift a beer or beverage of your choice in Pete's memory. Arrangements by **Ahlgrim Funeral Home**. Info 630-834-3515 or www.ahlgrim.com

of the late Dr. R. Catherine Cohen; caring brother-in-law of Carolyn (Stephen) Hemman and the late Howard R. Clegg; uncle of devoted nephew Jeffery S. (Rachel) Hemman and niece Suzanne (Jeff) York; and fun-loving grand-uncle to many. Pete was born in Chicago to Jane and Volney Tullsen and raised in Scotch Plains, New Jersey. He attended Gettysburg College, where he met his late wife of 50 years, and graduated in 1962 with a major in business administration. He then served two years in the U.S. Army at Fort Bliss, Texas, where he was honorably discharged as a Lieutenant and then received a Master of Business Administration from the University of Massachusetts. Pete and family moved around the country more than a dozen times, primarily due to job transfers for his career as an executive in labor relations and human resources for several multinational corporations. Among his many interests and talents, Pete was a devoted participant and fan of sports, including playing high school football, jogging since the 1970s, and bicycling, among others. He had an insatiable appetite for movies, spy and detective novels, and especially jazz music, which he enthusiastically followed for decades. Known as a warm, fair, and honorable man, Pete had a great sense of humor, was easygoing, and was always enormous fun to be around. He was a dedicated and generous volunteer at a number of organizations that assist people who needed an ally like Pete, including most recently at Elmhurst Memorial Hospital. He will be forever missed by his family and many friends. Services and Interment Private. If you are so inclined, please lift a beer or beverage of your choice in Pete's memory. Arrangements by **Ahlgrim Funeral Home**. Info 630-834-3515 or www.ahlgrim.com



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Ulrich, Ruth

Ruth Ulrich, nee DeGraf, 93, of Sun Prairie, WI and Des Plaines, IL, passed away Jan. 31, 2018. Beloved wife of the late David Ulrich for 63 years and the late John Schneider; loving mother of Paul D. Ulrich; dearest sister of the late Emily Brandt and Gottfried, David, Charles, Frieda, Dorothy and Lydia DeGraf; fond aunt of many. Visitation Wednesday, February 7th, from 9:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church of Des Plaines, 675 E. Algonquin Rd., Des Plaines, IL 60016. Interment Ridgewood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the church or Agrace Hospice, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway, Madison, WI 53711. For more info 847-823-5122 or www.nelsonfunerals.com
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February 7th, from 9:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church of Des Plaines, 675 E. Algonquin Rd., Des Plaines, IL 60016. Interment Ridgewood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the church or Agrace Hospice, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway, Madison, WI 53711. For more info 847-823-5122 or www.nelsonfunerals.com
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Vesely, Jean A.

Jean A. Vesely, loving sister of Eleanor (the late John) Susin; dear aunt of John (Susan) Susin and Nancy Susin; cherished great aunt of Jack (Brittany) Susin, Amy (Cameron) Leliart and Emily Susin; dear great great aunt of Samuel, Natalie and, Joanna. Visitation Tuesday from 9 am until time of services 11:30 a.m. at **Linhart Funeral Home**, 6820 W. Cermak Road, Berwyn. Entombment Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the Animal Care League, Oak Park, IL preferred. Info at www.linhartfuneralhome.com or (708) 749-2255



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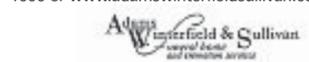
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Vlahos, Dimitrios 'Jim'

Dimitrios "Jim" Vlahos, age 84, a resident of Downers Grove, died Thursday, February 1, 2018, peacefully at home. Jim, son of Anthoula and George Vlahos, born in January of 1934, was raised in Thessaly, Greece with his siblings Paul, Peter, and Ireni. He was a teen during the Greek Civil War and then served in the Greek army. He lived and worked many jobs in Germany, Canada, and The Bahamas before moving to the Chicago area. In 1970, he married Kathryn (Kay) Campbell, a teacher in Evergreen Park, at Holy Apostles Church in Westchester. Jim was a popular bartender in the western suburbs who started at the King's Palace in Lisle and was working at Harvey's in Countryside when he successfully opened "Jim's In" in Tinley Park. He was "in" for thirty years from 1978-2008, when he retired. He was a member of the Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce. During those years, he and Kay raised three children, of whom he was most proud: Matthias (Noelle Povalish), Michael (Cortney Meyer), and Diane (Robert Cook). He was the loving and devoted grandfather of Maxwell and Samson Vlahos of Morton, IL, Carmen and Matthias Vlahos of Joliet, IL, and Ava and James Cook of Downers Grove. The family would like to thank the many people at Community Adult Day Center, Shirley Ryan Ability Lab, Independence 4 Seniors, Wellspring Health Services, and Residential Home and Hospice Care, who helped keep him active and well cared for in his final years. Visitation Monday, February 5, 2018, 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Adams-Winterfield and Sullivan Funeral Home; 4343 Main Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515 (1 Blk. So. Of Ogdan). Funeral service, Tuesday, February 6, 2018; 9:30 a.m. Visitation until time of Service 10:00 a.m. at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church; 2501 So. Wolf Road, Westchester, IL. Interment, Chapel Hill Gardens West. (630) 968-1000 or www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com



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Walent, Norbert A.

Norbert A. Walent, age 87, Army Veteran of the Korean War, member ASME, Alumni of University of Illinois and University of Chicago; beloved husband of Alice, nee Kurtz; loving father of Adrienne, Linda (John Whittingham), David (Lena), Kevin, Stephen and Douglas Walent; proud grandfather of Nicole and Owen Walent; dear brother of the late George (the late Julia) Walent and Yolanda (the late Henry) Stamborski; uncle of many. Visitation Tuesday, 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at **Gibbons Funeral Home**, 134 South York Road, (1/2 mile North of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst. Friends and family will meet for a Mass of Christian Burial, Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. at Visitation Catholic Church, 779 South York Road, (at Madison), Elmhurst. Private Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Catholic Charities, 3130 Finley Rd., Suite 520, Downers Grove, IL 60515 or Visitation Catholic Parish, 779 South York Road, Elmhurst, IL 60126. For funeral information please call 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com
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Westphal, Eugene N. 'Gene'

Eugene N. "Gene" Westphal, age 90, a resident of Naperville, IL since 2017, formerly of Chicago, Oak Park, IL and Kalamazoo, MI, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at his home in Naperville. He was born November 16, 1927 in Chicago. Memorial Visitation Sunday, February 11, 2018, 1:00-4:00 PM at **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville, IL. A celebration of Gene's life will follow Sunday, 4:00 PM in the funeral home. For a complete obituary and more information, please call (630) 355-0213 or visit www.friedrich-jones.com



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Wilson, Audrey J.

Audrey J. Wilson nee Miller age 89 of Evanston. Beloved wife of the late Edward C. Wilson, III; loving mother of Kathy (Cary) Cybul, Patti Wilson, Sarah (Peter) Andrews and the late Martha Wilson; proud grandmother of Chris (Jen), Cory (Kelly), Casey (Kelley) Cybul, Holly (Tony) Ory, Kerri, Karli, Kameron, Korey, Kyle Beglan, Edward and Laken Andrews; great-grandmother of Ryder, Kinzie, Cooper, Reagan, Carter, Madden, Cade, Mira and West; dear sister of Ammon (Donna) Miller. Visitation Tuesday, February 6, 2018 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Service 11:00 a.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Interment Memorial Park, Skokie. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to The Anti-Cruelty Society, 169 W. Grand Avenue Chicago, IL 60654. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.



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Wrobel, Alfred

Alfred Wrobel, age 89; beloved husband of Sherry; loving stepfather of Stephen Rizzo; preceded in death by nine brothers and sisters; cherished uncle of many; proud US Army, Korean War, Veteran and member of V.F.W. Post 3579. Visitation Monday 4 to 8 p.m. Funeral Service, Tuesday, 11 a.m. at **Kolbus-May Funeral Home** 6857 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. For information 773-774-3232 or www.kolbusmayfh.com



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Peggy Viehland Fossett age 73 of Carmel, California, formerly of Chicago, Illinois, passed away on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. She was born on June 10, 1944 in Missouri.

Peggy was a beloved wife, sister, cousin, aunt, and friend to many people worldwide who remember her grace and strength through life's challenges and tragedy. She married businessman/adventurer Steve Fossett in 1968 and, while shunning the media's spotlight, she enthusiastically supported his every venture.

Peggy was a native of St. Louis, MO. She attended Little Flower Catholic School, Brentwood High School, and was an alumna of Webster University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1966. Peggy was a retired Vice President at The First National Bank of Chicago. She was a dedicated and generous philanthropist. Peggy provided immeasurable financial support to many worthwhile

charitable organizations including Boy Scouts of America, Adler Planetarium, Webster University, Washington University, the International Music Foundation, and Vail Valley Foundation. She was a member of the board of trustees at Webster University and was a life member of the Danforth Circle Chancellor's of William Greenleaf Eliot Society at Washington University. Peggy was also the Chairman and a founding member of the Peggy and Steve Fossett Foundation.

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Chicago Tribune BUSINESS



Wendy's takes on McDonald's with disjointed Super Bowl ad

Marketing experts say chiding a competitor is risky and expensive — and could backfire



ROBERT REED

While watching Super Bowl LII on Sunday, keep an eye peeled for another type of high-stakes game: a multimillion-dollar advertising tussle between fast-food rivals Wendy's and McDonald's. Wendy's is spending an esti-

mated \$5 million to air a 30-second commercial during the first quarter that aggressively chides McDonald's for using frozen beef patties instead of fresh hamburgers like Wendy's.

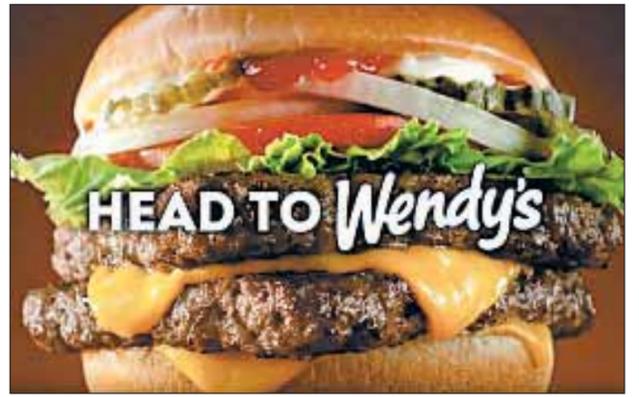
Wendy's ad, which can be viewed online, is a sassy, disjointed and desperate attempt by the country's third-largest hamburger chain to elevate itself by going after the market leader. This is an expensive, risky and not very novel approach often used by cellular phone carriers, insurance companies and aspiring

politicians who decide to "go negative."

Even before Wendy's assault, McDonald's said this year it is rolling out fresh beef burgers in Quarter Pounders.

"Comparative advertising is rarely a good idea," says Shachar Meron, lecturer and director of undergraduate studies in the department of advertising at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. "It's usually a smaller guy trying to take down the big dog ... a cry for attention."

In the 1980s, Wendy's went from being a regional to national chain, backed by its wacky TV commercials featuring octogenarian Clara Peller, who shouted



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Wendy's Super Bowl ad criticizes McDonald's frozen beef patties.

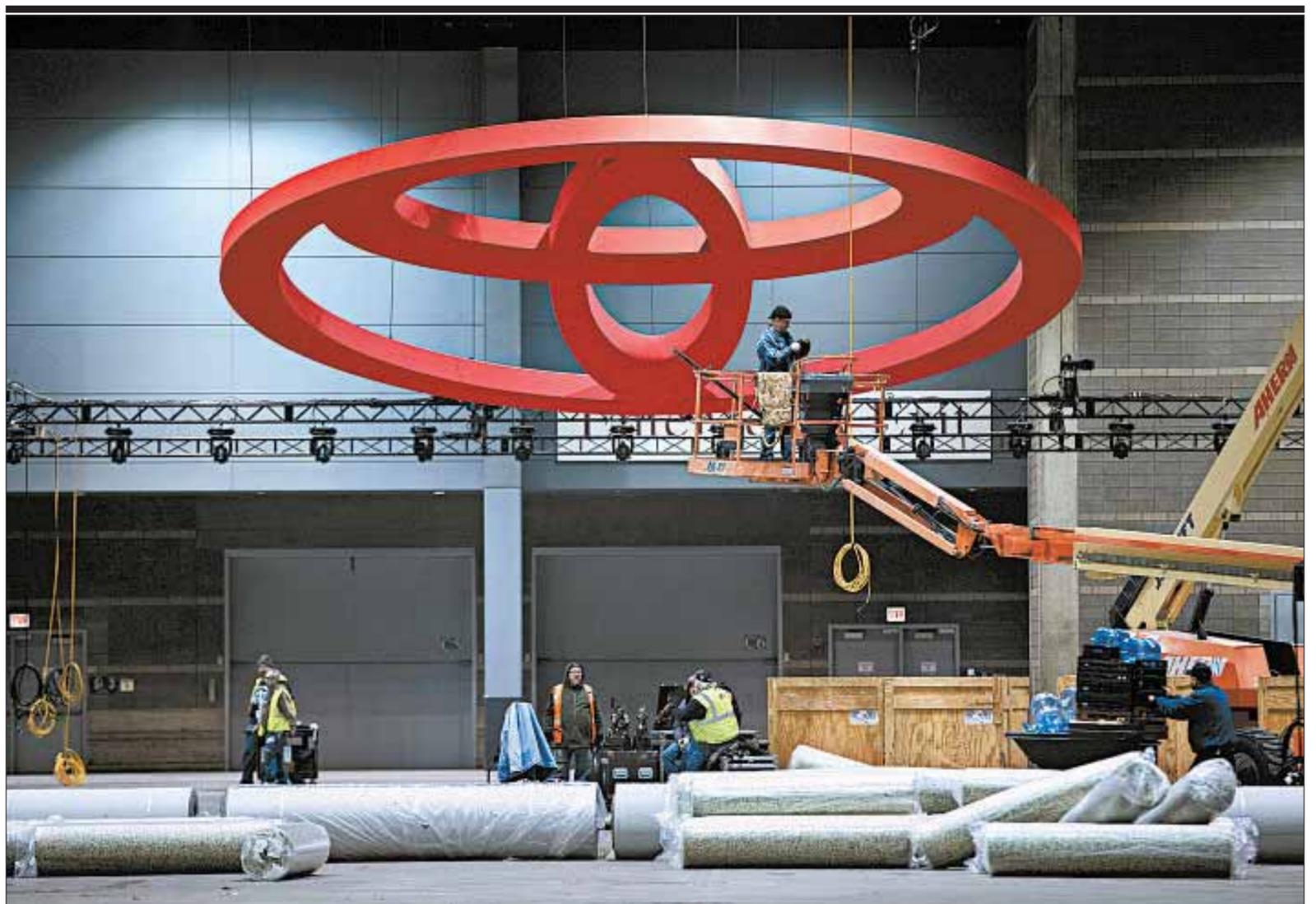
what became a national catchphrase — "Where's the beef?" — upon peering at a hamburger bought at a non-Wendy's restaurant.

In this era, Wendy's messaging

is more combative.

Wendy's Super Bowl ad castigates McDonald's use of "flash frozen" technology, which is

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By **ROBERT CHANNICK** | Chicago Tribune

When the 110th Chicago Auto Show opens Saturday, enthusiasts will flock to McCormick Place to kick the tires, drool over the latest models and picture themselves behind the wheel of a new car.

With the rise of driverless cars and ride sharing threatening to turn almost everyone into a passenger, the traditional auto show may someday seem as antiquated as a horse and buggy convention.

But David Sloan, general manager of the Chicago Auto Show, doesn't believe that day is imminent.

"We're in a healthy spot right now," Sloan said. "The question is how we will adapt to the coming changes."

A decade removed from a recession that nearly sank the American auto industry, annual sales are flirting with all-time highs, driven by crossover vehicles and awakening demand from millennials. But the road ahead seems uncertain as automakers scramble to develop electric and autonomous vehicles, tooling up for a seismic shift in how consumers drive and buy cars. Until then, turning McCormick

Place into a 1 million-square-foot new car showroom works just fine for automakers and consumers alike.

"You don't have to worry about the Chicago Auto Show going away for the next decade or more," said Michelle Krebs, a Detroit-based auto industry analyst for Autotrader.

Billed as the largest auto show in North America, the annual Chicago

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The future is driverless? Not so fast.

Auto show to feature nearly 1,000 models — and despite hype, zero autonomous cars

A giant Toyota logo hangs from McCormick Place rafters Wednesday as workers prepare for the Chicago Auto Show, which starts Saturday. **ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

'McDonald's No. 1' museum now gone, but not fond memories



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Des Plaines History Center Senior Curator Philip Mohr displays a scale model of an early McDonald's restaurant, featuring the arch design.

Former Des Plaines workers recall shifts at Ray Kroc's first eatery

By **SAMANTHA BOMKAMP**
Chicago Tribune

Some of Bob Skaleski's fondest teenage memories are centered around a Des Plaines restaurant with gleaming arches that would later become one of the world's most recognizable trademarks.

Skaleski's, 75, was one of the earliest employees of McDonald's No. 1, the first restaurant run by Ray Kroc, who would eventually serve as CEO and chairman of the

fast-food empire.

The Des Plaines restaurant, opened in 1955, was demolished after Ray Kroc's death in 1984. That move drew so much ire from history-minded locals that a museum was put in its place, a replica of the original Lee Street restaurant. The museum was torn down last month, with a smaller but no less fierce outcry from devotees who saw the building as a symbol of a golden age gone by, a time when you could leave your bike unlocked while peeling potatoes or grilling cheeseburgers to serve up for college, one scoop of pocket change at a time.

"We embrace and celebrate our

history as it continues to shape the brand we are today," McDonald's spokesman Terri Hickey said in a statement, referring to the brand as "customer obsessed and focused on transforming the McDonald's experience."

McDonald's has made an effort in recent years, under CEO Steve Easterbrook, to look forward and put less of an emphasis on nostalgia. It will soon leave its longtime Oak Brook headquarters for newly designed digs in the Fulton Market district. The so-called Rock 'n' Roll McDonald's in River North is getting a major remodel

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"Any time a store didn't know how to deal with something, they called us." — Sean Ward, who began working at McDonald's No. 1 in 1969

WEEK IN REVIEW

Summing up the Tribune's business coverage

Sears lets go 200 more workers

Sears Holdings Corp. has laid off about 220 corporate employees, effective immediately. Most of those employees worked at the company's Hoffman Estates headquarters, and the cuts affected various business units across the organization, Sears spokesman Howard Riefs said in an email. The layoffs follow rounds of cuts in March and June, both mostly in Hoffman Estates, totaling more than 500 jobs.

Bakery hit by raid sold to Hostess: Hostess Brands will acquire the Cloverhill bakery on Chicago's Northwest Side that was the site of a massive immigration raid last year, Hostess said. Aryzta, the Swiss parent of Cloverhill, announced agreements to sell its Cloverhill facilities in two separate deals. Hostess will acquire the Chicago bakery, including the Cloverhill and Big Texas brands; Bimbo Bakeries USA will acquire a facility in Cicero. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.



JULIO CORTEZ/AP

United tightens rules for emotional support animals: Chicago-based United Airlines is tightening rules for flying with emotional support animals, requiring passengers to present proof of an animal's health and promise it will behave. Federal laws require airlines to permit passengers with disabilities to travel with service and emotional support animals in the cabin, though airlines can require a statement from a licensed mental health professional documenting the passenger's need for such an animal.

Ariel Investments loses round in trademark fight: A federal court in Chicago didn't have jurisdiction to order a Florida investment firm to change its name after a yearslong trademark dispute with prominent mutual fund company Ariel Investments, an appeals court ruled. Christopher Bray launched the firm, once called Ariel Capital Advisors, in 2014, naming it for his daughter. Chicago-based Ariel Investments sued Bray's firm in 2015, alleging trademark infringement.

Former Rock 'n' Roll McDonald's to get new look: The former Rock 'n' Roll McDonald's in Chicago will reopen in late spring with more trees and a sleeker, more contemporary design. The remodeling will bring order-

ing kiosks, living plant walls and solar panels.

Four area Carson's stores to close: Four Chicago-area Carson's stores will close this spring as part of The Bon-Ton Stores' turnaround plan, one that involves the shutdown of 42 stores nationally. Milwaukee- and York, Pa.-based Bon-Ton said it will close Carson's at Streets of Woodfield in Schaumburg, Riverside Plaza in Chicago and clearance centers in Aurora and Morton Grove.

Flexport to open office in Chicago: Transportation logistics firm Flexport said it will open its first Midwest office in Chicago's Fulton Market district. The freight forwarder said it plans to hire 100 people over two years.

What else happened last week? Catch up on all the news at www.chicagotribune.com/business.

Now stealing's OK: Monopoly adding 'Cheaters Edition'

Go ahead, take bank's cash, just don't get cuffed

By Travis M. Andrews

The Washington Post

In a heated game of Monopoly, there was always a certain gravitas in being the banker, the player who keeps a close eye on the money and ensures everyone plays by the rules.

Without the banker, cheating would be almost inevitable.

But what if cheating was the whole point of the game?

That's the case in a new edition of Monopoly, which Hasbro will release in the fall, according to the Insider website.

The Cheaters Edition follows the rules of classic Monopoly, except this version encourages players to break them.

In addition to the Community Chest and Chance cards, this version includes 15 "Cheater" cards. At any point, five of these can be in the middle of the board.

The Cheat cards encourage players to break Monopoly rules in various ways, from collecting rent on another player's property to stealing money from the bank.

That last one shouldn't be too difficult since "for the first time in Monopoly history, there is no designated banker," Jonathan Berkowitz, senior vice president of Hasbro gaming, told Insider.

"Players are in control of the bank on their turn, and pass it to the next player when their turn is over, making it easier to pull (off) 'cheats,'" Berkowitz said.

Players who successfully cheat are handsomely rewarded for their deceit, while those caught red-handed are penalized.

One of the more severe penalties is going to jail, a remnant of the original Monopoly board game but with a more severe twist: Attached to this board is a plastic toy handcuff the offending player is supposed to wear.

Much like in the original version, a player wins by collecting the most money.

There are many versions of Monopoly, most created to attract fans of one thing or another. Those who loved "The Force Awakens" might buy the "Star Wars Edition," for example, while University of Wisconsin Badgers might display a copy of "Wisconsinopoly" atop their bookcases. There is a version made in Klingon for Trekkies.

But all these versions still expect players to follow the rules, making the Cheaters Edition one of the game's more radical spinoffs.

The decision came after a company-sponsored survey found that "nearly half of game players at-

tempt to cheat during Monopoly games," Berkowitz told Insider, adding, "so in 2018, we decided it was time to give fans what they've been craving all along — a Monopoly game that actually encourages cheating."

Ironically, the announcement comes about two weeks after Hasbro announced the Monopoly CheatBot, a Facebook chatbot that Monopoly players can use until Feb. 16 to report someone cheating in a game in real time.

The bot then doles out consequences for the offending player, such as going to jail or paying a \$200 fine.

The news release for the CheatBot also cited the survey that found about half of Monopoly players cheat.

Berkowitz sang a markedly different tune when announcing the CheatBot.

"The cheating has gone on too long! With nearly one out of every two Monopoly players bending — or breaking — the rules, we knew it was time to put an end to the cheating, and what better way to reach our fans than by leveraging the innovative Facebook Messenger technology," he said in the news release.

This Cheaters Edition might seem to some like a cynical perversion of a beloved board game, but it's important to note that Monopoly itself has long been misunderstood.

When the precursor to Monopoly was originally thought up by Lizzie Magie in 1904 — then called the Landlord's Game — its purpose was not to celebrate the acquisition of wealth.

It was, in fact, a harsh criticism of wealth disparity.

As author Mary Pilon — who wrote a book about Monopoly called "The Monopolists" — wrote in Smithsonian Magazine, Magie's "stated goal was to demonstrate the evils of accruing vast sums of wealth at the expense of others."

Magie reportedly took particular issue with oil and railroad monopolists. The railroads are featured in the game.

"In a short time, I hope a very short time, men and women will discover that they are poor because Carnegie and Rockefeller, maybe, have more than they know what to do with," she told a reporter in 1906, according to Pilon.

While Monopoly eventually became one of the most popular board games in history, its message was certainly lost along the way.

Players generally don't consider the game a satire as they desperately battle to control Park Place and Boardwalk.

Perhaps this new Cheaters Edition might finally give them pause.



SARAH L. VOISIN/THE WASHINGTON POST 2016

Chef Jose Andres first attempted to eliminate plastic straws at his restaurants in 2010.

Some restaurants see plastic as short straw

Paper, bamboo, Twizzlers among alternatives dished out by eateries

By Abha Bhattarai

The Washington Post

Order a drink at Mama's Fish House in Maui, and it'll arrive topped with a black paper straw. At South Africa's Conscious 108, you'll likely get a straw made of steel.

And at Harlem Public in New York, waiters hand out Twizzlers, with their tips cut off, for sipping certain drinks.

The best part? When they're done slurping up their cocktails, "close to 100 percent" of customers eat the Twizzler-turned-straw, says owner Lauren Lynch. In other words: zero waste.

As local governments mull restrictions on plastic straws, restaurants and bars around the world are toying with new ways to replace a piece of plastic that has become a ubiquitous part of dining out, whether at a fast-food drive-thru or a Michelin-starred restaurant.

Legislation introduced recently in California would make it illegal for waiters to dole out unsolicited plastic straws. Seattle is banning plastic straws and utensils beginning in July, and California cities Davis and San Luis Obispo now prohibit restaurants from handing out plastic straws unless requested by a customer.

Coastal countries such as South Africa, Costa Rica and Thailand have also been at the forefront of such a movement, shifting to straws made of bamboo, wood or paper instead of plastic.

"There is so much plastic waste that washes up on our beaches that we knew we had to do something," said Emma Iacono, co-owner of Ylang Ylang Beach Resort in Montezuma, Costa Rica. "We're trying to eliminate as much plastic as we can."

The resort stopped using plastic straws nearly two years ago and now provides biodegradable straws upon request.

"Some people are a little grumpy about it, but most of them understand," Iacono said, adding that the resort went from using 500

plastic straws a week to about 25 biodegradable ones.

By some estimates, Americans throw away 500 million plastic straws a day. The no-plastic movement, which has grown steadily in recent years, gained momentum following a viral video three years ago that shows a sea turtle with a plastic straw wedged in its nose. Walt Disney World has since banned plastic straws at some of its theme parks, and the Smithsonian Institution has taken steps to eliminate them from its museums.

"Can humanity survive without plastic straws? I think so," said celebrity chef and Washington, D.C., area restaurateur Jose Andres.

But his customers don't always agree. Back in 2010, Andres swapped out plastic straws for paper ones at his Washington restaurants, which include Jaleo, Zaytinya and Oyamel. As a scuba diver, he said he'd seen firsthand the impact of plastic straws on the environment, and wanted to do his part to cut back on unnecessary waste.

Diners were livid. "It was the closest thing I've ever seen to a customer revolt," he said. "Nobody liked them. Customers were mad. Bartenders wanted to quit because they weren't getting tips. It was awful."

He reverted back to plastic and tried again a few years later, to the same results. Now he's settled on a compromise: Customers don't get plastic straws unless they specifically request them, and only about 5 percent do.

At Mimir by Jose Andres, cocktails sometimes come with straws made of wood, metal, glass and even hollowed out fennel.

"The straw is this human invention that, for some reason, we've come to love," Andres said. "But it's beautiful to drink directly from a glass. It's the most elegant thing. Why would you want a piece of plastic?"

Demand for biodegradable straws is on the upswing, according to restau-

rant suppliers around the country. Online retailer Webstaurant Store now offers 34 types of compostable straws, alongside 114 plastic varieties. Restaurantware.com, which specializes in eco-friendly supplies, stocks several varieties of stainless steel straws, including some the company says are gold-plated.

"Straws are kind of an unnecessary item we've gotten accustomed to," said Kara Woodring, a sales representative at Aardvark, a Colo.-based manufacturer of paper straws. "If you can go without, that's great. But if you can't, we have an alternative."

The company, which invented paper straws in 1888, sold them with much success for decades. But by the 1960s, low-cost plastic straws had begun flooding the market.

"Plastic came around and wiped out all of our manufacturing at that point," Woodring said. "It was a dramatic shift."

The company came back to life in 2007, when it updated its paper straws at the request of Ted's Montana Grill, the chain of restaurants founded by media mogul Ted Turner. But overall demand was tepid — Aardvark had just a couple of clients, and many restaurants were wary of paying a premium for straws customers didn't seem to like.

Now Aardvark has thousands of clients. Sales of its biodegradable option have doubled over the past five years, even as company executives urge restaurants to do away with straws entirely.

At Freehold Brooklyn, a coffee shop, bar and private event space in New York, managers say they used to spend \$9,000 a year buying 1.5 million straws. But over the past two years, they've swapped out plastic for paper, and have begun weaning customers off straws altogether.

These days, waiters hand out just five or six straws a week, said marketing director Lydia Mazzolini.

"It's so easy to do without a straw once you try it," she said. "We think of it as a gateway plastic."

Chipotle seeks new dessert after a flop

By Leslie Patton

Bloomberg News

Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc.'s plan to turn a traditional Mexican dessert into a growth driver has sputtered, leaving the beleaguered burrito chain seeking other new menu items.

The dessert known as bunuelos, a fried-tortilla dish topped with honey, sugar and cinnamon, was sold in the chain's New York Next Kitchen — a testing ground for new fare — and it wasn't a hit. The item is "on hold" for now, according to spokesman Chris Arnold.

"We didn't love the bunuelos, but have other items moving into the Next Kitchen in the coming months, including other options for dessert," Arnold said in an email. The restaurant was created "to test things, so it will be very normal for things to move in and out," he said.

The company has struggled after an *E. coli* crisis torpedoed sales in 2015. Food-safety fears have hurt the chain since, and a hacker attack last year further tarnished its image.

Founder Steve Ells announced plans to step down as CEO in November. For most of its history, Chipotle had taken pride in its simple menu.

The company also has been experimenting with frozen margaritas, a test that has spread to Austin, Texas. Investors likely will get an update on its efforts when Chipotle reports earnings next week.

The company had a more optimistic attitude about bunuelos when it discussed them last year on a conference call with analysts.

"Bunuelos are simple to make using our existing equipment and require us to add just a few additional ingredients," Ells said at the time. "They're delicious and complement our menu nicely."

Yellen joins think tank

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen, the first woman to head the nation's central bank, is not taking any time off. Her last day at the Fed was Friday. Then she will start a new job Monday at the Brookings Institution.

The Washington think tank says Yellen will be joining the institution's Hutchins Center on Fiscal and Monetary Policy as a distinguished fellow in residence. One of her colleagues will be her predecessor, former Chairman Ben Bernanke, who joined Brookings in 2014 when he stepped down from the Fed.

Yellen is leaving after one term as Fed chair. President Donald Trump decided against offering her a second term and instead tapped Fed board member Jerome Powell. He will be sworn in Monday as her successor.

— Associated Press



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

The potential for high-paying jobs and economic growth tied to Amazon's project has sparked talk of big incentives.

Worries rise about subsidy war over Amazon HQ2 race

Group urges cities, states to not go for broke in their bids

BY JONATHAN O'CONNELL

The Washington Post

As officials in 20 finalist locations scramble to provide additional data to Amazon in their quest to land the company's second headquarters, urban development expert Richard Florida and dozens of his cohorts are urging governors and mayors to join a "Non-Aggression Pact" against offering huge taxpayer subsidies.

Just over a week after Amazon announced finalists, the company began issuing detailed requests for information on workforce, education, transportation, zoning and culture from jurisdictions still in the running, according to officials familiar with the process who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they signed nondisclosure agreements. One official said there were more than 200 questions that would require weeks to answer.

Florida, a University of Toronto professor and author of the best-selling "Rise of the Creative Class" touting the value of high-paying tech jobs, was an early critic of public subsidies for the Amazon project. Now Florida is rallying academics and others to join the cause arguing that governors and mayors should rethink offering billions in taxpayer dollars.

"Initially I thought, wow, luring Amazon headquarters could be a good

thing," Florida said by phone Wednesday. "Then I said to myself, this is really getting out of hand. This idea of an auction, pitting city against city, is really getting out of hand."

Florida said he admires Amazon as a company and believes some incentives for tech jobs can be a good idea. But he said research suggests that offering big subsidies to large companies rarely drives economic growth, and Florida worries that a new precedent is being set, one in which public officials feel obliged to hand over increasingly larger magnitudes of money to corporations.

Republican Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan has proposed \$5 billion in incentives, while New Jersey has offered a reported \$7 billion to bring the company to Newark. Other cities and states have yet to make public their bids; they could be offering more. Hogan called the Amazon project "the single greatest economic development opportunity in a generation," for its potential to bring a Fortune 100 corporate nameplate, high-paying jobs and economic growth to the state.

"The level of incentives that some communities were talking about were overdoing it and not fiscally prudent," Florida said. "Even worse I was worried that the Amazon search was signaling to the environment that megadeals and megadeal competition is the new normal."

Florida penned a petition calling for other experts to "Support a Non-Aggression Pact" for the Amazon headquarters. Leaders from

Harvard University, the Brookings Institution and other schools and think tanks, among them former U.S. Labor Secretary Robert Reich, have signed on. It reads in part:

"Tax giveaways and business location incentives offered by local governments are often wasteful and counterproductive, according to a broad body of research. Such incentives do not alter business location decisions as much as is often claimed, and are less important than more fundamental location factors. Worse, they divert funds that could be put to better use underwriting public services such as schools, housing programs, job training, and transportation, which are more effective ways to spur economic development."

The letter is addressed to "Elected Officials and Community Leaders" of the finalist cities, not to Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, who also owns The Washington Post. Florida said he hopes the letter gives elected officials some cover to stand up to Amazon and focus on what many of them preach: the need to close yawning gaps in income and inequality in cities such as Boston, Los Angeles, Washington, Chicago and elsewhere.

"These are mayors who say they are so concerned about affordability and inequality, and want to heal their cities, and yet they are part of this bidding war," he said. "Why can't they stand up and say we want to set some limits and compete on the merits?"

Florida does not absolve Bezos or Amazon of respon-

sibility, however, and he thinks what to this point has been a public relations bonanza for the company could end badly if the online Goliath presses for billions of dollars in tax revenue, particularly given existing concerns about the company's size.

"Why would you want to quote-unquote bankrupt a city?" Florida asked. "It smacks to people as just something that looks bad."

Amazon officials have not commented on the search beyond announcing the list of finalists, saying it evaluated proposals based on the initial criteria. It has not made the subsequent criteria public.

Experts say that realistically Amazon likely needs to be in or around one of the deeper talent pools in the country to fill the 50,000 jobs, which should put locations like Boston, Washington and New York in a good position to negotiate.

"To me it's just a question of talent, and where executives today feel that they can find it," said Heidi Learner, chief economist for Savills Studley, which offers real estate services to companies across the country.

Amazon selected finalist locations on either side of the New York-New Jersey state line and three locations in the Washington area, which could trigger a subsidy battle among regional rivals. There are two finalists each in Pennsylvania (Philadelphia and Pittsburgh) and Texas (Austin and Dallas). Officials in those states said they weren't focused on the competition so much as making the best case for their cities.

BACK STORY

Gloria Athanis of Phyter on rise of plant-based bars

BY GREG TROTTER | Chicago Tribune

Sure, there are a lot of granola and protein bars out there, but how many refrigerated plant-based bars are there?

Gloria Athanis and her co-founders at Phyter, a new plant-based bar company based in West Chicago, are trying to blaze a path as pioneers in the category. Launched in December 2015, the bars are sold in Whole Foods Market's 52 Midwest stores, as well as other stores and health clubs in the Chicago area.

Athanis started the company with David Choi Jr., former head chef at Amitabul, his family's vegan Korean restaurant in the Norwood Park East neighborhood. Choi is the culinary mind behind Phyter flavor pairings such as beets and cocoa; butternut squash and peanut butter; and sweet potato and coconut. Jeff Adeszko, a third partner in the business, oversees manufacturing and operations.

A key part of Athanis' role is telling the Phyter story to those who may be unaccustomed to the idea of a refrigerated plant-based bar.

Q. What have you learned from launching Phyter?

A. The biggest thing is to listen to yourself. I believe in getting as much information as you can. And I'm really big on networking. But you have to listen to yourself. We had people who said, 'If you can just get your products to be shelf-stable ...' And I'd say, 'OK, bye.' This is real food. We're not some bar just sitting on a shelf. ... What people didn't see was their negative was really our positive.

Q. How are Phyter bars different from the competition?

A. No. 1, they're made with 100 percent organic, farm-fresh ingredients as the very first ingredient. So that's really important. Secondly, you're going to find them in the refrigerator because they're perishable. And the third thing is these are made by a chef.

Q. How this business partnership come about?

A. I've known David since he was about 8 years old. I've been friends with his family. I've always supported what their family was doing with plant-based eating. His family started the first plant-based restaurant in Chicago about 30 years ago. And I've always wanted to work in health and wellness, and in plant-based food. ... We came up with Phyter bar because people we knew were looking for something clean and healthy as a grab-and-go. David saw a big opportunity in the market for that.

Q. What was your first job?

A. Making pizza and baked ziti at the Sbarro at the Massapequa mall on Long Island.

Q. What book is on your nightstand right now?

A. "Steve Jobs" by Walter Isaacson. Honestly, I'm finding as much value from the wrong things he did as the right things. I'm learning a ton.

Q. Who is your mentor?

A. Chef David's father. They call him Chef Dave. It might sound weird, but he really taught me to just be — and not look forward or backward. And he taught me to follow my passion.

This interview has been edited for length and clarity.

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401(k) boom brings urge to splurge — for some

People 'cautiously optimistic' as savings soar higher

BY TODD C. FRANKEL AND THOMAS HEATH

The Washington Post

Last week, financial adviser Joseph Kelly visited a client who had seen the value of his retirement savings soar, thanks to a surging stock market.

"He said his account was up 18 percent, and he asked me, 'What should I do with it?'" recalled Kelly, who works in Berkeley Heights, N.J. His client was modestly wealthy, but Kelly still suggested holding tight.

The client had another idea: He wanted to take out \$75,000 to help his son buy a house.

Later the same day, Kelly visited another client — comfortable in the upper middle class — who wanted to take out \$20,000 from her 401(k) to splurge on a vacation. She was even willing to pay a 10 percent penalty, which is required under the law if an individual is not yet 59 1/2 years old.

Kelly couldn't dissuade her. "People are cautiously optimistic," he said.

The remarkable stock market rally of 2017 — in which the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index shot up 22 percent and the Dow Jones industrial average 25 percent — has boosted the nation's retirement accounts to record heights,



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Robert Tuccillo, left, works Wednesday at the New York Stock Exchange. Surging stock prices are boosting 401(k)s.

making the painful 2008-09 stock market crash feel like ancient history. And that fervor has not faded with the new year.

That feeling of optimism could spread as more Americans receive their year-end retirement account statements in the mail and online this month, providing concrete evidence of newfound paper wealth.

And some are so confident that they are taking money out — despite it being taxed and potentially hit by an assuming withdrawal penalty — early-withdrawal penalty — assuming it will be replaced as markets continue to surge upward.

"I've seen more money requests for extraneous items in the last six weeks than I have in the last five years," said Jamie Cox of Richmond, Va.-based Harris Financial Group, which manages \$500 million in

savings for about 800 middle-class families.

"There's a lot of people that are feeling comfortable spending their retirement money right now," Cox said.

Cox said he is seeing more people take larger withdrawals, \$20,000 to \$40,000, to fund dream vacations or home improvement.

"I hear, 'I want to take that Viking Cruise I didn't go on two years ago. Lots of these things were holdovers from the financial crisis,'" Cox said.

Megan Caldwell, 33, who works in sales operations for Higher Logic, an Arlington, Va.-based company that manufactures cloud-based software, was tempted to tap her 401(k) to buy a house as an investment property. Her retirement account has grown to more than \$140,000. It was less than \$100,000 about a

year ago.

"It's a hard decision, but I think I will make more money in the stock market," Caldwell said. She has been saving in her 401(k) for a decade but didn't contribute the maximum under law until last year. The 2017 market returns combined with her savings in the account were "a little eye-opening."

The average annual return for 401(k)s hit 15.7 percent by the third quarter of 2017, according to Fidelity. And for most Americans, it's these retirement accounts — 401(k), 403(b), SEP and IRA — that provide the closest evidence of a revving stock market.

Retirement assets — including annuity reserves, pensions and defined contribution plans such as 401(k)s and IRAs — exploded in the United States from \$11.6 trillion in 2000 to \$27.2 trillion as of Sept. 30, 2017, according to the Investment Company Institute, which represents the mutual fund industry.

Kelly Shue, a finance professor at the Yale School of Management, said the wealth effect tends to change the way people invest and consume.

"Stock market booms make people more tolerant of risk," she said. "They tend to increase their consumption. We know people spend more when they are wealthier and when the market goes up."

The thinking is, "If I'm

richer for good, I'm going to spend more," said Scott Baker, a professor at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.

There are plenty of signs of 401(k) exuberance. The personal finance sector on Reddit and other message boards are littered with tales of people becoming 401(k) millionaires. People are even tweeting proud photos of their 401(k) balances.

Yet the increase in 401(k) balances has done little to calm worries that Americans still are not saving enough for retirement. The Center for Retirement Research at Boston College found that the median household approaching retirement age had a median balance in its 401(k) or IRA of just \$135,000 in 2016.

"Balances in these accounts are woefully inadequate," said center director Alicia Munnell, a management professor at the school.

And the stock market rally can't go on forever.

Vanguard Group Chairman William McNabb told Bloomberg News last week that he thinks the U.S. stock market is "getting pretty close" to irrational prices. He said he expects stocks to continue to skyrocket for the next few months but produce "very modest" gains over the next decade.

Douglas Boneparth, president of Bone Fide Wealth in New York, said

his clients — millennials, mostly in their late 20s and early 30s — have not shown sudden interest in their retirement account balances. After all, they expect to work four to five more decades.

Leah Daniels, 37, owner of Hill's Kitchen in Washington, D.C., said she likes seeing the rising balances in her retirement accounts. Yet it remains an abstraction because her retirement is years off.

"It feels like funny money," Daniels said.

For some older workers in or nearing retirement, the current run-up can, paradoxically, be scary, said Lynn Ballou, a certified financial planner in San Francisco.

"This is the most hated bull market. They just don't believe it," she said.

Ballou pointed out that most of her clients lived through the 2000 dot-com bust and the 2008 market crash — seeing their savings rise and disappear each time. And they feel trapped into keeping their accounts heavily invested in stocks now because interest rates remain so low for safer certificates of deposit and bonds.

When they get their 401(k) statements, Ballou said, they look at the eye-popping numbers and wonder how long it will last — and whether they'll get out in time.

"This is a fearful group of people," she said.



RICHARD DREW/AP 2016

LinkedIn's contribution to Microsoft's second-quarter revenue was \$1.3 billion, the highest it has been since the \$27 billion acquisition was completed in December 2016.

To Microsoft, LinkedIn a window of opportunity

Parent company says it's growing as strategic asset

BY MATT O'BRIEN
Associated Press

It's been just over a year since Microsoft swallowed the career networking site LinkedIn. That's long enough to ask: Was the \$27 billion deal worth it?

Critics warned at the time of the deal that Microsoft was overpaying for a declining business. Others argued that Microsoft's largest-ever acquisition fit into a strategy of building up the company's Office suite of workplace productivity products and its cloud-computing business.

"I don't think we'll know for a couple years if this will really pay off, but the signs thus far are positive," said Jillian Ryan, an analyst for eMarketer.

Most people who use LinkedIn to connect with colleagues or search for

career opportunities could be forgiven if they haven't noticed many changes since the acquisition closed in December 2016.

LinkedIn's longtime CEO, Jeff Weiner, continues to hold that title. Its co-founder, Reid Hoffman, now sits on Microsoft's board. LinkedIn is operating with a "great level of autonomy," Ryan said.

"Microsoft hasn't really intervened that much, considering the vast scope and price tag of this integration," she said.

Microsoft on Wednesday posted second-quarter revenue of \$28.92 billion, a 12 percent increase over the same quarter a year earlier.

The company also reported a loss of \$6.3 billion, tied to a \$13.8 billion tax charge related to the new federal tax law signed in December.

LinkedIn's contribution to quarterly revenue was \$1.3 billion, the highest it's been since the acquisition closed in December 2016.

Still, Microsoft Chief Financial Officer Amy Hood and CEO Satya Nadella were effusive about the network's performance in a conference call with investors Wednesday. Hood said the acquisition is "performing better than we expected, and I think today we would even say it's a more strategic asset than we even maybe thought a year ago." She referred to its power to add to the company's understanding of its customers.

LinkedIn boasts of more than 530 million users, most of whom use it for free. But the service also contributes to Microsoft's bottom line through its three business divisions. The biggest, dubbed "talent solutions," helps recruiters attract and find jobs for workers. It also makes money from advertisements on its platform and offers paid subscriptions for online courses and premium access on its network.

Among those buying into the platform are sales representatives using it as a tool for "social selling," or targeting prospective customers through their trusted social networks and connections.

Another of LinkedIn's co-founders and its first chief technology officer, Eric Ly, said this is "really just the beginning" of what LinkedIn could offer as Microsoft taps into the professional network's database of work histories and other detailed information that users share about themselves.

"There was a lot of value in the data alone," said Ly, who now runs a new company called Hub. "Microsoft's going to be able to recoup its investments and get a lot more back."

The tea may cost \$60, but the weed is free

Cannabis sellers exploit loopholes by 'gifting' drug

BY PHILIP MARCELO
Associated Press

BOSTON — The single bottle of juice delivered to your door will set you back at least \$55. But the bag of marijuana that comes with it? On the house.

Retail marijuana stores are months away from opening in Massachusetts, but some companies have been quietly operating for more than a year, selling and delivering marijuana via a legal loophole.

Companies like HighSpeed, which describes itself as a juice delivery service, are exploiting so-called "gifting" provisions that are on the books in Massachusetts and most other states where marijuana has been legalized.

They generally allow the exchange of small amounts of the drug so long as it's given away — "gifted" — from one adult to another. In other words, passing a joint at a party or dropping a bud in your brother's Christmas stocking won't result in fines or jail time.

But some entrepreneurs see the provisions as an opportunity to get ahead of the regulated market, planting an early stake in what could become a crowded and lucrative industry.

Gifting also allows cannabis capitalists to undercut licensed shops because they don't face the same oversight or pay marijuana sales taxes. And underground sellers could complicate things in places like Vermont, Maine and Washington, D.C., which have legalized pot but have no firm plans to open regulated retailers.

"Under any fair reading of the law, these businesses are illegal," said Roger Katz, a Republican state senator in Maine who is studying the issue.

"If it walks like a duck, quacks like a duck, it is a duck."

At least four enterprises have done gifting business in Massachusetts since marijuana was legalized in December 2016, two of them in the Boston area, The Associated Press found in an investigation that included records gathered from law enforcement agencies around the state.

In addition to HighSpeed, a Boston-area company cleverly called Duuber has drivers delivering marijuana-themed T-shirts that come with gifts of pot.



STEVEN SENNE/AP

HighSpeed, a juice delivery service, includes marijuana in some orders along with its pricey beverages.

Officials in western Massachusetts also looked into a Craigslist ad offering plastic sandwich bags costing up to \$325 apiece (the marijuana in them was free) but dropped the case after they couldn't identify the seller.

In Springfield, officials ordered a smoke shop called Mary Jane Makes Your Heart Sing to shut down last March after it gave marijuana to customers who paid a \$25 to \$50 admission fee.

That hasn't scared HighSpeed, which also operates in D.C.

"We've had no issues with law enforcement, and we're going to do our best to keep it that way," said founder David Umeh. "We're not doing anything wrong."

"We're abiding by the current legislation until it changes."

Gifting provisions are on the books in Massachusetts and all but one of the other states that have legalized marijuana: Alaska, California, Colorado, Maine, Nevada, Oregon and Washington state, plus D.C. Most instituted the measure specifically as part of new marijuana laws.

Vermont does not have a provision, but local experts and activists argue the exchanges will be permitted there, too, since they're not expressly banned.

Some states have tried to stem abuse of the laws by prohibiting businesses from advertising marijuana giveaways or specifically banning "delayed or disguised" payments for marijuana gifts, said Leo Beletsky, a law professor at Northeastern University in Boston.

But businesses simply find ways to obscure what they're doing, he said, and then rely largely on word of mouth to make sales. Clued-in customers can infer how much pot they're ordering judging by the price and size of the items accompanying it, but for the most part, they're at the mercy of the seller.

In the case of High-

Speed, there is no mention of marijuana on its website. The company sells drinks priced from \$55 to \$150, depending on whether the beverage comes with "Love" or "Lots of Love."

The AP recently put in a \$60 order for "Raspberry Roxbury" with "Love" and received a bottle of Tazo juice along with about an eighth of an ounce of marijuana.

Duuber also doesn't explicitly spell out its marijuana "gift" on its website. But when the AP ordered a \$100 product listed as "Luxury Tshirt — Citrus — small," the brown paper bag delivered by a driver contained a white T-shirt with the company's name in black over an image of a marijuana leaf — and a clear plastic bag of marijuana labeled "1/4 Ruthless OG."

The opening of retail shops in states with marijuana laws should eventually make most gifting operations obsolete, said Morgan Fox, spokesman for the D.C.-based Marijuana Policy Project.

"People want quality control-tested products," he said. "The sooner that happens, the sooner this sort of thing disappears."

But in Colorado, where pot shops opened in 2014, gifting businesses are still hatching creative ways to skirt the law, said Detective Kerry Linfoot of the Colorado Springs Police Department. The department shut down 14 gifting businesses last year.

U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions' decision to rescind an Obama-era policy that called for non-interference with legal state marijuana operations could also help bolster gifting and other underground operations, Beletsky said.

"If the feds somehow came down on state regulators or licensed retail operations," he said, "that could provide a convenient opening for these gray-market operators to scale up what they're already doing."

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Tech on display, but not self-driving

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event touts nearly 1,000 vehicles on display from 36 manufacturers for its 10-day run, including concept cars, crossovers, sports cars and exotic "supercars."

Self-driving vehicles are not scheduled to make an appearance at this year's show, Sloan said.

"We have all this hype around autonomous vehicles and ride sharing and electric vehicles, and they are the future," Krebs said. "But today, millions of people go to auto shows, in Detroit and Chicago and elsewhere, to buy their next car."

The vehicles carmakers bring to the show reflect that.

Fiat Chrysler announced last week that it will provide thousands of Pacifica hybrid minivans to Waymo, Google's self-driving car unit, which is launching its first public ride-hailing service later this year in Phoenix.

But the automaker will focus entirely on vehicles people can drive — and buy — at the Chicago Auto Show, Fiat Chrysler spokesman Rick Deneau said.

"The big things for us are an all-new Jeep Wrangler, an all-new Ram light-duty truck and Jeep Cherokee, and of course we'll have the Jeep driving track," Deneau said. "I think consumers still continue to look forward to that."

Ford is developing its own autonomous vehicles, with plans to begin production in 2021 for fleet applications such as ride-hailing and delivery services. But don't expect any prototypes at this month's expo.

"We don't have any autonomous vehicles planned for display at the Chicago show," said Alan Hall, spokesman for Ford's autonomous vehicle development.

The North American International Auto Show wrapped up Jan. 28 in Detroit, drawing 809,161 attendees, according to the



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Workers set up Wednesday for the Chicago Auto Show at McCormick Place, where 36 manufacturers will display vehicles.

show's organizers. Attendance has essentially been flat since 2000.

Sloan declined to give specific figures for the Chicago Auto Show, but he said attendance has likewise been "pretty steady" in recent years.

Vehicle sales in the U.S. also have been steady, topping 17 million for the past three years.

Despite falling 1.8 percent last year to 17.2 million, sales remain far above the depths of the recession in 2009, when two of the Big Three automakers declared bankruptcy and sales tumbled to about 10 million — a nearly 40-year low.

But there are signs that vehicle ownership peaked more than a decade ago, according to a January study published by Michael Sivak of the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute.

The study found that after years of climbing steadily, ownership topped out at 2.05 vehicles per household in 2006. In 2016, the average household owned 1.97 vehicles,

roughly on par with ownership levels 20 years earlier.

Another concern for the industry — and the auto show — is a millennial generation that has been slow to embrace car ownership and seems more interested in technology than torque. While experts say millennials have begun buying new cars in greater numbers, they remain a wild card in the long-term future of the industry.

"They're active in the market and they'll overtake the baby boomers in the coming years," Krebs said. "But they may well be the generation that forgoes a second or third vehicle. They are much more open to the idea of sharing and autonomous."

The auto show circa 2018 will feature lots of crossover vehicles, a growth area for the industry as sales of the traditional sedan continue to slip.

Technology also will be on display, an extension of the omnipresent connectivity that extends from smartphones to washing machines. Cars are becoming

smarter, gaining everything from the ability to park themselves and avoid accidents to seamless integration that turns a vehicle into a 3,000-pound mobile device.

"The automakers have done such a good job making their displays interactive and trying to help consumers understand about this new technology that's coming online," Sloan said.

Fully autonomous vehicles — the ultimate technological innovation — are still in test mode and are several years away from hitting the roads, but automakers are gearing up for early adopters, primarily in fleets such as taxi and ride-sharing services.

The technology employs an array of sensors to see the road and surroundings, feeding the data to a central computer that makes split-second decisions about steering, accelerating and braking.

Proponents say it is safer than letting people do the driving, eliminating hazards such as road rage and

distractions, which can lead to accidents.

Ford has invested a billion dollars in Argo AI, a Pittsburgh-based artificial intelligence company, to partner in the development of its own autonomous vehicles, which are being road-tested in Michigan and Pennsylvania, Hall said.

He said the fleet will need to be commercial-grade and capable of "withstanding the rigors of an urban environment," where the vehicles will be used to deliver everything from people to pizzas.

Ford's Torrence Avenue plant on Chicago's South Side — where the company builds Explorer SUVs, which serve as the base for its Police Interceptor Utility model — will play at least an indirect role in the development of autonomous vehicles, Hall said.

"The experience we have with police vehicles such as those manufactured in Chicago ... we want to apply to our autonomous vehicle," he said.

Fiat Chrysler began partnering with Waymo in 2016,

and unlike Ford and GM, is not investing in the development of its own autonomous vehicle technology.

"We have a little different approach than some others," Deneau said. "We're not trying to do things soup to nuts; we're trying to work with the folks that are the experts in that space."

Drivers are getting slightly more comfortable with the concept of handing the wheel to a computer, according to a study released in January by AAA. The annual survey found that 63 percent of U.S. drivers were afraid to ride in an autonomous vehicle, down from 78 percent in 2017. Millennials were more trusting of the technology, with half ready to ride shotgun with a robot driver.

Consumers should have some time to get used to the concept before self-driving cars come into widespread personal use, Krebs said.

"The average consumer is not going to have an autonomous vehicle in their garage anytime soon," Krebs said. "We're talking 10, 20, maybe 30 years before everybody is traveling around in autonomous vehicles."

Krebs said the initial cost of autonomous vehicles will be prohibitive for most buyers, and may lead to a new business model for acquiring personal transportation, such as monthly subscription services or pay-by-mile plans.

It may also lead to the end of the two-car family, she said. What it means for auto shows remains to be seen.

Meanwhile, the Chicago Auto Show is sticking to its well-traveled route to success, setting up displays, rolling out the glitz and looking to pack in potential buyers of traditional vehicles, as it has since the first event in 1901.

"We'll continue to do that as long as we can," Sloan said.

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Kroc 'was grumpy ... every day'

McDonald's, from Page 1

eling with an eco-friendly face-lift, and will reopen in the spring without those famous arches. Restaurants worldwide are being redesigned to add kiosks and table service. Mobile ordering and delivery is expanding. And another one of the early McDonald's restaurants, this one in Portland, Ore., is set to be demolished next month.

Some area residents say McDonald's executives' decision to demolish the Des Plaines museum abandons an important part of local history that should be preserved.

"Now their vision is to move on and into the future," said Shari Caine, executive director of the Des Plaines History Center.

Kroc, a former milkshake machine salesman, was in his late 50s when he began building his fast-food mecca, famously persuading McDonald's founders, Dick and Mac McDonald, to allow him to open a franchise in Illinois. Kroc had visited the McDonald brothers' operation in California because he wanted to see with his own eyes the restaurant that was so busy that it required eight milkshake machines humming at one time.

Former employees of McDonald's No. 1, now scattered across the country, remember the restaurant and the era it operated in as a simpler time.

Skaleski's, who now lives in Norwalk, Conn., started working at the Des Plaines McDonald's when his parents relocated to the village from Chicago in 1958. At the age of 16, his goal was to save up for college, a tough road at a starting salary of 60 cents an hour. He put in about 30 hours a week at the restaurant during his junior and senior years of high school, riding his brother's bike the 6 miles from his home seven days a week.

Skaleski's started at the fry station; peeling and cutting 100-pound sacks of Idaho russets. The process took hours — McDonald's



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Sean Ward got a 15-cent hourly food stipend, enough for eight burgers in a shift.

would switch to frozen fries in the mid-1960s — but it was a prestigious job at the restaurant, second only to the man at the grill.

It was a good job, Skaleski's said, but dealing with notoriously rigid Ray Kroc was no walk in the park. "He was grumpy pretty much every day."

Kroc demanded precision, and he had little patience for a lack of it, Skaleski's recalls. Kroc's fire also lit when he would catch Skaleski's hiding in the restaurant's walk-in freezer to sneak in practice time on his alto saxophone.

Skaleski's graduated in 1960 and headed to DePaul University, but his McDonald's experience led him to buy stock in the company a few years later.

When McDonald's first sold shares of stock to the public in 1965, Skaleski bought 300 shares. The shares appreciated so much that at 26, he cashed them in to buy his first house.

By 1969, the company initiated its first major restaurant renovation, moving past the red-and-white buildings in favor of more understated tones that let the signature arches shine. But No. 1 remained untouched. That year, 15-year-old Sean Ward put on the McDonald's uniform and started his tenure at the Des Plaines restaurant. Ray Kroc was gone, having ascended to his corporate post years earlier, but the mys-

tique was still there, Ward, now 63, recalled.

Ward, who now lives in the Detroit area, remembers that other McDonald's restaurants across the U.S. still thought of the Des Plaines location employees as operational experts, and would call them frequently with questions.

"Because we were No. 1, any time a store didn't know how to deal with something, they called us," he said. "We got calls from Oklahoma, and Texas and Missouri ... the phone was always ringing."

His most memorable day at work was when his manager, the aptly named Larry Haumburger, asked the staff to come in the next day at 3 a.m., well before typical working hours for a burger chain that didn't yet serve breakfast. A local Boy Scout troop had ordered 3,000 hamburgers. The staff came in early to cook, wrapped the burgers in newspaper, and gave them to the leader in the morning to take to a Scout jamboree.

Ward also remembers the day a Ronald McDonald doll was first released, and customers packed the

stores. "That was huge."

So were the food allowances. Employees were allocated a 15-cent stipend for every hour of work, Ward said, which means he had enough to get eight hamburgers for a typical day's work.

Rick Netzel could put back 12 in one sitting when he was a teenager working at McDonald's No. 1. Netzel's first day in the mid-1970s was around the time the Egg McMuffin, created by a California franchisee, was being added to the national menu.

Netzel, now 58 and living in Jupiter, Fla., had his share of good times at the suburban teenage hangout.

"I was moved to cashier because they said I talked too much," he remembered with a chuckle. Most of the cashiers were female, he



MCDONALD'S CORP.

McDonald's No. 1, seen in the 1950s, was razed in 1984. A replica was leveled last month.



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Rick Netzel worked at the Des Plaines restaurant in the mid-'70s. His chatty tendencies got him moved to cashier.

said, so this was just fine with him. He dated several of his co-workers.

Along with lingering memories, he also remembers the lingering aroma of french fries on his clothes. "I was really popular with dogs," he said.

Ray Kroc died in 1984, and McDonald's No. 1 was torn down later that year.

The restaurant that neighbors campaigned to save was replaced by the museum in 1985. It was a popular destination for tourists, but McDonald's said regular visitors dwindled when the museum's interior was closed to tourists 10 years ago, a victim of flooding and a public that had in many ways moved on, much like the fast-food corporation.

Still, there were plenty who wanted to save the museum when McDonald's announced it planned to demolish it in November.

The Volo Auto Museum in Lake County offered to take the structure or its artifacts for display, but was turned down by the company, according to museum director Brian Grams. Neighbors wrote letters to the company and the Des Plaines History Center to decry the demolition. The company saved the museum's sign and items from the interior.

Caine, the history center's executive director, said the center received fewer phone calls and letters about the razing of the replica compared with the original restaurant, although many people com-

mented on the center's Facebook page.

McDonald's made an effort at one time to put the replica on the National Register of Historical Places. But times — and priorities — have changed.

Richard Adams of Franchise Equity Group, a consultant and former McDonald's franchisee, said the Des Plaines demolition is a symbol of McDonald's "erasing of history."

As the Golden Arches are featured less prominently in new restaurant designs, Ronald McDonald and his cast of characters have been seen far less in recent years, too, although they're not officially retired.

And in addition to the slew of changes to McDonald's restaurants, the company's workforce is changing as well.

The corporation offered buyouts to longtime employees and said its move downtown will allow it to court younger ones. There are also fewer executives that have decades of experience at the brand, Adams said; long tenures at the company used to be common for those in McDonald's top ranks.

"Individually none of these mean much," he said. "But together, they mean a great deal."

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“Comparative advertising is rarely a good idea.”

— Shachar Meron, director of undergraduate studies in the department of advertising at the University of Illinois

Wendy's attack ad could backfire

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hailed on the Oak Brook-based chain's website as a boon to sealing in flavor. Wendy's turns that boast around on McDonald's by saying the iceberg that sank the Titanic was frozen too. It urges viewers to skip McDonald's "frozen arches."

The company claims its fresh patties taste better and features photos of sumptuous, juicy burgers — the likes of which I've never seen at either a Wendy's or a McDonald's.

On social media, Wendy's doesn't spare the barbs aimed at McDonald's. After McDonald's fresh beef announcement in March, Wendy's tweeted: "We'll stick to our fresh beef. They can have those ice chips they're serving."

Kurt Kane, Wendy's chief concept and marketing officer, isn't shy about calling out the industry pacesetter. "We want everyone to know that Wendy's does things very differently from McDonald's," he wrote in an email to me.

McDonald's did not respond to my request for comment regarding Wendy's ad, social media efforts or strategy. It has used frozen beef patties for nearly 40 years.

After some rocky years, McDonald's is in the midst of a resurgence under CEO Steve Easterbrook, who is modernizing the company's business operations while improving sales, finances and its stock price. In a break from the past, McDonald's relocates its headquarters this year to Chicago from Oak Brook.

It would be surprising if

the typically taciturn McDonald's pushed back hard on Wendy's, no matter how irritating it becomes. The U. of I.'s Meron says market leaders shouldn't respond to such attacks. "When they do, it's usually a mistake," he adds.

In marketing circles, the best example of such a misstep came back in 1975 when Coca-Cola heavily-handedly reacted to taste-testing ads called the "Pepsi Challenge." Coke wound up losing face and market share and turned Pepsi into a more legitimate competitor.

What's the possible downside for Wendy's? Well, it's a \$5 million ad gamble and if the message falls flat, then it's money badly spent, funds that could have been used to improve company operations or support franchisees.

Also, it's one thing to spend a few bucks on snarky social media posts, but rolling out a pricey competitor-bashing ad campaign on the biggest TV show of the year is risky because it could backfire. It's not that people have such great affection for McDonald's, but going negative can sometimes reflect badly on the basher instead.

An estimated 111 million people will watch the televised game, which pits the New England Patriots against the Philadelphia Eagles.

By airing its Super Bowl commercial, Wendy's is calling the fast-food version of a "Hail Mary" pass. And praying it doesn't fumble.

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52-WEEK			WEEKLY PERFORMANCE			YTD		1YR	
HIGH	LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	%CHG	%CHG
26616.71	19784.77	Dow Jones industrials	26608.90	25490.66	25520.96	-1095.75	-4.1	+3.2	+27.2
11423.92	8744.36	Dow Jones trans.	11206.86	10674.28	10687.18	-438.57	-3.9	+0.7	+15.6
778.80	654.14	Dow Jones utilities	703.46	683.59	684.48	-14.62	-2.1	-5.4	+3.4
13637.02	11147.11	NYSE Comp.	13605.91	13075.88	13085.35	-551.67	-4.1	+2.2	+15.7
6222.14	4984.57	NYSE International	6184.89	5962.61	5963.93	-258.20	-4.2	+3.0	+17.8
7022.97	5086.33	Nasdaq 100	7020.64	6756.54	6760.29	-262.68	-3.7	+5.7	+31.0
7505.77	5576.09	Nasdaq Comp.	7500.61	7238.18	7240.95	-264.83	-3.5	+4.9	+27.8
2872.87	2267.36	S&P 500	2870.62	2759.97	2762.13	-110.74	-3.9	+3.3	+20.2
2001.48	1666.34	S&P MidCap	1993.53	1916.29	1917.74	-77.49	-3.9	+0.9	+12.4
29760.60	23714.67	Wilshire 5000	29732.70	28606.29	28616.36	-1144.23	-3.8	+3.0	+19.0
1615.52	1335.03	Russell 2000	1607.95	1547.06	1547.27	-60.79	-3.8	+0.8	+12.3
403.72	360.12	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	400.91	388.00	388.07	-12.50	-3.1	-0.3	+6.6
7792.56	7093.57	FTSE 100	7689.15	7432.25	7443.43	-222.11	-2.9	-3.2	+3.6

Most active

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Gen Electric	15.64	-0.49
Bank of America	31.95	-0.25
Ford Motor	10.71	-0.66
Twitter Inc	25.92	+1.65
Chesapeake Energy	3.33	-0.67
AT&T Inc	38.07	+2.25
Silicon Energy	4.05	-0.25
Pfizer Inc	36.61	-2.06
AK Steel Hold	4.76	-1.58
Weatherford Intl Ltd	3.50	-0.81
Sprint Corp	5.36	-0.01
Rite Aid Corp	2.06	-0.17
Cleveland-Cliffs Inc	6.48	-1.15

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Adv Micro Dev	12.45	-0.50
Apple Inc	160.37	-11.14
Microsoft Corp	91.78	-2.28
Akers Biosciences	5.0	+2.26
Micron Tech	40.82	-2.85
Intel Corp	46.15	-3.93
Facebook Inc	190.28	+2.8
Atossa Genetics	.67	+2.25
Cisco Syst	40.93	-1.63
Comcast Corp A	41.11	-1.69
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.11	+1.13
PayPal Holdings	76.57	-8.88
eBay Inc	44.30	+3.41

EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Barc iPath Vix ST	32.91	+5.23
CS VS 2x Vix ShtM	7.50	+2.07
iShares Emerg Mkts	49.05	-3.03
iShares EAFE ETF	72.55	-2.70
iShares RUS 2000	153.83	-5.75
iShares Core MSCI EAFE	68.28	-2.56
Powershares QQQ Trust	164.61	-6.25
ProShares Ultra VIX ST	13.74	+3.81
SPDR S&P500 ETF Tr	275.51	-11.05
SPDR S&P O&G ExpPdtm	35.52	-3.48
SPDR Financial	29.37	-0.82
US Oil Fund LP	13.04	-2.0
VanE Vect Glb Miners	22.91	-1.44

Largest Companies

Based on market capitalization		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
AT&T Inc	38.07	+2.25
AbbVie Inc	115.17	-8.04
Alibaba Group Hldg	187.31	-17.91
Alphabet Inc C	1111.90	-63.94
Alphabet Inc A	1119.20	-68.36
Altria Group	69.40	-1.62
Amazon.com Inc	1431.00	+28.95
Amgen	187.01	-9.00
Apple Inc	160.37	-11.14
Bank of America	31.95	-0.25
Berkshire Hath A	314339.91	-11575.10
Berkshire Hath B	209.12	-8.07
Boeing Co	348.91	+5.69
Chevron Corp	118.58	-12.61
Cisco Syst	40.93	-1.63
Citigroup	77.02	-2.74
CocaCola Co	46.73	-1.80
Comcast Corp A	41.11	-1.69
Cisney	108.70	-3.49
Dow DuPont Inc	70.89	-6.13
Exxon Mobil Corp	84.53	-4.47
Facebook Inc	190.28	+2.8
Gen Electric	15.64	-0.49
Home Depot	193.97	-13.26
Honeywell Intl	156.65	-8.34
Intel Corp	46.15	-3.93
IBM	159.03	-8.31
JPMorgan Chase & Co	114.28	-2.04
Johnson & Johnson	137.68	-7.65
MasterCard Inc	170.55	+2.21
McDonalds Corp	169.38	-8.98
Merck & Co	58.56	-3.48
Microsoft Corp	91.78	-2.28
Nvidia Corporation	233.52	-9.81
Oracle Corp	50.13	-2.62
PepsiCo	118.67	-3.09
Pfizer Inc	36.61	-2.06
Philip Morris Intl	103.44	-6.75
Procter & Gamble	84.25	-3.48
Rockwell Automation	83.35	-1.56
Source Cap	41.15	-1.56
3M Company	245.17	-13.48
UnitedHealth Group	231.88	-16.59
Verizon Comm	52.98	-1.74
Visa Inc	120.91	-5.41
Walmart Strs	104.48	-3.91
Wells Fargo & Co	64.07	-1.47

How the region's Top 100 companies fared

Ranks based on market capitalization of public companies headquartered in Illinois and north-west Indiana as of Friday, February 2, 2018

RANK/COMPANY	CAP	CLOSE	WEEK	1-YR
1 Boeing Co	207,803	348.91	▲ +5.69	+118.5
2 AbbVie Inc	183,860	115.17	▼ -8.04	+93.5
3 McDonalds Corp	135,027	169.38	▼ -8.98	+40.6
4 Abbott Labs	107,377	61.69	▼ -1.73	+46.8
5 Kraft Heinz Co	94,053	77.19	▼ -2.20	-10.1
6 Caterpillar Inc	93,696	157.49	▼ -9.57	+71.3
7 Walgreen Boots Alli	72,850	73.56	▼ -5.59	-6.8
8 Mondelez Intl	67,994	45.50	▲ +1.08	+5.3
9 ITW	58,372	170.38	▼ -8.50	+36.4
10 CME Group	54,041	159.11	▲ +3.95	+36.3
11 Deere Co	53,215	164.96	▼ -6.53	+55.8
12 Baxter Intl	37,348	68.55	▼ -3.71	+43.7
13 Exelon Corp	36,243	37.72	▼ -1.14	+9.0
14 Allstate Corp	35,143	97.94	▼ -2.59	+28.5
15 Discover Fin Svcs	28,696	78.97	▼ -2.01	+17.3
16 Nthn Trust Cp	23,795	104.63	▼ -1.55	+28.9
17 Arch Dan Mid	23,169	41.43	▼ -2.16	-2.9
18 Equity Residential	22,030	59.95	▼ -1.59	+2.0
19 United Cont'l Hldgs	19,457	65.68	▼ -8.88	-9.0
20 Ventas Inc	19,350	54.33	▼ -1.56	-6.9
21 Motorola Solutions	16,826	103.87	▲ +4.87	+30.6
22 Dover Corp	16,080	103.22	▼ -1.82	+35.0
23 Grainger WW	14,797	259.69	▼ -25.57	+5.0
24 ConAgra Brands Inc	14,708	36.71	▼ -1.57	-4.3
25 CNA Financial	14,426	53.20	▼ -1.88	+34.4
26 Ultra Salon Cosmetics	13,387	219.50	▼ -8.20	-18.9
27 LKQ Corporation	12,649	40.93	▼ -1.90	+29.9
28 Gallagher AJ	12,397	68.57	▼ -1.92	+30.0
29 CDW Corp	11,620	75.92	▲ +2.4	+45.1
30 Packaging Corp Am	11,614	123.10	▼ -3.83	+34.5
31 CBOE Global Markets	10,945	134.65	▼ -2.37	+74.1
32 IDEX Corp	10,859	142.13	▼ -3.0	+60.8
33 TransUnion	10,482	57.47	▼ -3.88	+79.5
34 Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	9,851	64.90	▼ -8.17	+17.9
35 Ingredion Inc	9,721	135.28	▼ -10.76	+18.7
36 CDK Global Inc	9,421	68.50	▼ -5.66	+7.9
37 CF Industries	9,309	39.91	▼ -2.22	+15.4
38 NISource Inc	8,072	23.97	▼ -5.3	+11.3
39 Equity LifeSty Prop	7,444	84.75	▼ -1.24	+17.6
40 Middleby Corp	7,423	132.76	▼ -2.51	+1.0
41 Jones Lang LaSalle	6,880	151.67	▼ -5.73	+45.8
42 Zebra Tech	6,421	120.73	▼ -2.75	+45.9
43 Stericycle Inc	6,265	73.39	▲ +1.39	-4.5
44 GrubHub Inc	6,125	70.65	▼ -5.84	+70.7
45 Hill-Rom Hldgs	5,728	87.03	▼ -1.19	+47.4
46 Old Republic	5,685	21.55	▼ -3.6	+11.2
47 Aptargroup Inc	5,344	85.80	▼ -3.02	+18.8
48 Brunswick Corp	5,245	59.82	▼ -1.18	+1.0
49 Littelfuse Inc	4,880	214.89	▲ +2.52	+34.2
50 USG Corp	4,872	35.71	▼ -4.43	+15.9
51 Wintrust Financial	4,846	86.66	▼ -1.30	+23.9
52 Navistar Intl	4,401	44.71	▼ -2.74	+63.2
53 Morningstar Inc	4,097	95.16	▼ -3.72	+25.7
54 Akorn Inc	4,043	32.33	▼ -1.23	+62.4
55 Hyatt Hotels Corp	3,763	79.30	▼ -2.34	+44.2
56 Tribune Media Co A	3,722	42.64	▼ -0.94	+50.4
57 Equity Commonwealth	3,644	29.37	▼ -0.62	-4.1
58 First Indl RT	3,633	30.32	▼ -0.70	+21.1
59 John Bean Technol	3,597	113.95	▼ -2.40	+32.7
60 MB Financial	3,594	42.84	▼ -3.4	-1.2
61 KapStone Paper	3,354	34.60	▲ +8.06	+46.3
62 Kemper Corp	3,223	62.65	▼ -6.25	+47.8
63 Group Inc	2,965	5.31	▼ -6.27	+50.9
64 Tenneco Inc	2,846	55.18	▼ -4.53	-18.2
65 RLI Corp	2,804	63.65	▼ -5.7	+10.6
66 Adeptum Global Educ	2,760	45.50	▼ -1.20	+37.5
67 Anixter Intl	2,756	82.85	▲ +3.20	-2
68 Teleph Data	2,725	26.32	▼ -9.5	-8.6
69 Retail Prop Amer	2,659	11.71	▼ -3.8	-17.1
70 Paylocity Hldg	2,657	50.60	▲ +9.3	+69.1
71 GATX	2,630	68.65	▼ -3.36	+22.4
72 Allscripts Hlthcare	2,621	14.51	▼ -8.3	+24.3
73 Fst Midw Bcp	2,596	25.28	▼ -7.76	+7.6
74 TreeHouse Foods	2,576	45.04	▼ -1.53	-40.0
75 Cabot Microelec	2,546	100.42	▼ -1.45	+48.6
76 Envestnet Inc	2,337	52.75	▼ -1.65	+40.1
77 US Cellular	1,858	35.74	▲ +4.49	-16.4
78 Century Aluminum	1,835	21.02	▼ -3.32	+35.9
79 Stepan Co	1,690	75.05	▼ -5.29	-1.7
80 Horace Mann	1,640	40.35	▼ -2.45	
81 Hub Group Inc	1,600	47.85	▼ -3.10	+8.4
82 Methode Electronics	1,544	40.45	▼ -1.40	-1.1
83 First Busey Corp	1,516	31.18	▼ -1.15	+9.4
84 Coeur Mining	1,457	7.85	▼ -6.1	-31.9
85 AAR Corp	1,362	39.22	▼ -1.76	+23.0
86 Tootsie Roll	1,329	34.95	▼ -5.5	-3.8
87 Knowledge Corp	1,321	14.77	▼ -4.5	-17.6
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Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 16-125 of the Illinois Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-125), the Board of review of Cook county has, on this date, January 30, 2018 transmitted back to the Assessor of Cook County its final action on the following townships in Cook county for the tax year of 2017:

BREMEN, LEMONT, NEW TRIER, PALOS, LAKE VIEW

Dated at Chicago, Illinois by the Cook County Board of Review Room 601, Cook County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, JANUARY 30, 2018.

MICHAEL M. CABONARGI
COMMISSIONER

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LARRY R. ROGERS, JR.
COMMISSIONER

LEGAL NOTICE

Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, has directed me to call a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at the hour of 9:00 A.M. in the County Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois. At said meeting, the following item will be considered:

- Consent Calendar

Very truly yours,
DAVID ORR, Cook County Clerk and Clerk of the Board of the Commissioners of Cook County, Illinois

CAREER ADVICE

What you can learn from Mark Cuban's routine

Mark Cuban is a pretty well-known guy. Maybe you know him from his social media feuds with certain presidents, or his courtside theatrics at Dallas Mavericks games, or his TV appearances as an investor on Shark Tank. The billionaire is a busy man—but also a successful one, so what can we learn from his daily routine?

obligations pull one way, family obligations another. It's a matter of scheduling the highest-priority family moments into the day. It is also a matter of balance: "I can't make all their games, but I make most," he says.

Take time for self care. Cuban's not only basketball team owner, but also an unofficial player, making time for basketball games and other workouts as part of the daily fitness routine. Whatever your fitness or self care routine is (yoga, meditation, gym time, walking the dog, etc.), make sure you carve out some time in your day for it. Pushing too hard at work and not having an outlet can lead to major work stress.

Get enough sleep. Speaking of work stress, not getting enough sleep can be a major contributor. Cuban gets six to seven hours a night. The ideal can vary by person, but whatever your magic number is for peak productivity and performance during the day, make sure you're getting that sleep as much as you can.

— Kate Lopaze, *The Job Network*

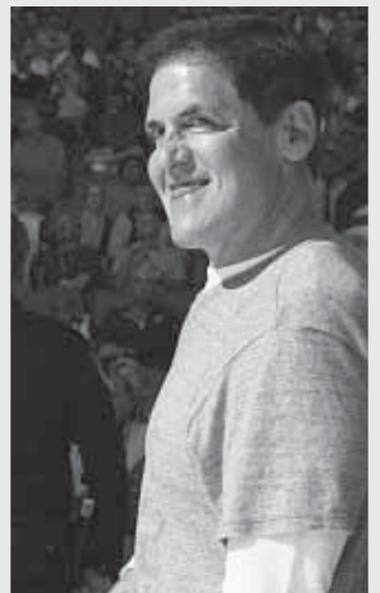
Start early. Just thinking about one is painful to many of the night owls out there, but Cuban credits his early work as one of the key elements of his success. Getting up and starting to work (like checking emails or messages) may seem like a drastic start, but surveys have shown that many people are sharpest when they first wake up.

Come up with a mantra. Positive thinking can be very effective, so come up with some personal mantras that work with your goals. According to Cuban, "Work like there is someone working 24 hours a day to take it all away from you" keeps him going. What motivates you? How can you turn that into a one-liner?

Keep up the pace throughout the day. Even when there's downtime, Cuban keeps checking emails to stay informed. Some downtime is usually key to decompressing, but if you find yourself with periods that aren't so busy during the work day, doing quick checks of email can help you stay focused.

Don't get stuck in meetings. Cuban feels like most meetings are a "waste of time." For the rest of us, meetings are often a necessary evil if we want to get our work done, but you can apply Cuban's philosophy to your own career by evaluating whether sit-down meetings are truly necessary, or if you can get the work done another way (like brief face-to-face chats, or a phone call/email).

Make time for personal priorities. As a parent, Cuban finds himself with a dilemma familiar to many: having professional



We may not all be billionaire investors, but Mark Cuban's daily routines show us that with a little extra focus, scheduling, and consistency, we can try living like one.

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WORK CULTURE

How to identify and do something about workplace harassment

If you have been harassed, or think a colleague's or boss's behavior has crossed a legal line, you should seek out specific legal advice right away. The first place you should go is to your company's Human Resources department. This is what they're there for — acting as a neutral resource to help you identify, report, and resolve problematic behavior or actions in the work environment.

What is workplace harassment?

Workplace harassment can take many different forms. Sometimes it's obvious. It can be blatant sexual or personal requests from a colleague, client, or boss, like:

- I'll give you a promotion if ...
- If you don't do this for me, I'll fire you.
- I can make it worth your while if you come have a few drinks with me.
- I'll give you more business if you take care of me.

Harassment can also be subtler and more insidious, such as personal comments that make you feel uncomfortable or highly personal topics of conversation that aren't relevant to your work. This is sometimes known as a "hostile work environment."

Examples of this type of harassment:

- Telling dirty or inappropriate jokes at work
- Commenting on physical attributes
- Making suggestive comments in emails or on social media
- Displaying suggestive pictures or websites
- Making sexual innuendos
- Unnecessary touching without consent
- Unwelcome sexual advances, or persistent requests for dates or other personal favors
- Personal ridicule or mockery
- Sabotaging others' work or otherwise interfering with work performance

Open discrimination or commentary based on gender, race, sexual preference, or other personal attributes

This kind of harassment isn't necessarily always sexual — it can also be considered workplace bullying. Whether there's a sexual

component or not, personal harassment is never okay. Essentially, if someone is being singled out or targeted for personal reasons and not professional, it could be harassment. And even if someone is being singled out for ostensibly professional reasons, there's still a line of professionalism that companies and employees are required to follow. Once that commentary or behavior crosses into the personal, it could qualify as harassment. If you feel uncomfortable with the behavior of someone in the workplace, that's a red flag.

Who's affected by harassment?

We often hear stories about it happening between a boss and an underling, but in reality it can happen with supervisors, colleagues, clients, or other people who are involved in a professional capacity. A supervisor can be harassed by an employee.

And it's important to note that no particular gender or group has a lock on sexual harassment. Although 1 in 3 women between the ages of 18 and 34 report having experienced sexual harassment on the job at some point during their careers, this problem is not limited to female victims — men experience this kind of harassment as well. Harassment comes in all shapes and sizes, and harassers are not always stereotypical boss figures. Anyone who makes you feel uncomfortable in the workplace is a red flag.

What to do if you're being harassed

According to the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), as much as 70% of sexual harassment goes unreported. If you've experienced harassment (or have seen it happen at your work), know that you're protected. The American Association of University Women (AAUW) has a detailed reference guide about how to handle the issue from several different perspectives.

Talk with someone trusted. This can be a confidante, but if you're experiencing harassment or have witnessed it your company's HR department is a resource.

— Kate Lopaze, *The Job Network*

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While today's mentoring programs may be a bit different than the "I speak, you listen" pre-millennial era from just a few years ago, effective mentor-mentee relationships — even the word "protege" is out — depends on two things — an individual willing to listen and an individual willing to learn. The difference is that today's mentoring approach requires both from each participating party.

With that in mind, we've created a do/don't list for today's mentors:

DO make your mentee feel comfortable. Introduce them to others, learn a little bit about their life outside of the office—but never pry too much into their personal lives—and take an active interest in their career.

DON'T be a jerk. Your company has chosen you because the decision makers feel you can do a good job passing on your professional knowledge to others. It doesn't mean they expect you to be overly demanding or ridiculously condescending. And no, just because you're the mentor doesn't mean your mentee has to get you coffee.

DO help your mentee gain contacts within the company and the industry. If they work in your department, find ways to get them involved in projects that you may not be a part of. Leave them to the appropriate people and have them check back with you if they have any questions or issues.

DON'T monopolize their time. Respect your mentee's schedule and find appropriate times and places to meet and discuss the latest issues at work. If possible, set up a weekly meeting whether it's in person or over the phone. Keep an open channel of communication but don't expect to have continual back-and-forth chats during the average work week.

DO a little research. You may be mentoring someone significantly younger than you or who has a background that differs from your own. If that's the case, talk to others who are in similar demographics or do a little research to find out what someone 30 years your junior may or may not appreciate or understand about the nine-to-five culture you've been accustomed to your entire career.

DON'T create a mini-me. Your mentee has goals of his or her own so make sure you respect that. Don't try to fit them into the mold you've set for your own career. Instead, find commonalities that can help them as they try to advance their professional standing.

DO some coaching. Mentoring isn't just the sharing of information or the passing-down of advice. If you're a mentor, you'll be expected to actively engage with your mentee. That means helping out by digging in when they hit a roadblock or have a misfire at work. A mentor's most valuable role is often that of a coach. You give some advice, provide an example and help solve a problem.

DON'T cut and run. Don't be that mentor who only wants to provide the textbook feedback to his or her mentee and when those real-world issues begin to emerge, retreats back to his or her desk and continually ignores emails and requests to meet. If you do not want to actively engage with a mentee throughout the year or whatever timeframe your company sets, turn down the assignment.

DO treat it as a learning experience. If you see the mentoring as a one-way relationship, you're less likely to gain any helpful insight from the partnership. By asking questions and listening to issues, both perceived and real, you will only improve your ability to work with others within your company and your profession.

DON'T expect hero worship. While some mentees might seemingly fawn over your every word, that's not part of the mentor-mentee relationship and probably not an effective learning experience. Some mentors get involved in their company's programs for nothing more than an ego boost and are disappointed when their mentees don't treat them with groupie-like reverence.

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DAVID HAUGH | *In the Wake of the News*

Bears' best since Payton, Urlacher rewarded with Hall of Fame honor



MINNEAPOLIS — To understand the drive that made Brian Urlacher elite, go back to 2004 when the Sporting News named the Bears middle linebacker the NFL's most overrated player after he had made the Pro Bowl his first four seasons.

"That pissed me off, and the next year what happened? I was NFL defensive player of the year," Urlacher recalled recently. "I think I was vindicated."

Lifetime validation came Saturday for the Bears' best player since Walter Payton when the game bestowed its highest honor on Urlacher, electing him to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. The eight-member 2018 class, announced at the NFL Honors event, will be enshrined in August in Canton, Ohio. *Turn to Haugh, Page 10*



ON DISPLAY
The weekend of Feb. 3-4, 2018, was a historic one. On Saturday, Brian Urlacher received word that his bust would be added to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. On Sunday, Tom Brady and Bill Belichick took aim at another ring.

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Cash trumps safety for NFL

Back to the Snark Ages:

In advance of the national holiday that is Super Bowl Sunday, let's acknowledge the big fat frauds running the body-damaging, dementia-producing NFL, and here's why:

The NFL claims to be worried about player safety. The NFL signed a five-year deal with Fox to continue Thursday night games. The NFL admitted a week earlier that more injuries occurred in Thursday night games than on other days.

The NFL is run by a bunch of screaming hypocrites or irretrievable liars, take your pick. Happy Super Bowl Sunday, kids.

I saw a preview of a Super Bowl ad in which an old man gets hit in the crotch with a football. Winner. Never fails. That's always funny. Unless, you know, it's your crotch.

Bears tweet earlier this week accompanied by a photo of Brian Urlacher: "The @NFL didn't know what was about to hit them when @BUrlacher54 was drafted in 2000. #Urlacher2018 #PFHOF18"

Funny, but the Bears coaches didn't even know where to play him.

Bears running back Jordan Howard told NFL Network last season's offense was predictable because it was so "basic." That sounds like a bad thing until you realize it helped get John Fox fired.

The only good thing about Kyle Long's plethora of injuries the last few years is that he achieved platinum status with Blue Cross Blue Shield.

What's a catch, Roger?

The Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award should go to Colin Kaepernick.

R.I.P., Oscar Gamble. A member of the White Sox's "South Side Hitmen" in 1977, Gamble became a Yankee and is credited with uttering arguably the greatest line of the 1970s baseball experience in the Bronx zoo with George Steinbrenner, Billy Martin, Reggie Jackson, et al.: "They don't think it be like it is, but it do."

Yu Darvish reportedly is seeking a deal close to seven years and \$175 million. Same here.



MATT SLOCUM/AP

Despite player-safety concerns from Roger Goodell, Thursday Night Football lives on.

Baseball's speed-up proposals include the return of the bullpen car to shuttle relievers to the infield, a move earning tweet approval from Cubs TV analyst Jim Deshaies: "Absolutely! But also would approve of relievers entering on horseback with Lone Ranger theme playing."

Stevie Sunshine's Weekly Power Rankings:

- 1. Luscious.
- 2. Bacon and Argentinian chorizo sandwich with chimichurri.
- 3. Flex jeans.
- 4. BLT cups.
- 5. Nikola Mirotic to New Orleans.
- 6. Winner and still champion, Bobby Portis.
- 7. Trading for players to be waived later.
- 8. Baseball's players association whining about owners wisely operating within a collective bargaining agreement to which the players agreed.
- 9. Grand Marnier in margaritas.
- 10. Super Bowl halftime act Justin Timberlake saying during Super Bowl week at Super Bowl headquarters that he never would let his son play football.

Tweet from Chris Herring, NBA writer for FiveThirtyEight, sent during the Grammy Awards: "This reminds me: Earlier tonight, my sister said she wanted to start listening to some band called 'Hamilton,' bc she keeps hearing so much about it."

The Blackhawks lost to a Canucks team that Bovada lists as "off the board" to win the Stanley Cup. Super job, lads.

Memory of recently waived legend Jaromir Jagr: He and fellow Czech and then-Penguins teammate Petr Nedved doing the "two wild and crazy guys" routine from "Saturday Night Live" in the locker room after a morning skate.

Hey, it's funnier than the two goals he scored to help the Penguins sweep the Hawks in the 1992 Stanley Cup Final.

What's up, Ivan Boldirev?

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THE LINEUP

Close encounters

Of the seven Super Bowls the Brady-Belichick Patriots have played in, the most lopsided — at least on the scoreboard — was last year's comeback overtime classic: Patriots 34, Falcons 28. Here's a look at the Super Seven (the closer the logos, the closer the score):



SB XXXVI: Patriots 20, Rams 17

■ **Fantastic finish:** The Rams tied it with 1:30 left before Adam Vinatieri's 48-yard FG won it as time expired.



XXXVIII: Patriots 32, Panthers 29

■ **Fantastic finish:** Vinatieri again, this time a 41-yarder with 4 seconds left after the Panthers tied it at the 1:08 mark.



XXXIX: Patriots 24, Eagles 21

■ **Fantastic finish:** Not that fantastic. The Eagles got a late TD but their hopes ended on an INT deep in their territory.



XLII: Giants 17, Patriots 14

■ **Fantastic finish:** Down 14-10 with 2:39 left, the Giants went 83 yards keyed by David Tyree's circus catch.



XLVI: Giants 21, Patriots 17

■ **Fantastic finish:** Down 17-15 with 3:46 left, the Giants went 88 yards for the winning TD with :57 to go.



XLIX: Patriots 28, Seahawks 24

■ **Fantastic finish:** Down 4 with :26 to go, the Seahawks threw it — and threw an INT — on 2nd-and-goal from the 1.

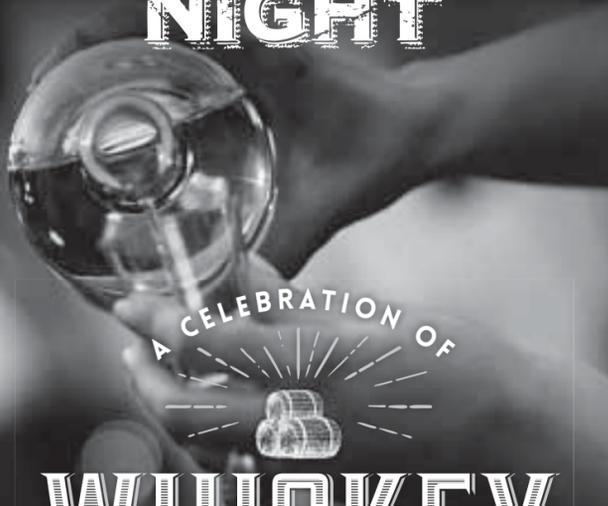


LI: Patriots 34, Falcons 28 (OT)

■ **Fantastic finish:** The Patriots overcame a 28-3 deficit for the greatest comeback in Super Bowl history.

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NFL AWARDS

At 40, he's something: Brady wins his 3rd MVP

Rams' McVay, Gurley, Donald take other prestigious honors

BY BARRY WILNER | Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — For the third time, Tom Brady is the NFL's Most Valuable Player.

Now he goes for his sixth Super Bowl title and perhaps a fifth MVP trophy for the NFL championship.

Brady, 40, added the Associated Press 2017 NFL MVP award Saturday night to his wins in 2007 and 2010. The Patriots quarterback was joined as an honoree by three Rams: Coach of the Year Sean McVay, Offensive Player of the Year running back Todd Gurley and Defensive Player of the Year tackle Aaron Donald.

Other winners in voting by a nationwide panel of 50 media members who regularly cover the league were Chargers receiver Keenan Allen as Comeback Player of the Year; Saints running back Alvin Kamara and cornerback Marshon Lattimore as top offensive and defensive rookies; and former Vikings offensive coordinator Pat Shurmur, now head coach of the Giants, as Assistant Coach of the Year.

Wide receiver Julian Edelman, who missed the entire season with a knee injury, accepted for Brady.

"Tom said he wanted to say he's very honored and humbled that he gets this award for MVP," Edelman said. "Also he wanted to thank his teammates, his friends, his family and the Patriots organization for

going out and doing what they do."

Brady competed 385 of 581 passes (66.2 percent) for 4,577 yards and 32 touchdowns with eight interceptions as the Patriots went 13-3 for the AFC's best record.

Donald was the first pure defensive tackle to win the Defensive Player of the Year award since Warren Sapp in 1999. He said it means "everything. That's one of the best to ever do it. So, even for my name to be next to that guy's is beyond a blessing."

Gurley's sensational turnaround season in which he ran for 13 touchdowns and caught six TD passes sparked an equally impressive reversal of fortunes by his team, which won the NFC West at 11-5.

"The Saints got the rookies, and we took home the offensive and defensive" player awards," Gurley noted. "It just tells you the type of players we have on the team. We all help each other out. We have some talent, but we're nothing without the whole nine yards and everybody together. And we have a coach who's up for Coach of the Year."

A little while later, McVay was handed the coaching award.

In his first season running a team and as the youngest head coach in NFL history, McVay led the Rams to a seven-game improvement. McVay, who turned 32 on Jan. 24, ran away with the voting with 35 votes to 11 for the Vikings' Mike Zimmer.

Texans defensive end J.J. Watt received the league's Walter Payton Award as man of the year. Watt had the goal of raising \$200,000 for Hurricane Harvey relief in Houston. His fundraising did a whole lot more, bringing in \$37 million in 19 days.

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SUPER BOWL

Clear models for success

Duplicating their path isn't simple, but Bears can learn from NFC champs



BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. — On the surface, it sure looks as if blueprints for a football revival at Halas Hall have been borrowed from the Eagles.

A young general manager hired a former Andy Reid offensive assistant away from the Chiefs and paired him with an established defensive coordinator possessing a track record of success. Both franchises used the No. 2 pick in the NFL draft on a quarterback, the Eagles selecting Carson Wentz in 2016 and the Bears grabbing Mitch Trubisky in 2017.

The Eagles have excelled in Year 2 of what has been a redemptive tour for general manager Howie Roseman as they ascended to Super Bowl LII, rebounding from last place in the NFC East a year ago to the league's best record.

Will the Bears finally emerge from hibernation after seven consecutive seasons of missing the playoffs?

It's a copycat league, and Bears GM Ryan Pace surely is looking far and wide for ideas to incorporate as the Bears hope to end a string of four consecutive last-place finishes in the NFC North. That starts with tapping new coach Matt Nagy for ideas and seeking ways to upgrade the roster.

The Eagles hired Doug Pederson, Reid's offensive coordinator from 2013-15, and added Jim Schwartz, who led the Bills to a No. 4 ranking on defense in 2014 after his stint as Lions head coach ended. The key move, of course, was finding a way to move up from the No. 8 pick in the 2016 draft to land Wentz, a bold move that required five picks — two first-round selections, one second, one third and one fourth.

The Wentz acquisition came less than two months after signing quarterbacks Sam Bradford and Chase Daniel in free agency. The Bears were similarly aggressive in 2017, paying big money for Mike Glennon and adding a former first-round pick with playoff experience in Mark Sanchez.

The difference is there was some real luck involved for the Eagles, who wound up flipping Bradford to the Vikings for a first-round pick before he ever took a regular-season snap for them and replenished a portion of the bounty paid to get Wentz. The Bears can't flip Glennon for anything.

"It was important for us to get the quarterback position right," Roseman said. "We were going to do whatever it took to make sure we put a lot of resources in there, and we walked out of the season knowing we had hope. We had hope that one day we would have a guy who would really lead us to this moment."

"Of course, it has worked out exactly as we thought it would. That's a joke."

Wentz was an MVP candidate before suffering a season-ending knee injury in Week 14 and reality is the Bears' rebuild hinges massively on Trubisky's development. If he's a franchise-level quarterback, the biggest piece is in place for an organization that was able to retain respected defensive coordinator Vic Fangio, who has done solid work the last three seasons.

Every franchise needs to chart its own course. If it was as simple as following the path of another club, someone would have found a way to mimic the success of Bill Belichick's Patriots in their remarkable run. But there surely are lessons the Bears can follow from the Eagles, who have 20 of their 22 starters under contract for next season and appear poised for future success.

Here are six:

1 Don't hesitate to make tough decisions. The Eagles signed Daniel to a market-setting deal as a backup — \$21 million over three seasons with \$12 million guaranteed — because he knew Pederson's offense after their time together with the Chiefs and could benefit whoever the starter was going to be — Bradford up until the point Wentz was drafted.

Daniel remained for the first season, but the Eagles realized he was no longer ideal after last season. They sought a quarterback with a skill set more in sync with Wentz's and made the decision to release Daniel and pay Nick Foles \$11 million for two seasons, again premium pay for a No. 2.

That meant the Eagles paid Daniel \$4.1 million this season to be a backup to Drew Brees on the Saints. It required considerable cap space and wasn't an easy transaction, but sometimes the best moves are challenging and teams have to admit that the best-laid plans must change even after just one year.

KEY DATES

- **Feb. 20:** First day to use franchise tag.
- **Feb. 27-March 5:** NFL Combine.
- **March 6:** Last day to use franchise tag.
- **March 12:** Teams can call free agents.
- **March 14:** Teams can sign free agents.
- **March 25-28:** NFL Meetings.
- **April 26-28:** NFL Draft.
- **May 4-7 or 11-14:** Rookie minicamps.
- **Aug. 2-5:** Hall of Fame weekend.



Running back LeGarrette Blount, above, and receiver Alshon Jeffery, right, are two of the Eagles' nine starters signed as free agents over the last two years.

JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE (BLOUNT)
NUCCIO DINUZZO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE (JEFFERY)

2 Be active. Few teams have been busier when it comes to the trade market than the Eagles, relying on the expertise of vice president of player personnel Joe Douglas and director of pro personnel Dwayne Joseph, both former members of the Bears front office.

Not all of them pan out, such as the deal for wide receiver Dorial Green-Beckham before the 2016 season, but cornerback Ronald Darby and defensive tackle Timmy Jernigan, both starters, arrived via trades this year. Darby came from the Bills for a 2018 third-round pick and wide receiver Jordan Matthews, expendable after the free-agent signings of Alshon Jeffery and Torrey Smith. Jernigan, who since has signed a four-year, \$48 million extension, came for a swap of third-round picks with the Ravens. Running back Jay Ajayi arrived in October after the Eagles sent a 2018 fourth-round pick to the Dolphins.

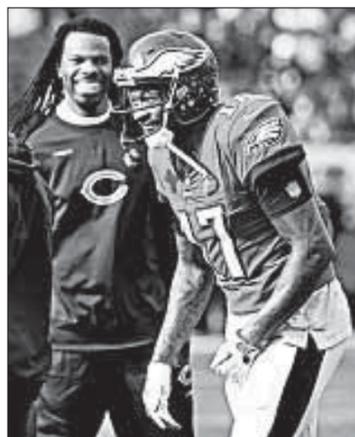
3 Be more accurate in free agency. That doesn't always mean landing players at the top of the market, such as guard Brandon Brooks, who was signed in 2016. The Eagles have had an excellent strike ratio on the open market and have nine starters added through free agency over the last two years — offensive linemen Brooks and Stefen Wisniewski, linebackers Nigel Bradham and Dannel Ellerbe, wide receivers Jeffery and Smith, running back LeGarrette Blount, safety Rodney McLeod and, of course, quarterback Foles.

They also have picked up key contributors such as defensive end Chris Long, cornerback Patrick Robinson and safety Corey Graham.

4 Move quickly and be decisive. The Eagles decided they didn't need to wait for Wentz to be ready as a rookie and that put them in position to trade Bradford to the Vikings after Teddy Bridgewater's horrific knee injury. The first-round draft pick from the Vikings turned into defensive end Derek Barnett, who had a sack/strip of Vikings quarterback Case Keenum in the NFC championship game when his team was driving for what could have been a game-tying score.

The trade of Matthews was as much about acquiring Darby as it was clearing a spot for Nelson Agholor in the slot. That wasn't a popular move because Matthews was Wentz's first-round pick on the team and the leading receiver for two consecutive seasons, but Agholor was deemed a better fit.

The best decisions are rarely the easiest ones. Remarkably, a player new to the roster this season scored every point in the Eagles' two postseason victories.



5 Find the right chemistry. Pace has talked about the improved culture at Halas Hall that has been developed over the last three seasons and some issues have been rooted out. But the Bears still don't have what anyone can claim is a winning culture. Graham, who was a reserve defensive back and elite special teams performer for the Bears when they reached the NFC title game after the 2010 season, said the offensive line set the tone for that team. He said there isn't one position that leads the Eagles' locker room.

That's not better, just different, and the Eagles have acquired a nice blend of younger players with veterans, nine of whom have won a Super Bowl ring elsewhere. They include Long and safety Malcolm Jenkins, who are passionate about social activism but not in a way that distracts from the team.

6 A little luck doesn't hurt either. Roseman is credited with the Bradford trade and he should be, but that deal wouldn't have fallen in his lap if the Vikings hadn't experienced a terrible and unexpected setback. Good teams catch breaks, and for the Bears that could start with improved health. The hiring of a new strength staff and trainer is significant as the team has to change its vision uniformly regarding its overall conditioning.

Roseman remembers Nagy starting his career as a training camp intern, coaches' assistant and then quality-control coach for the Eagles under Reid. Roseman pegged Nagy to be going places back then.

"Really smart football coach," Roseman said. "There are certain people, you know when they walk in your building (they) have a great future, and it was quite apparent with Matt even when he was our quality-control coach that he was going to great places."

The Bears, with a new coach and new vision, are just beginning. Their initial moves certainly mirror what has happened in Philadelphia, but there's a lot of work to do to soar like the Eagles.

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Against hated Patriots, Eagles will have most of America on their side



SAM FARMER
On the NFL

MINNEAPOLIS — A simple slogan captures the spirit of Super Bowl LII: Patriots versus Everybody.

It's on T-shirts, sweatshirts and hats here, and it's not unique. Other teams

have used the phrase to reflect their us-against-the-world ethos, including the Eagles, who are also playing in the game.

But with New England in the NFL's marquee game for the third time in four years and the franchise on the verge of its sixth Lombardi Trophy since the 2001 season, Patriots fatigue has reached epidemic proportions.

"I'm even a little fatigued," said retired tight end Christian Fauria, who won two rings with the Patriots. "Winning takes a lot of energy out of you. Success is tiresome. Which championship ring am I going to wear? It's nauseating to some fans. ..."

"You try to mimic what the Patriots are doing, but there are so many major factors that people just don't have."

Are you still wondering why people hate the Patriots?

Enter the Eagles, who are making their third trip to the Super Bowl and have yet to win one, a sore spot exacerbated by the fact the three other teams in their division — the Cowboys, Giants and Redskins — have each reached the mountaintop multiple times.

"I don't know if there are words that can really explain what Philadelphia would be like if the Eagles win," former Eagles quarterback Ron Jaworski said. "It will be the biggest parade ever. ... There's incredible passion."

Never have the Eagles had more fans than they will Sunday in what annually attracts the biggest television audience of the year — more than 100 million viewers. Super Bowls make up 19 of the 20 most-watched TV broadcasts, with the series finale of "M*A*S*H" in 1983 the lone exception. NBC is charging north of \$5 million for a 30-second ad.

Still, tens of millions of those eyeballs will be rolling at the Patriots, who are making a record 10th Super Bowl appearance, and dour coach Bill Belichick, who is participating in a record 11th. For Belichick, two of those came as a Giants assistant. Patriots quarterback Tom Brady is tied with Hall of Fame linebacker Charles Haley for the most Super Bowl rings by a player with five.

Eagles defensive end Chris Long, who won a Super Bowl with the Patriots last year, said disappointed friends would ask him, "Now I have to root for the Patriots?" when he signed with the team.

"It's no secret there's people all over the country who want to see them fail," Long said.

The Eagles, who are 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -point underdogs, seem to be embracing that challenge.

"There's that Philadelphia-Boston rivalry to begin with," said former NFL quarterback Dan Orlovsky, who was born in Bridgeport, Conn. — Patriots country — but now lives in Philadelphia. "But now the Eagles fans are relishing, 'OK, we're going to be the underdog that knocks off the giant.'"

Inflaming passions even more, the Patriots have a reputation for bending the rules to gain an advantage — whether it's covertly taping the secret hand signals of opponents or improperly deflating footballs to make them easier to throw and catch — allegations they staunchly deny and write off to envy.

"They've had this inordinate, unseen level of success," Orlovsky said. "Outside of that little circle of New England, they're easy to hate. I don't feel that way, and I have friends who are die-hard Patriots fans, but it's understandable."

The Patriots turn a deaf ear to critics. They make no apologies for their success. "It's a little like the Yankees were," owner Robert Kraft said last summer. "Once a team starts winning, it doesn't endear them to fans of other teams."

What's more, they happily turn the knife. Specifically for this Super Bowl, they launched the "Not Done Network," which streamed Patriots-related content around the clock, starting Monday with the send-off rally at Gillette Stadium and ending Saturday night with a live production "Patriots All-Access." The first-of-its-kind endeavor attracted 20 million page views in the first 24 hours and sounded like a threat, as in, "We're not done tormenting you."

"Brady's not going anywhere, Bill's not going anywhere," Fauria said. "All that nonsense that you heard weeks ago about tension and this and that, it doesn't happen. No relationships have been splintered, no egos have been hurt."

"They've had to make some tough decisions, but, oh, by the way, that's what multibillion-dollar corporations do. That's why they're successful."

And oh-so-loveable. "We try not to be arrogant, and I think most of the people in this organization are not," Kraft said. "Stylistically sometimes the way Bill comes across to people. ... But it's just that people want other teams to win."

"I understand it, but we're going to try to do our best to keep the haters hating."

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SUPER BOWL

FROM THE DAWG POUND TO THE PENTHOUSE: BILL BELICHICK'S COACHING RECORD

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Wins	6	7	7	11	5	36	5	11	9	14	14	10	12	16	11	10	14	13	12	12	12	14	13	214	250
Losses	10	9	9	5	11	44	11	5	7	2	2	6	4	0	5	6	2	3	4	4	4	2	3	74	118
Division finish	3rd	3rd	3rd	2nd	4th		5th	★	2nd	★	★	★	★	★	2nd	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★		
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Winning percentage						.450																.787	.710		
Postseason record						1-1																27-9	28-10		
Postseason win%						.500																.750	.737		

Legend forged by failure

Now a certified genius, Belichick learned the hard way with woeful Browns

BY KENT BABB | Washington Post

A few weeks before Bill Belichick's first game as a head coach in the summer of 1991, the boss wanted to see him. Browns owner Art Modell summoned Belichick and Ernie Accorsi, the team's executive vice president, to his office. Nothing dire, Accorsi would remember — just some trivial issue Modell wanted to discuss.

Shortly after the meeting began, Modell's phone rang, and he answered it. Belichick began to stir. He squirmed and nervously fiddled with his notebook. Minutes passed. Eventually he decided enough was enough, and Belichick closed his notebook, told Accorsi to alert him when the call finally ended and just left.

"If somebody is wasting his time, he has no use for it," said Rick Venturi, a former Browns assistant coach.

Indeed that story was timeless Belichick: impatient, hyper-efficient, unwilling to wait on anyone — even his boss.

Long before the Super Bowls, the establishment of a dynasty alongside Tom Brady, the dry news conferences or the elevation of Belichick among football's legendary coaches — and, with more championships than any other coach and on the verge of a sixth, beyond those greats — he had the same personality: meticulous, unforgiving, nearly obsessed with maximizing each second in a 24-hour day.

But not everything was the same. Anyone who suggests Belichick had a lifetime ticket on the legend track — and, five championships later, there are many — is forgetting the hostile chants and the police cars and the stealth departures to flee from an angry Cleveland.

But first, yes, there were hints that Belichick would indeed become Belichick, even when he was just another 39-year-old man in a new job. Back then he had no proven system beyond what he had studied under his father, a scout, and experienced under Bill Parcells, a coach and mentor of some acclaim. "Do your job" wasn't yet a rallying cry of accountability or the title of documentaries. It was a crude state of mind that inspired some of Belichick's assistants and turned a few others against him.

"We were handcuffed — let's put it that way," said Gary Tranquill, who coached the Browns' quarterbacks for three seasons before deciding, after they went 7-9 in 1993, he'd had enough of his stubborn boss and quit. "I didn't have any fun coaching there. It's as simple as that."

Indeed, Accorsi recalled years later, he occasionally fielded complaints from Browns staffers. The hours were long, the work thankless, the rewards — considering the team endured losing seasons in four of Belichick's five years — rare.

Belichick was demanding and sarcastic, and he expected his assistants to "extend the day," as he often put it. That meant doing more than they might have been used to in other jobs, and Venturi said coaching was only part of his job description.

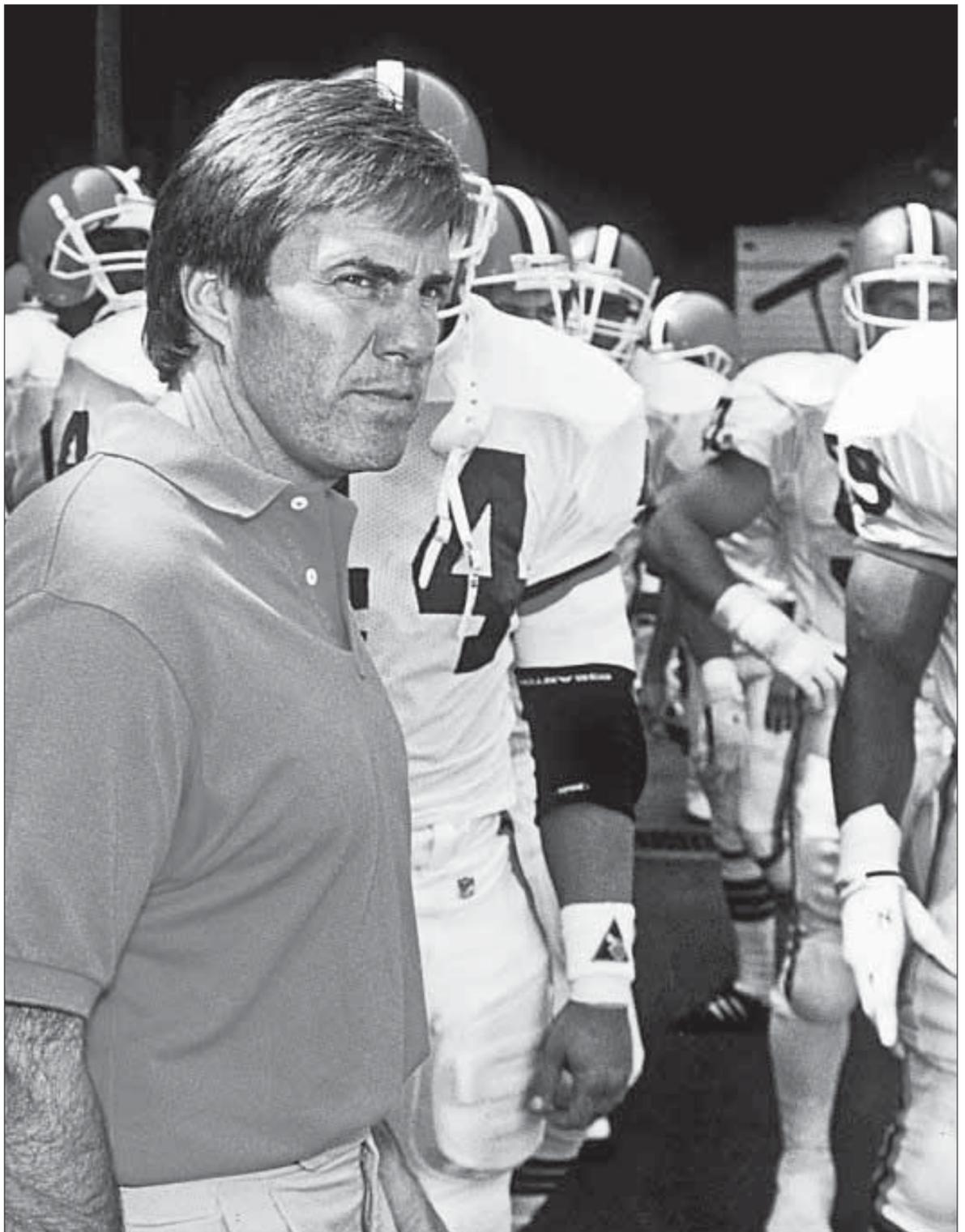
Belichick demanded his coaches prepare for any scenario on the field, no matter how unlikely, and give a presentation on the best way to respond. They were assigned a dozen or so college players to scout and consider for the draft's late rounds, to watch film of game officials and unearth which crews called which penalties more or less often, to convene on Saturdays — ordinarily a light day of final prep — for a marathon review of how they'd defend and attack their opponent.

"Everything to the 10th power," said Venturi, who had coached nearly two decades of college and professional football before arriving in Cleveland. "I was reshaped in my coaching thinking in every aspect."

In place of restful sleep and a peaceful existence and winning seasons, there was at least this: "When you went out on Sundays, you always felt confident you weren't going to lose," Venturi said.

But the Browns often did, and that engendered resentment. Tranquill, a specialist on offense, bristled that Belichick hired no offensive coordinator and insisted on calling plays despite having been a defensive coordinator under Parcells.

Tranquill said Belichick simply called things he had struggled to defend, and during one game when that wasn't working, Belichick gave up and surprised Tranquill by telling him he was in charge for the rest of the game — and if he was unprepared, well, that was his fault.



MIKE POWELL/GETTY

Bill Belichick, then head coach of the Browns, on the sidelines Sept. 20, 1992, as his team beat the Raiders 28-16 in Cleveland.

"There was nobody on offense calling the shots," said Tranquill, who had grown accustomed to demanding work environments during five seasons as Navy's coach. "We would mash around things for hours, and then we'd have to go through him to make sure, and he'd say he doesn't want to do that — which is a head coach's prerogative, but sometimes that got old."

So, after a while, did the losing. When Accorsi hired Belichick, who had chosen to lead the Browns instead of the Buccaneers, he told him a dramatic roster overhaul lay ahead. Sure enough, the Browns went 20-28 in Belichick's first three seasons, and by 1993 fans had begun referring to the coach as "Mr. Bill," the clay figurine on "Saturday Night Live" whose intentions were good enough but whose hapless decisions often led to his maiming or being sawed in half.

The Columbus Dispatch referred to Belichick as a "clown" in 1993, and disgruntled fans marched to protest the coach with signs that read "Waive Belichick." After Belichick released Bernie Kosar, the popular quarterback, about 200 fans sneaked into the Municipal Stadium tunnel after a loss to chant "Bill must go!" among other profane things.

During the darkest times, the man who would become the greatest coach in history went home to the suburbs to find a police surveillance unit posted outside for his cruiser stationed outside Browns headquarters.

"I'm not running for mayor," Belichick told reporters then. "I'm running a football team, and you can't make everybody happy."

Belichick's Browns did win 11 games in 1994 to reach the playoffs, which loyalists

point to as a hint at the coach's genius. But a year later Modell announced he was relocating his franchise to Baltimore. After the announcement, a team that started 4-4 lost seven of its final eight games.

To cope, Belichick occasionally scheduled his team to depart for trips as early as Tuesday for a Sunday game, just to get out of Cleveland.

"It was so depressing to be in town," Venturi said, adding that by the end of that season it became inevitable that Belichick and his staff would be fired. Modell, who died in 2012, admitted as much, saying if his bid to move the team to Baltimore were approved, he would start entirely fresh.

Besides, he preferred a more genial, less intense coach. He tried to lure Don Shula out of retirement before ultimately replacing Belichick with Ted Marchibroda.

As for Belichick, he rejoined Parcells as secondary coach for the Patriots, with whom things just seem to have a way of working out. It was Patriots owner Robert Kraft who, in February 1996, had planned to vote against the Browns' relocation but changed his mind on the day of the meeting and cast one of the deciding ballots supporting the franchise that would eventually become the Baltimore Ravens.

Kraft observed Belichick while he was an assistant coach and recruited him to replace Pete Carroll as Patriots coach in 2000. By then, Belichick's philosophy had evolved, his on-camera persona had dried, his impatience and demanding nature had intensified.

Those things were different, but his first season with the Patriots looked like little else had changed: They went 5-11. But Belichick had drafted a young quarterback named Brady the previous year, and despite

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— Gary Tranquill, Browns quarterbacks coach from 1991-93

entering the 2001 season with 60-1 odds of winning the Super Bowl, they did exactly that by upsetting the heavily favored St. Louis Rams.

A few months earlier, Belichick's program was beginning to take shape in training camp. The Giants had agreed to visit Bryant College in Rhode Island to participate in a series of joint practices with the Patriots in August 2001. Accorsi, by then the Giants' GM, had been the architect of a team that reached the previous year's Super Bowl but had lost to Modell's Ravens.

At one point Belichick ambled over to the man who had hired him a decade earlier, neither of them with any idea they were witnessing the start of something historic, and thanked Accorsi for coming to Rhode Island. Belichick told his old friend he thought it would be good for the Patriots to spend time around the Giants, to see how a Super Bowl team carried itself.

The results speak for themselves.

SUPER BOWL

All about their perspective

PATRIOTS QB **TOM BRADY** HAS SHOWN HIS HUMAN SIDE OF LATE — AND IT'S HARD NOT TO LIKE HIM

'Like everyone, you learn and grow as you go'



BILL PLASCHKE

MINNEAPOLIS — The cheater talks lovingly about his children. The smug one proclaims the greatness of his parents. The robot spins yarns about spending summers on a Minnesota farm.

Something really strange is happening this week on this Super Bowl's frozen plains.

Tom Brady is thawing out.

When the week began, with the Patriots' Brady playing quarterback in this game for the record eighth time, much of the country was like, him again?

Now it's more like, who again?

Just as he is closing in on goodbye, Brady, 40, has decided to say hello, revealing a side of himself that has little to do with deflating footballs or blowing up history.

He has talked like somebody's father.

"My kids are saying, 'Yeah, Daddy, all my friends said go win the Super Bowl!'" he said.

He has talked liked somebody's son.

"My mom doesn't think I've ever done anything wrong," Brady said. "She tells me, 'Oh, no, you played great.' She's always just being a mom, always being protective of her son."

He has talked about spending a couple of weeks each summer at his grandparents' farm in Browerville, a small town two hours northwest of Minneapolis.

"I remember my uncles gave me chewing tobacco for the first time when I was really young," Brady said. "Within five minutes I'm outside the car throwing up all over the place."

If the Patriots defeat the Eagles on Sunday at U.S. Bank Stadium, Brady will become the oldest quarterback to win a Super Bowl, earning a sixth ring, most by a quarterback, while further cementing his legacy as the greatest ever at the position.

But during interviews this week, along with the "Tom vs. Time" documentary showing on Facebook, it sounds as if he wants to be remembered as something else, something more closely resembling a human being than the dandelion greens-eating alien who frequently has stolen January during the last 18 years.

It's a strange, unsettling look, a conflicting look.

Most of America outside of New England is conditioned to be sick of Brady, who along with coach Bill Belichick has come to symbolize an arrogant franchise whose incredible achievements have been tainted with stolen plays, spying cameras and flattened footballs.

Brady has never been loved like Peyton Manning, admired like John Elway or good-old-boy embraced like Brett Favre. He has always been as distant as his stare, as unknowable as his playbook.

Last fall, he published a bestselling book touting his unique methods of staying in shape — avocado ice cream anyone? — and folks rolled their eyes. He literally dropped the microphone after a rousing speech at the Patriots' sendoff rally Monday in Providence, R.I., and folks shook their heads.

After the underdog rush of this former sixth-round draft pick's first championship win in 2002 subsided, Brady's greatness has been accepted begrudgingly, his Super Bowl presence only tolerated.

Quick, show of hands: How many of you failed to appreciate Brady's brilliant, short-handed, fourth-quarter comeback against the Jaguars in the AFC championship game because you wanted Jacksonville in the Super Bowl? Outside of New England, the answer is probably everybody.

It's almost as if Brady realizes this. It's as if he believes it's finally time to turn that harsh spotlight on him into a soft glow. When he sat with a mass of reporters and cameras Tuesday, he wore a plain gray hoodie, a black glove on his healing right hand and a smile so kindly you wanted to see whether he was sitting on a rocker.

"Like everyone, you learn and grow as you go," Brady said.

He began the week hanging up on longtime Boston radio talk show partners at WEEI after one of the station's hosts on a different show insulted Brady's 5-year-old daughter, Vivian, by calling her "an annoying little pissant."

"It was very disappointing to hear that — my daughter or any child certainly does not deserve that," Brady respectfully said before hanging up, behaving as any aggrieved parent would.

A day later, he showed forgiveness by telling reporters that he didn't want the offending host fired.

"I would hate for that to happen," Brady said. "We all have careers and we all make mistakes and, I mean, I'd hate for someone to have to change their life over something like that."

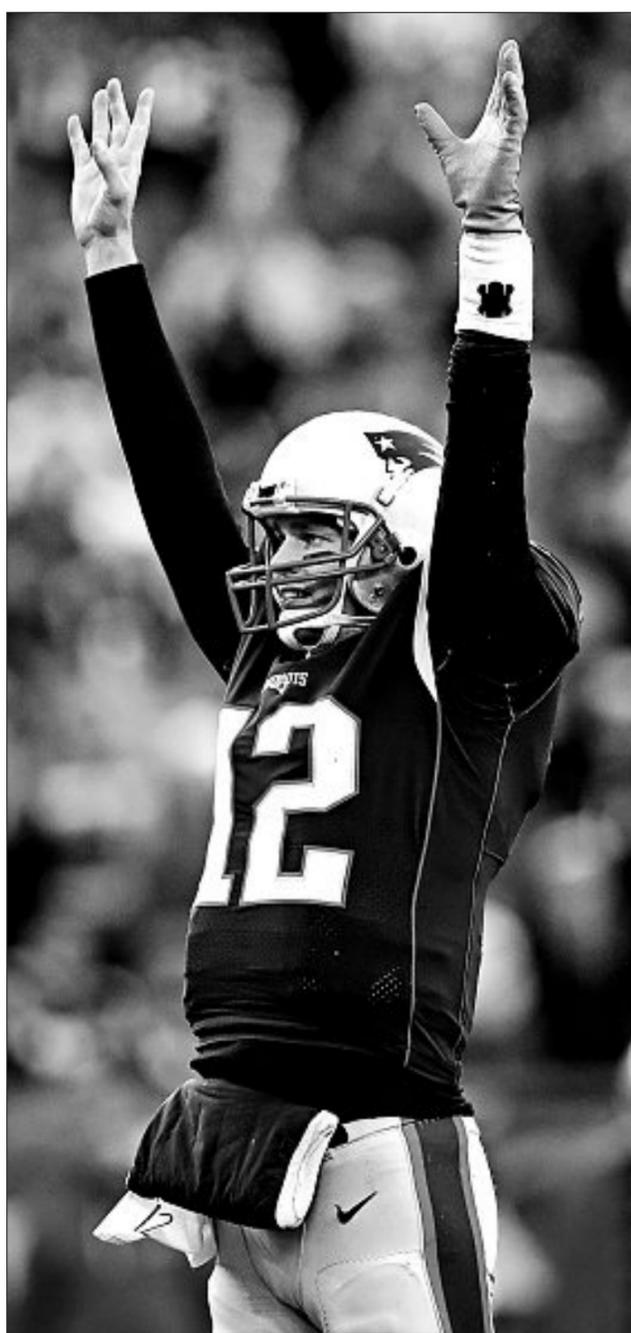
Showing his chops as a dad, then showing his decency as a human, Brady began the week on a revealing roll and kept right on going. He was specific about the gifts of his parents.

"They never said I couldn't do anything," he said. "My parents always said, 'Keep trying, keep working, I'll be there right with you, Tommy. We're going to take you to the batting cage; I'm going to take you up to the park and hit fly balls to you; I'm going to bring you to a 49ers game and we're going to pay catch outside Candlestick Park.'" He said he couldn't wait to get home to his family.

"I love the time I have with my kids," Brady said. "I'm really looking forward to being with them a lot more often. ... There's mornings I'm gone at 5:30. My wife (former model Gisele Bündchen) has got them in the morning, taking them to school, making their lunch. I realize I've got to pull my end of the bargain this offseason. I look forward to that."

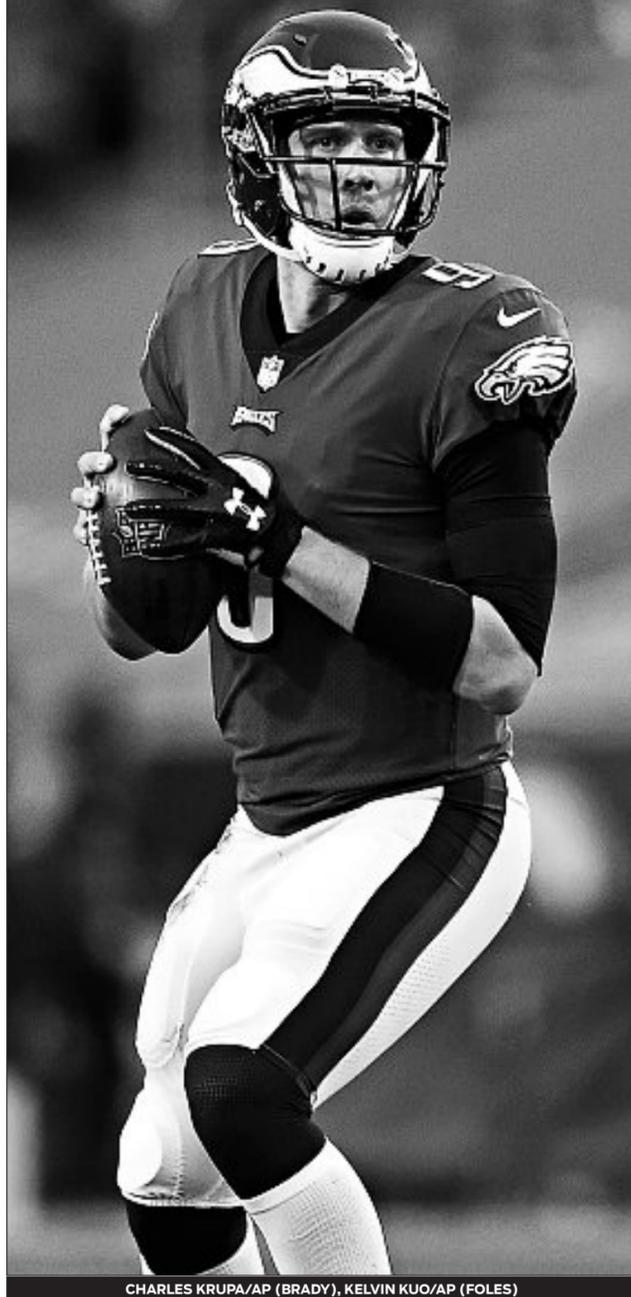
It feels like the equivalent of a last-second drive for acceptance, so you know what that means.

Even if you're not buying it now, you can never count Tom Brady out.



FIVE SUPER BOWL RINGS | Tom Brady has won more titles than any quarterback, and he's looking for more. Brady has started 36 playoff games, winning at a 75 percent clip (27-9).

THREE POSTSEASON GAMES | Nick Foles has started three playoff games, losing in the wild-card round with the Eagles in 2013 before picking up two victories last month.



CHARLES KRUPA/AP (BRADY), KELVIN KUO/AP (FOLES)

IN THE BIGGEST MOMENT OF HIS CAREER, EAGLES QB **NICK FOLES** FALLS BACK ON FAITH AND FAMILY

'I'm just grateful to be playing'

By **KIMBERLEY A. MARTIN** | Washington Post

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. — Nick Foles wiped the side of his face with his finger, hoping to stave off the sudden rush of emotion. His eyes turned glassy and pink as he tried to speak, but the words, nestled deep in his throat, just wouldn't escape his lips.

In the midst of the pomp and circumstance of Super Bowl week, Foles had remained even-keeled, responding to questions under the bright lights with genuine yet understated interest and matter-of-fact detail. But now there was only silence. And while brief, the pause was telling.

Foles, a once-discarded quarterback, is just days away from making the most important start of his NFL career in Super Bowl LII against the Patriots. If the football gods deem him worthy, if the stars align just right to ensure David defeats Goliath on the gridiron, the Eagles passer will hoist the Lombardi Trophy high above his head and reflect on how his life — and this unforgettable season in Philadelphia — took such a remarkable turn.

But for Foles, satisfaction isn't found in disproving his doubters. It's rooted in his drive to make his daughter, Lily, proud.

"That's the most important thing. When I think about this journey and everything, I get home and I ..." Foles said this week before pausing to gather his thoughts and his composure. "I know that every time I step on the field, every single thing I do, there's going to be some days she looks and wants to know who her daddy was and what he did."

"That gives you a little extra juice to go out here, whenever you're tired, whenever you're doing it, (and make sure you're) doing things the right way. I think about that 'cause she's going to grow up and I want her to be proud of her daddy."

There's a peace within him now, a calmness he exudes while discussing his circuitous journey back to the Eagles, the team that drafted him in 2012, traded him to the Rams for Sam Bradford in 2015 and now is relying on him to bring home a championship in the absence of injured star quarterback Carson Wentz.

Through the benefit of time, countless conversations with close friends and family and his unwavering faith, Foles now sees the bigger picture. He is a backup-turned-starter who is under no illusion about his stature within the organization: Even if he defeats the Patriots, the 29-year-old understands the franchise belongs to Wentz, the young star who guided the Eagles to an 11-2 start before damaged knee ligaments prematurely ended his season. And Foles says that's OK.

"Absolutely," he said.

The future will take care of itself, he said, adding: "I'm excited to watch Carson get healthy, get back on his feet and hopefully being part of him getting back to where he was."

The future belongs to Wentz, but Sunday is all Foles.

This is his moment, his time, his chance. The stage will get no grander than this, and there will be no opponent more gifted and accomplished than Tom Brady, who at 40 is seeking his sixth Super Bowl title. With one more dominant performance, Foles can dispel any lingering doubts about his NFL ceiling and, in the process, upstage arguably the greatest quarterback of all time.

But love of the game is what brought Foles back to football, not recognition or the opportunity to prove his worth to others. The boy who never watched NFL games because he was too busy playing football with his friends grew into a man whose waning passion for the game caused him not only to contemplate retiring but prompted him to enroll in online seminary classes at Liberty University in hopes of becoming a pastor. But after much-needed self-reflection and prayer, Foles again found his professional calling.

His brief tenure in St. Louis paved the way for his reunion in Kansas City with former Eagles coach Andy Reid in 2016, and it proved to be a year of personal and professional growth for Foles, who returned to Philadelphia with renewed focus and confidence, even in the role of Wentz's backup. Now he has helped the Eagles reach the Super Bowl for only the third time in franchise history.

"I'm just grateful to be playing," said Foles, who was 26-for-33 for 352 yards, three touchdowns and no interceptions in the Eagles' 38-7 win over the Vikings in the NFC title game. "But then to come back to the Philadelphia Eagles, the team that drafted me, the team that I love, the city that I love and never wanted to leave, is really special."

Eagles fans, forever underdogs in spirit, embraced Wentz as the face of the franchise and the city's favorite son.

"And then, bam, he's gone, and for a week or two it was like the city had lost its breath," offensive coordinator Frank Reich said.

Other teams might have mentally checked out after losing their starting quarterback, but not the Eagles. In Foles, they saw leadership, inner strength and toughness. Above all else, they realized they still had a chance.

"It shows his resilience," Eagles tackle Lane Johnson said of reaching the Super Bowl with Foles at the helm. "You see on some other teams when the quarterback goes down, the whole team dies."

To better understand Foles, one must understand his connection to faith, family and football.

His wife, Tori, was diagnosed in 2013 with postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome, which later led to the discovery of Lyme disease. Her heart rate can increase 30 beats per minute just from sitting and standing, Foles said, adding that the couple got engaged during a month spent at the Mayo Clinic. They married at a courthouse in 2014, yet they still haven't gone on their honeymoon. But in their struggles Foles found perspective on life and forged an even deeper bond with Tori and their daughter as well.

"This a journey," he said. "It's not necessarily football experiences that have shaped me."

"It's off-the-field stuff — having a daughter, being married, having more responsibilities, the trials you go through. It had nothing to do with the football stuff. It had to do with the life stuff."

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The Patriots

Four to watch

1 Danny Amendola
With defenses keying on Rob Gronkowski, Amendola needs to step up. He had a career-high 11 catches in the playoff win over the Titans, and two fourth-quarter touchdowns in the comeback against the Jaguars in the AFC championship game.

2 Trey Flowers
The defensive end is their best pass rusher, and the Patriots must pressure Nick Foles. Flowers led the team with 6 1/2 sacks. In last year's Super Bowl victory, he had a team-leading six tackles and 2 1/2 sacks.

3 Stephen Gostkowski
The Patriots' all-time leading scorer, he missed an extra point in the Super Bowl last year to force some two-point conversions. All seven Brady-Belichick Super Bowls have been decided by 6 or fewer points.

4 Kyle Van Noy
The versatile Van Noy has taken over the role of the injured Dont'a Hightower. He plays middle linebacker, outside linebacker, blitzes, drops back in coverage ... he's all over.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS.	NO.	PLAYER
WR	14	Brandin Cooks
	18	Matthew Slater
	17	Bernard Reedy
TE	87	Rob Gronkowski
	83	Dwayne Allen
	47	Jacob Hollister
RT	71	Cameron Fleming
	68	LaAdrian Waddle
RG	69	Shaq Mason
	75	Ted Karras
C	60	David Andrews
	75	Ted Karras
LG	62	Joe Thuney
	74	Cole Croston
LT	77	Nate Solder
	68	LaAdrian Waddle
SR	80	Danny Amendola
WR	15	Chris Hogan
	13	Phillip Dorsett
	85	Kenny Britt
QB	12	Tom Brady
	2	Brian Hoyer
RB	33	Dion Lewis
	28	James White
	46	James Develin
	34	Rex Burkhead
	35	Mike Gillislee
	38	Brandon Bolden

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS.	NO.	PLAYER
DE	55	Eric Lee
	91	Deatrich Wise
	96	Geneo Grissom
DT	93	Lawrence Guy
	97	Alan Branch
DT	90	Malcom Brown
	94	Ricky Jean Francois
DE	98	Trey Flowers
	70	Adam Butler
LB	53	Kyle Van Noy
	59	Marquis Flowers
	50	Nicholas Grigsby
LB	52	Elandon Roberts
	45	David Harris
	92	James Harrison
CB	24	Stephon Gilmore
	25	Eric Rowe
S	23	Patrick Chung
	37	Jordan Richards
S	32	Devin McCourty
	36	Brandon King
S	30	Duron Harmon
CB	21	Malcolm Butler
	29	Johnson Bademosi

SPECIAL TEAMS

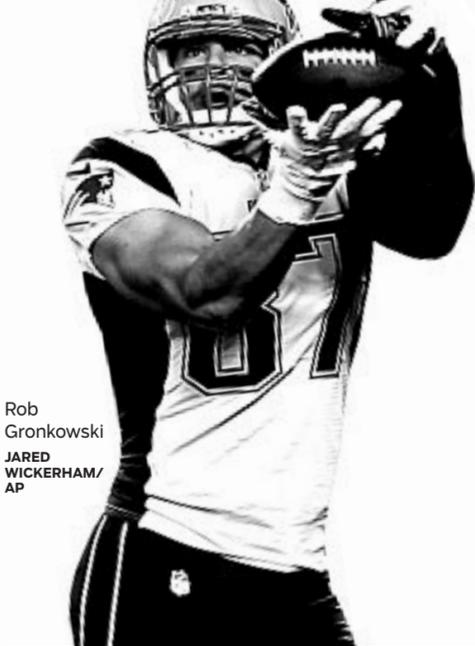
POS.	NO.	PLAYER
K	3	Stephen Gostkowski
P	6	Ryan Allen
LS	49	Joe Cardona
PR	80	Danny Amendola
KR	33	Dion Lewis

RESULTS

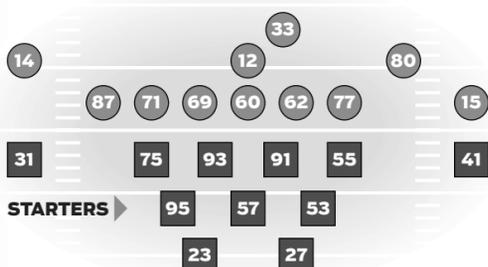
Sept. 7	Chiefs	L 42-27
Sept. 17	@Saints	W 36-20
Sept. 24	Texans	W 36-33
Oct. 1	Panthers	L 33-30
Oct. 5	@Buccaneers	W 19-14
Oct. 15	@Jets	W 24-17
Oct. 22	Falcons	W 23-7
Oct. 29	Chargers	W 21-13
Nov. 12	@Broncos	W 41-16
Nov. 19	Raiders*	W 33-8
Nov. 26	Dolphins	W 35-17
Dec. 3	@Bills	W 23-3
Dec. 11	@Dolphins	L 27-20
Dec. 17	@Steelers	W 27-24
Dec. 24	Bills	W 37-16
Dec. 31	Jets	W 26-6
Divisional	Titans	W 35-14
AFC title	Jaguars	W 24-20

* - In Mexico City

Patriots on offense



Rob Gronkowski
JARED WICKERHAM/AP



IN THE AIR
NFL rank: Patriots offense 2nd, Eagles defense 17th

Tom Brady has plenty of weapons with Rob Gronkowski, Danny Amendola, Chris Hogan, Dion Lewis and James White out of the backfield, and speedster Brandin Cooks. The Eagles give up a lot of yards but get picks and don't give up many points. When they're facing a dominant receiver, they try to play behind them and protect the end zone. That's what they did with Julio Jones. Opposite Ronald Darby is corner Jalen Mills, who's a Seahawks-type corner, very physical and grabby.

ON THE GROUND
NFL rank: Patriots offense 10th, Eagles defense 1st

The Patriots' line is going to have a difficult time with Fletcher Cox and Timmy Jernigan. In the AFC championship game, right guard Shaq Mason got manhandled by Marcell Dareus, and the Patriots had to use double teams up the middle. The Eagles have seven defensive linemen who can play, and there isn't a lot of drop-off in that rotation. Cox is a superstar.

Patriots 1st in total offense, 2nd in points scored
Eagles 4th in total defense, 4th in points allowed



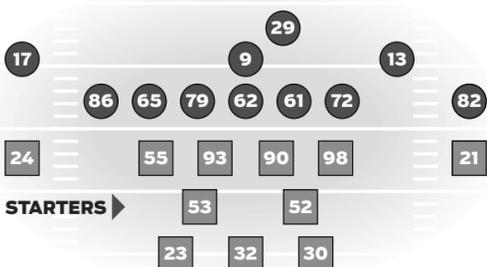
SPECIAL TEAMS

The Eagles don't get a lot of big returns since Darren Sproles got hurt. Punter Donnie Jones is a seasoned pro, while kicker Jake Elliott is a rookie who has struggled from mid-range. Patriots punter Ryan Allen had a great day against the Jaguars, repeatedly pinning the Jaguars deep in their territory. **Stephen Gostkowski** has been great on kickoffs, hitting those floaters right on the goal line, coaxing returns and trusting the coverage unit. He hit field goals of 63 (at altitude) and 58 this season.



COACHING

With Eagles coordinators Frank Reich and Jim Schwartz on one side, and the Patriots' Matt Patricia and Josh McDaniels on the other, you could say this game features six current or future head coaches. (Reich will get the call at some point.) Patricia is great with in-game adjustments, but the Patriots have forced only one turnover in the last six games. The story line, though, is upstart **Doug Pederson** vs. Bill Belichick, with the upstart trying to make some history of his own.



IN THE AIR
NFL rank: Eagles offense 13th, Patriots defense 30th

One strength of the Eagles is they have no essential target. They use screens and slants quite a bit. Although they don't have a receiver who gets great separation, Zach Ertz wins in tight coverage. Nelson Agholor is reliable in the slot. Alshon Jeffery led the team with nine touchdown catches, and Torrey Smith is their best deep threat. The Patriots have a veteran secondary led by corners Malcolm Butler and Stephon Gilmore. But that unit could have an issue with the Eagles' speed.

ON THE GROUND
NFL rank: Eagles offense 3rd, Patriots defense 20th

The Eagles have three backs — Jay Ajayi, LeGarrette Blount and Corey Clement — and use them all. Blount has an NFL-best 10 touchdowns in the postseason since 2013. He's dangerous if he can get to the second level but doesn't do a great job slipping through tight holes at the line. Ajayi is a complete back.

Eagles 7th in total offense, 3rd in points scored
Patriots 29th in total defense, 5th in points allowed

— Sam Farmer

Eagles on offense



Jay Ajayi
CHRIS SZAGOLA/AP

The Eagles

Four to watch

1 Fletcher Cox
The 6-foot-4, 310-pound defensive tackle anchors the Eagles' front and could be particularly effective by bringing pressure up the middle against Tom Brady.

2 Ronald Darby
Acquired in a trade with the Bills, the cornerback suffered a dislocated ankle and missed most of the regular season. Since Darby's return in Week 11, teams have thrown his way frequently. The Patriots figure to do the same — unless he makes them pay.

3 Zach Ertz
The tight end is often the go-to guy when they need a clutch catch. He's the Eagles' answer to Rob Gronkowski, creating plenty of matchup headaches. He led the team with 74 receptions and scored eight touchdowns.

4 Halapoulivaati Vaitai
He had a tough task, replacing injured nine-time Pro Bowl left tackle Jason Peters. But he has improved by the week and was solid in two playoff games. Remember, Nick Foles isn't as elusive as Carson Wentz.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS.	NO.	PLAYER
WR	17	Alshon Jeffery
	14	Marcus Johnson
TE	86	Zach Ertz
	87	Brent Celek
	88	Trey Burton
RT	65	Lane Johnson
	73	Isaac Seumalo
RG	79	Brandon Brooks
	73	Isaac Seumalo
C	62	Jason Kelce
	61	Stefen Wisniewski
LG	61	Stefen Wisniewski
	67	Chance Warmack
LT	72	H. Vaitai
	66	Will Beatty
SR	13	Nelson Agholor
WR	82	Torrey Smith
	10	Mack Hollins
	18	Shelton Gibson
QB	9	Nick Foles
	7	Nate Sudfeld
RB	29	LeGarrette Blount
	36	Jay Ajayi
	28	Wendell Smallwood
	30	Corey Clement
	38	Kenjon Barner

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

POS.	NO.	PLAYER
DE	75	Vinny Curry
	96	Derek Barnett
	51	Steven Means
DT	93	Tim Jernigan
	94	Beau Allen
DT	91	Fletcher Cox
	97	Destiny Vaeao
	98	Elijah Qualls
DE	55	Brandon Graham
	56	Chris Long
	50	Bryan Braman
LB	95	Mychal Kendricks
	54	Kama Grugier-Hill
	47	Nathan Gerry
MLB	57	Dannell Ellerbe
LB	53	Nigel Bradham
	52	Najee Goode
CB	31	Jalen Mills
	21	Patrick Robinson
	22	Sidney Jones
S	23	Rodney McLeod
	24	Corey Graham
S	27	Malcolm Jenkins
	26	Jaylen Watkins
CB	41	Ronald Darby
	32	Rasul Douglas
	26	Jaylen Watkins

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS.	NO.	PLAYER
K	4	Jake Elliott
P	8	Donnie Jones
LS	45	Rick Lovato
PR	38	Kenjon Barner
KR	38	Kenjon Barner

RESULTS

Sept. 10	@Redskins	W 30-17
Sept. 17	at @Chiefs	L 27-20
Sept. 24	Giants	W 27-24
Oct. 1	@Chargers	W 26-24
Oct. 8	Cardinals	W 37-7
Oct. 12	@Panthers	W 28-23
Oct. 23	Redskins	W 34-24
Oct. 29	49ers	W 33-10
Nov. 5	Broncos	W 51-23
Nov. 19	@Cowboys	W 37-9
Nov. 26	Bears	W 31-3
Dec. 3	@Seahawks	L 24-10
Dec. 10	@Rams	W 43-25
Dec. 17	@Gaints	W 34-29
Dec. 25	Raiders	W 19-10
Dec. 31	Cowboys	L 6-0
Divisional	Falcons	W 15-10
NFC title	Vikings	W 38-7

Super Bowl predictions



BRAD BIGGS | It's difficult to beat the Patriots for 60 minutes, as the Falcons can attest. Tom Brady rates an edge on this stage over any quarterback, especially a No. 2 such as Nick Foles. But conventional wisdom was Brady and the Patriots would have rolled over Blake Bortles and the Jaguars two weeks ago. The Eagles are a more complete team. **Eagles 21, Patriots 20**



RICH CAMPBELL | If Carson Wentz were starting, you could make the case the Eagles should be favored. Now, consider that Nick Foles in two playoff victories completed 78 percent of his passes and had a 122.1 passer rating. On defense, the Eagles have a front four that will disrupt Tom Brady. All the Crisco in the world won't save Philly's light poles. **Eagles 27, Patriots 24**



SAM FARMER | The Eagles will win the battle of the trenches on offense and defense. They are better than the Jaguars, who gave the Patriots a scare. The issue is Tom Brady. He is so clutch, especially in tight games. Bill Belichick is going to try to put the game on Nick Foles' shoulders and make him win it. Foles needs to have a B-plus or better game. **Eagles 27, Patriots 24**



DAVID HAUGH | You can make the case for the Eagles. You can point out how their overlooked defense could move Tom Brady off his spots. You can say Nick Foles is better than your average backup. But you can't convince me it will be enough to overcome the NFL's greatest all-time coach and quarterback in the type of clutch moment that brings out their best. **Patriots 31, Eagles 27**



COLLEEN KANE | The Eagles are a great team, and this prediction would be different if Carson Wentz were in the picture. But as much as there is to love about Nick Foles' underdog story, it seems unwise to pick against Bill Belichick and Tom Brady. Even with the Eagles defense hounding Brady, he will find a way as he has so many times before. **Patriots 28, Eagles 24**



MIKE MULLIGAN | Only a fool would pick against the Belichick/Brady victory machine. But the Eagles are balanced enough to pull off the trick. Their defense will play great on the fast track that the Vikings capitalized on. Tom Brady covers a ton of mistakes, but he will be pressured all day. The Patriots defense is average at best. **Eagles 24, Patriots 21**



PHIL THOMPSON | The Patriots usually excel at negating pass rushes with quick releases to receivers such as Danny Amendola and Chris Hogan. Even if you get to Tom Brady in the first half, Bill Belichick is a master at making adjustments. But like the Jaguars, the Eagles aren't just talented up front. At some point, Fletcher Cox and Co. will force a mistake. **Eagles 27, Patriots 20**



PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

Another quick impact

Urlacher reaches Canton on first ballot, continuing Bears' storied linebacker tradition

BY BRAD BIGGS | Chicago Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS — The greatest Bears player since their iconic Super Bowl XX team more than three decades ago received the highest NFL honor Saturday when Brian Urlacher was selected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Urlacher and the Ravens' Ray Lewis were the players in the conversation for the best middle linebacker of their era, so it is fitting both were voted in on their first ballot and will be enshrined together on Aug. 4 in Canton, Ohio. It's the first time two middle linebackers will be inducted in the same class.

Wide receivers Randy Moss and Terrell Owens and safety Brian Dawkins were the other three modern-era players elected. Senior committee players Jerry Kramer and Robert Brazile and contributor Bobby Beathard, a longtime Redskins and Chargers general manager, also were selected.

"I didn't feel any stress up until today," Urlacher said. "I knew we had two guys getting in for sure — Randy and Ray. It was a long process. You just don't know what to expect until you go through it I guess. Hearing guys tell stories of what they went through and didn't get in, that's what I was thinking about. To get over the hump the first time, it's pretty awesome. This is a great class."

Urlacher, 39, becomes the 28th Hall of Famer to represent the Bears for all or the primary portion of their careers, the most in the NFL, and the first since defensive end Richard Dent was inducted in 2011. Urlacher and Lewis bring to 28 the number of modern-era linebackers in the Hall. Five of those 28 were Bears, a nod to the history of the position for the franchise from George Connor to Bill George, Dick Butkus, Mike Singletary and now Urlacher.

"It's unreal," Urlacher said. "It's a great tradition."

Selected ninth in the first round of the 2000 draft, Urlacher becomes the first Hall of Fame player from the University of New Mexico. He was named NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year and was an established star before coach Lovie Smith arrived in 2004 with a scheme that accentuated Urlacher's freakish athletic ability for a player with such a large frame — 6-foot-4, 258 pounds. The next year he was named the league's Defensive Player of the Year, becoming the fifth player to win both awards. The next season, in 2006, Urlacher helped lead the Bears to Super Bowl XLI.

Named to the NFL's All-Decade Team of the 2000s, Urlacher was selected to the Pro Bowl eight times and was first team All-Pro five times. In 13 seasons, according to pro-football-reference.com, he amassed 1,354 tackles, 41½ sacks, 22 interceptions, two touchdowns, 90 passes defended, 11 forced fumbles and 15 fumble recoveries.

Personnel boss Mark Hatley made the decision to draft Urlacher, who had played safety in college. The Bears knew they were getting a player who could transform their defense but initially weren't sure how to deploy him.

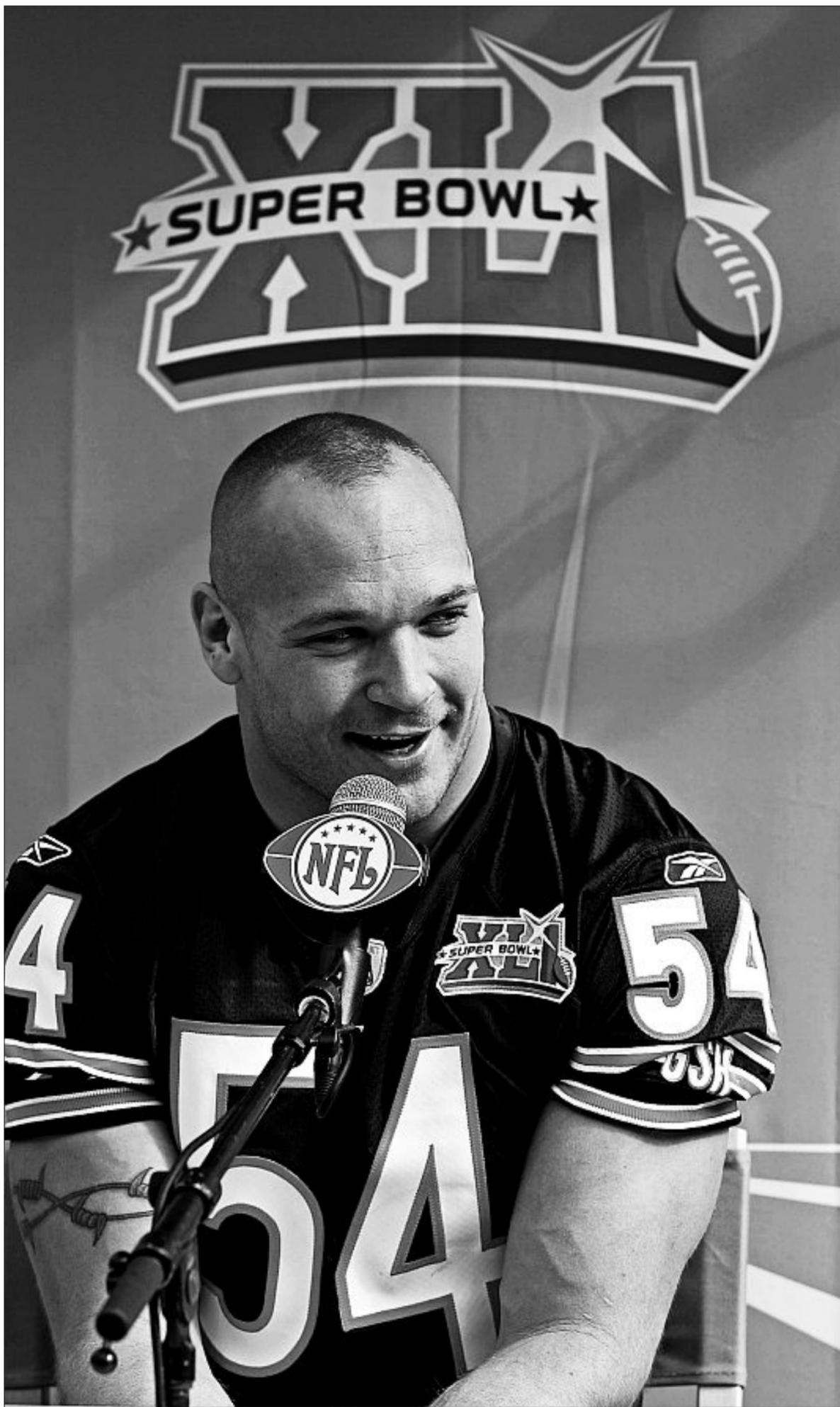
"We knew we would like to play him at the mike (middle) linebacker, but the problem was he had been a safety, and we didn't want to stick him there right away and beat him up and lose him and ruin an excellent prospect," defensive coordinator Greg Blache said. "We started him off at the sam (strong-side) linebacker position, where everything is coming at you from one direction in the traffic, and we played him at the mike in the nickel situation, where 95 percent of it was passing. So he was getting a feel for it but he wasn't getting in the heavy traffic with the guards coming on him and combination blocks ... because it's a whole different beast when you're playing 12 to 15 yards deep as a safety and you move up to 5 yards from the line of scrimmage with the 300-pounders."

"We knew we had something special and we knew he would be a guy who would be a hell of a player for a long, long time if we had some patience and were just judicious in how we approached it. Having (linebackers coach) Dale Lindsey there was a huge help because Dale had developed so many linebackers and he was a great voice in saying he had seen rush jobs when guys were put in situations they weren't quite ready to handle. It ended up working out really well just because we got him eased into it to the point where he was comfortable seeing it all happen."

It happened faster than anyone would have imagined, which in retrospect isn't surprising to anyone who was involved. Lindsey marveled at the amount of information Urlacher could process and then apply on the field. A lot of players, even really good ones, can lose the fine details when they move from the meeting room to the practice field and then into games, but Urlacher absorbed it all.

When middle linebacker Barry Minter was sidelined with a back injury in the third week of the 2000 season, the Bears moved Urlacher. They never again discussed where he was best suited to play or what he could handle.

"(Head coach) Dick Jauron said, 'Put him at the middle,'" Lindsey said. "Dick could see the big picture. Luckily for us, Brian was more than willing to learn the new position. It's nice when you have rare talent and a guy who wants to do it. That's the difference between the real great players — they want to do it and they'll do anything to be successful. He was like a sponge. You just kept giving him informa-



CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

"I didn't feel any stress up until today," Brian Urlacher said of waiting to see if he would be selected for the Pro Football Hall of Fame. "You just don't know what to expect."

tion and he absorbed it and would want more. The thing about the guys with the rare talent: They can do any damn thing you ask them. You can ask them the impossible and they can get it done. And Brian did it for us as a great middle linebacker."

When the Bears signed massive defensive tackles Ted Washington and Keith Traylor in 2001, Urlacher raised his game to a new level as the duo kept offensive linemen off of him and allowed him to make plays with his remarkable speed.

"There are a lot of guys who can run fast in a straight line, but the athleticism he showed for a guy that size, off the charts," Blache said.

The Bears stormed through the NFC Central to win the division with a 13-3 record and qualify for the playoffs for the first time in seven seasons.

When Smith arrived in 2004 with the Cover-2 defense that he had learned with

the Buccaneers, Urlacher was a rare piece in a defense that traditionally had highlighted the skills of the weak-side linebacker. He had the ability to take on running backs but also could turn and sprint downfield, an imposing figure with great length that made it difficult for opposing quarterbacks.

Urlacher was never very comfortable in the spotlight but always at ease around his teammates, which made him immensely popular. When former teammate Todd Johnson became a high school coach in Sarasota, Fla., he didn't have enough uniforms to dress all of his players. Urlacher provided new jerseys and did so without seeking any attention.

Needless to say, a large contingent of Urlacher supporters will be on hand when he receives his gold jacket.

"It was always talked about but personally I didn't compare to other players," Urlacher said. "I felt I was different."

BRIAN URLACHER BY THE NUMBERS

180 Games started by Urlacher, all with the Bears.

It's the third-most in franchise history behind Walter Payton (184) and Olin Kreutz (183).

■ Urlacher remains one of five players in NFL history with at least 40 sacks and 20 interceptions (he had 41½ and 22). The others: Karlos Dansby, Seth Joyner, Ray Lewis and Wilber Marshall.

■ Urlacher was named to the All-Pro first team four times and made the Pro Bowl eight times.



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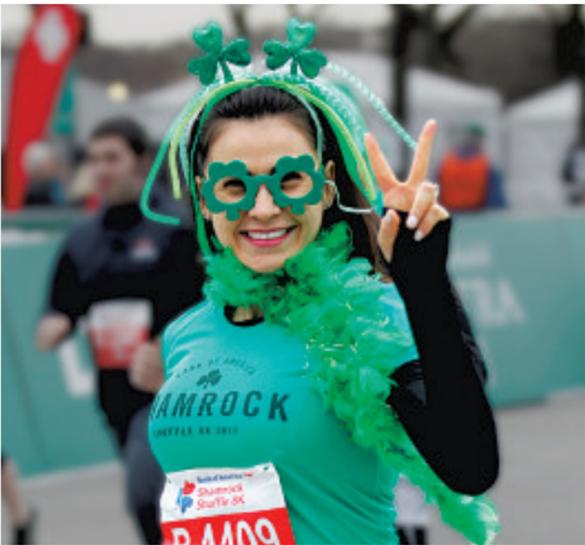
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HALL OF FAME

A reluctant superstar, Urlacher honored in first year of eligibility

Haugh, from Page 1

"This process was stressful but now it was definitely worth the wait," Urlacher said. "I'm happy my family got to go through this process and put up with me through the whole thing."

When Hall President David Baker went to Urlacher's hotel room to inform him of the good news, a "DO NOT DISTURB" sign hung from the door.

"He came this close to not being in the Hall of Fame," Baker kidded.

Baker knocked anyway, and Urlacher says he first thought of his late mother, Lavoyda, who passed away in 2011, before sharing the moment with his wife, Jennifer, and three kids. Before Urlacher headed to the honors banquet, he texted coaches from high school, college and the NFL who helped him achieve football immortality.

"Coming from a small town in New Mexico, I was just happy to go to college for free," Urlacher said. "Then I got better and better."

In 13 seasons for the Bears from 2000 to 2012, Urlacher transformed the position by chasing down running backs with blazing speed rare for a 6-foot-4, 258-pound linebacker.

"If you play middle linebacker, you want to play in Chicago because, to me, it's the most coveted defensive position in football: middle linebacker for the Chicago Bears."

— Brian Urlacher

In coach Lovie Smith's Cover-2 defense, the Bears routinely counted on Urlacher's athleticism to clog running plays at the line of scrimmage and cover passes in the deep middle. Urlacher becomes the 28th Hall of Famer to enter as a Bear — more than any other NFL team — and upholds the franchise's middle-linebacker tradition he took seriously.

"If you play middle linebacker, you want to play in Chicago because, to me, it's the most coveted defensive position in football: middle linebacker for the Chicago Bears," said Urlacher, who grew up in Lovington, N.M. "It was an honor."

The privilege was Chicago's. Consider that Urlacher started his Bears career as a backup strong-side linebacker after late general manager Mark Hatley selected the New Mexico safety ninth in the 2000 NFL draft. After spending two games as a reserve, Urlacher moved into the middle after an injury to starter Barry Minter and quickly proved he belonged — very quickly, as Bears center Olin Kreutz remembered.

"His first play, I jumped out to try to block him and he ran by me like I wasn't even there," Kreutz said.

After that first start at middle linebacker in Week 3, no Bears defensive player ever started more games than Urlacher (180). He made eight Pro Bowls, four All-Pro teams, the NFL's all-decade team for the 2000s and won the NFL Defensive Player of the Year Award in 2005. He defined the Bears defenses in that era, leading them to Super Bowl XLI in Miami, where the Bears lost to the Colts.

That loss fueled Urlacher the rest of his career like so many other real or perceived setbacks he used as motivation, from Texas Tech not offering him a scholarship to the Sporting News declaring him the league's most overrated player. Over time, Urlacher became as adept at detecting slights as he was reading quarterbacks.

A reluctant superstar, Urlacher prided himself as being one of the guys more than one of the game's fiercest linebackers. His brand of leadership meant standing up for teammates publicly and holding them accountable privately. He was as unassuming as he could be unblockable, inelegant but authentic in a way that endeared him to Bears fans.

The son of the Southwest ideally fit an image immediately embraced in a blue-collar Midwestern town. He was relatable, someone more likely to sign a time card instead of so many autographs. He carried the Bears defense for at least a decade and never complained publicly about having to endure 17 starting quarterbacks in 13 seasons. From his first day as a Bear in 2000 to his last snap in a 2012 loss to the Seahawks at Soldier Field, Urlacher never considered himself special, a big reason why he became a first-ballot Hall of Famer.

Perhaps Urlacher could have hung around to play another season after his awkward split orchestrated by former general manager Phil Emery, but the sight of him wearing another No. 54 jersey would have looked as odd as Mike Ditka without a mustache. Fittingly, Urlacher retired a Bear.

Expect his acceptance speech to be brief but include details from Oct. 16, 2006, in Glendale, Ariz. The Bears trailed the Cardinals 23-3 in the second half but stormed back to win 24-23 thanks to a defense led by the guy who made 25 tackles. As much as any player, Urlacher was responsible for late former Cardinals coach Dennis Green experiencing a postgame meltdown when he famously yelled: "They are who we thought they were!"

At the end of his Hall of Fame career, Urlacher was better than anybody imagined he would be. He credited coaches.

Besides head coaches Smith and Dick Jauron, Urlacher acknowledged influential former Bears assistants such as Greg Blache, Dale Lindsey, Rod Marinelli and Bob Babich. Asked about his most memorable teammate, Urlacher ripped off about 10 names before settling on one.

"I would have to say Lance (Briggs)," Urlacher said. "Side by side for 10 years is pretty hard to do the way the game is now."

Now that Urlacher has been voted into the Hall, the only debate revolves around where he fits on the pantheon of Bears middle linebackers. Everybody has an opinion, and this one says Urlacher would be second, behind Butkus but in front of Singletary. However history remembers Urlacher, Canton is a long way from Platteville, Wis., and the welcome-to-the-NFL moment during his first training camp.

Confused on a blitz assignment, Urlacher the rookie shot the wrong gap. Defensive tackle Bryan Robinson made the ballyhooed first-round draft pick aware of his failure.

"He reamed me so good, and I was like, 'I'm sorry,'" Urlacher said. "B-Rob said, 'Don't be sorry, do your (expletive) job!' That stuck. And once I started making plays, it was a different story."

Now the story will receive a final, fitting chapter.

FLAMES 4, BLACKHAWKS 3 (OT)



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Blackhawks goalie Corey Crawford is making progress as he tries to return this season. Crawford has been out since Dec. 23 with an upper-body injury.

Taking one step at time

Crawford skates, but return to game action still up in air for team gasping for its playoff breath

By PAUL SKRBINA

Chicago Tribune

CALGARY, Alberta — Corey Crawford's return to the ice Saturday morning for the first time in almost six weeks brings with it optimism that the Blackhawks goalie could return this season.

Crawford took another step in his rehab from an upper-body injury that put him on injured reserve Dec. 27 when he skated in Chicago before the team faced the Flames on Saturday night in Calgary.

Blackhawks coach Joel Quenneville said Saturday morning he hadn't received a full report on Crawford's progress but was encouraged he would be on the ice again Sunday.

"For sure," Quenneville said. "We'll see more (Sunday). We'll see how he does."

And we'll see what Crawford's potential return means for a team gasping for its playoff breath.

The 33-year-old was playing at an All-Star level before his injury, with a 16-9-2 record, .929 save percentage and 2.27 goals-against average that left him among league leaders.

But keep in mind Crawford likely will need at least a week to 10 days before he's game-ready. He hasn't played since Dec. 23, when he allowed three of the seven shots he faced to get past him before he was pulled during the first period of a loss to the Devils.

A lot can change in the playoff landscape during that time. Four teams and six points separated the Hawks from the second wild-card spot in the Western Conference

before Saturday's game, the first of a critical home-and-home against the Flames, the team just ahead of them in the standings.

Also keep in mind that goaltending, thanks to Anton Forsberg and Jeff Glass, hasn't been the Hawks' biggest problem in his absence, during which they had gone 7-7-2 before facing the Flames. Hello, power play.

And don't forget the team was hopeful Crawford would be back on the ice over the All-Star break, which didn't happen.

So while his return could be the boost the Blackhawks need, any expectations that he will save the season single-handedly would be far-fetched.

Reports of the injury varied from possible vertigo symptoms to a concussion.

All the while, Quenneville repeatedly has said he believes Crawford will be back this season.

"That's our expectation and hope," Quenneville said in late January. "We expect him to be fine."

And if he's not? "You never would put him where he could be compromised, as far as getting hurt," Quenneville said. "He would be more than ready to get back into the lineup."

The team's decision to refrain from placing Crawford on long-term injured reserve backed up its belief he would come back.

His potential return, and the impact it could make, though, has a lot of dangling variables.

Another home groan for Glass

Goalie stops 32 shots but Hawks lose in overtime

By PAUL SKRBINA

Chicago Tribune

CALGARY, Alberta — There's a first time for everything. Blackhawks goalie Jeff Glass is grateful there also was a second time for him to start an NHL game in his hometown.

The 32-year-old rookie made 32 saves for the Hawks on Saturday night when they fell to the Flames 4-3 on Sean Monahan's goal 59 seconds into overtime at the Saddledome. It was the second time this season he had fallen to the Flames here, losing by the same score in overtime on Dec. 31.

It was the Flames' first win in seven games.

Anthony Duclair scored an unassisted goal in the second period to give the Hawks a 3-2 lead. But a third-period goal by ex-Hawk Michael Frolik tied it midway through the third.

The teams will meet again Tuesday at the United Center to finish the home-and-home.

Roughly 10 hours before Saturday night's game, Glass was talking to his father, Glen, when the subject of attending the morning skate came up.

Glass said Glen hadn't been to a practice of his in 15 years, though they spent many nights at Flames games when Jeff was growing up.

"Is that allowed?" Glass said his father asked.

"I didn't know," Glen Glass said while standing outside the Hawks locker room Saturday morning. "We laughed (Friday) night. We were pinching ourselves. We went out for dinner with Jeff and said, 'What are the chances he'd get his first NHL start just down the road in Edmonton and be in Calgary twice the first month or so he was playing?'"

"Pretty surreal."

While his father still is feeling his way around NHL life, Jeff Glass has become more accustomed to it. A third-round pick by the Senators in the 2004 draft, Glass spent 13-plus years trying to reach the NHL before the Hawks called him up from Rockford in December.

With starting goalie Corey Crawford out with an upper-body injury since Dec. 27, Glass and Anton Forsberg are dealing with the pressure of a playoff push.

"I've learned don't get very many chances," said Glass, who was 3-3-2 with a .910 save percentage and 3.15 goals-against average going into Saturday. "We're both getting a great chance right now. ... If the team is leaning on us, we are leaning on each other to be our best."

That doesn't mean Glass isn't going to absorb every second of it.

He came bearing gifts in his hometown this weekend.

After Friday's practice he gave the boy of a family friend one of his goalie sticks. After Saturday's skate he handed out a puck and a mask to admirers.

"It's a little different just because you kind of know the drill, but it's still exciting," Glass said of his second trip home as an NHL player. "I feel more comfortable this time. It's not my first for everything. Every time you get a little more experience it makes life a little easier. This is no different."

Just like the last time he played in Calgary, Glass expected many family members and friends to witness his first start since a 3-2 overtime loss to the Maple Leafs on Jan. 24.

"It's a Saturday night in Calgary, middle of winter. There's not much else to do," Glass said. "I wasn't competing with anything else."

Except he was competing against the team for which he grew up rooting. The team directly ahead of the Hawks in the wild-card pecking order. The team the Hawks face again Tuesday night in Chicago.

His teammates were more than confident with him in net — and out.

"It's great when you get to know him as a guy and you see how a great of a person and teammate he is off the ice," Hawks captain Jonathan Toews said. "It doesn't take long to figure that out."

Just like it hasn't taken Glass long to figure out his place on the Hawks.

But he doesn't want to take anything for granted.

"My main focus, 100 percent, is getting to the playoffs and trying to help this team win," he said.

"Maybe before you're learning on the fly. I think the learning stage is maybe in the past now. It's time to perform."

PAUL SKRBINA'S THREE STARS

1. **Sean Monahan, Flames:** Scored game-winner early in overtime.
2. **Patrick Kane, Blackhawks:** Pair of assists gives him 499 in his career.
3. **T.J. Brodie, Flames:** Had two assists.

■ **Up next:** Vs. Calgary, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, NBCSCH

CLIPPERS 113, BULLS 103



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Bulls guard David Nwaba struggles to get off a pass while surrounded by three Clippers defenders during Saturday's game in Los Angeles.

Ready, aim, misfire

Losing streak at 6 after Bulls struggle with their shooting

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

LOS ANGELES — The Bulls remain active in the trade market after their sixth straight loss Saturday, a 113-103 clankfest against the Clippers in which the Bulls shot 36.1 percent.

Unfortunately for coach Fred Hoiberg, his staff and the players, if management makes a move, it will be for the future and not immediate help.

Yes, the good vibes that seven-game winning streak and 10-6 December record created are as gone as Nikola Mirotic, who was traded to the Pelicans on Thursday. Buckle up for the painful part of rebuilding.

With Kris Dunn and Lauri Markkanen in Chicago, there's not even a development of the core happening save for Zach LaVine, although Markkanen is due back against the Kings on Monday in Sacramento.

"We're playing makeshift line-ups and (we) have guys playing who haven't had much of a chance this year," Hoiberg said. "You have to stay positive but learn from the mistakes."

There were plenty of those. The Bulls failed to score in the game's first 4 minutes, 4 seconds, missing their first seven shots and committing two comical turnovers that featured Paul Zipser rifling a pass into the stands and Jerian Grant bobbling a ball out of bounds.

"It's not difficult," LaVine said, when asked if keeping morale high is challenging in light of management's plan. "Win or lose, we're going to battle."

"We're not down on ourselves."



Bulls forward Denzel Valentine attracts defensive attention from the Clippers' Wesley Johnson, left, and Montrezl Harrell on Saturday.

We're still a very confident group. (Dunn and Markkanen) are coming back soon. We're going to change this thing around again real soon."

LaVine went scoreless in the first quarter, missing all four of his shots, but he closed the half with a dunk and 3-pointer and finished with 21 points in a season-high 31 minutes. That's back-to-back 20-point games for LaVine, who Hoiberg said has been cleared for roughly 32 minutes.

"I was surprised," LaVine said about the extra workload, "but I felt good. I'm just happy to be back playing. I'll take all I can get."

Hoiberg thinks LaVine, who shot 6-for-18 with nine rebounds, will get better.

"He's still trying to find his rhythm," Hoiberg said. "He has

had stretches when he has shown what he can do. But I think he's turning down some pretty darn good looks and turning them into tough, contested midrange shots."

Rebounding from his poor performance in Portland, Ore., on Wednesday, Zipser finished with 16 points that included four 3-pointers.

Tobias Harris and Danilo Gallinari each scored 24 points to lead the new-look Clippers, who traded Blake Griffin to the Pistons on Monday.

Hoiberg said he has been in contact with executive vice president John Paxson every day on this trip. League sources said the Bulls and Thunder have engaged in talks with at least Tony Allen's expiring deal involved. Grant has been available for weeks.

THE BOX SCORE

BULLS	MN	FG-A	FTA	REB	A	PF	PTS
Holiday	38:29	5-13	0-0	0-4	2	2	13
Zipser	26:14	6-10	0-0	1-5	2	3	16
Lopez	36:19	6-15	3-3	5-8	3	0	15
Grant	36:37	4-10	4-4	0-6	4	2	14
LaVine	31:07	6-18	6-6	0-9	4	5	21
Portis	24:52	3-13	4-4	6-13	3	2	10
Valentine	18:51	2-11	2-2	0-1	3	4	6
Nwaba	12:30	0-1	2-2	0-0	1	1	2
Felicio	8:35	2-4	0-0	1-2	0	1	4
Arcidiacono	6:26	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	2
TOTALS		35-97	21-21	13-48	22	20	103

Pts: FG .361, FT 1.000. 3-pointers: 12-37, .324 (Zipser 4-6, LaVine 3-6, Holiday 3-10, Grant 2-5, Arcidiacono 0-1, Portis 0-3, Valentine 0-6). Team rebs: 6. Team turnovers: 11 (11 PTS). Blocks: 4 (Holiday, Lopez, Valentine, Zipser). Turnovers: 11 (Holiday 3, Portis 3, Zipser 3, Grant, Lopez). Steals: 6 (Arcidiacono, Holiday, LaVine, Lopez, Portis, Valentine). Technical fouls: None.

CLIPPERS	MN	FG-A	FTA	REB	A	PF	PTS
Gallinari	29:51	8-14	5-5	2-9	1	1	24
Harris	33:35	10-19	1-2	0-4	2	1	24
Jordan	28:25	1-6	1-2	4-16	0	2	3
Bradley	32:02	4-9	0-0	1-2	4	3	8
Teodosic	23:23	3-7	0-0	1-5	5	3	8
L.Williams	33:15	5-16	11-11	0-1	6	1	21
Wallace	24:49	1-4	6-6	1-6	4	3	8
Harrell	18:35	7-11	0-2	1-7	1	0	14
Johnson	15:05	1-2	0-0	0-4	0	4	3
TOTALS		40-88	24-28	10-54	23	18	113

Pts: FG .455, FT .857. 3-pointers: 9-25, .360 (Gallinari 3-5, Harris 3-6, Teodosic 2-5, Johnson 1-1, Bradley 0-1, L.Williams 0-7). Team rebs: 6. Team turnovers: 13 (13 PTS). Blocks: 5 (Harrell 2, Gallinari, Harris, Jordan). Turnovers: 13 (Bradley 2, Gallinari 2, Jordan 2, L.Williams 2, Wallace 2, Harrell, Harris, Johnson). Steals: 4 (Johnson 2, Gallinari, Teodosic). Technical fouls: None.

BULLS	CLIPPERS
17	35
22	30
29	26
22	113

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"If you can get a young player you feel fits the direction the team is heading, then you obviously have to look at that," Hoiberg said. "To acquire a first-round pick in the trade for Niko fits the direction."

"Obviously, we're going to have our pick, which will be a very high pick. And then (we'll) see what happens with that New Orleans pick."

The Bulls are just three games clear of the league's worst record. Hoiberg often wore the vacant death stare that he sported frequently during their 3-20 start.

"It's going to be fun when we get Kris to play with Zach as Zach's minutes continue to go up and also get Lauri back in the mix," Hoiberg said. "It's exciting to acquire a couple more young pieces (who) will hopefully be with us for a long time."

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BULLS NOTES

Markkanen ready to step back into lineup

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

LOS ANGELES — Re-inforcements are coming. On a day the Bulls bench consisted of Denzel Valentine, Bobby Portis, David Nwaba, Cristiano Felicio, Ryan Arcidiacono and Antonio Blakeney, coach Fred Hoiberg said Lauri Markkanen is scheduled to meet the team in Sacramento on Sunday and play in Monday's game against the Kings.

Markkanen didn't play Saturday against the Clippers, missing his second straight game as he remained in Chicago following the birth of his first child. Hoiberg said Markkanen, now the Bulls' leading scorer after the Nikola Mirotic trade, will start in his return.

As for Kris Dunn, Hoiberg said he's improving from his Jan. 17 concussion, but "he's still a little ways away" from returning. Dunn, who isn't on the trip and will miss his eighth game Monday, came down with an illness after beginning the process of passing tests to exit the league's concussion protocol.

Hoiberg has said Dunn, who hoped to work with an assistant trainer who flew back to Chicago, must get through practices before playing.

On hold: Omer Asik and Jameer Nelson joined the Bulls and were scheduled to take their physicals and finish paperwork Saturday. Until that happens, they can't address reporters.

Executive vice president John Paxson already has said they won't play a lot.

"I'm excited about Omer," Hoiberg said. "He obviously has been around for a long time and can play a lot of different roles. He can be a great mentor for some of our younger players, including Lauri as a (fellow) international player."

Nelson, who was averaging 20.9 minutes with the Pelicans, provides initial insurance with Dunn out but could be a trade or buyout candidate.

"Everything is up in the air with how we're going to use the new players," Hoiberg said.

Asik will wear No. 3, Nelson No. 14. Tony Allen, who will be traded or waived, isn't with the team and his uniform number was listed as "XX" in the game notes.

Super stuff: For the second straight season, the Bulls will be in Sacramento and have a team party for the Super Bowl.

Who do members of the traveling party have winning?

"Patriots," Denzel Valentine said. "Tom Brady is the GOAT. Nobody is beating him. He's going to will them to win."

Zach LaVine: "The Eagles because they've been rolling. They have a backup quarterback everybody's doubting. Those teams are dangerous."

Radio analyst Bill Wennington: "My brain says New England, but my heart is with Philly. I just think history shows that Brady is pretty darn good. And if (Rob Gronkowski) is back and (the Patriots are) healthy, they play well in big games. Smart money wouldn't bet against them, (but) I'm pulling for Philly. My sister lives in Dover, Del., and she's a big Philly fan."

NBA NOTES

Parker shows flashes of old self during much-anticipated return

Tribune news services

For Bucks forward Jabari Parker, Friday night was just the beginning — again.

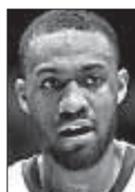
The No. 2 pick in the 2014 draft made his season debut in front of a sellout crowd at the BMO Harris Bradley Center in Milwaukee, getting a standing ovation when he first checked in with 5 minutes, 25 seconds left in the first quarter. During nearly 15 minutes of play, Parker scored 12 points on 4-of-7 shooting to go with three rebounds in the Bucks' 92-90 victory over the Knicks.

Now the challenge for the Simeon graduate will be to sustain that level of production while he ramps up his playing time accord-

ing to the team's plan. That trajectory is expected to continue Sunday when the Bucks visit the Barclays Center for a pre-Super Bowl matchup against the Nets.

"I know that I'm traveling with the team and I'll play in (at least) one of the games," Parker said of his availability for Sunday's game followed by Tuesday's against the Knicks on the Bucks' four-game trip.

Interim coach Joe Prunty said he thought Parker played well but hasn't detailed the plan for him, saying only that the team has put together a blueprint and will stick



Parker

to it.

Parker on Friday looked every bit the same player he was before suffering a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee last February, when he was averaging 20.1 points and 6.2 rebounds in 51 games. He had torn the same ACL in December 2014, ending his rookie season after only 25 games.

Parker demonstrated the leaping ability he's known for, including on a pair of dunks that didn't go down, one because he was fouled.

"If anything, I like the statement that it had, just to try to go as hard as I can," Parker said.

Mirotic, Pelicans fall: Former Bull Nikola Mirotic scored 18 points in his debut with the Pelicans, second on the team to Anthony Davis' game-high 38, but that wasn't enough to prevent the Timberwolves from earning a 118-107 win Saturday.

Another former Bull, Jimmy Butler, topped the Timberwolves with 30 points, while Karl-Anthony Towns recorded his league-leading 47th double-double with 22 points and 16 rebounds.

Cavs routed again: Chris Paul had 22 points and 11 assists, Ryan Anderson added 21 points and the Rockets became the latest team to thump the Cavaliers on

national TV by beating them 120-88.

Since losing to the Warriors on Christmas, LeBron James and his teammates are 0-8 in network broadcasts and have lost by 24 points or more in four of them.

Layups: Andre Drummond had 23 points and 20 rebounds, his sixth 20-20 game of the season and 19th since 2012-13, to lift the Pistons over the Heat 111-107. ... The Pelicans signed free agent F Emeka Okafor, the No. 2 overall pick in the 2004 draft, to a 10-day contract. ... After falling out of the rotation, G Shabazz Muhammad has requested the Timberwolves trade or waive him before Thursday's NBA trade deadline.

LARRY NASSAR FALLOUT

Victims hidden in plain sight

Nassar is the villain, but awful truth of his case haunts us all



BERNIE LINCICOME

It is chilling now to read my own words, or rather the words of Bela Karolyi, who was explaining how one of his injured little girl gymnasts would be ready for her next performance.

What seemed to me beyond bizarre was to have Karolyi assessing (the gymnast) as if she were a horse coming back to the barn from a hard race.

"I like the way she came out of it," Karolyi is saying. "I am proud and encouraged. We (as if he is doing it with her) will be doing full difficulty. I don't believe we will turn around and water down her routines. She has two days more now (to heal before the optionals).

"She'll be checked by the doctor and she has to go through a 45-minute to an hour treatment. Stimulation and electric devices and icing down. It's really complicated."

"And then I sleep," (the gymnast) said. This was the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. The gymnast was a 14-year-old girl. The doctor was Larry Nassar. The treatment was "45 minutes to an hour."

Complicated. Stimulation. Doctor. The words weigh differently now. Innocence is absent. Trust is dead.

The column I wrote then referred to the gold-medal-winning U.S. women's gymnastics team, the "Magnificent Seven."

I characterized them as "robotots," disregarding their frailty but never disrespecting their courage or their skill.

I meant only to remark on their sameness, their obedience, their forced pleasure. None of them seemed to enjoy what they were doing, however dangerous and remarkable it might be.

There is something not quite right with this sport, starting with the fact that there are no women in women's gymnastics. There are these grim little muscle balls who bounce from apparatus to apparatus with all the joy of a thief looking for an unlocked car.

How much worse it was than even this cynic could make it. From then until now, with more than 150 accusers of Nassar coming forward, a pending examination of the Karolyi training ranch, resignations and recriminations, it all has changed.

Changed forever is how we see the sport, how we see every sport in which a parent might send a child into the care of others.



MIKE POWELL/GETTY

"The Magnificent Seven" at the 1996 Olympics provide a chilling scene in light of the current Larry Nassar scandal in elite gymnastics.

The villain is Nassar, clearly and absolutely, but none of us is off the hook. From the moment in Munich when tiny Olga Korbut did that backflip on the high bar, gymnastics never has been the same.

Women's gymnastics became must-see, the showpiece of the Olympics, daring young things doing dangerous things. The men, well, the men are supposed to dare.

We cheered and marveled and did not bother to consider the work and the pain behind it all. We trusted those in charge, and every four years they would show up again in our lives, the elite of thousands of young dreamers, dressed in some variation of our flag, making us proud, doing handstands on 4 inches of balance beam.

We counted the medals, and we felt good. We cannot dodge our responsibility that we made it too important.

It became a business, big business, gyms scattered across the nation's strip malls, eager to profit from wishes.

It became show business, packaged and promoted, with the lights brighter, the music louder, the rewards ... well, hit and miss on that.

Nadia Comaneci, the perfect pixie, was the Cold War face behind the Iron Curtain, and our own Mary Lou Retton was as all-American as the cereal box she adorned.

Karolyi, who coached them both, boasted of bringing America up to speed in gymnastics, bringing his old-world

methods to a land that, without great regret, used the sport as a PE credit in junior high school.

It may be again what it was, for us, for the gymnasts, too, lured by the reach for glory, for finding the best that is inside, but until then we have only the awful truth to nag us.

It all became more than it was ever meant to be and ripe for exploitation, from cruel coaches to vile predators, not uncommon in sports, not in religions, not in politics, nor in any place the powerful hold the dreams of the dreamers.

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A golf course with meaning

Tiger's vision will challenge players, bring 'Grade A destination' to South Side



TEDDY GREENSTEIN
On golf

Designers of the proposed Tiger Woods golf course on the Jackson Park and South Shore properties think in terms of letters, not numbers. So don't call their latest plan 2.0.

They've torn up so many iterations, they're up to Plan "V" — and they believe this 7,341-yard layout (2,998 yards for little squirts) would provide a victory for everyone,

namely golf enthusiasts and the neighboring community.

"Tiger Woods has made it very clear he wants to be involved in very, very meaningful golf courses," said Beau Welling, the top designer at Woods' TGR Design firm. "I don't think there's a golf course I've ever seen with the potential to be as meaningful as this."

Let's examine some key questions:

What's the latest?

Three key changes:

■ A clubhouse would be built just west of Jeffery Avenue (near 67th Street) to ease the creation of "returning nines" — two nine-hole loops. That's something South Shore players such as instructor Harry Gilliam requested. To further facilitate that, the new holes on the South Shore section would be Nos. 13-17, with No. 18 running alongside 67th Street.

■ A pond was added to protect the fourth and fifth greens. But its purpose is improved drainage, not aesthetics. Woods wants the course to play firm. Soggy ground means less roll and fewer options to the green for young or high-handicap players. "Tiger talks a lot about, 'Let's use the ground as our friend,'" Welling said. "This will (help) beginners to advance the ball."

■ Pedestrian trails have been added to allow residents and visitors to check out the course and access the South Shore Cultural Center by foot.

How about the new No. 18?

It's a par-5 with water right of the fairway that can stretch to 654 yards, which still might be reachable in two shots for tour pros such as Justin Thomas.

"It would be a very interesting finish, with hundred-year-old residential buildings (running along the fairway)," Welling said. "Very dramatic and emblematic of Chicago. It will be very scoreable, but there will be risks, so someone could eagle the hole or drop a shot."

Holes 15-17 (two par-3s and a par-4) would border Lake Michigan.

What about the cost?

Chicago Park District CEO Michael Kelly wants kids 17 or under to be able to play for free and strengthened his pledge that green fees would not exceed \$50 for all Chicago residents, telling the Tribune, "The last thing we'd do is price out the neighborhood."

Welling told an audience of about 300 at the South Shore Cultural Center on Wednesday night that Woods' main goal in the project is to attract area youth. He would not have gotten involved if the project walled off access.

The plan also calls for a short course of six holes ranging from 50 to 100 yards and a junior clubhouse where the current one sits in Jackson Park.

There would be a short-game area and practice greens near the clubhouse, but designers cannot relocate the driving range from its current location, north of the course. Too cramped.

Is a BMW Championship still in the cards?

Yes, but organizers have pumped the brakes on hopes to land the 2021 BMW, a FedEx Cup event that attracts the top 70 on the PGA Tour. The new goal is the 2023 event, sources said.

Why? Because of the timeline. Even if the community approves this version of the layout, it would be folded into the park district's South Lakefront Framework Plan, which won't be published until April. Other infrastructure challenges remain, namely building a \$30 million underpass at 67th and South Shore Drive.

Even with shovels in the ground this summer, as hoped, the project would take about 18 months. So the best-case scenario has the \$30 million course opening in 2020. The next step is fundraising. As with the \$60 million Maggie Daley Park that opened in 2014, this project would be funded both publicly and privately.

When will Tiger be back?

Woods figures to have a busy 2018 if his back holds up. His playing schedule calls for a visit to the PGA Tour event at Riviera in Los Angeles from Feb. 15-18, and he's talking about a return to the Masters in April.

Former President Barack Obama encouraged him to take on the Chicago project, and Woods accepted a reduced fee to become its lead designer. TGR Design President Bryon Bell said Woods will return to Chicago once course construction is approved. He made about eight visits to Bluejack National, his acclaimed layout near Houston that opened in 2016.

"As soon as we have a plan that we feel is pretty firm, Tiger is ready to come and start putting detail to these golf holes — the look and feel," Bell said. "It will be mostly during construction because that's when the decisions are made — shaping up the bunkers and (identifying) green and tee locations."

"Obviously he's been on property, so he knows what the palette is. Now it's getting him to do the artwork part of it, the sculpting."

Is the community embracing this?

Wednesday marked the 10th opportunity for residents to offer input. Some have voiced concerns about the effect on a nature sanctuary at South Shore. Kelly said that part of the area would be moved south and actually increase in size.

Chicago State men's golf coach Craig Bowen, a Home-wood native, said he appreciates what could become "another grade-A destination for the city and neighborhood."

"We'd certainly love to make it our home course," Bowen said. "Jackson Park has been one of the only choices for people of color to play, and we don't need another \$150-per-round golf course."

Delacy Peters, an attorney and member of the Jackson Park Golf Association, said he looks forward to playing an improved course and appreciates the potential investment in an oft-neglected area.

"When you look at major developments in Chicago, it's all north," Peters said.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL



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Loyola guard Donte Ingram grabs an offensive rebound in the first half of Saturday's victory over Missouri State.

LOYOLA 97, MISSOURI STATE 75

Making some noise

Buzzworthy Ramblers look like contender for NCAA tournament bid

By **TEDDY GREENSTEIN**
Chicago Tribune

Loyola coach Porter Moser did two things upon entering the interview room after his team's rousing home victory Saturday over Missouri State.

One, he switched chairs, dispatching the sweat-infused one that guard Clayton Custer used.

Two, he thanked the 3,592 souls who gave Gentile Arena a terrific vibe. "We've been starving," Moser said, "for atmospheres like that."

It was raucous. Students formed a mini white-out by wearing white Ts, and they hollered "L-U-C!" throughout and "You let the whole team down!" after Missouri State missed free throws.

But Moser wants more. And this Loyola team deserves more.

On a day with no football to watch, with Illinois, Northwestern and UIC idle, there were still nearly 1,000 empty seats in this modern, intimate arena to witness a Ramblers team improve to 19-5 against the preseason favorites of the Missouri Valley.

"The goal is to fill that thing up, to have a major ticket problem," Moser said. "This shows you how loud it can get. Can you imagine it with another thousand?"

Three conference home games remain for a program that has by far the best chance of any team in the state to make the NCAA tournament. (Projected as a No. 12 seed in Joe Lunardi's latest ESPN bracket, Loyola probably needs to win the Valley tournament to get there. At 9-3 in the Valley with six games left, the Ramblers are in prime position for its No. 1 seed.)



Ramblers freshman center Cameron Krutwig, second from right, joins his teammates during the pregame huddle Saturday afternoon.

If you dig teams with unselfish players and a free-flowing offense, carve out some time on Feb. 7 (Drake), Feb. 14 (Valparaiso) and Feb. 24 (Illinois State).

Loyola entered Saturday second in the nation in home field-goal percentage. But that 54.4 percent mark wasn't satisfactory for these Ramblers, so they hit 15 of their first 20 attempts.

They ended up shooting 60.9 percent with 24 assists to nine turnovers in their 97-75 victory. Their home field-goal percentage rose to 55.1 percent, best in the nation over Michigan State (54.7 percent).

"It shows how we have bought into coach's system," guard Marques Townes said. "Being connected and being together with a big emphasis on sharing the ball."

Lead guard Clayton Custer scored a game-high 23 points on 9-for-11 shooting and added six assists. But

with Loyola, it's never about one guy. Six scored in double figures.

"We want pace and space and not letting the ball stick," Moser said.

The crowd included Bulls executive vice president John Paxson and 12 other NBA scouts, all of whom came to see Alize Johnson, the 6-foot-9 senior who entered averaging 15.3 points and 11.5 boards for Missouri State.

He had a decent showing with 14 and 9, threading a perfect pass for a transition layup and one of his five assists.

The Ramblers provided the real show, though, hitting the 50-point mark with 4:21 left in the first half.

"Amazing," Custer said of the atmosphere. "We want more and more people to come out."

Townes then leaned into the mic: "Tell the people in Chicago to come to Loyola basketball."

ROUNDUP

No. 4 Duke suffers 'disgusting' defeat

Tribune news services

That's two losses in three games for No. 4 Duke — and this one to a team that hadn't won since Christmas.

No wonder coach Mike Krzyzewski called it "disgusting."

Shamorie Ponds scored 33 points and St. John's overcame an early 10-point deficit Saturday to stun the Blue Devils 81-77 at Madison Square Garden in New York, snapping an 11-game losing streak and handing Duke its second loss in eight days.

It was the first win for the Red Storm (11-13) since Dec. 20 against Saint Joseph's and was their biggest victory under third-year coach Chris Mullin. Gary Trent Jr.'s 22 points led the Blue Devils (19-4).

N.C. State 76, Notre Dame 58: Torin Dorn scored 21 points as the host Wolfpack (16-7, 6-4 ACC) shot 50 percent. Matt Farrell scored 16 points after missing the last two games with a lingering ankle injury for the Irish (13-10, 3-7), who've lost seven straight.

Butler 80, DePaul 57: Kelan Martin scored 26 points as the host Bulldogs

(17-7, 7-4 Big East) rolled. Marin Maric had 15 points for the Blue Demons (9-13, 2-8), who had 23 turnovers.

Big Ten: Vincent Edward had 18 points, seven rebounds and eight assists as No. 3 Purdue (23-2, 12-0) held off host Rutgers 78-76 for a school-record 19th consecutive win. ... Matt McQuaid scored 12 points to lead No. 5 Michigan State (22-3, 10-2) past host Indiana 63-60. Juwan Morgan's 23 points and 11 rebounds led the Hoosiers (12-12, 5-7). ... Muhammad-Ali Abdur-Rahkman made a tiebreaking three-point play with 3.8 seconds left and had 17 points as No. 24 Michigan (19-6, 8-4) beat visiting Minnesota 76-73 in overtime. Isaiah Washington had 26 points for the Gophers (14-11, 3-9). ... Mike Watkins had 19 points and 10 rebounds as host Penn State (16-9, 6-6) beat Iowa 82-58.

Top 25: DeAndre Hunter scored 15 points as No. 2 Virginia (22-1, 11-0 ACC) smothered host Syracuse 59-44. ... Trevon Bluiett's 31 points lifted No. 6 Xavier (21-3, 9-2 Big East) past visiting Georgetown 96-91 in overtime. ... Kendall Smith scored 24

points as visiting Oklahoma State (14-9, 4-6 Big 12) beat No. 7 Kansas 84-79. Udoka Azubuike had 20 points for the Jayhawks (18-5, 7-3). ... Jacob Evans III's 19 points led No. 8 Cincinnati (21-2, 10-0 American) to a 65-57 win over host UConn. ... Trae Young shot just 7-for-22 and had 19 points as No. 12 Oklahoma (16-6, 6-4 Big 12) fell at Texas 79-74.

State: Milik Yarbrough, Phil Fayne and Matt Hein scored 13 points apiece as host Illinois State (13-11, 7-5 MVC) held off Evansville 75-71. ... Justin Thomas scored 14 points, but host Northern Illinois (10-13, 3-7) fell to Miami (Ohio) 81-65. ... Kavion Phippen scored 21 points and Armon Fletcher hit a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 44 seconds left to lift host Southern Illinois (16-9, 8-4 MVC) to a 65-59 win over Valparaiso. Tevonn Walker's 16 points led the Crusaders (12-13, 3-9). ... Darrell Brown's 20 points and eight assists weren't enough as Bradley (17-8, 7-5 MVC) lost 78-68 to Drake, falling to 12-1 at home. ... Glen Burns scored 12 points to lead Chicago State (2-23, 0-8 WAC) in a 89-55 loss at Grand Canyon.

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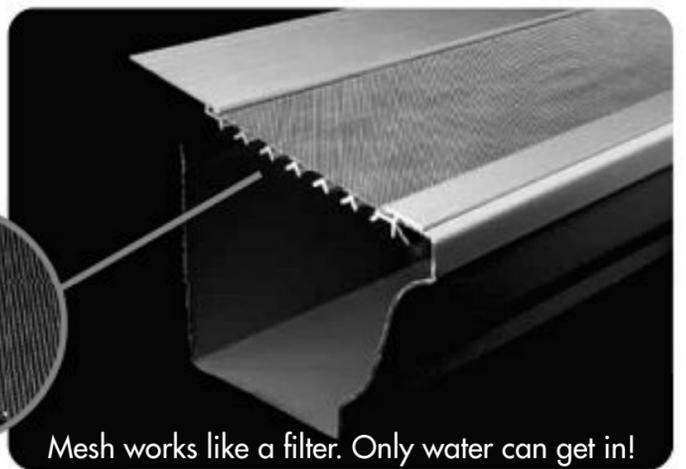
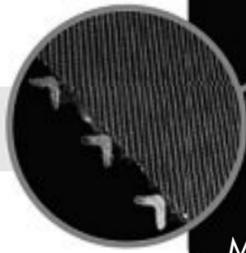


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			CAL 7:30 NBCSCH AM-720		DAL 7:30 NBCSCH AM-720		@MIN 7 NBCSCH AM-720

SUNDAY ON TV/RADIO

SUPER BOWL LII

5:30 p.m. Eagles vs. Patriots NBC-5, WSCR-AM 670

NBA

1 p.m. Lakers at Thunder ABC-7

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

11 a.m. Illinois at Ohio State FS1, WSCR-AM 670

11 a.m. Seton Hall at Villanova FOX-32

11 a.m. Georgia Tech at Boston College ESPNU

11 a.m. Colgate at Navy CBSN

Noon Wisconsin at Maryland CBS-2

2 p.m. Temple at Tulane ESPNews

3 p.m. Arizona State at Washington State ESPNU

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

11 a.m. Northwestern at Indiana BTN

Noon Notre Dame at Duke ESPN2

1 p.m. Purdue at Illinois BTN

1 p.m. Tennessee at Vanderbilt ESPNU

1 p.m. VCU at Dayton CBSN

2 p.m. Providence at DePaul NBCSCH

2 p.m. Stanford at Oregon ESPN2

3 p.m. George Mason at St. Joseph's CBSN

GOLF

Noon PGA Phoenix Open Golf (more, 2 p.m., CBS-2)

WOMEN'S COLLEGE GYMNASTICS

3 p.m. Oklahoma at UCLA ESPN

PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER

8:10 a.m. Newcastle United at Crystal Palace NBCSN

10:25 a.m. Tottenham at Liverpool NBCSN

BUNDESLIGA SOCCER

8:30 a.m. Eintracht Frankfurt at Augsburg FS1

10:50 a.m. Hannover at Hamburg FS2

TENNIS

WTA ST. PETERSBURG OPEN

SF: At Sibur Arena; St. Petersburg, Russia; hard-indoor; Purse: \$733,900

Petra Kvitová d. #5 Julia Georges, 7-5, 4-6, 6-2

#4 Kristina Mladenovic d. #8 Daria Kasatkina, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2

WTA TAIPEI OPEN

SF: At Taipei Arena; Taipei, Taiwan; hard-indoor; Purse: \$226,750 (incl.)

Kleryna Kozlova d. #1 Sabine Lisicki, 7-5, 6-4

#4 Timea Babos d. Wang Yafan, 6-3, 6-4

DAVIS CUP FIRST ROUND

WORLD GROUP

Winners advance to quarterfinals, April 6-8

France 1, Netherlands 1

In Albertville, France; hard-indoor

Thiemo de Bakker d. Lucas Pouille, 7-6 (4), 6-3, 6-3

Richard Gasquet d. Robin Haase, 6-4, 7-6 (3), 3-6, 7-5

Marbella, Spain; clay-outdoor

Albert Ramos-Viñolas d. Liam Broady, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (6)

Cameron Norrie d. R. Bautista Agut, 4-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2

Astana, Kazakhstan; hard-indoor

Dmitry Popko d. Henri Laaksonen, 6-2, 7-6 (7), 3-6, 7-5

Michael Kukushkin d. Adrian Panatta, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3

Nis, Serbia; clay-indoor

Sam Querrey d. Laslo Jerec, 6-7 (4), 6-2, 7-5, 6-4

John Isner d. D. Lajovic, 6-4, 6-7 (7), 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (4)

Centurion, South Africa; hard-indoor

Lloyd Harris d. Leshem, 7-5, 6-4

Dudi Sela d. Nicolaas Scholtz, 6-1, 6-7 (1), 7-5

Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine; hard-indoor

Mikael Ymer d. Sergiy Stakhovskiy, 7-6 (6), 6-2

Elias Ymer d. Artem Smirnov, 6-2, 6-3

St. Poelten, Austria; clay-indoor

Gerald Melzer d. Ilya Iashnikov, 2-6, 5-7, 6-4

Dominic Thiem d. Dzmitry Zhornitskiy, 6-3, 6-3

NFL

SUPER BOWL LII

Sunday; U.S. Bank Stadium; Minneapolis, Minn., 5:30 p.m. (NBC-5)

New England (15-3, 3-1 vs. AFC) vs. Philadelphia (15-3, 3-1 vs. AFC)

NFL MATCHUP: DEFENSE

RK SEASON PPG YPG PASS RUSH TCK AST SK PD INT TDYDS FFREC TD

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Jake Elliott PHI 26-31 61 5-5 7-413-12 6-539-42 117 84 62.6

Stephen Gostkowski NE 37-40 6216-16 9-9 11-8 4-445-47 156 99 62.9

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NFL MATCHUP: PUNTERS

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Tom Brady, New England 40

Todd Gurley, L.A. Rams 8

Carson Wentz, Philadelphia 2

OFFENSE: Todd Gurley, L.A. Rams, RB

VOTING PLAYER, TEAM VOTES

Todd Gurley, RB, L.A. Rams 37

Antonio Brown, WR, Pittsburgh 8

Tom Brady, QB, New England 4

DeAndre Hopkins, WR, Houston 1

DEFENSE: Aaron Donald, L.A. Rams, DT

VOTING PLAYER, TEAM VOTES

Aaron Donald, DT, L.A. Rams 23

Calais Campbell, DT, Jacksonville 17

Chandler Jones, LB, Arizona 5

Cameron Jordan, DE, New Orleans 1

Harrison Smith, S, Minnesota 1

DeMarcus Lawrence, DE, Dallas 1

Xavier Rhodes, CB, Minnesota 1

Cobby Wagner, LB, Seattle 1

COACHES OF THE YEAR

Head coach: Sean McVay, L.A. Rams

VOTING COACH, TEAM VOTES

Sean McVay, L.A. Rams 35

Mike Zimmer, Minnesota 11

Doug Marrone, Jacksonville 2

Doug Pederson, Philadelphia 1

Bill Belichick, New England 1

Assistant: Pat Shurmur, Minnesota, OC

VOTING COACH, TEAM VOTES

Pat Shurmur, Minnesota OC 24 1/2

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Offense: Alvin Kamara, New Orleans, RB

VOTING PLAYER, TEAM VOTES

Alvin Kamara, RB, New Orleans 28

Marshawn Lynch, RB, Oakland 1

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Chicago stars

These 15 athletes and coaches will give the Pyeongchang Games a bit of Windy City flair



ON THE CLOCK

5 Days until the opening ceremony for the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

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 JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE (SHANI DAVIS)
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 STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE (BRADIE TENNELL)

SEUN ADIGUN

Nigeria | 31 | Bobsled
 Adigun will represent Nigeria on the country's first-ever bobsled team. She was born in Chicago and attended Evanston High School and then Homewood-Flossmoor, where she ran track and played basketball.

KEVIN BICKNER

United States | 21 | Ski jumping
 Bickner grew up in Wauconda and attended Wauconda High School until moving to Park City, Utah, to train. He has been downhill skiing since he was 4 years old and began jumping at 10. Bickner is one of three Olympians from the Norge Ski Club in Fox River Grove. At 16, he moved with his family to the U.S. Olympics training center and made the developmental squad. He attends DeVry University.

CHRIS CHELIOS

United States | 56 | Ice hockey
 Chelios was raised in Evergreen Park, attended Mount Carmel for two years and spent nine seasons with the Blackhawks. He will be an assistant coach on the U.S. men's team — his first time in such a role with an Olympic team. He played in four Olympics and was captain of the U.S. team that finished second in 2002 in Salt Lake City.

KENDALL COYNE

United States | 25 | Ice hockey
 Coyne, of Palos Heights, is making her second appearance for Team USA. She competed in the 2014 Games in Sochi, Russia, scoring six points on two goals and four assists. Team USA lost 3-2 to Canada in the final. The 2010 Sandburg graduate led the NCAA in scoring in 2015-16 for Northeastern.

SHANI DAVIS

United States | 35 | Speedskating
 Davis is heading to his fifth consecutive Olympics. A four-time medalist, he became the first black athlete to win a gold medal in an individual event at the Winter Olympics at the 2006 Games in Turin, Italy, when he was 24. He grew up in Chicago and started skating in Evanston.

AJA EVANS

United States | 29 | Bobsled
 Evans is the brakeman for driver Jamie Greubel Poser. The pairing won bronze at the 2014 Sochi Olympics and the 2017 World Championships. The 2006 Morgan Park graduate won 10 state medals in track and field and continued to sprint and throw the shot at UNLV and Illinois. She is a niece of former Cubs outfielder Gary Matthews.

LANA GEHRING

United States | 27 | Speedskating
 Gehring, of Glenview, earned a bronze medal at the 2010 Vancouver Games in the 3,000-meter relay less than a year after graduating from Glenbrook South. She will compete in two events in Pyeongchang: the 1,500 meters and 1,000 meters. She is a member of the Northbrook Speedskating Club, which has produced an Olympic skater every Winter Games but one since 1952.

MICHAEL GLASDER

United States | 28 | Ski jumping
 Glasder, who at 28 is nearly six years older than any of his rivals, qualified for the Olympics in December at an event in Park City, Utah. The Cary resident and 2008 Cary-Grove graduate trains at the Norge Ski Club in Fox River Grove, which was founded in 1905 by Norwegian immigrants.

TONY GRANATO

United States | 53 | Ice hockey
 Granato, a former NHL coach and All-Star player, was named the men's coach in August. He is in his second season as the coach at Wisconsin, his alma mater. Granato graduated from Downers Grove North in 1982.

BRIAN HANSEN

United States | 27 | Speedskating
 A Glenview resident and 2009 Glenbrook South graduate, Hansen is heading to his third straight Olympics, competing in the 1,500 meters and mass start. He finished seventh in the 1,500 at the 2014 Sochi Games and has a silver medal from the team pursuit in the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.

HILARY KNIGHT

United States | 28 | Ice hockey
 Knight, who lived in Lake Forest from age 6 to 14 and played on Chicago-area boys hockey teams, won silver medals at the 2010 and 2014 Olympics. The forward graduated from Wisconsin in 2012 as the program's all-time scoring leader after leading the Badgers to national titles in 2009 and 2011.

CASEY LARSON

United States | 19 | Ski jumping
 Larson, 19, is also a member of the Norge Ski Club. He first tried ski jumping at 6 years old at Norge — his family lived only minutes away. By high school he was gunning for the Olympics and training on the U.S. developmental team. In 2014, a top-10 finish at nationals earned him a spot on the U.S. team. He graduated from Barrington High School in 2017.

EMERY LEHMAN

United States | 21 | Speedskating
 When he qualified for the 2014 Olympics, Lehman was a senior at Oak Park High School. He went on to finish 10th in the 10,000 meters and 16th in the 5,000 meters in Sochi. Now a civil engineering student at Marquette, he'll interrupt his junior year to compete in the team pursuit.

ALEXA SCIMECA KNIERIM

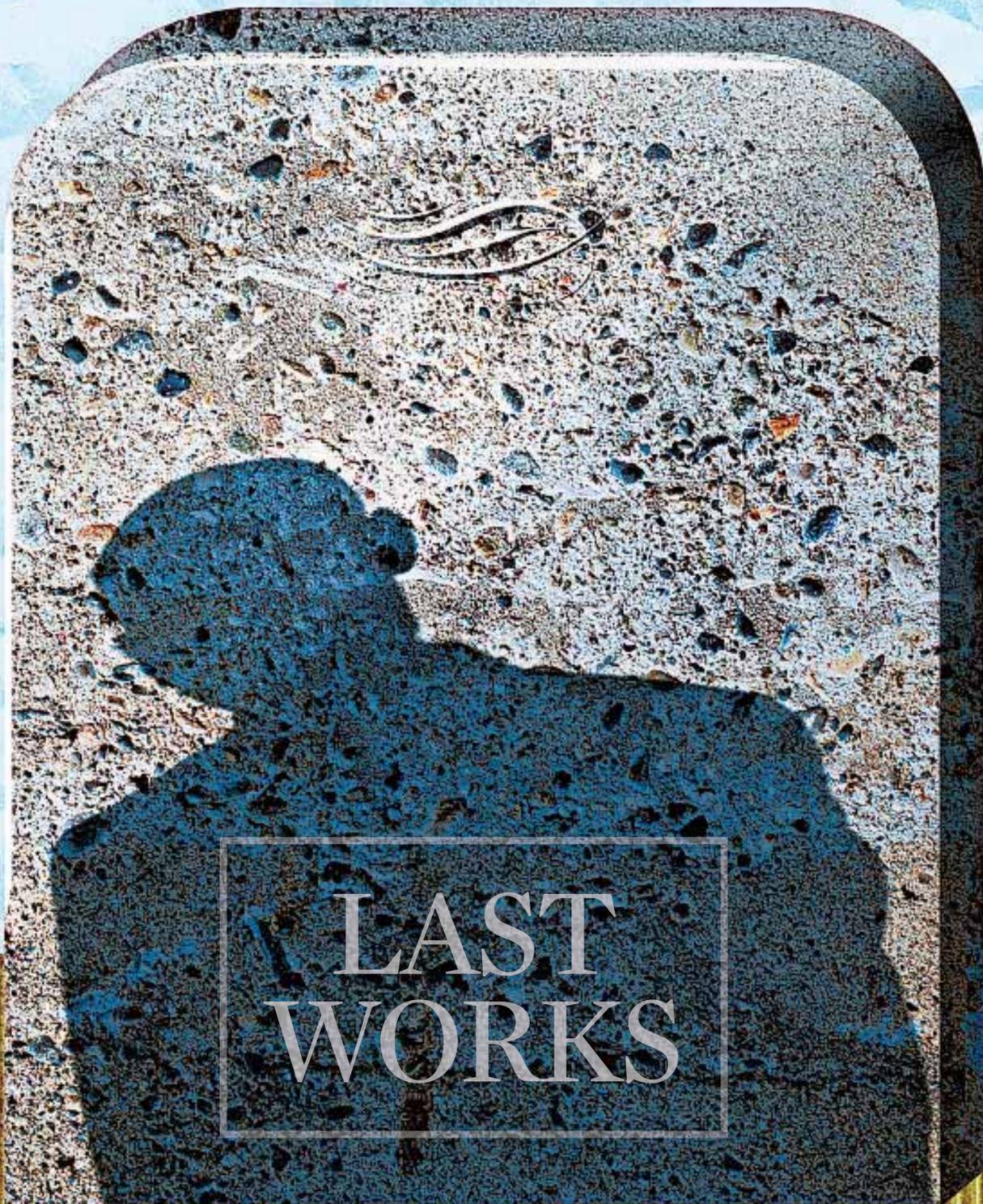
United States | 26 | Figure skating
 The Addison native and 2009 Addison Trail graduate will skate with her husband and partner, Chris Knierim, as the lone pairs team to represent the United States in Pyeongchang, South Korea. Just last year Scimeca Knierim battled a stomach virus that dropped her under 100 pounds and required abdominal surgeries.

BRADIE TENNELL

United States | 20 | Figure skating
 Tennell, born in Winfield and now living in Carpentersville, skated a near-perfect free skate at the U.S. championships, earning her first national crown and punching her ticket to Pyeongchang. She previously won the 2015 U.S. junior championship and trains at Twin Rinks Ice Pavilion in Buffalo Grove.

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What do the final acts of artists tell us?

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI
 Chicago Tribune

The other night I went to a reading in Hyde Park that almost no one attended. The bookstore cleared a space and set up several rows of chairs. Four local authors sat at the front of the room, waiting for an audience to fill in the seats. They were set to read short stories by Denis Johnson, who died of liver cancer last year at 67. The event was billed as a “tribute tour” to a beloved writer, best known for his often hallucinatory tales of sketchy nobodies,

petty thieves, murderers and junkies. “Angels,” his 1983 debut, ends on death row; “Tree of Smoke,” his 2007 National Book Award winner, mingles for 600 pages among CIA washouts in Vietnam, in moments that veer from tender to violent in a heartbeat. “Jesus’ Son,” his influential 1992 story collection, often called the book that launched a million MFAs, still echoes through generations of far milder imitators.

Weeks before he died, Johnson completed a new collection of stories, “The Largesse of the Sea Maiden,” released

earlier this month. Some of its characters rot in prison. Some are grave robbers. And some are writers, nearing their end. Mortality figures heavily. And yet, where Johnson once dealt in unease, you feel melancholy — you imagine the author contented, sitting in his twilight years, tracing the arc of his life and work with few illusions.

That night in Hyde Park? The audience never climbed past single digits. Perhaps fittingly. In the final story of “Sea Maiden,” a pair of writers sit in an

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Tuning out the Grammys? Oscars? You’re not alone



CHRIS JONES

These are the worst of times for awards shows. The ratings for the Grammy Awards last weekend were off a staggering 24 percent from the previous year. The Oscars, which are about to highlight a lot of movies most people haven’t seen, are looking similarly vulnerable. Most

every other awards show is in the same weeds.

That’s not the only problem these long-lived shindigs face, though. They also are subject to furious internal criticism, challenging the legitimacy of their methodology and history. On Monday, the National Hispanic Media Coalition has scheduled a protest of the annual Oscar nominees luncheon — traditionally a peppy celebration free of the pesky and heartbreaking business of winning and losing — at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. The NHMC

is protesting as part of the growing #OscarsSoWhite movement.

The Grammys got it from all sides: #GrammysSoMale was trending during the broadcast and there was widespread anger at the perceived anti-rap bias in Grammyland, despite the dominance of the genre. Meanwhile, conservatives — all the way up to Nikki Haley, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations — were infuriated by the politicizing inclusion of

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Newsworthy landmarks

Iconic buildings designed to house big-city newspapers are increasingly being converted to other uses. Blair Kamin examines the coast-to-coast phenomenon. **PAGE 2**

On newspapers and landmarks



BLAIR KAMIN
Cityscapes

Printer's ink still coursed through the veins of the structure where I landed my first real job in journalism — The Des Moines Register & Tribune Building, a beaux-arts high-rise that was later sheathed in modernist glass and metal. The place was an architectural mishmash when I worked there in the mid-1980s, but it burst with character.

The fourth-floor newsroom shook when printing presses in the basement churned out copies of The Register, which billed itself as “The Newspaper Iowa Depends Upon.” Sidewalk passers-by could peer through big glass walls and see those thundering machines and pressmen who folded newsprint into cute paper hats. Each night, small trucks would queue up at the building's loading dock, ready to ferry the first edition to the far-flung corners of the state so farmers and townspeople could read it with their morning coffee.

Last year, that same 14-story office building became R&T Lofts, a stack of 164 rental apartments whose assorted floor plans have cutesy, journalism-themed names like “Scoop” and “Byline.” The way for that transformation was paved in 2013 when The Register departed its home of 95 years to another downtown building where it's simply one of many tenants.

And so it goes: Battered by the migration of readers and advertising to the web, and keen to milk valuable downtown real estate for much-needed cash, more news organizations are severing their ties with buildings that endowed them with a civic identity on a par with banks, city halls and courthouses. Their diminished architectural stature comes at an especially bad time as President Donald Trump batters the media for supposedly reporting “fake news” and calls them an “enemy of the American people.”

Architectural visibility matters, even if its absence won't stop journalists from getting to the bottom of things.

This shift came into fresh focus last month when Tribune reporter Bill Ruthhart and I disclosed that the owners of Tribune Tower, Los Angeles-based CIM Group and Golub & Co. of Chicago, plan to convert the flamboyant neo-Gothic skyscraper, one of the nation's great newspaper buildings, into condominiums as part of a plan that also calls for a 1,388-foot hotel-condo high-rise to rise behind the Tower. The Tribune is scheduled to move its newsroom to the old Prudential Building, a stolid mid-20th-century skyscraper just north of Millennium Park, before June 30.

Some observers lament this fading of news outfits into the urban woodwork, saying it makes them seem less visible and more remote.

“You couldn't move through downtown Des Moines or downtown Chicago without connecting these newspaper buildings with the community institutions they represented,” Randy Evans, a former Des Moines Register editor and now executive director of the Iowa Freedom of Information Council, wrote in an email. “It's difficult to make that same connection when the newspaper is merely a tenant tucked into an office building somewhere.”

Like other businesses, newspapers have never shied from using architecture to advertise themselves. Not for nothing did Col. Robert McCormick, the Tribune's editor and publisher, shell out for the flying buttresses and pinnacles that adorned his storied 1925 skyscraper. Inspired by French Gothic cathedrals, the design by architects Raymond Hood



ANDREW CABALLERO-REYNOLDS/GETTY-AFP

The Washington Post Building; Completed: 1951; **Architect:** Albert Kahn Associates (Post Publisher Katharine Graham originally commissioned celebrated architect I.M. Pei for the project, but the Post rejected his plans as unworkable.) **Changing use:** The Post in 2015 moved to another downtown Washington building, where it is a tenant. Its former home has been demolished.



BOB FILA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Tribune Tower, Chicago; Completed: 1925; **Architects:** John Mead Howells and Raymond Hood **Changing use:** Plans call for the office building to be converted to condominiums. The Chicago Tribune is scheduled to move this spring to the old Prudential Building, just north of Millennium Park.



MARK LENNIHAN/AP

The New York Times Building; Completed: 2007; **Architect:** Renzo Piano; **Changing use:** The Times co-developed the building, but in order to raise revenue during the economic downturn, it sold a part of its share and leased back office space in 2009. It has since consolidated its space in the building.



KELSEY KREMER/DES MOINES REGISTER

The Des Moines Register & Tribune Building; Completed: 1918; **Architects:** Proudfoot, Bird and Rawson; **Changing use:** Last year, the office building reopened as apartments called R&T Lofts. The Register relocated in 2013 to another office building in downtown Des Moines.



DREW ANGERER/GETTY

The Daily News Building; Completed: 1930; **Architect:** Raymond Hood of Howells and Hood; **Changing use:** It remains an office building, but the Daily News left in the mid-1990s for other quarters in Manhattan.

and John Mead Howells suggested that journalism was a higher calling.

Such ornate flourishes masked the underlying identity of early newspaper buildings: They were “vertical factories” where journalists wrote and edited stories, compositors set metal type, pressmen ran presses and a variety of delivery methods (newsboys, horse-drawn vans and, later, trucks) brought the finished product to a mass audience.

The prime example: New York's “Newspaper Row,” where a lineup of imposing towers, including Joseph Pulitzer's domed World Building of 1890, stood watch over the compara-

tively diminutive City Hall.

Each tower was a “palace of production as well as the headquarters that created a message on the skyline of the importance of the paper,” said Carol Willis, director of New York's Skyscraper Museum, which in 2012 mounted an exhibition on New York newspaper buildings.

For decades, newspapers remained prominent architectural presences in their cities — even as new buildings replaced old ones, styles shifted from traditional to modern, and off-site printing presses made it easier to get papers to readers in the suburbs. Newspaper buildings even entered the realm of Ameri-



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

The Indianapolis Star Building; Completed: 1907, with later additions; **Architects:** Various; **Changing use:** The Star moved out of its building in 2014 to offices in the Circle Centre Mall in downtown Indianapolis. The newspaper's former home, which combined five structures into one, was demolished in 2015 to make way for a residential development called Pulliam Square.



ALAN DIAZ/AP

One Herald Plaza, Miami; Completed: 1963 **Architects:** Naess & Murphy **Changing use:** It was demolished in 2014-15 by a new owner who originally sought to build a casino resort. The Herald is now located in a two-story office building in the Miami suburb of Doral.



DAVID KLOBUCAR PHOTO

Chicago Sun-Times Building; Completed: 1958; **Architects:** Naess & Murphy. **Changing use:** Demolition began in 2004 to make way for the Trump International Hotel & Tower, a hotel and condominium skyscraper. Last year, the Sun-Times moved from another riverfront high-rise at 350 N. Orleans St. to a renovated building in the West Loop.



FREDERIC J. BROWN/GETTY-AFP

Los Angeles Times Building; Completed: 1935; **Architect:** Gordon Kaufmann; **Changing use:** The Times still occupies the building, which was sold to a Canadian developer in 2016, but the newspaper is expected to move to another location, which has not been announced.



HILTON HOTELS

The Cincinnati Enquirer Building; Completed: 1928; **Architects:** Lockwood, Greene & Co.; **Changing use:** The office building reopened as two hotels in 2015. The Enquirer moved to another Cincinnati location 1992.

can popular culture. The 1930 Daily News Building in New York, an art deco landmark by Tribune Tower co-architect Raymond Hood, served as the set of the fictional Daily Planet newspaper in the 1978 “Superman” movie.

But the rise of the World Wide Web and social media have stripped newspapers of the readers and advertising dollars that once made them rich and powerful. In some cases, their buildings became expendable or they moved out, as the Daily News did in the mid-1990s (its former home remains an office building). Typically, the departures have led to one of two outcomes.

The first, demolition, has

leveled modernist buildings such as the bargelike Chicago Sun-Times Building at 401 N. Wabash Ave., which came down for Trump's glistening Chicago hotel and condo tower, and the boxy Washington Post building, by Albert Kahn Associates. Both were no great loss. The wrecking of another modernist box, the bayfront Miami Herald building (by Chicago architects Naess & Murphy, who also did the Sun-Times building) was tougher to stomach. Preservationists prized the Herald building as an example of the colorful, tropically influenced style they call Miami Modern (“MiMo”). Another demolition victim: The

longtime home of The Indianapolis Star, which came down in 2015.

The second outcome, conversion to a new use, is exemplified by the transformation of the old Des Moines Register building into apartments and the 2015 reopening of the eclectic Cincinnati Enquirer Building as two hotels. The old Enquirer building retains its 1920s allure, especially in the handsomely restored public areas of its first floor, where visitors encounter colorful vaulted ceilings and a rich array of stone carvings. Such recycling efforts breathe new life into distinctive, often beloved, structures that have woven themselves into the fabric of urban life.

Whether newspapers' former buildings are demolished or remade, however, their new homes tend to be mere containers rather than impressive architectural statements. Some dispense altogether with the traditional model of being close to downtown sources of power.

The Herald now occupies an unremarkable two-story office building in a suburban business park. That's quite a change from the architectural muscle of the old Herald building. As the newspaper's Andres Viglucci wrote in 2015, it “was built to be nearly indestructible, to keep the presses running even after a hit from the strongest of hurricanes, and, not incidentally, to remind everyone in its vicinity ... of the power of those presses in the affairs of the city.”

The Sun-Times has taken a similar path, moving last year from a hulking riverfront high-rise at 350 N. Orleans St., where large letters spelled out its name on the facade, to a renovated low-profile building in the West Loop. The sign with its name has been removed from its previous home.

At least The Washington Post's new home, an office building near the White House where it is a tenant, is prominently located and a sign near the building's top displays the newspaper's nameplate. But such touches can't disguise the fact that the digital age has disrupted the design identity of newspapers, not just their business model.

As the Post's Marc Fisher wrote in 2015, before the news organization left its old home: “The Post, like most American newspapers, is moving to a sleeker, cleaner place, part of a cultural and industrial pivot, from paper to screen, from daily to constant, from hand delivery to social sharing.”

In recent years, The New York Times is the lone major American newspaper to have erected an ambitious work of architecture. But its sleek, Renzo Piano-designed high-rise, which opened in 2007 with a large-scale likeness of the newspaper's Gothic nameplate emblazoned above its entrance, reflects the newspaper industry's travails as much as it represents an exception to them. The Times in 2009 had to make a “sale-leaseback” deal that involved selling part of its stake in the building, which it had co-developed, and leasing back office space. It has since moved to consolidate its offices within the 52-story structure.

Symbols count. It's why the U.S. Capitol has a dome and churches have spires. To be sure, news organizations can produce great work even if they're tenants in ordinary buildings rather than the owners of extraordinary ones; the recent run of revelatory investigative reporting about Trump and other figures attests to that. But the exit from structures that long symbolized their watchdog role hurts nonetheless. Lacking a memorable physical presence, embattled news organizations will have to work that much harder to keep the importance of their enterprise fixed in the public mind.

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'80s music ghosts fill McCarthy's memoir



RICK KOGAN
Sidewalks

The Rock 'n' Roll McDonald's, born on the corner of Clark and Ontario streets in 1983, has been turned to dust and Neil Diamond, recently diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, will no longer perform in front of live audiences.

It's hard to rock and roll forever. As Hunter S. Thompson, no stranger to excess, once wrote, "The music business is a cruel and shallow money trench, a long plastic hallway where thieves and pimps run free, and good men die like dogs. There's also a negative side."

That quotation is what starts off a raucous, self-reflective and honest new book by Billy McCarthy titled "Beat Me 'Til I'm Famous" (Createspace Independent Publishing, 2017). Yes, there is sex. Yes, there are drugs. And there is rock 'n' roll, spirited and sad and plentiful. And it's all his: "No ghostwriters here. Just plenty of ghosts."

Raised on the South Side, with an Irish dad and Italian mother, McCarthy takes us to his first "real rock concert," Cheap Trick and UFO in Hammond. Then he buys a used drum set for \$150, forms a band with some buddies, starts playing clubs while working "straight" jobs and then, in a flash, he's 21 and in L.A.

"It was wet, rainy and chilly as I flew on (Capitol Air) out of O'Hare. I had never before been to an airport or set foot on a plane," he writes. "(Some people) looked worried. Me, I didn't know what all the worry was about. I was headed to Hollywood to become a rock star."

What transpires is a wild ride, told in rich and lively prose. It would be almost impossible to summarize all that goes on in its 450-some pages, but in short he plays in the band Kid Rocker, comes back to Chicago, changes his name to Billy Dior and forms the band D'Molls, which performs wearing women's lingerie, goes back to LA, where the band becomes a sensation in the club scene, gets a deal with Atlantic Records, comes back to Chicago and on and on.

For a while he lives in Westport, Conn., helping produce music for Rodney Dangerfield's son, Brian. The author Robert Ludlum makes an odd appearance. He visits Barbra Streisand's house in Malibu: "I finally came face to face with her. I should have tackled her ... I should have stolen her toothbrush and put it on eBay."

So many people — '80s musicians long forgotten or now famous — and events



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Billy McCarthy rocked hard for years and has written a book, "Beat Me 'Til I'm Famous," about his experiences in the music business.

pepper the book, on every page. McCarthy has amazing recall but also an appealing self-awareness. Near the end of the book, he writes, "These days if you listen carefully, you can hear silver and gold jingle in the wind from the many up-and-coming 'customers' along countless outdoor cafes on the Sunset Strip. I make it a point to dissect the pretty faces whenever I reach a spotlight in the heart of the money pit on Sunset Plaza. I try to sort the winners from the losers, and even those who have yet to realize they're dying. I wish I could eavesdrop into every chess game over lunch and act as coach and mentor. I'd tell them all what not to do, and to never stop doing it. I wish everyone could have lived the '80s in Hollywood. I knew that some of us wouldn't come out alive but never knew those closest to me would soon be looking in from above. I often and seriously wonder if maybe they were mere spirits planted in my party to escort me out alive."

This is not his first book. That would be the 2004 novel "The Devil of Shakespeare," which was inspired in part by his experiences in the 1980s LA glam rock scene.

He wrote "Beat Me 'Til I'm Famous" in 2008 but set it aside to work on a film documentary titled "Ferocious Drum-

mers." He and his collaborators have been steadily toiling on it ever since, and interviews have been filmed with some 16 drummers, among them Max Weinberg (who played with the E Street Band), Carmine Appice (Rod Stewart), Marky Ramone (The Ramones), Bun E. Carlos (Cheap Trick) and Charlie Benante (Anthrax).

"It has been an up-and-down ride, like making any movie is," says McCarthy. "But it will be worth it. We didn't set out to make a film for drummers that only drummers will love. We set out to make a historic film for music lovers of all ages and every popular genre in music."

He expects the movie to be released later this year and you can have a sneak preview at www.facebook.com/FerociousDrummers.

There is some interest from movie folk in his new book, which has been receiving considerable praise. One fan is Arnie Bernstein, the respected local author of such nonfiction books as "Bath Massacre: America's First School Bombing" (University of Michigan Press). He has known McCarthy for more than a decade. "Billy's a great guy, a great raconteur and terrific writer," he says. "I've spent many hours with him, and the voice you hear on the page is the real deal. Billy's done all right

for a kid with the guts to chase his rock 'n' roll dreams."

There are some hard emotional truths in the book, some serious regrets. "Of course, I do think of myself as a survivor," says McCarthy. "So many people in the book have died since I finished it. I do view this in many ways as a kind of cautionary tale of what awaits an artist after fame fades."

Some good news: Life does go on. McCarthy keeps in touch with some of his old rock pals. He lives in Palos Heights with — attesting to his baseball allegiance — two border collies named Sox and Buehrle. He runs a home painting outfit called McCarthy Custom Painting. He plays the drums nearly every day, alone or in bands at various area clubs. And he is starting a new band — "we don't even have a name yet" — that will, he says, play classic rock. In April, he will be 58.

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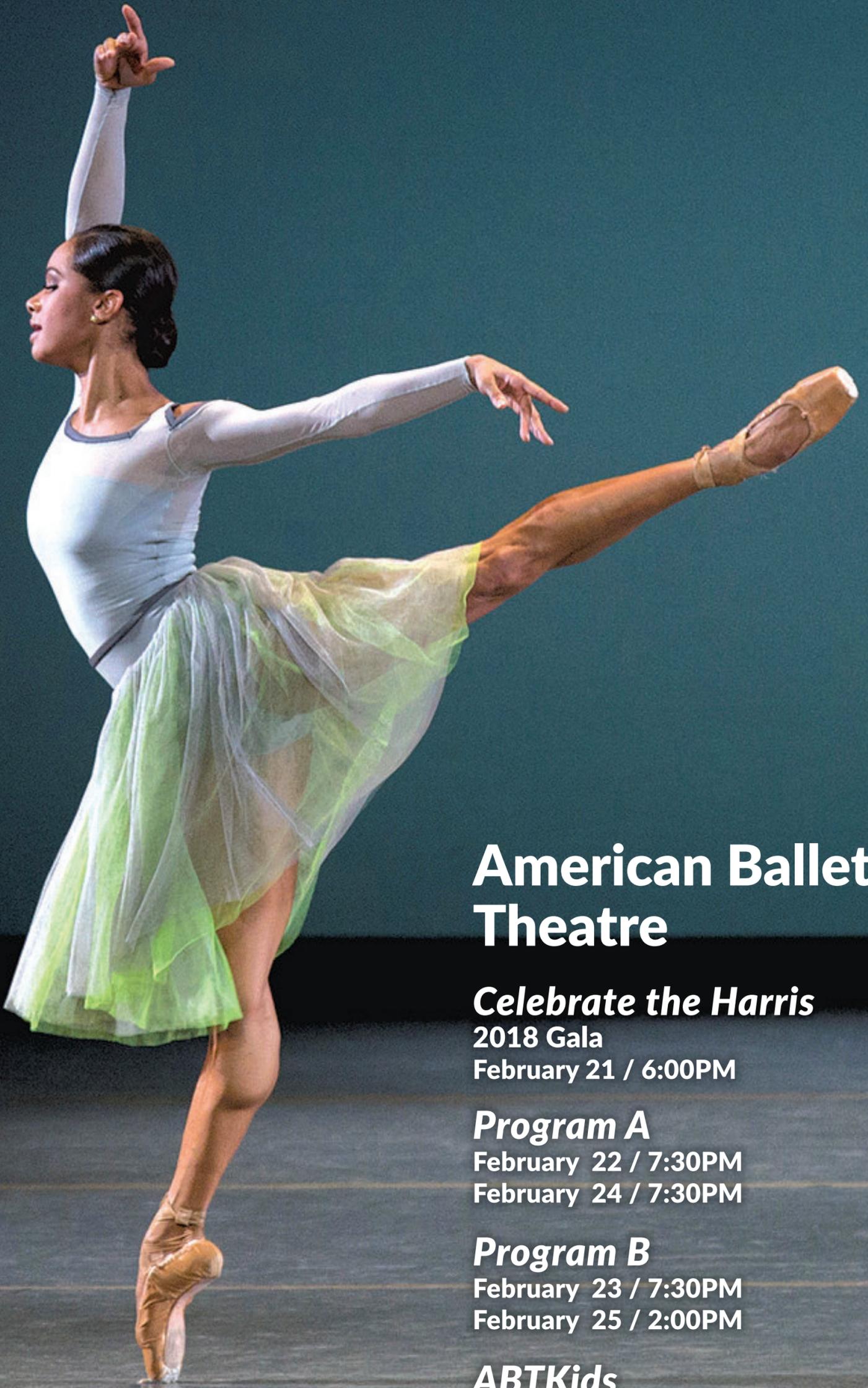
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By **STEVE JOHNSON**
Chicago Tribune

For Chicago newspaper reporters, there are some things it's best not to admit to: failing to genuflect with adequate depth before the column writing of Mike Royko, for instance. Not visiting the Billy Goat often enough so that the aroma seeps into your woolens. Getting lost on the way to the old Area 5 police station because as a young man you didn't realize Grand Avenue, the station's location, ran at a northwesterly angle.

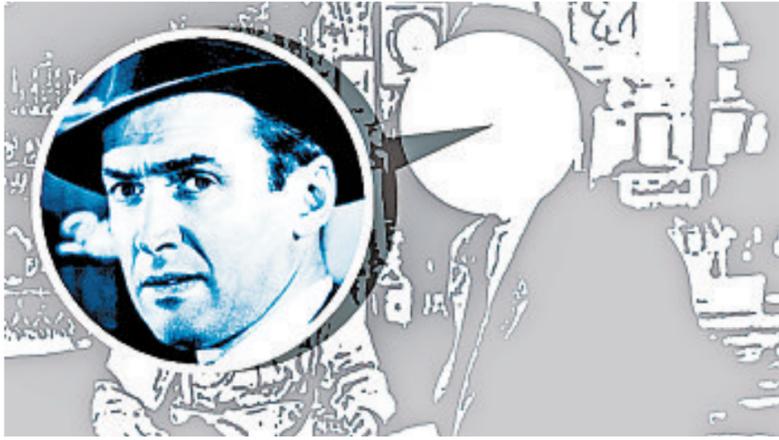
I've been fine on the Royko front and familiar enough with the Goat to know that the egg sandwich, washed down with an almost flavorful Schlitz Dark, was always a more

digestively friendly food option than the famed “cheezborger.” As for the Grand Avenue scenario, let's just say that often the best anecdotes are drawn directly from life.

But there's been another, arguably bigger absence from my Chicago journalism CV. A reporter here for more than 30 years, I had never seen “Call Northside 777?”

I'd like to report that this revered, 1948 Chicago journalism classic — an easy find on Amazon Prime Video, albeit an expensive one at \$9.99 to “own” — did as much for me as “His Girl Friday,” the “Front Page” remake and my go-to Chicago newspaper flick of the 1940s.

But “Northside” — a true-ish story of a Polish



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James Stewart stars in “Call Northside 777,” which is seen as a Chicago journalism classic.

immigrant wrongfully convicted of a Chicago cop's murder, then exonerated more than a decade later thanks to his mother's enduring faith and a reporter's investigation — worked better as a historical document than as a paean to ye olde craft of newspapering. Director Henry Hatha-

way's insistence on using real-life locations, in the Back of the Yards neighborhood, for instance, makes for a great visual artifact and must have been revelatory to movie audiences in its day. It's terrific to see the Tribune Tower in the film's opening aerial shot.

But why is the 1871 Chi-

cago Fire even mentioned, and did the voice-over narrator work so hard at the outset that he fell asleep during the film's middle, only to be nudged in the ribs in time to deliver a heavy-handed conclusion? This is, by and large, drab, clunky storytelling. More to the point, the

journalism James Stewart's lead character practices, as Chicago Times reporter J.P. McNeil, is all over the map. Eventually, McNeil gets emotionally invested and is able to poke enough holes in the case to get the fellow off. But his first big interview with the prisoner lasts all of three minutes, he colludes with the man on an “angle” for the story and he doesn't take notes as they talk.

Sure, I'm glad I've seen it. But despite my ownership status, I don't suspect I'll be returning. When I want a dose of Chicago journalism verve of yore, I'll be revisiting Cary Grant as a conniving city editor and Rosalind Russell as his reluctant star reporter in “His Girl Friday.” “Northside” may get an innocent man out of jail, but “Friday” puts an audience under an eternally intoxicating spell.

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'House on Mango Street' full of insightful observations

By **JENNIFER DAY**
Chicago Tribune

I'm not sure how I went so long without reading “The House on Mango Street” by Sandra Cisneros. The first time I remember taking note of it was in the mid-'90s when one of my college professors, hellbent on exploding the dead-white-man canon, put it on a list of books that should be required reading in America. Yet she didn't assign Cisneros' clear-eyed chronicle of life as lived by a Latina girl, so I didn't read it.

It wasn't until I became books editor for the Tribune that I started to feel true embarrassment: How was it possible I hadn't read this Chicago classic?

I feel lucky I waited. I'm sure if I had read it at any age, I would have been arrested by its language. In a mere 110 pages, through a series of vignettes, the book constructs a neighborhood and illuminates the interior life of Esperanza. She's a child still, struggling to make sense of the adults around her. Esperanza tells us that she was named for her great-grandmother: “She looked out the window her whole life, the way so many women sit their sadness on an elbow. ... I have inherited her name, but I don't want to inherit her place by the window.”

Had I read this book sooner, I suspect I would have appreciated it. Cisneros' keen sense of detail, the



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Author Sandra Cisneros' book is set in Chicago.

strong rhythm of the prose, her sly sense of humor and the electric character of Esperanza make it irresistible. I doubt, though, that it would have leveled me the way it did last week.

We forget that the consumption of art is a two-way street: It's as much about the reader as it is about the book in front of them. A little more than a year ago, I became a

mother, opening an emotional portal I wouldn't have been able to fathom previously. It's cliché, I know. But to ignore how it's changed the way I see and read and think would be naive.

Now when I read about Esperanza — and the gulf that's just beginning to crack open between the childhood she's lived and the adult she will become — I empathize not only as a daughter but as a woman who's trying to raise a daughter. From the first lines about the family's home on Mango Street, we sense Esperanza's disappointment and thinning patience with her parents' dreams:

“(I)t's not the house we thought we'd get. ... For the

time being, Mama says. Temporary, says Papa. But I know how those things go.”

By the end, we understand that Esperanza, like all of us, will fall victim to that old truism that you can never go home again. Perhaps becoming a parent is parallel: I can't imagine a way to go back to how I thought and felt before our child arrived.

In one of the more playful chapters, Esperanza offers her “scientific” view of growing hips.

“They bloom like roses. ... One day you might decide to have kids, and then where are you going to put them? Got to have room. Bones got to give.”

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Horoscopes

Today's birthday (Feb. 4): Good fortune blesses your career and professional standing this year. Disciplined planning and scheduling are required. Stay true to yourself, and your confidence grows. Summer energizes your work, fitness and health. New personal directions inspire renewed collaboration and partnership. Love inspires you.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Prioritize time with your partner to deepen bonds. Teach each other new tricks. Review where you've been, and make plans together.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Focus on each activity and your movements become meditative. Pour energy into your work or exercise. Respond to the quickening tempo. Later, rest deeply.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. The next two days are reserved for fun. Love blossoms with favorable conditions. The more supportive you are, the more you gain.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Devote attention to your home and family for a few days. The gentle

approach works best. Love gives you strength. Create harmony, beauty and delicious flavors.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Tap into a creative groove and make a work of art. Balance masculine and feminine elements. Friends help you make a great connection.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Compute expenses. That money could appear anytime. Continue chopping wood and carrying water. Wash dishes and take out the trash. Keep your agreements.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. You're looking good. Confidence energizes you, and you can tap into both your strength and sensitivity. Provide leadership somewhere it's missing.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 6. Peaceful meditation and retrospection suit your mood. Organize your plans and projects. Pamper yourself with small pleasures. Rediscover something you love.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Your friends are your inspiration. To maximize fun and productivity, enjoy groups, meetings, parties or conferences. Network, collaborate and

play together. Support each other.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. A professional goal seems within reach. You may need to manage more responsibilities than normal. Get support if needed. Play that ace up your sleeve.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Exploration and adventure have your attention. Abandon boring routines and try new flavors. Follow a friend's recommendation. Get the back story. Learn new perspectives.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Focus creative energy on making money grow. Collaborate with your partner for common benefit. Learn and teach. Use your persuasive arts.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

Word Game

This game challenges you to find as many words as you can, as quickly as you can, in one master word.

BEGONIA (bih-GO-nyuh): A tropical or subtropical plant with brightly colored leaves.

Can you find 19 or more words in BEGONIA?

Average mark: 14 words
Time limit: 25 minutes

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♠ A 10 5 3 ♥ Q 6 4 ♦ A 9 4 2 ♣ Q 6
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Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A 2 ♥ Q 10 7 5 4 2 ♦ K 10 8 2 ♣ 10
As dealer, what call would you make?

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 10 6 5 ♥ 2 ♦ A J 6 4 ♣ A K 7 5 3
As dealer, what call would you make?

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ K 8 7 6 ♥ J 2 ♦ Q 10 8 6 5 ♣ K Q

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The Beatles' 'Revolver' pretty good for a boy band

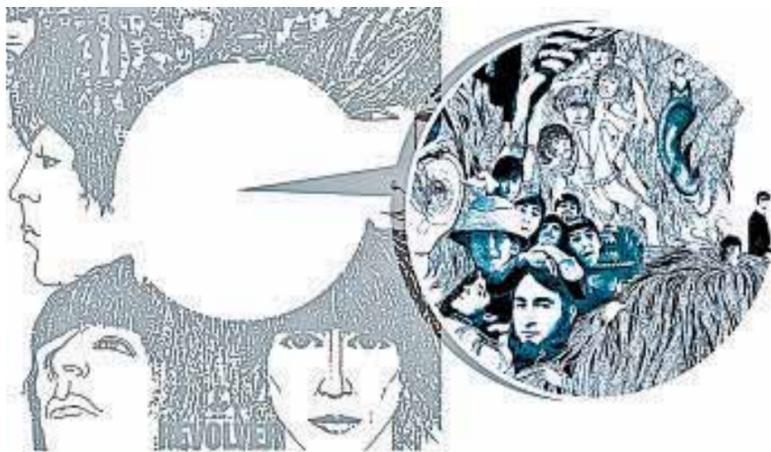
BY WILLIAM LEE
Chicago Tribune

Boy bands and reality TV really bug me. I mean really. Not that I have anything against the performers themselves, mind you, just that, to me, they represent everything wrong with the entertainment business.

Rather than being organic emergences of musical talent or intriguing personalities, they're most often just attempts by executives to copycat already successful (not to mention shallow) pop culture trends.

That premise brought me to a serious question: Are the Beatles — the biggest boy band and reality stars — any good?

Yes, like every one of my generation (X or Y or whatever) with access to TV and movies, I've been exposed to decades of mainstream baby boomer devotion to the four lads from Liverpool. Many boomers can recite the Beatles timeline



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The Beatles' 1966 "Revolver" includes "Taxman," "Yellow Submarine" and "Eleanor Rigby."

— their uproarious debut on Ed Sullivan, John Lennon's move toward philosophy and existentialism, their breakup and the heartbreak that came with Lennon's death dashing any hopes of a reunion.

But alas, I grew up in a

soul music household, and aside from a couple of early '80s Paul McCartney duets with Stevie Wonder and Michael Jackson, if any British rockers were played in my home, it was the Rolling Stones.

But like a lot of main-

stream icons, the Beatles are as good as advertised — influential and reflective. To get acquainted, I listened to tracks from "Revolver," the album that many fans I consulted claimed was the band's best.

This particular album is a great display of the same social metamorphosis that many artists I love — George Carlin, Marvin Gaye, Richard Pryor — experienced in the mid- to late '60s from clean-cut stiff to disillusioned hippie embracing the counterculture. The Beatles of this album were clearly getting fed up with life as superstars as big as Jesus. Their experimentation with drugs was evident in the bouncy "Dr. Robert."

Some hits such as "Yellow Submarine" and "Got To Get You Into My Life" were inescapable even during my R&B-laden childhood, especially with the latter being covered by artists as varied as Earth, Wind and Fire, Blood, Sweat and Tears, and Joe Pesci (yes, that Joe Pesci).

Others, such as "Good Day Sunshine," or the infamously psychedelic "Tomorrow Never Knows," I'd long enjoyed from other

sources like Zack Snyder's movie "Sucker Punch," without even realizing it was a Beatles hit.

The first cut, the populist anthem "Taxman," is something you would expect from Bob Dylan, not a world-famous boy band. Can you imagine N'Sync singing "Inner City Blues"?

It's also home to "Eleanor Rigby." Seriously — is this the bleakest song ever created? People don't like being reminded that they're lonely, just sayin'.

The Beatles should (and often do) get credit for writing and performing their own songs. It's easy to see why other rockers emulated their sometimes abstract storytelling style. Maybe I'll try Sgt. Pepper, or the "White Album" next — after I listen to something to wipe Eleanor Rigby from my mind. Seriously, what a depressing song.

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Faulkner classic a slow burn of haunting words, voices

BY JOSH NOEL
Chicago Tribune

I spent as much time trying to dodge assigned readings in college as I did actually hunkering down to do the things that professors swore would make me smarter.

Of course, it would have been so much easier and rewarding to just read the assignments — perhaps with the exception of Chaucer — but alas, like so many 19-year-olds, I mostly couldn't help but waste some of my time.

While I don't regret faking my way through Chaucer, skipping "As I Lay Dying" always gnawed at

me. Picking up William Faulkner's classic all these years later — and it's the same paperback copy from college; I always knew I'd get to it — I actually sympathize with 19-year-old me. It's quiet, dense and painstaking. There's no immediate gratification.

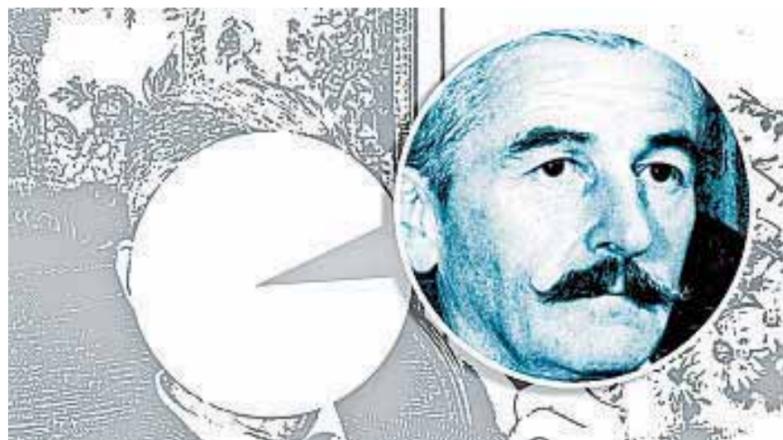
Told from more than a dozen perspectives and in several voices from the 1920s South, "As I Lay Dying" is not an easy book. Even now. I had to read the first 30 pages twice.

It's lovely and patient writing, so clearly from another era, full of haunting and painstaking observations. Some are vivid depictions of the charac-

ters, particularly the main character who spends the entirety of the book either dying or dead (how's that for Southern Gothic?): "Her eyes are like two candles when you watch them gutter down into the sockets of iron candle sticks."

Others are quiet musings that just land perfectly: "When I was a boy I first learned how much better water tastes when it has set a while in a cedar bucket. Warmish-cool, with a faint taste like the hot July wind in cedar trees smells. It has to set at least six hours, and be drunk from a gourd. Water should never be drunk from metal."

"As I Lay Dying" is a



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William Faulkner employs more than a dozen perspectives in his classic "As I Lay Dying."

literary slow burn. It's difficult, essential and head-clogging, requiring patience to wade into each character and voice across the 15 narrators. Yet it's the ideal antidote to 2018's

endless multitasking, social media brain suck and the gloomy, ignorant morass emanating from the nation's capital. It feels good to slow down and be challenged by words on a page.

I'm thankful I finally followed through on the assignment. When's that paper due, anyway?

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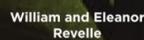
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What do an artist's final acts tell us?

Last works, from Page 1

empty auditorium at a disastrous reading, waiting for an audience, digging into a spread of food that's gone untouched: "Mark and I sat side-by-side on the apron of the stage, feet dangling, and tried the sandwich triangles."

That's how Denis Johnson ended his career.

That's his final statement.

Hard to say if it was the best way. We expect artists to live and die for their art, but when an artist like Johnson knows he is actually about to die (and has the strength for one final piece), we do tend to get a clearer, unvarnished understanding of how that artist saw their art. For their last work, do they choose a triumphant memorializing? Or do they take a brave leap, down a path they must abandon? Return to their salad years? Or conduct business as usual?

The stark, lonesome dead of winter is as good a time as any to reflect; indeed, for a connoisseur of last works, there is not only a new Johnson, but a new/last Sam Shepard novel, a new/last Oliver Sacks meditation on science, the last film of Carrie Fisher in "Star Wars: The Last Jedi," and though he's quite alive, if we can take Daniel Day-Lewis at his word — and I do — "Phantom Thread" is his farewell to acting.

What each tells us is this: Our end sharpens our focus.

On his deathbed, Oscar Wilde famously quipped that the room's wallpaper was so terrible, "One of us will have to go." Steve Jobs, at his end, blurted: "Oh wow, oh wow, oh wow." Dali, in final moments, asked to see his clocks.

Those are last words, not last works, but the point is similar: An uncanny clarity, a tight boiling down of everything an artist represented, seems to coalesce before death. The last work may become meaningful simply because it is the last, and not necessarily the best, yet death has a centrality tough to ignore. Day-Lewis may be a young 60, but should "Phantom Thread" mark his final film, it would be a fitting choice: a portrait of an artist consumed by work, operating in the last days of his profession. It feels like a career summation. Presuming Day-Lewis sees the contemporary movie business as an increasingly irrelevant place for a serious actor — particularly one known for being consumed by acting — it's also then a portrait of an artist so controlling he must massage the final shape of his career.



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The film "David Bowie: The Last Five Years" says he did the video for "Lazarus" the week he ended cancer treatment.



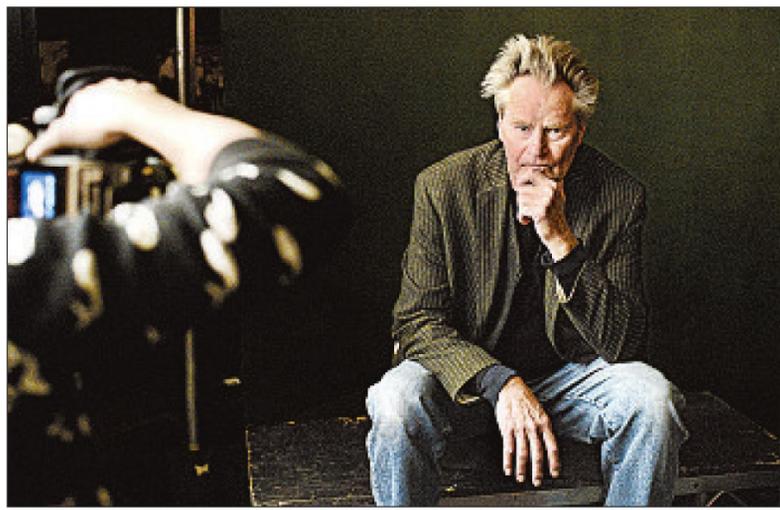
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Author Denis Johnson died of cancer last year at 67. His last work was "The Largesse of the Sea Maiden."

By doing this, he avoids death itself as his final subject.

Which is smart, because cruel as it sounds coming from someone not expecting to die soon, as obvious a subject as death is for an artist, death can be a cliché to the living. The cancer memoir is a genre onto itself. Self-portraits of dying artists — diminished, barely there — have long been gallery staples. Then again, death is death, and a large part of an artist's creative influences is their life itself. "Life passes into pages," James Salter wrote, "if it passes into anything."

Documenting one's end is natural and carries a tempting authoritative grandeur, hard to deny for its drama. You read fear and finality in Picasso's alarmed eyes in "Self-Portrait Facing Death" (completed before his less-alarmed actual final self-portraits). Goya's late paintings grew steeper, remarkably darker as his mind deteriorated. John Huston, at 81, relying on oxygen tanks while continuing to smoke, chose an adaptation of James Joyce's



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Playwright, actor and writer Sam Shepard's final novel is called "Spy of the First Person."

On his deathbed, Oscar Wilde famously quipped that the room's wallpaper was so terrible, "One of us will have to go."

"The Dead" as his very last directing job. Conversely, when the 80-year-old Robert Altman announced "Prairie Home Companion" as his likely farewell, it sounded like a slight, short-sighted choice: Altman had leukemia and was so weak the movie's insurance company required a standby director on hand (Paul Thomas Anderson) should he not be able to finish. The film, however, turned out full of comfort, regret and loss, including Virginia Madsen dressed in white, playing an angel of death, shepherding artists into their afterlife.

Filmmakers, reliant on wellsprings of financing, rarely arrive at such hard stops. Their careers —

think Clint Eastwood, now 87 — tend to offer variations on a theme ad infinitum, or fade long before the End. Musicians and composers, less reliant on an army, have somewhat more room to prepare a statement: Strauss titled his finale "Last Four Songs"; Schubert's mournful "Winterreise" was finished a year before he died at 31, having contracted syphilis (though officially dying of typhoid fever). Of course, the new gold standard for an artist approaching death is David Bowie, who released "Blackstar" two days before he died of liver cancer in 2016. The record plays like a surge with inspiration, like an artist with just enough time to put his house in order. As often as it has been said by now: It's difficult not to imagine Bowie regarding

that end as his final, synergistic transformation. Indeed, according to the new HBO documentary "David Bowie: The Last Five Years," he shot the video for "Lazarus," writhing in bed, bandages on his eyes, the same week he ended treatment.

"Lavinia," the final novel of the science fiction and fantasy writer Ursula K. Le Guin, though arriving a decade before she died in January at 88, also felt like an artist putting a period at the end of a lifetime: She wrote of a character (originally created by Virgil) who decided she likes the comfort of routines and traditions, who felt free in her supposed confines. Le Guin, who often bristled at being seen narrowly as just a genre writer, comes to happily own the title.

But such orchestrated death masks are rare.

Prince, who died unexpectedly in 2016, will never know quite as tidy a career summarization; his final albums completed in his lifetime (surely there's more to come from his famously deep vaults) are more like reminders of virtuosity than fresh directions. Likewise, though "The Last Jedi" delivered a moving reunion between Luke Skywalker and Princess Leia, and a final moment with Fisher surrounded by loved ones, and a Princess as tough-minded as Fisher originally played her — as much as the film serves as a surprisingly appropriate sendoff for the actress — it was never intended to be the last "Star Wars" movie that Carrie Fisher ever made.

Yet so strong is the hold of death that we read closely into the last works of artists who died unex-

pectedly, looking for clues to what's coming. Even the last work of artists who kill themselves — acts that are not always planned — send us scrambling to comprehend the unraveling. Mark Rothko's final paintings were characteristic blocks of solid colors, though in the months before he slit his wrists, those colors were often blacks and grays. It's a cheap understanding of pain and illness — and one hard to avoid. Think of Iris Chang, a historian raised in Urbana, who attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, who worked for a time at the Tribune. In the years after "The Rape of Nanking," her best-selling account of China's 1937 Nanking Massacre by the Japanese, Chang had nervous breakdowns. Her next book was a pessimistic history of the Chinese in America. Soon after, she shot herself. None of the notes she left offered much reason, and she had also been diagnosed as bipolar. Yet the grim outlook for humanity that you take away from her work often gets bundled up with her death.

Selfishly perhaps, the most satisfying last works of a dying artist arrive without ambiguity, riding a wave of pure feeling, saying all the things we imagine we would say ourselves at the end. We would tell our wives "Keep Me in Your Heart," as Warren Zevon sang on his final album, a year before he died of cancer in 2003. We would create the first work that flashed in our minds and have no time to second-guess our instincts. The art would come in a furious rush, unencumbered by sentimentality or concerns of using the right words at the right moment. Sam Shepard, in the final scene of his new/final novel, "Spy of the First Person," describes peace between a dying patriarch and his family, everyone seated in a Mexican restaurant. In his last years, while suffering from Alzheimer's disease, Glen Campbell toured anyway, stumbling on stage at times and repeating songs, but also, allowing for an almost unbearable honesty.

For his own wife, he wrote and sang a new song:

It's not gonna hurt me when you cry

I'm never gonna know what you go through

All the things I say or do

All the hurt and all the pain

One thing selfishly remains

I'm not gonna miss you

We would return to our truest selves, briefly.

Katie Roiphe, in her book "The Violet Hour: Great Writers at the End," notes John Updike would return home from cancer treatments, rest his head on his typewriter, unable to stir, only to start writing again: "How it organized that last stretch, elevated those painful days, how it bestowed on that bitter time some purpose, until it didn't anymore."

We expect an artist to do this, to create until they can't. Which is why Philip Roth's retirement in 2012 is so unsettling. Now at 84 he sounds remarkably confident that he delivered the right final words. And maybe so. He writes in "Everyman," his final novel: "How much time could a man spend remembering the best of boyhood? What about remembering the best of old age? Or was the best of old age just that — the longing for the best of boyhood..." Denis Johnson, in "Sea Maiden," does this too. He recalls a home on Cape Cod, and meeting Peter O'Toole in an elevator. He recalls the details so fondly the book has the ring of memoir. It's fiction, but it's not. In the last stories, his younger self meets his older self, friends die, family dies. He's left with one final character, an ailing writer, who tells the reader at last: "It's plain to you that at the time I write this, I'm not dead. But maybe by the time you read it."

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Awards shows taking hits from all sides

Jones, from Page 1

Hillary Clinton, reading (for satirical purposes) from "Fire and Fury," a controversial book that makes sensational claims about the dysfunction of the scandal-plagued administration of Donald Trump.

Behold, then, the existential threat of a double-whammy.

For years, the debate in awards-show circles has been between those who believe that the award ceremonies should focus on honoring the work of the entertainment industry, inviting but not pandering to the general public, and those who think that handing out kudos and listening to acceptance speeches means an ego-driven lost opportunity to showcase an entire industry, imparting a job-creating economic benefit ranging far beyond the winners.

The Grammys, for example, give out very few awards on the air, handing over most of the network TV time to business-juicing performances by major stars. The Tony Awards, though, always have to deal with many Broadway professionals who despise the relegation of, say, the major technical awards to outside the prime-time broadcast. The relative strength of each argument varies from year to year, and genre to genre, but the evidence now shows that the problems run far deeper.

Simply put, the malaise of the awards shows reflects a couple of major cultural trends. One is the collapse of the traditional shared belief in the authoritarian meritocracy they have claimed to represent, and the associated rise of fury at the perceived (and historical) inequality of their processes. The other is the growing disdain for listening to, and accepting, the opinions of so-called experts on cultural matters and the rise of the individualized amateur opinion, as manifest, say, on Facebook or with a hashtag on Twitter.

Once people sat and watched the Grammys. Now they furiously critique them in real time. Every viewer has his or her own winner.

But here's the thing. The Grammys are an awards show that does not write songs or release recordings. It judges them. Many of the amateur opinions expressed are of artistic matters — and they usually contrast the writer's opinion with that of the so-called experts, not in terms of artistic disagreement but in terms of power. The issue is muddled further by people complaining about the broadcasts themselves — who got to sing what and with what prominence — with the inherent obligation of an awards show to focus on what someone has pre-decided to be excellent. Otherwise, they cease to be awards shows.

Like newspaper critics (speaking of things in decline), the award-giving entities are reliant on the voluntary respect of their constituency. Otherwise they have



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Bruno Mars was a big winner at the Grammy Awards in Madison Square Garden, but the TV ratings were way down from 2017.

Every viewer has his or her own winner.

no power. And no reason to exist. What you are currently watching (or not watching) is the slow erosion of that respect.

Consider the diversity dilemma, for example. An enlightened studio might respond to such protests by, say, renewing its commitment to diversity and green-lighting more work by artists of color. It could put out a news release to that effect, hire new directors and commit resources. Some of that, thankfully, has been taking place. But the awards entities can't do that. They can't agree in advance to recognize, say, a dozen more diverse movies, since they claim to recognize only the best movies. They have to wait for those movies to be made and hope that they rise to the top. And if they are to be fair to the kind of movies that have historically won Oscars, and they have no other choice but to be so, given that they claim to recognize excellence across the board, they may still have to give the Oscar to, say, an old favorite like Meryl Streep. And, if necessary, take it on the chin. And in the ratings.

You might argue that the awards shows can combat their problems by changing who decides who wins what. There is real

truth there: The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, for example, is famously older and whiter than the audience. There is clear evidence this affects who wins what. This should be the real target of the protests — never the winners in any given year, but the perennial list of deciders. There is a real difference between #OscarsSoWhite and #ThoseWhoChooseTheWinnersSoWhite. Would you want to be given a Grammy for callow political reasons? What artist deserves that?

In practice, though, people tend to focus on the winners. Wrongly. For if you delegitimize the winners this year, there is a real danger of delegitimizing the winners of the future, even when things might have improved. To the point of dispersion and maybe dissolution. Moreover, if you focus on what individual movies (or TV shows, or musical performances) are snagging awards, then you risk pressuring those new and hopefully diverse deciders of the future to toe some kind of party line. Then you insult their own individuality and likely belief in a fairer meritocracy.

Maybe the time for these awards shows has just passed. Maybe it's time for us all to recognize that not only do we not agree on what constitutes artistic excellence, we similarly cannot agree on how it should be celebrated. Picking the best movies of the year, or the best TV shows, or the best

musicals, is, on many levels, absurd. That never has been more true; it implies a unity of which there currently is scant evidence of existence.

I suspect the way to improve ratings is to involve the audience in the choices — a "people's choice" without the historical condescension. Look at how HQ Trivia has been blowing up online, even as the kudos fests have been tanking. People want to make their own decisions. People want to be heard. People now are too busy creating and communicating themselves to listen to the teary thank-you's of others. The arguments about the awards shows have become far more stimulating than the awards shows themselves. Why do you think the people who still watch, still watch?

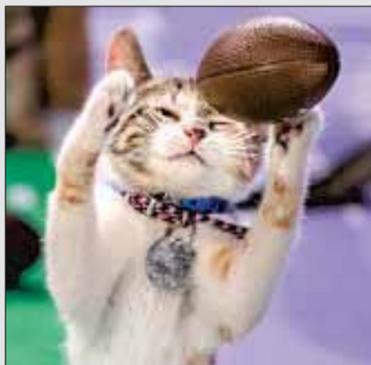
Of course, you need the shows to have the arguments. The chicken needs the egg.

This is a technology-fueled era of increased democratization and self-actualization. That's clear from the ratings. What's less clear is whether we can figure out how to honor excellence in a fairer and more equal way. It's a worthy quest, though, lest the weeds of mediocrity choke the best.

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WATCH THIS: SUNDAY



"Kitten Bowl V"

"Kitten Bowl V" (11 a.m., 2 p.m., Hallmark): A diverse assortment of young felines who were displaced yet rescued from the country's recent spate of natural disasters makes up the key players in this year's edition of one of TV's most popular programming events designed to boost pet adoption. TV personality and animal advocate Beth Stern hosts the event from Hallmark Channel Stadium, with four-time Pro Bowl quarterback Boomer Esiason calling the play-by-play action. Dean Cain and Alison Sweeney also are on hand to provide color commentary.

"Brooklyn Nine-Nine" (6 p.m., FOX): Jake's (Andy Samberg) prison stay continues, with a catch, in "The Big House Pt. 2." The warden (guest star Toby Huss) enlists him to get the goods on convict Romero's (guest star Lou Diamond Phillips) drug-smuggling scheme, putting Jake in a tough spot with Caleb (guest star Tim Meadows). Amy (Melissa Fumero) considers participating in a risky scheme involving Hawkins (guest star Gina Gershon).

"Counterpart" (7 p.m., 8 p.m., 9 p.m., Starz): The characters on both sides of the parallel dimensions must resolve a conflict, so they turn to classic diplomatic procedures to reach a solution in the new episode "The Lost Art of Diplomacy." Elsewhere, Emily (Olivia Williams) manages to obtain a special visa, while Howard (J.K. Simmons) puts a suspect through a rigorous interrogation.

"Ghosted" (7:30 p.m., FOX): Leroy (Craig Robinson) has more on his mind than spectre-chasing in "Whispers," as he develops amorous feelings toward a police detective (guest star Megalyn Echikunwoke) while they work a murder case together. Max (Adam Scott) is all for the potential relationship. The captain (Ally Walker) orders an investigation of her own daughter (guest star Lauren Lindsey Donzis). Amber Stevens West and Adele Akhtar also star.

"Shark Tank" (8 p.m., ABC): How much 'tude can you take? That becomes a question for the Sharks in this episode, as a Florida woman pitches her tea brand, which integrates snark into the brew. Also, two Los Angeles women offer their solution for a female cosmetic problem, Oregon parents suggest a remedy for a diaper-changing dilemma, and a Colorado man introduces a stress-reduction method.

"Divorce" (9 p.m., HBO): Robert's (Thomas Haden Church) father falls ill, and when he travels home to Ohio, he has an unexpected reunion with Frances (Sarah Jessica Parker). To escape the seriousness of the situation, they begin to reflect on the happier times they shared together. Meanwhile, Cathy (guest star Amy Sedaris), Robert's sister, is overbearing as usual. Back in Hastings-on-Hudson, Tom (Charlie Kilgore) is thrilled to chauffeur Diane (Molly Shannon) in her luxury car.

"This Is Us" (9:15 p.m., NBC): In recent years, the network with the Super Bowl has selected one of its series to follow the big game ... and this time, that coveted slot goes to this popular, acclaimed drama. The trick is to come up with a new episode that can stand alone for new viewers while also satisfying steady fans, which may be a particular challenge with this show's serialized nature — but we'll bet on its talents pulling it off. Stars include Mandy Moore, Milo Ventimiglia and Sterling K. Brown.

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	NBC 5	★ (5) Super Bowl LII: Philadelphia Eagles vs New England Patriots. (N) (Live) © (HDTV SAP)					(9:15) This Is Us: "Super Bowl Sunday." (N) ©	
	ABC 7	America's Funniest Home Videos ©		Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		News at 10pm (N) ©
	WGN 9	Friends ©	Friends ©	The Goldbergs ©	The Goldbergs ©	Weekend News (N)	Instant Replay (N) ©	Chicago's Best
	Antenna 9.2	3's a Crowd	The Ropers	3's Comp.	B. Miller	Mork/Mindy	Alice ©	Benson ©
	This TV 9.3	In the Heat of the Night		In the Heat of the Night		In the Heat of the Night		Heat/Night ©
	PBS 11	Victoria on Masterpiece: "Entente Cordiale." ©		Victoria on Masterpiece: "Faith, Hope & Charity." (N)		Queen Elizabeth's Secret Agents (N) ©		The Interview Show
	The U 26.1	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	How I Met	How I Met	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	MeTV 26.3	Columbo: "Murder in Malibu." ©				Touched by an Angel ©		Honeymoon.
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ©
	Bounce 26.5	★ (6) Annapolis ('06) ★★		A Raisin in the Sun (NR,'08)		★ Sean Combs, Phylicia Rashad. ★		
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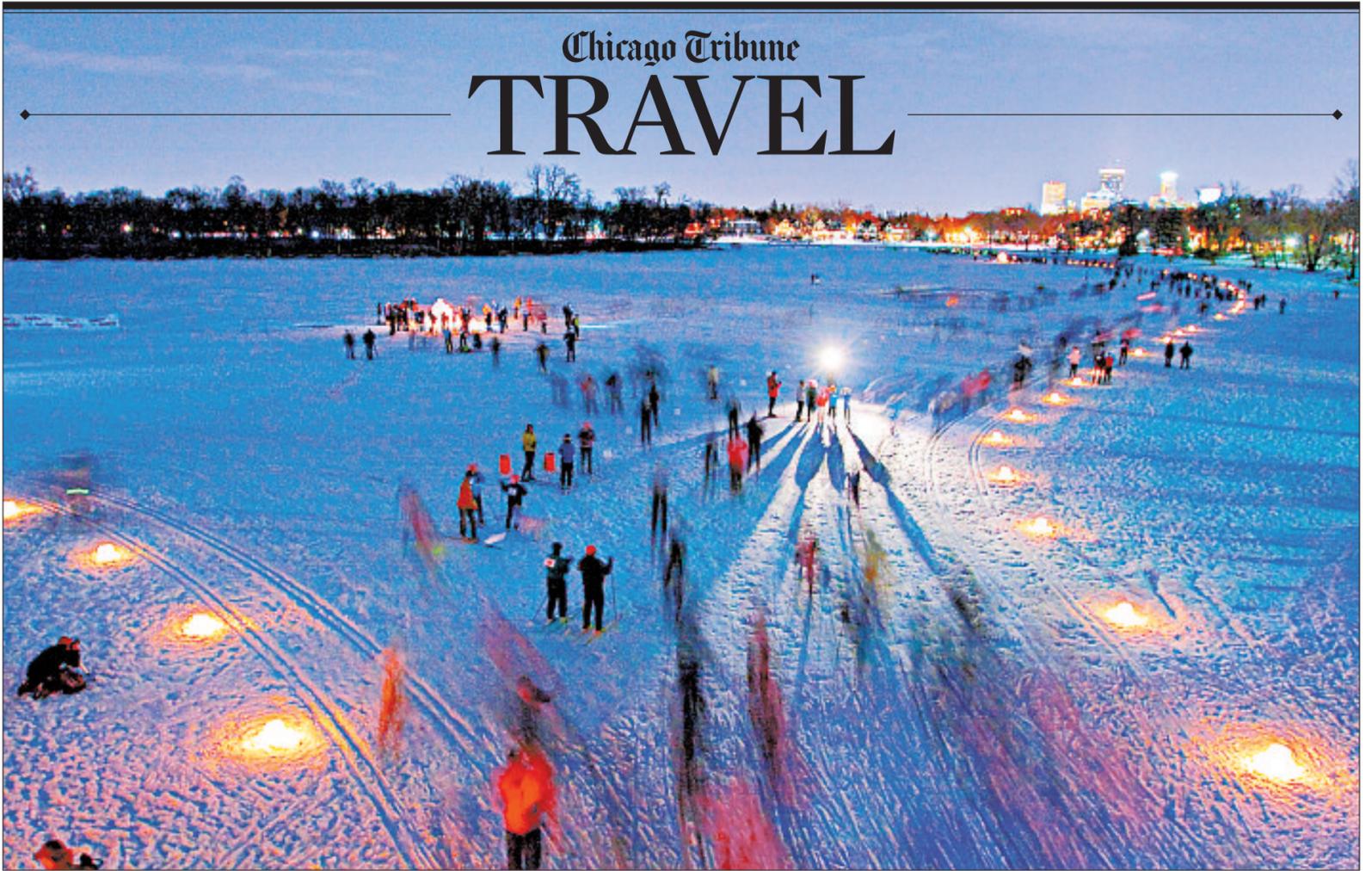


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Name the river that forms most of the western border of New Hampshire.

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MEET MINNEAPOLIS

Minneapolis' annual City of Lakes Loppet Ski Festival includes ski races, a snow sculpture contest and the Luminary Loppet that glows at night.

COOL MINNEAPOLIS

City a winner in winter, thanks to hygge vibe: 'You can hide and complain ... or get out and explore'

BY ELAINE GLUSAC
Chicago Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS – The thermometer hovered around zero as a family of four, toting folding chairs, parked the seats in front of a big screen in a park in downtown Minneapolis to watch the Minnesota Vikings blank the Green Bay Packers in December.

It was their snowmobile suits alone that indicated their sanity.

Snowmobile suits, Elmer Fudd hats, boxing glove-sized mittens and Sorel boots: Visiting Minnesota in winter is a checked-bag trip. It's also, increasingly, the season that distinguishes Minneapolis, a city where frostbite is not a deterrent to a tailgate and a growing number of festivals celebrate the chill.

"It's a long season, and it's cold, and it's up to us how we respond. You can hide and complain for months or get out and explore," said Eric Dayton, local restaurateur, shop owner and son of Gov. Mark Dayton. He's also founder of the Great Northern, a 10-day outdoor festival that celebrates winter in the Twin Cities and incorporates some long-standing Minnesota traditions, including the U.S. Pond Hockey Championships and the City of Lakes Loppet Ski Festival, featuring cross-country ski races and less-competitive family fun.

This year, the Great Northern festivities dovetail with Sunday's Super Bowl LII, being held in the U.S. Bank Stadium, a glass behemoth that opened in 2016. The Super Bowl host committee justly adopted the theme "Bold North," with events including a fashion show of cold-weather wear. Frigid climes mandate

warm refuge, and Minneapolis most discernibly harbors a hygge heart. Hygge culture, for the unacquainted, comes from the Danish word hygge (pronounced HOO-gah) for cozy, especially as an antidote to long, dark Scandinavian winters, not unlike Minnesota's.

In this winter's early freeze, I took the measure of the city's warmth and found it abundant in both figurative and literal forms, from a shop funding environmental charities through the sale of knit hats to a hotel where the rooftop attractions include a 20-person sauna.

Stay in

That hotel, the year-old, North Woodsman-themed Hewing Hotel, makes a great base from which to explore the hygge qualities of Minneapolis and, of course, its twin St. Paul, if only to watch a bonspiel at the friendly St. Paul Curling Club and visit the 70-foot-tall Ice Palace at the St. Paul Winter Carnival, through Saturday. Dating to 1886, the carnival features more than four dozen events, including a snowplow competition, a boot hockey tournament and night parades.

Formerly storing farm machinery, the Hewing anchors the North Loop district, where historic warehouses have been newly colonized by hipster restaurants, bars and shops. Its popular lobby restaurant, Tullibee, serves Midwestern-sourced dishes and bakes bread in mini Bundt pans, the culinary symbol of welcome dating to the 1950s, when the pans were developed by the local Nordic Ware company. The bar insulates warm drinks

with cup holders made from regional Faribault wool blankets (selling for \$10 next door at the stylish men's shop Martin-Patrick3).

Get out

By day, snow or no, the nearby Minneapolis Sculpture Garden at the Walker Art Center draws Gore-Tex-clad culture seekers by muffled scores, and skaters make turns at Loring Park, where WinterSkate offers free loaner blades through early March.

In time for the NFL spotlight, Art Shanties – specially decorated ice fishing houses – have popped up on the city's Lake Harriet, offering opportunities to snowshoe, ski or slide your way around the ice village, on weekends through Feb. 11.

Warm up

Walks in the cold aren't just good ways to see art or Instagram the ice-riddled Mississippi River. They're essential calorie-deficit investments before sampling the city's rich culinary scene.

After experiencing a week's worth of mind-blowing meals, two restaurants stood out. The Bachelor Farmer, a North Loop farm-to-table specialist, highlights Minnesota-grown and -raised ingredients in dishes like sprouted grains with pheasant confit. Extra hygge hugs for its Scandinavian-quoting heart-print wallpaper and the guest book that accompanies the check, inviting fans to gush.

In south Minneapolis, don't miss Grand Cafe, where the warmest of neighborhood storefronts with mismatched china and



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Snow makes the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden's Spoonbridge and Cherry look as if it's resting on vanilla ice cream during the winter months.



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Foie gras comes stuffed in an eggshell perched on a ceramic pedestal shaped like a duck foot at Grand Cafe.

glowing votive candles backdrops chef Jamie Malone's highly inventive French food. Check out the foie gras that comes stuffed in an eggshell perched on a ceramic pedestal shaped like a duck foot.

The microbrewery boom drew my family repeatedly to northeast Minneapolis –

affectionately known as "Northeast" in the Nordic Minnesota accent – where we fell in love with the pretension-free brews at Bauhaus Brew Labs over games of dominoes and Cards Against Humanity.

Minneapolis' independent retail scene offers multiple ways to model the

hygge lifestyle. The North Loop men's shop Askov Finlayson sells stocking hats, among other gear, that say "North" and help fund an anti-global-warming campaign.

Curl up with a read from Magers & Quinn Booksellers in the Uptown neighborhood with stacks to get lost in.

Hygge your home with pine-scented candles and wool blankets at the well-stocked Scandinavian shop at the American Swedish Institute.

As hygge is predicated on warmth and welcome, the city's Guthrie Theater deserves a special salute, not just for its excellent productions but for its Jean Nouvel-designed building that's open in and out of performance hours. Its Endless Bridge, a cantilevered appendage jutting toward the Mississippi, terminates in an outdoor terrace overlooking the river-spanning Stone Arch Bridge, and it's open – you betcha – in winter.

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France continues to improve its sound-and-light shows: Chateau Royal d'Amboise's performances include live actors, fireworks and an English-language audio guide.



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Visitors to Switzerland's gorgeous Berner Oberland can take in spectacular peak views from the Thrill Walk on the Schilthorn cliffsides.

What's new in France, Switzerland for 2018



RICK STEVES
Tribune Content Agency

France and Switzerland are two of Europe's most appealing destinations, but they're constantly changing, so I've gathered these new items for your 2018 travel planning.

In Paris, prices at the Eiffel Tower are up nearly 50 percent to help fund a 15-year renovation, including a bulletproof, 8-foot glass wall around the tower's base. It now costs about \$30 to ride the elevator to the top, \$19 for just the two lower levels, or \$12 to climb the stairs to the first or second level.

At two other major Paris sights — Notre-Dame and Sacre-Coeur — a modest dress code is being enforced; visitors with shorts or uncovered shoulders may be turned away. Renova-

tions continue at the Carnavalet, a museum dedicated to the history of Paris, keeping it closed through 2019.

Due to legal challenges, Uber in Paris is no longer much cheaper than taxis, and may cost more than taxis at peak times. And when considering Uber, note that private cars don't enjoy the privileged access that taxis do in the town center.

Last summer, Paris' regional transit authority announced plans to drop the term "RER" and instead use "train" for commuter rail lines A through K. Similarly, the French railway is changing the name of its network of high-speed trains from "TGV" (high-speed trains) to "In-Oui."

Thanks to deregulation, inter-city and international bus service from Paris is improving. Ouibus and Flixbus are cutting costs drastically and amping up onboard comfort with Wi-Fi and more spacious seats. For example, Flixbus

runs direct and cheap bus service from Paris to the island abbey of Mont St-Michel.

It's also easier to travel from Paris to the Dordogne River Valley, an area known for its prehistoric cave art. A new high-speed train between Paris and Bordeaux has reduced travel time to two hours. Your best bet to see prehistoric caves there is to reserve ahead for a tour of the new, high-tech Lascaux IV, a replica reproducing all of the original Lascaux cave art.

Sound-and-light shows employing new laser technology are trendy these days and a highlight at several French chateaux. In Auvers-sur-Oise, Chateau d'Auvers' new show incorporates sound, light, and video to teach visitors about the Impressionist painters (such as Van Gogh and Cezanne) who left their mark on this area. In the Loire Valley, renovation is complete at the island chateau in Azay-le-Rideau, and its sound-and-light

show is back on. At Chateau Royal d'Amboise, the dramatic sound-and-light show — complete with lavish costumes, battle scenes, and fireworks — now comes with an English audio guide to follow the narration.

To the south in Provence, several new sights have popped up. Arles' LUMA Foundation — a 180-foot-tall Frank Gehry-designed aluminum tower — houses a resource and exhibition center for artists. In Nimes, the Roman World Museum is slated to open this summer in a futuristic building across from the Roman arena. It will feature an archaeological collection from the seventh century B.C. to the Middle Ages, and a rooftop garden with city views.

Next door, in the French Riviera, Nice's Russian Cathedral has reopened after a two-year, \$23 million renovation, which included finishing frescoes untouched since World War I. A new tramway line will eventually link Nice

with its airport (running parallel to the Promenade des Anglais a few blocks inland); service should start by the end of 2018.

To the east, Switzerland offers its own set of new scenic treats. Near Lake Geneva, the Diablerets summit now features the Peak Walk suspension bridge, which stretches 350 feet from the top of the lift to the mountain's highest point.

In my favorite corner of Switzerland, those ascending the Schilthorn (a famous mountain in the Berner Oberland) can stop at the midpoint cable-car station of Birg and try out the Thrill Walk, a 600-foot-long see-through catwalk bolted to the cliff side. More adventurous (in their imagination) travelers can also tightrope across a cable bridge (there's a net), cross a section of glass flooring, or crawl through a chain-link tube — all with views to the valley below. Also, those traveling with a Swiss Travel Pass can now use their rail pass to reach the

Schilthorn summit for free.

Part of the joy of Swiss travel is the country's wonderful train system, which is continually being improved. One of the heavily marketed scenic rail journeys, the William Tell Express, is now called the Gotthard Panorama Express. (It's still the same trip, half by boat and half by train, from Luzern to the Italian-speaking region of Ticino.) And passenger trains have started using the new Gotthard Base Tunnel, the longest railway tunnel in the world. At 35 miles long, it cuts about 30 minutes off the travel time between Zurich and Milan.

In travels to France, Switzerland and beyond, plan ahead and travel with up-to-date information to make the most of your trip.

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Skiers take to the snow during the annual American Birkebeiner race in Hayward, Wis.

NEWS TO USE

By **PHIL MARTY**
Chicago Tribune

Here are some of the more interesting events, deals, websites and other travel tidbits that came across our desk recently:

- The American Birkebeiner, the premier cross-country ski competition in the U.S., will be held Feb. 24 in Hayward, Wis., with more than 13,000 skiers expected and 25,000 to 30,000 spectators. Birkebeiner-related events begin Feb. 22 and continue through Feb. 25. tinyurl.com/yb5hdxyoy
- The Grand Geneva Resort & Spa in Lake Geneva, Wis., honors past and present service members Feb. 23 during Military Appreciation Day at The Mountain Top. Active military members will get free lift tickets and rentals, military families will receive 50 percent off and lift tickets and rentals will be \$10 for veterans. 262-249-4726, tinyurl.com/jpyaf3e
- High school jazz bands will perform Feb. 16-17 at the 63rd annual Tallcorn Jazz Festival and 67th Sinfonian Dimensions in Jazz concert on the University of Northern Iowa campus in Cedar Falls. tinyurl.com/y8d2olz
- Wilnot Mountain ski and snowboard site in Wilnot, Wis., will celebrate its 80th anniversary Feb. 10. There will be ski and snowboard competi-

tions, an ice-sculpting demonstration, live music at night, fireworks and more. tinyurl.com/ya98jb68

- Feb. 16-18 are the dates for this year's Winter Carnival at Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa in Galena, Ill. There will be hot-air balloon glows, a winter Ice Bar serving hot and cold drinks, and ice skating, sledding and cross-country skiing at the Nordic Center. New this year are 5K and 10K snowshoe races. tinyurl.com/yalqthma
- The American Ballet Theatre will perform "Romeo and Juliet" from Feb. 8-11 at the Detroit Opera House. The production will include afternoon matinees Saturday and Sunday. tinyurl.com/yayjppjuv
- The 18th annual Old Post Bluegrass Jam will be held Feb. 11 at the Jefferson Student Union on the Vincennes University campus in Vincennes, Ind. Musicians are invited to bring their acoustic instruments to join in during jam sessions. tinyurl.com/y8u6aadq

- Motorcycle enthusiasts will head to the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis from Feb. 16-18 for the 27th annual Indiana Motorcycle Expo, featuring demos, presentations and more. tinyurl.com/y9jsqx75
- The Online Vacation Center has a 15-night Panama Canal Cruise aboard

Celebrity Cruises that's priced from \$2,799 per person, double occupancy, for a veranda cabin. Sailing from San Diego on Oct. 9, it includes port calls in Cabo San Lucas and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala; Puntarenas, Costa Rica; Colon, Panama; and Cartagena, Colombia, before ending in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Various amenity packages are being offered too. 800-780-9002, tinyurl.com/y7emakuw

- Uniworld is taking up to 30 percent off regular rates for select dates and itineraries for 2018 Europe river cruises. tinyurl.com/ybuztyd
- Taste Washington 2018 will be March 22-25 in Seattle, featuring more than 235 wineries, 65 restaurants and 60 culinary exhibitors. www.tastewashington.org

Deals and websites listed here have been checked for availability as of press time; listings are not an endorsement. Send tips at least a month in advance to ChicagoTribTravel@gmail.com.

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GEOQUIZ ANSWER

Connecticut River. Beginning just south of the border with Canada, New England's longest river extends 410 miles to Long Island Sound.

TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Dirty Ariz. VRBO rental had trash, dead chickens

By CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT
King Features

I recently rented a home from VRBO in Pinetop, Ariz., with a group of friends. The owner gave us permission to check in an hour early because he said the cleaners should be done.

When we arrived at the property, it was not cleaned. Bed linens were still on beds from the previous guests, used towels were on the floor, old food was in the fridge, food debris was strewn throughout the kitchen, and the stove-top and oven were caked with food. The trash can was brimming with garbage, and we found a neglected chicken coop with eight live chickens and the carcasses of three that had been cannibalized by the survivors.

I contacted the owner via text and cellphone. He promised the cleaning crew would be out in an hour. They never showed up. We were a party of 12, and it took more than two hours with all of us cleaning to get the place habitable. We were doing laundry for many, many hours.

The owner said he was sorry, and he would refund us one night or comp a night for a future stay. The group wanted the refund on this \$600-a-night rental.

But when our stay ended, the owner offered only \$300 or a comped future night. We asked that he give us a refund of one night and waive the cleaning fee. He has not returned any texts or emails. We paid for a luxury cabin experience and did not have that. Can you help us?

— Terry Flores, Tucson, Ariz.

A: A property like this should never, ever be rented through VRBO or any reputable vacation rental site. And did you say he claimed that this was a “luxury” rental? Will someone please tell that to the dead chickens that greeted you when you checked in?

If anyone ever offers you a one-night refund or to waive a cleaning fee, get it in writing right then and there. (You had the promise as a text message, but an email or a contract might have been more effective.) It looks as if you waited until the end of your stay to inform the owner of your decision about a refund. And by then, he'd had second thoughts about losing \$600 and apparently decided to cut his offer in half. The fact that the

owner already had broken one promise — “I’ll send the cleaners over right now” — should have been a warning. Of course, you had no written record of any offer, so what does it matter?

But it does matter. An owner’s word should be like a contract. You shouldn’t have to spend the first few hours of your vacation cleaning your rental property. Good thing you rented through VRBO, which has a “Book With Confidence” guarantee that protects you from a rental disaster, or, in its words, a “material non-compliance” (www.vrbo.com/info/about-us/legal/terms-conditions/book-with-confidence). Problem is, you would need to report the violation and refuse to occupy the unit. Still, VRBO should be

concerned about any property that features chicken carcasses. You might have brought this to the company’s attention in an email to a manager. VRBO is owned by HomeAway, and I list names, numbers and emails of executives on my consumer-advocacy site: www.elliott.org/company-contacts/homeaway-com.

I contacted VRBO on your behalf. The rental’s owner finally responded to you and agreed to pay for one night of your stay and to refund the cleaning fee.

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CELEBRITY TRAVELER
KENNY LEU

Actor touts his native Taiwan

By JAE-HA KIM
Tribune Content Agency

Actor Kenny Leu was 3 months old when his family emigrated from Taiwan to the United States. Best known for playing Sgt. Eddie Chen in National Geographic’s series “The Long Road Home,” Leu also appeared on “NCIS” and “Dragon Ball Z: Light of Hope.” A graduate of the University of California at Berkeley with a degree in mechanical engineering, Leu resides in Los Angeles. An edited version of our conversation follows.

Q: What is your favorite vacation destination?

A: I would have to say Taiwan. My parents emigrated to California with no family in the area — and barely any in the United States. When I go back to Taiwan, I get to catch up with the dozens of cousins I could have grown up with. The last time I went back was four years ago. My mom planned a trip for my dad and me. Taiwan was how I remembered it, but I also got to know it a lot better. We explored places like Penghu, which is a vacation archipelago off the mainland. It’s like what Hawaii was like in the ‘50s — pristine and relatively undisturbed by tourism. We rented scooters and spent five days riding around the whole island.

Q: What are some of your recommendations for people who have never visited Taiwan?

A: It’s especially famous for its night markets — think street carnival, but it



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happens every night. I remember loving this carnival game called Fishing (where) you get a paper scoop, and you try to get as many fish as you can before the paper breaks. You keep the fish you get. A lot of street vendors would have stalls that are simply a big blanket laid out on the street, and they’re selling everything from cellphone cases to slippers. Everyone goes there for the food, though. Food carts sell now-renowned dishes like Stinky Tofu, Taiwanese Sausage, shaved ice and, yes, boba milk tea. Taiwanese invented that! The country has such good food that Asians from other countries visit Taiwan just to eat. I remember that the seafood there is so fresh. Every restaurant has a menu (with) crab, fish, lobster, clams. ... When you order it, they just boil it and put it on a plate. No seasoning required.

Q: What locations have you filmed at that you’d like to return to for a vacation?

A: Definitely New York. The amount of life and culture, all infused and combined in one place is astonishing and, often times, overwhelming. You’ll never run out of

things to explore.

Q: Where would you like to go that you have never been to before?

A: A friend highly recommended getting certified for scuba diving so we can dive all around the world. I got certified (a few) months ago. I’m dying to go to one of the top spots in the world — the Sea of Cortez, (which is) only about an hour away from Los Angeles.

Q: What is a vivid vacation memory?

A: Some friends and I planned a trip to Machu Picchu about two years ago. It still is one of my most memorable vacations. Machu Picchu was like the Mecca for the Incas, and they built a path out of stones — a four-day pilgrimage through mountains. It was an insane hike. There were periods where we were climbing stairs for six hours at a stretch, then going downstairs for another four. With nothing out there but the scenery, the path and ruins, with a captivating tour guide telling us stories of what it was like to live back then, it really felt like I was there.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

Fodor’s: Missouri among 10 places to avoid

By MATT CAMPBELL
Kansas City Star

It seems reasonable to discourage travel to Myanmar because of human rights abuses there. Or the Galapagos Islands because of their ecological fragility.

But why would one of the most respected travel promotion and guidebook companies tell people to stay away from the state of Missouri? With its No List 2018, Fodor’s lists Missouri as one of the top 10 places in the world for travelers to

avoid.

“The Show-Me State is full of wonders that belong on anyone’s travel bucket list,” Fodor’s says in explaining why Missouri came in at No. 7. “It’s home to breathtaking limestone caverns, the Budweiser Clydesdales, Kansas City-style BBQ, great jazz, the Silver Dollar City Amusement Park, and even a museum that purports to house the holy finger of John the Baptist.”

“Unfortunately,” the guide continues, “Missouri

is also the place where SB 43 was passed making it more difficult to sue employers for discrimination, a state representative argued that homosexuals weren’t human beings, a tourist who got lost and ran out of gas was later found murdered in his jail cell without ever being put under arrest, and two men were hunted down and shot on suspicion of being Muslim on the outskirts of Kansas City. And that’s just in 2017.”

That last one was a refer-

ence to the fatal shooting of an Indian man and the wounding of another at Austins Bar & Grill in Olathe, which is in Kansas, not Missouri.

Fodor’s reasons echo concerns of the NAACP, which also discouraged travel to the state.

No. 1 on Fodor’s list is the Galapagos Islands, followed by a catch-all category that advises avoiding places that don’t want you, like Venice and Amsterdam. For details, go to www.fodors.com.



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Mystery of the increasing airfare

Some are skeptical of explanation given by experts

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT
The Washington Post

John Angarano isn't just tired of what he suspects are bait-and-switch airfares online. He's also skeptical about the excuses airlines and online booking sites give for displaying an initial low price, then switching it out later with a higher fare.

When he recently searched online for a flight from Rochester, N.Y., to Boston, he says he found several affordable prices only to have them replaced with "this fare is no longer available" as the transaction progressed. It happened over and over, he says, before he found a flight he wanted.

"It's frustrating to get this message and feel like the initial price you saw really isn't real-time or accurate," says Angarano, who, as an IT specialist at the University of Rochester Medical Center, is something of an expert on technology.

Airline experts and people familiar with airline reservations systems say it's not intentional. Rather, it's the result of caching, or temporarily storing information on a website. That allows prices to be retrieved faster, but makes them a little less accurate. So when a customer tries to book a ticket, they sometimes get a "price has changed" or "ticket unavailable" error message.

It's a radioactive topic in the airline industry. I reached out to several airline law experts, and all of them refused to comment on the record. But while they may be reluctant to talk, passengers aren't. They are only too willing to detail their frustrations with now-you-see-them-now-you-don't fares.

Ella Nusenbaum, a business student from Rich-



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Customers searching for airline tickets online can get frustrated by now-you-see-them-now-you-don't fares.

mond Hill, Ontario, says she often runs into this kind of pricing on airline and online booking sites. One incident stands out — a flight initially advertised at \$1,500.

"In the confirmation window, it suddenly told me that my flight's price went up to \$2,600," she recalls. "I suspect their system understood my city and dates were firm and decided to push a higher price on me, knowing that I had to book the trip."

Airlines and agencies have long denied that they leverage customer data to display an initial low fare then switch it out with a higher price once they know you're interested in buying a ticket. It's difficult

to prove or disprove.

It would probably take a lawsuit, a government investigation and an IT audit to determine whether the phenomenon is intentional.

"It's an unfair practice," says Amena Tareen, an occupational therapist from Marietta, Ga., who says the fare increase has happened to her "many times."

"The price usually goes up by \$20 to \$60, with a message stating the fare is no longer available," she says.

Before online booking sites, this wasn't a problem. Travel agents used a reservation system such as Worldspan or Sabre that displayed real-time fares, for the most part. Human

agents, who still rely on these systems, say they don't count on a fare unless they see it on their screens.

"I never quote anything to a client until I can confirm it in Worldspan," says Becky McGuire, an independent travel agent from Lake Havasu City, Ariz.

"It's not that hard to refresh web pages to prevent having outraged consumers," says Eric Johnson, a professor at the Columbia Business School who recently published a paper on how consumers react when they encounter hidden fees.

And if airline executives and booking sites think their customers will grow accustomed to this kind of pricing, his research suggests the opposite. Over the

long term, it could drive customers away.

"While economists think a price is a price, behavioral science thinks the way the price is portrayed makes a difference," Johnson says. "The problem is that when that price is not available, people react to the pain of the increase plus the pain of the original price."

The Department of Transportation, which regulates airfares, has a full-fare advertising rule that prohibits carriers and ticket agents from utilizing bait-and-switch methods.

It would be illegal, for example, to advertise a low fare at the beginning of the ticketing process only to present the consumer with a higher fare at the end.

I checked with DOT spokeswoman Caitlin Harvey, and she said the agency was aware of the complaints about allegedly cached fares.

But to bring any enforcement action, the agency would need proof of an airline "systematically and intentionally" using this tactic to lure consumers to its website or increasing the prices ultimately paid by passengers.

Put differently, there's no smoking gun. And until there is, nothing is likely to change.

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SPORTS TOURS INTERNATIONAL

Cycling fans can witness the Tour de France on a Sports Tours International trip.

TIPS, TRIPS & DEALS

Follow the Tour de France

BY PHIL MARTY | Chicago Tribune

For serious cycling fans, options abound to witness the action of the Tour de France, the premier professional cycling event that extends over three weeks every July. Typical Tour trips run seven days or so and give hard-core cyclists the opportunity to ride sections of the Tour route before or after each day's competition. Sports Tours International has a unique trip this year that runs 24 days and covers the entire Tour route, from the Grand Depart in Vendee to the finish line in Paris. If you're a cyclist, there are daily guided rides, some of which include stages of the tour, along with viewing the Tour riders in action. There's also entry to VIP hospitality areas and, in some stages, access to the pro riders and their teams. If you don't want to ride, you can do this trip as a spectator. The package is priced at about \$5,821 per person, double occupancy, which includes 24 nights' lodging, some meals, all internal transport and more. You can bring your own bike, or rentals are available. International air is extra. For those who can't carve out 24 days, Sports Tours International has shorter options for the Tour. Info: tinyurl.com/yd5db62l

Sunrise, sunset

New York City is the place to be if you want to get a great photo of the sunrise — or sunset. That's according to a list compiled by On The Go Tours. The company searched Instagram for the hashtags #Sunrise and #Sunset and came up with the list of 15 most often tagged locations for each. New York ended up heading the roster for both because of the opportunity to capture the sunrise over its skyscrapers and the twice-a-year Manhattanhenge, when the sunset aligns with the street grid of Manhattan. Rounding out the top five sunrises are Berlin, Chicago, Munich and Cork, Ireland. For sunsets it's Denpasar, Indonesia; Umm as Suqaym, UAE; Teluknarat, Indonesia; and Barcelona, Spain. The lists are at tinyurl.com/yagsszfk.

Spice things up

Exploring ports that were integral to the spice trade is a major part of a 26-night package from Enrichment Journeys called Ancient Spice Routes of India, Dubai and Singapore. The first 10 days are a land tour, spending time in India's Golden Triangle before heading to Dubai and Abu Dhabi. A 15-night itinerary aboard the Celebrity Constellation follows and visits a number of destinations on the spice routes. Oman is the first port of call, followed by the Indian cities of Mumbai, Goa, New Mangalore and Cochin. Then it's on to Sri Lanka and Thailand before ending in Singapore. The trip begins March 8, 2019, and is priced from \$8,999 per person, double occupancy, for a veranda cabin. International air is included from New York or San Francisco. Air add-on is available from other cities, including \$200 from Chicago. Info: tinyurl.com/ycyr3v9k

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Glass tea and coffee tumbler hits spot

BY JUDI DASH
Los Angeles Times

When I take my coffee on the road, I want it to stay hot, but not in those off-tasting, thick-lipped metal or plastic mugs. The tough double-wall thermal Borosilicate Glass Tea Tumbler from Sun's Tea fills the bill. The 18-ounce cylinder doesn't get hot on the outside, and the rim feels made for lips. The twist on/off thermal lid seals airtight. You'll have to brave the open container when you want a sip.

Borosilicate is tougher than regular glass but not unbreakable. For packing, wrap the tumbler in a layer of bubble wrap.

Info: Sun's Tea 18-ounce Double-Wall Borosilicate Glass Tea Tumbler with removable tea strainer costs \$19; www.suns-tea.com.

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SUN'S TEA

NEED TO KNOW

Southern states tout civil rights tourism

BY JAY REEVES
Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Southern states that once fought to maintain racial segregation are now banding together to encourage civil rights tourism at sites including the building where the Confederacy was born and the motel where the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. died.

Fourteen states stretching from Kansas to Delaware, as well as Washington, D.C., are joining to promote the U.S. Civil



MARK HUMPHREY/AP

People line up last year at the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tenn., a site on the U.S. Civil Rights Trail.

Rights Trail, which highlights about 130 sites.

Individual Southern states have promoted civil rights tourism for years, but never before have they joined together in a single push, said Lee Sentell, Alabama's tourism director. Most participating states are part of Atlanta-based Travel South USA,

funded by state tourism agencies. The organization launched www.civilrightstrail.com and is advertising in national magazines.

Landmarks on the trail include churches, courthouses and other sites that played a role in the civil rights movement in the 1950s and '60s, plus memorials and museums.



INN AT BAY HARBOR

The architecture of the Inn at Bay Harbor near Petoskey, Mich., recalls the elegance of the 19th century, but it was built in 1998 and is part of Marriott's Autograph Collection.

3 winter escapes in Midwest

BY KATHERINE RODEGHIER
Chicago Tribune

Winter days are dark and cold, but that's no excuse to hibernate. Embrace the season — and that special someone — by spending a little time tucked away in Midwest lodgings known to be warm and welcoming to couples. (P.S. Valentine's Day is fast approaching.)

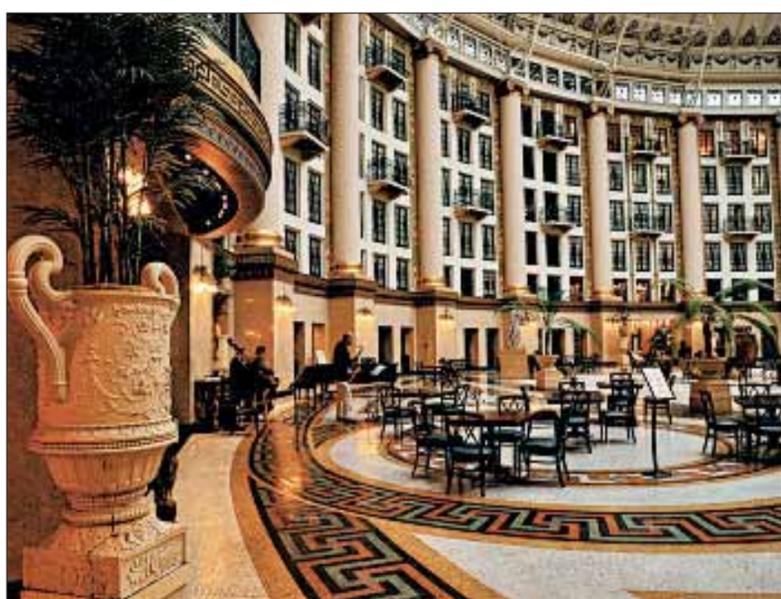
Here are three places to consider, along with suggestions for nearby winter pastimes if you choose to tear yourselves away from your cozy nest.

West Baden Springs Hotel

Law-dropping. That's the experience when you first enter the atrium of this four-diamond resort tucked into the hills of southern Indiana. The world's largest free-span dome when it went up at the start of the 20th century stretches 200 feet. Beneath it, guests lounge on comfortable couches and chairs, sipping cocktails and listening to live music that swells inside the expansive space. The hotel's 243 elegantly appointed guest rooms ring the atrium, some with balconies overlooking the scene below.

Guided tours delve into the property's colorful past and designation as a National Historic Landmark. In its heyday in the Roaring '20s, it attracted the rich and famous, as well as infamous characters such as Al Capone. It fell on hard times during the Depression and became a Jesuit seminary and a college before lying vacant for 13 years. Basically in ruins, it was brought back to life by a \$560 million restoration in 2005, along with its sister property, the French Lick Springs Hotel a mile away.

The West Baden property's two-level natatorium with indoor pool and spa was reconstructed based on



KATHERINE RODEGHIER/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Live music kicks off the cocktail hour in the atrium of the West Baden Springs Hotel.

photos of the original from the early 1900s. Book a couple's massage or "sprudel" bath in a sunken tub filled with the natural mineral water that first brought vacationers to the area in the 19th century.

The hotel's high-ceilinged main dining room, Sinclair's, takes its name from one of the hotel's early owners, as does Ballard's, a bar and restaurant with alfresco seating in the atrium. Try one of its signature drinks: hot cobbler and butter beer.

8538 West Baden Ave., West Baden Springs, Ind., winter rates from about \$269, 877-493-7822, www.frenchlick.com

If you go out: A free shuttle and rail trolley run to the French Lick Springs Hotel, where you can try your luck at its casino on slot machines, video poker and table games. In town, French Lick Wine & Spirits has tastings of its wines and white spirits: absinthe, aquavit, vodka, white bourbon. Tours of its on-site distillery are held on select Saturdays. www.visitfrenchlickwestbaden.com

Goldmoor Inn

This castlelike inn rests regally on a bluff above the

Mississippi River in the countryside just a few miles from downtown Galena, Ill. Once a private estate, the inn sits amid 21 acres of woodlands offering just the right amount of seclusion for a romantic getaway.

Thirteen roomy suites, three cottages and two cabins each have a different decor, some sporting the style of Arthurian-era England, others resembling a French country chateau or Northwoods cabin. All come with a king-size bed, a two-person whirlpool tub, a fireplace and either a balcony or a patio. When you check in, homemade cookies will draw you to the kitchenette. Fill out the order form on the counter for a gourmet breakfast to be discreetly delivered to your nest the next morning.

You can opt to take breakfast in the Goldmoor Inn restaurant. Do reserve a place for dinner in its 38-seat dining room, a popular spot not only for guests but also for Galena residents and visitors Thursday through Monday nights. Come with friends, and try to snag reservations for the 10-seat chef's table in the kitchen. Chef Paul Richard's menu focuses on American classics, with beef Wellington as a favorite.

A menu of massages

promises pampering in the inn's spa room. Take turns loosening up with hot stone or aromatherapy massages, or book a couple's massage and unwind side by side.

9001 W. Sand Hill Road, Galena, Ill., average nightly rate about \$305, 815-777-3925, www.goldmoor.com

If you go out: Galena boasts more than a hundred shops and restaurants along Main Street. Take trolley tours past lovingly preserved 19th-century buildings and historic sites, including the home of Ulysses S. Grant. Visit northwest Illinois wineries, or head outdoors for skiing and snowboarding at Chestnut Mountain Resort, ice skating at the Nordic center at Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa and eagle watching on an Eagle Nature Foundation tour along the Mississippi Flyway. www.visitgalena.org

Inn at Bay Harbor

One of the properties in Marriott's upscale Autograph Collection, the inn near the resort town of Petoskey, Mich., looks like a grand 19th-century hotel, its white exterior and red roof presiding over the Lake Michigan shoreline. But it actually dates from



GOLDMOOR INN

The classic beef Wellington entree is a staple on the menu in the dining room of the Goldmoor Inn in Galena, Ill.

1998, part of a modern development that replaced an old cement factory site with a yacht club, marina and golf courses. In winter, the inn and its surroundings turn to outdoor fun and indoor cocooning in guest rooms, suites and cottages ranging from 440 to 3,000 square feet.

The inn's recently renovated spa has a full menu of facials, massages and other treatments, including the 90-minute Ginger Glow, in which skin gets exfoliated with a ginger-eucalyptus mineral scrub, followed by a back, neck and shoulder massage with warm ginger oil and healing stones. Thursday evenings are Spa Happy Hour with a glass of sparkling wine and snacks included in any service.

Every day the main lobby warms up with afternoon tea. In the Vintage Chop-house|Wine Bar, meat and seafood entrees come with suggestions for wine pairings.

If you want to head outdoors, ask the concierge about renting snowshoes for clomping around the

grounds or ice skates to practice your spins on a rink in Petoskey.

3600 Village Harbor Drive, Bay Harbor, Mich., winter rates from about \$155, 855-811-4402, www.innatbayharbor.com

If you go out: Inn guests have exclusive use of the day-skier suite at sister property Boyne Mountain in Boyne Falls, Mich. Try downhill or cross-country skiing, or for airborne thrills, check out nine of the ski resort's zip lines that stay open in winter. Not keen to be outdoors? Head into the countryside to sample vintages at wineries on the Bay View Wine Trail, and indulge your inner foodie on the Petoskey Area Culinary Trail sampling preserves and salsas at American Spoon and checking out the coffees, spices, oils and vinegars at Symons General Store, housed in the oldest brick structure in Petoskey. www.petoskeyarea.com

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BICENTENNIAL BUCKET LIST

20 must-eat foods in Illinois

BY LORI RACKL, NICK KINDELSPERGER,
BILL DALEY AND LOUISA CHU | Chicago Tribune

Pick 20 things every Illinoisan should eat at least once in a lifetime.

This culinary challenge had us thinking that maybe we'd bitten off more than we could chew. From Chicago's world-famous food scene, to the state's rich agricultural DNA and a bounty of regional specialties, it was almost impossible to narrow our choices down to just 20. But that's what we had to do for the latest installment of our bicentennial bucket list, an evolving roster of 200 things to do, see, eat or drink in celebration of Illinois' two centuries of statehood this year.

So dig into our 20 picks — sweet and savory — from around the state. If there's something you think should have made the list but didn't, let us know at travel@chicagotribune.com.

1. Moonburger

Moonshine Store
6017 E. 300th Road, Moonshine
(near Martinsville)

The double bacon cheeseburger is about as no-frills as it gets: a couple of beef patties, American cheese and precooked bacon on a store-bought bun. But it tastes extra-special at this friendly, quirky spot in the middle of nowhere, where the grill is shut off at 12:30 p.m. sharp and you pay — cash only — on the honor system.

2. Smoked salmon

Calumet Fisheries
3259 E. 95th St., Chicago

This South Side institution has been smoking its seafood on-site for seven decades. The biggest seller at this takeout-only joint is coho salmon from British Columbia, Canada; get it straight up or tricked out with pepper and garlic.

3. Paczki

Herb's Bakery
1020 Larkin Ave., Elgin

Fat Tuesday is like Black Friday at this family-run bakery, where the line snakes out the door for its once-a-year supply of these traditional Polish, pre-Lenten treats. Raspberry, apricot and custard are a few of the fillings surrounded by a pillow of doughy goodness. Call 847-741-0249 to order ahead for this year's batch, available one day only: Feb. 13.

4. Bistec Jibarito

Jibarito's y Mas
3400 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago

This fascinating Chicago sandwich with a Puerto Rican pedigree swaps sliced bread for crispy fried plantains. Currently, the best practitioner in the city is Jibarito's y Mas. The plantains are always fried to order, so they stay extra crisp, and the satisfying slabs of beef are tender and aggressively seasoned.

5. Lars Bar

Anderson's Candy Shop
10301 N. Main St., Richmond

One of 30 varieties of candy bars made at this fourth-generation shop just below the Wisconsin border, the labor-intensive Lars Bar is a twist on the traditional turtle. A thin layer of divinity — a puffy, vanilla-flavored confection — is topped with a blanket of caramel before being hand-dipped in chocolate and laid in a bed of chopped pecans.

6. Baby-back ribs

17th Street Barbecue
32 N. 17th St., Murphysboro

Anything pulled from this acclaimed barbecue joint's gargantuan smokers deserves atten-

tion. But start with quite possibly the best baby-back ribs you'll find anywhere. Each bite is haunted by smoke and astonishingly juicy. The ribs arrive coated in owner Mike Mills' signature Magic Dust, a complex spice rub, and slathered in his apple-packed barbecue sauce.

7. Cinnamon roll

The Homestead Bakery
1749B CR 1900 N, Arthur

Head to the heart of Illinois Amish country for mouth-watering cinnamon rolls that take five hours to make — and taste like it. The decadent breakfast treats are among many made-from-scratch baked goods produced on-site by local Amish women.

8. Rainbow Cone

Original Rainbow Cone
9233 S. Western Ave., Chicago

This Instagram darling got its start nearly a century ago, when Joseph and Katherine Sapp opened an ice cream stand in Beverly.

The eponymous cone screams summer with a striking array of flavors served in fat slices, not scoops: chocolate, strawberry, Palmer House (vanilla with cherries and walnuts) and pistachio ice creams topped by orange sherbet. Available spring through fall.

9. Quad Cities-style pizza

Harris Pizza
3903 14th Ave., Rock Island

We'll just assume you've already had Chicago deep dish, so let us direct your attention toward the Mississippi River for a different take. Harris Pizza is one of the OGs of the Quad Cities style, featuring a light layer of cornmeal on the bottom of a malty crust. The finished pie is cut with scissors into rectangular strips.

10. Chicken dinner

White Fence Farm
1376 Joliet Road, Romeoville

For nearly a century, folks have been flocking to this homey restaurant to get their fill of moist chicken coated in a crispy shell. But wait, there's more — lots more: Dinners come with sugar-dusted corn fritters, bean salad, coleslaw, cottage cheese, pickled beets and a choice of potato with homemade gravy.

11. Cheese curds

Marcoot Jersey Creamery
526 Dudleyville Road, Greenville

Who says Wisconsin has a lock on the cheese curd market? This inviting creamery churns out three varieties of squeaky curds — plain, garlic herb and Sriracha — made with creamy milk from the family's grass-fed Jersey cows roaming out back.

Step up to the creamery's large viewing windows, and you might catch cheesemakers balling fresh mozzarella by hand.



THE HOMESTEAD BAKERY/THE GREAT PUMPKIN PATCH

Amish women hand-cut the tasty cinnamon rolls made at The Homestead Bakery in Arthur.



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200 To-Do List

The schedule for our bicentennial bucket list, divided into 10 categories, each with 20 entries:
Dec. 3, 2017: History
Jan. 7, 2018: Events
Feb. 4: Food
March 4: Sports
April 1: Culture
May 6: Architecture
June 3: Nature
July 1: Drinks
Aug. 5: Oddities
Sept. 2: People

To see the categories that have already run, go to www.chicagotribune.com/bicentennial.

12. Garrett Mix popcorn

Garrett Popcorn Shops
625 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago

Fans of this popular popcorn-maker get the credit for inventing the criminally addictive blend of CheeseCorn and CaramelCrisp; they'd order a bag of both flavors and ask for a third, empty sack to mix them together. Oprah put the sweet-and-savory concoction on blast when she anointed it one of her Favorite Things.

13. White asparagus

Eckert's Belleville Farm
951 S. Green Mount Road,
Belleville

Indulge in the fleeting spring-time treat that is white asparagus, the sun-starved, milder cousin of the ubiquitous green variety. Beloved in Germany, the pale stalks can be bought in season (usually mid-April) at Eckert's Belleville Farm, which sources the vegetable from a local supplier.

14. Rib tips

Lem's Bar-B-Q
311 E. 75th St., Chicago

The Lemons brothers long ago elevated the lowly rib tip to new heights, taking this gristy, cartilage-packed piece of pork, smoking the bejesus out of it and dousing it in a bold, vinegary sauce at their tiny to-go spot in Chatham. Sop up the unavoidable mess with a slice of white sandwich bread.

15. Salted caramel gelato

Prairie Fruits Farm & Creamery
4410 N. Lincoln Ave., Champaign

The husband-and-wife team of Wes Jarrell and Leslie Cooper-band went to Italy to learn how to make gelato, which they produce with rich, creamy milk from their herd of 70-plus goats on their central Illinois farm. The salted caramel swirl boasts caramel made with cream from Kilgus Farmstead in Fairbury. In season, customers can drop by the farm for gelato and a visit with the goats.

16. Superdawg

Superdawg Drive-in
6363 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago

A Chicago-style hot dog with all the trimmings comes with a heaping side of nostalgia at Norwood Park's 70-year-old Superdawg Drive-In. No need to leave the car; place your order via the intercom and wait for a server to emerge with your order in a retro cardboard box filled with stubby crinkle-cut fries.

17. Strawberry bread

What's Cookin'
409 Seventh St., Charleston

At What's Cookin', the answer invariably is strawberry bread. This casual breakfast and lunch spot near Eastern Illinois University uses a longtime family recipe to bake its moist, 2.5-pound loaves that have a devout following, including faraway fans who have it mailed to them.

18. Birria

Birrieria Zaragoza
4852 S. Pulaski Road, Chicago

Few places lavish attention on goat like this Archer Heights eatery. Steamed until tender, the meat is then coated in a fiery arbol chile paste and roasted until it develops a crispy browned exterior. It's served with a ladleful of complex tomato consommé and soft corn tortillas.

19. Horseshoe

Obed & Isaac's
500 S. Sixth St., Springfield

The state capital's culinary claim to fame is an open-faced sandwich made with thick slices of toasted bread, typically topped with meat, cheese sauce and fries. The microbrewery Obed & Isaac's does an especially yummy version of the dish, offering a wide range of meat options, like ground sirloin, pulled pork, lamb — even a veggie burger. Too much? Order the smaller ponyshoe.

20. Pink cookies

Davis Pastry
206 S. Main St., Anna

Pink cookies are a thing in southern Illinois, with different bakeries concocting their own versions of, well, a cookie with pink icing. Davis Pastry has been baking this simple-yet-so-good snack since the 1950s. The shortbread-like cookie gets pulled out of the oven early enough to keep the dough nice and soft, and the vibrant pink icing delivers just the right amount of sweetness.



NICK KINDELSPERGER/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Tender goat meat has a nice kick at Birrieria Zaragoza.



JESSICA TEZAK/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Superdawg comes with a side of nostalgia.



HARRIS PIZZA

Rock Island's Harris Pizza makes its pies Quad Cities-style.

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Making chores fun and bedtime a game can give parents quality time with their kids

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Black Lives Matter co-founder discusses new book, 'When They Call You a Terrorist'

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Annie Warshaw leads a girls-only forum at Hamilton Elementary School in Chicago

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In the wake of #MeToo, girl-power yoga program considers including boys, Heidi Stevens writes

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ask amy

BY AMY DICKINSON

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Landlord too handy with his tenant

Dear Amy: My husband and I have been married for 40 years. He owns rental property, and last year a married woman moved into one of his houses. Her husband lives out of town and is expected to move here once he retires.

A few months ago, she and my husband began an affair. I don't believe it was sexual, but it was definitely emotional.

Once he started having dates with her, I told him to leave — it would be her or me. Their relationship had become too intense with constant texting, telephone calls and late-night visits.

He left, but came back to me shortly after, saying they had a long conversation and that they should “cool” their relationship. Now, even though they have cooled, they continue to text, and he goes to the house to “fix” things. He says she has no friends and he worries about her.

I'm having a difficult time trusting them considering the hell they put me through. He says he has no friends. I have no problem with him having a friend, but they overstepped their relationship big-time. How do I handle this, since he is the landlord?

— *Left and Bereft*

Dear Left: This tenant needs to find another place to live.

I'm going to assume that she won't be moving, and so — because you and your husband are trying to repair your marriage, he should offer you complete transparency regarding ALL of their contact. He should not be receiving or sending “friendship” texts. He should show you all communication between them. And you should go on “service calls” with him.

Understand that you are not responsible for your husband's lack of friends. He really does need to make a choice to fully commit to you, and so far, he doesn't seem to have actually made it.

Dear Amy: A family member, “Clara,” concocted a false, salacious accusation about me, and — unbeknownst to me — spread it through the family. This was about four years ago. Eventually, her own daughter bravely took me aside and told me about her mother's accusations.

Other family members corroborated that Clara had, indeed, spread rumors. I'm really private and socially awkward.

It took me a couple of years to get the nerve to bring it up, but when I did, Clara quickly deflected, telling me that the devil was filling my mind with lies and that I just needed to pray about it.

Clara is a sanctimonious churchgoer and advertises herself to be a saintly senior citizen. She has never acknowledged the lies she spread, nor offered any apology. I was blindsided. I was so humiliated that I wouldn't even go to the grocery store in my own town. I've worked through most of the hurt, but I have not forgotten. I want to bring it up again, but I don't want to seem foolish or petty.

Is there any way to address this with her? The damage has been done and the gossip has been spread, but I would still like to know what made her do that. I guess I'd like some kind of closure.

— *Small Town Girl*

Dear Small Town: You should prepare yourself for the likelihood that “Clara” will never reveal her motives for inventing and spreading gossip about you.

Gossip is about power and social currency. The person spreading it feels powerful being “in the know.” She also believes that putting someone else down through malicious and muckraking gossip increases her own social standing.

You should state your own truth and ask her to explain her motives. Tell her you would appreciate her correcting her misinformation, as well as an apology.

I hope you can do this, regardless of her reaction, because standing up for yourself is both graceful and empowering. That's how you get “closure.”

Dear Amy: Regarding the letter from “Torn,” I had an emotional affair with my boss. I met with a therapist after I left that job. She counseled that I never see him again. By the time he and I met again a decade later, our ardor had cooled to the point where I wondered what I ever saw in him. Torn should consider a “normalization meeting” with her husband, instead of her affair partner.

— *Glad I Know Better Now*

Dear Glad: Bingo!

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balancing act

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Girl-power yoga program might add boys

Assemblies planned to discuss change in light of #MeToo

Five years ago, former second-grade teachers Annie Warshaw and Jill Carey launched a girl-power group that combines yoga, storytelling and snacks — the perfect trifecta.

“We teach how to advocate for yourself in a respectful way,” Warshaw told me at the time. “We talk about what power the girls have in different situations, and we drive home that it doesn’t matter if you’re 7 or 8 or 6, you’re a person, and you deserve to be heard.”

The girls, in kindergarten through fifth-grade, warm up with yoga poses before discussing a superpower of the day — empathy, courage, advocacy, acceptance, gumption. They read a story and play a yoga-based game to illustrate the superpower in action. They do some more yoga poses and shout mantras: *I am strong! I am smart! I take up space! I am important!* They snack.

The group started out as Smarty Pants Yoga, then morphed into Mission Propelle, a shift intended to emphasize the empowering parts of the program, more than the yoga parts. More than 80 schools around Chicago and the suburbs offer the classes.

Now the founders are considering another shift, this one much larger in scope.

They might invite boys to join.

It’s an ongoing conversation reflective of those happening in small and large organizations around the country since October, when Harvey Weinstein’s serial predation was revealed and the floodgates were nudged open — and then altogether breached — by survivors breaking their silence about sexual harassment and assault.

How do we get in front of this?



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Annie Warshaw leads a discussion with girls from Hamilton Elementary School in Chicago last week.

How do we protect girls and women from predators? How do we raise boys to do better?

“We’ve been having a lot of conversations about masculinity and how we move forward in this #MeToo movement,” Warshaw told me. “How do we involve men, and where do we put the ownership in making change?”

“When girls are empowered, it’s a win for everyone,” Carey added. “Sometimes, when boys see girl-power spaces, they think it’s a girl thing, solving girl problems. They don’t see themselves as part of a portrait where girls and boys are shoulder-to-shoulder equals. ... This might be an opportunity to say, ‘Boys, you can be a partner in solving this problem.’”

But Warshaw and Carey have spent the past five years growing and talking, laughing and crying,

side-by-side with their young charges. They’re loath to make a wholesale change to the program without some input from the very girls they’re empowering.

So they’re holding assemblies. The first one took place Jan. 26 at Hamilton Elementary School in Lakeview. State Rep. Juliana Stratton, running for lieutenant governor of Illinois, stopped by to warm up the crowd of 125 girls, before Warshaw and Carey launched into yoga, storytelling and questions.

What do you need to hear from a boy to know that he supports you?

What is the difference between a hero and a friend?

Do you think having boys in your girl-power space would keep you from being yourself?

Boys, meanwhile, stayed in their classrooms, where teachers

led them in similar discussions about the pros and cons of gendered spaces — teams, clubs, schools.

The girls discussed the questions in circles of eight, each group led by an adult moderator. Warshaw walked around with a microphone and asked for volunteers to share their thoughts.

“If someone knocks you down, a boy can help you up,” a girl named Isla offered in response to, “What do you need to hear from a boy to know that he supports you?”

“Sometimes it can just be, ‘Hi,’ ” a girl named Claire added. “Because sometimes a boy avoids you if he doesn’t support you.”

As the assembly approached the hour mark, the girls’ answers grew less question-specific and more philosophical.

“I think boys and girls should

join together to make a difference,” one girl declared into the mic. (She didn’t give her name.) “Like Martin Luther King Jr. said, boys and girls should join hands and make a circle of love for everyone.”

“I think that no one should be separated because of their gender,” a girl named Maeve said. “Even in the smallest things like volleyball and baseball or the big things like being the president or working at a candy shop.”

At the end of the assembly, Warshaw called a delegate from each group to the front of the gymnasium to drop a paper vote into a “yes” (include boys) or “no” (keep it girls-only) jar. (“Just like Seneca Falls,” Warshaw told the girls with a grin.)

Carey and Warshaw tallied the votes later and will consider them alongside feedback from other gatherings. It seemed, based on the Hamilton girls’ discussions, that votes would lean heavily toward inviting boys.

But it’s not a decision they want to rush.

And if they do enact the change, they may roll it out on a school-by-school basis or grade-by-grade, rather than changing the entire program. Older girls, in particular, Warshaw said, have expressed fear that it would be hard to be themselves and do yoga in front of boys, particularly once crushes have entered the picture.

Above all, the founders want to make sure their program is doing the most good. It’s an impulse for which I’m deeply grateful and one I hope to see other groups — at home, at work, at school — make room for, as well.

“I’m an idealist,” Carey told me after the assembly. “I’d like to see us move toward a co-ed class. I’d love to be the change.”

“Everyone’s like, ‘What’s after #MeToo? What’s after #Time’s Up?’” she continued. “Let’s talk about what’s before it, and that’s the children.”



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Shayna Harris and her daughter Isabela de la Sancha make dinner together last month at their Chicago home. Harris works long hours at a startup, but their dinner ritual is quality time.

Make time with kids count

Turn chores into games and put the screens away, experts advise

BY DANIELLE BRAFF
Chicago Tribune

Shayna Harris works incredibly long hours at her startup, which leaves very little time to play with her

2½-year-old daughter, whose bedtime is 7 p.m., just 1½ hours after Harris gets home from work.

Harris, a chief operating officer for a Chicago-based startup that stocks healthy

food in vending machines, realized very quickly that she'd need to be creative, or her memories with her toddler would consist of a frantic dinner, a hurried bath and an angry bedtime

story.

"We cook together when I get home from work," Harris said. "I bought her cooking utensils for kids, and I let her make a mess — salt is her favorite."

Thirty minutes later, they sit down to a home-cooked meal that was made from scratch.

Mothers spend an average of 104 minutes a day with their children, while

fathers spend 59 minutes, compared with the 54 minutes and 16 minutes mothers and fathers, respectively, spent with them in 1965, according to a 2016 University of California at

Irvine study.

But those parents didn't hang out in front of electronics (a 2016 report finds that parents of tweens and teens spend about nine hours daily using screens), and it's doubtful that they used their parental minutes trying to squeeze in a day's worth of errands.

So while 104 minutes may sound like a lot of time, it may not feel like it to parents, especially when they're being bombarded with Pinterest craft ideas they should be doing with their kids.

Still, there are ways to spend true quality time with your children — even if you're a working parent who feels you can't squeeze another minute from your day.

"You don't have to spend money, plan elaborate activities or do anything special to have quality time with your children," said Nicole Beurkens, a licensed psychologist in Grand Rapids, Mich.

In fact, you can simply transform your chores into fun games — and encourage your kids to join you, just as Harris did, Beurkens said.

"You're spending time doing things like cooking, taking the dog for a walk and doing laundry, so why not include your child?" Beurkens asked. "This not only allows for valuable one-to-one time to talk and to connect, but it also teaches them important life skills."

That's why Macaire Douglas, owner of Half Pint Shop, a children's store in Chicago, always turns grocery shopping into a fun adventure.

Her 6-year-old plans one meal per week, and they do the shopping together, talking about ingredients and different foods — and when they get home, they cook together.

Even the dreaded bedtime is a game for the Douglas family.

"I time the boys, and we see who can get ready the fastest," Douglas said.

"With my youngest, we sing the ABCs as he brushes his teeth. It may seem like a small thing, but he loves the routine and time I take with him."

But while doing your chores with your child, the key is to put your electronics away and to really focus on your child.

Jacqueline Fisch avidly follows this advice.

"I put the phone away from the second I pick up the kids from school and day care — they want to see you and talk to you, even if they don't act like it," said the Illinois-based author, communications coach and mother of two kids, ages 6 and 9.

If, however, you can snag just five minutes a day beyond chore time to spend with your kids, that would have a significant positive impact on them, said Dan Wolfson, a staff psychologist who specializes in children and families with New York Renicke & Associates.

A form of therapy called parent child interaction therapy, which focuses on improving children's behaviors through the foundation of a positive parent-child relationship, assigns five minutes per day of child-led play, Wolfson said.

"Children often have many demands and expectations placed on them, so providing a space for the child to lead the play can be extremely powerful," he said. "Rather than trying to develop elaborate opportunities for quality time, parents merely need to be present, engaged and attuned to their children to help the child feel connected and cared for."

As the children get older, the goal remains to create the space for them to feel safe expressing themselves. Wolfson said taking some quiet time in the evenings to sit with your child without an agenda or electronics can lead to meaningful interactions.

"Ask simple open-ended questions, or prompt them

with frames such as the high and low of their days," Wolfson said.

"Overall, children just want to feel connected to their parents, so don't worry about the photo opportunities: Simply making yourself fully available for a short amount of time each day will help to create the foundation of safety and care that children long for."

Aimee Sahlas owns her own company, The Stage Staging Co. She said spending time with her children often takes a back seat.

"One thing that I try to be consistent with is walking them to and from school," Sahlas said. "We look for nature, play games, chat about our day to come or the one we just had."

With her older preteen, convincing her to walk is more difficult, so she relishes volunteering as the carpool mom.

"It's my only chance to be a fly on the wall to catch all of what those kids are talking about," Sahlas said. "Shows, boys, drama: It's the little things."

It's all about quality time versus quantity, and in a child's mind, quality is more valuable than quantity, said Kaleigh Boysen, a Portland, Ore.-based licensed marriage and family therapist, and a parent coach.

If children have lots of time with a parent, but the parent is scattered and multitasking the entire time, the child may end up feeling less connected to the parent, since a significant portion of the time isn't quality, Boysen said.

"If a child perceives that most of their time spent with a parent is positive and engaging, that is how they will feel about the relationship with the parent overall," she said.

Make the moment count, even if that moment is in front of the dishwasher.

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Can we laugh now? Handling gender-based humor is tricky

BY CINDY DAMPIER
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As their plane is going down, the woman turns to the man next to her. "Make me a woman before I die," she says. He takes off all his clothes, hands them to her and says, "Fold these."

One of the best pieces of advice I ever got, from my father, was "learn to laugh at yourself." Since he is a man, maybe that could be perceived as sexist (it wasn't), but then again, so could the joke above. But, since laughing at myself is what I do, and since the joke is about women (and men) and our societal predicament ... I laughed.

As a writer who has recently spent a bit of time talking to women about gender bias and sexual harassment, I was struck by how often sexist humor came up.

"Part of me enjoyed it. I enjoyed being funny and laughing with guys," chef Dana Cree said, discussing the atmosphere in restaurant kitchens. There was a tinge of regret — in recent years, as conversations about sexual harassment and gender inequity began to open up, she began to see those jokes as not just unfunny, but harmful. "All the toxic kitchen humor," she says, "is really dangerous." In the case of restaurants, she feels, endless sexist jokes actually enable a culture that can lead to harassment and even rape.

She's not wrong: In a 2007 study by psychology professor Thomas E. Ford, sexist humor was shown to "release" sexist behavior in men who held hostile sexist views. "The acceptance of sexist humor leads men to believe that sexist behavior falls within the bounds of social acceptability," Ford wrote.

Later studies showed that it wasn't just men with hostile sexist views who found sexist humor funny — women who scored high



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Should jokes that play on gender be off-limits?

for sexist views overall also laughed along.

Which leaves all of us in the moment of #MeToo in a really precarious place. "It's really tricky knowing when to laugh," says Scott Weems, cognitive neuroscientist and author of "Ha! The Science of When We Laugh and Why." "It's frightening for some people because it is a sensitive topic."

One thing to remember, he says: "There have been studies that looked at jokes that insulted females and jokes that insulted males, and we actually have more in common than we do differences when it comes to sexist humor: Nobody likes to be laughed at."

Yet, differences are a universal basis for humor. "Everybody around the world laughs at somebody. Germans make fun of Italians; the French make fun of Belgians. And then there are racial things, which isn't surprising. It's a common thing wherever you are in the world, simply based on group dynamics." And, he says, group dynamics don't do us any favors in sensitive circumstances, since they are so enabling that we can reflexively laugh at a joke before we really take the time to analyze it. "It's kind of a habit to laugh. Laughter is contagious in a very real psychological sense. So we might default to laughter when we're given a joke before we really

think about the joke."

So, should jokes that play on gender be off-limits? Thinking about the joke, Weems points out, is what's really important. "There are different ways you approach any joke. Sometimes a statement we could have been offended by, we realize that it wasn't intended to be offensive. That's where the art and the subtlety of humor comes in, when the joke is actually making fun of a sexist or prejudicial point of view." Then again, "When it comes to a blonde joke or something like that, I'm not sure that a person should take that one lightly. Maybe the meaning is offensive."

In other words, figuring out how to navigate humor and gender issues is complicated. But the research confirms some common sense: When people who tell a sexist joke demonstrate other signs of sexist attitudes, you can bet that their intent was sexist — and it might be reinforcing sexist attitudes around them. On the other hand, Weems says, if the humor is nuanced and well-intentioned, my dad's advice holds up. "I can't recommend that approach to anyone, because I'm not a woman," he says, but remembering not to take yourself too seriously "is a very psychologically healthy attitude to take."

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A week of things to do with the kids

Monday

'ENCHANTED RAILROAD'

The Morton Arboretum's annual exhibit of toy trains provides a perfect excuse to get out of the house in February. The interactive display runs on two levels, which means even little ones should be able to see some locomotive action without difficulty. As with commuter trains, there's a schedule with timed tickets, although the cost is included with general admission. Daily through Feb. 19 at Morton Arboretum, 4100 Illinois Route 53, Lisle. \$14, \$9 for kids 2-17; \$9/\$6 Wednesdays; free parking. tinyurl.com/h72co45

MEET CARTOONIST JUDD WINICK

Parents will be most familiar with Judd Winick as a cast member from MTV's early reality show, "The Real World." (He was part of the groundbreaking San Francisco cast in 1994.) A professional cartoonist and comic-book writer (and husband to his "Real World" castmate Pam Ling), Winick eventually wrote "Batman" and "Green Arrow," in addition to writing and drawing his own comics. His latest, self-created work is "Hilo" (www.juddspillowfort.com/hilo/) packed with aliens and robots and geared for middle-grade readers. Meet the cartoonist when he comes to the 'burbs to discuss "Hilo 4: Waking the Monsters." 7 p.m. at Anderson's Bookshop, 123 W. Jefferson Ave., Naperville. Free to attend; \$14 for "Hilo" Book 4. tinyurl.com/yaln13y8

Tuesday

'XOXO: AN EXHIBIT ABOUT LOVE & FORGIVENESS'

This interactive exhibit encourages children (and their accompanying grown-ups) to explore feelings and learn new ways to express them. Visitors stroll through 11 interactive stations, such as "Holding Hands" — where you need a friend or relative to help you reveal the secret message. "XOXO" (www.ahml.info/xoxo) runs through March 31, although it has two special times for families with a member on the autism spectrum. Register at 847-870-3295 if you'd like to visit during the sensory-friendly times: 1-3 p.m. Tuesday or 9-11 a.m. March 4. At Arlington Heights Memorial Library, 500 N. Dunton Ave., Arlington Heights. Free. tinyurl.com/yc8b6xpp

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CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

What makes ice cream taste so good? Families with kids 4-10 find out about the ingredients that produce delicious flavors, from various fruits to the vanilla bean, which comes from orchids. Advance registration recommended. 9:30-11 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m. Sunday (repeats Feb. 24) at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe. \$24 per child, adults free (limit of two kids per adult). tinyurl.com/y9av38ag

Wednesday

'MAGIC TREE HOUSE: SHOWTIME WITH SHAKESPEARE'

Time-traveling protagonists Jack and Annie go way back this time — all the way back to Shakespearean England — where they help the Bard put on a show, hip-hop style. It's another adaptation of a tale from the Magic Tree House series, last visited by Emerald City Theatre in 2015-16, when the company took us to Jazz Age New Orleans. At 10:15 a.m. Wednesday and Friday, 10:30 a.m. Saturday (with additional performances scheduled through Feb. 25) at Apollo Theater, 2540 N. Lincoln Ave. \$29-\$40. tinyurl.com/yclt4jff

MESSY ART DAY

Making art can get messy, so why not let somebody else host the sloppy painting-and-craft party? Elk Grove Park District's popular Jumps 'n' Jiggles hosts Messy Art Day, so all you have to do is bring your little ones and a smock. Admission includes all the regular fun of the circus-themed play room (including

a maze and a spiral slide) and rides on the carousel. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Jumps 'n' Jiggles, 1000 Wellington Ave., Elk Grove Village. \$5 (free for babies 12 months old and under). tinyurl.com/y9nf7osd

Friday

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE: EXPLORING MARS

This popular program brings together journalists, scientists and explorers to discuss their areas of expertise, complete with stunning photos and videos projected onto a big screen. Hosted in past years in the Loop at Goodman Theatre, NatGeo Live has moved to the College of DuPage. First up in the three-topic series (www.atthemac.org/national-geographic-live/): the latest in Mars exploration, courtesy of NASA's Kobie Boykins. (Coming next, April 6, is a deep dive into the Grand Canyon.) 2 and 7:30 p.m. at the McAninch Arts Center, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn (on the College of DuPage campus). \$26-\$36; \$5 for students with ID when pur-

chased at the box office. tinyurl.com/y8k2gq78

FAMILY VALENTINE DINNER & MOVIE DATE

Celebrate the upcoming red-hearts holiday with the whole family at this Chicago Park District event, which encourages fancy attire to make the evening extra special. Bargain admission includes dinner, dessert and a screening of Disney's classic fairy-tale romance "Cinderella." Advance registration recommended. Event begins at 6 p.m., movie at 6:30 at Indian Boundary Park, 2500 W. Lunt Ave. \$5. tinyurl.com/y7aumjey

REEL SCIENCE: 'WALL-E'

Get your sci-fi flicks with an extra helping of the "sci" during Adler Planetarium's Reel Science series. Arrive early and get cozy — you can even stretch out on bean-bag-style chairs near the big screen in the Johnson Star Theater (on the planetarium's lower level). Adults can enjoy a trivia contest before the movie; afterward, stick around for a post-screening discussion. We expect an all-ages chat this time around, since the movie in question is the G-rated Pixar masterpiece "Wall-E," about a future when humans flee the planet due to pollution. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., pre-show trivia at 6, movie at 6:30 at the Adler Planetarium, 1300 S. Lake Shore Drive. \$15, \$12 for kids 11 and under. tinyurl.com/zz99nhp

Saturday

LAMBS FARM'S 'SWEETS FOR SWEETIE' PARTY

Visitors to Lambs Farm on Saturday should make a point to pop over to the cafe, even if you're not hungry. It's a Valentine-themed craft extravaganza, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., where you can make your own cards for free. Lots of the crafts involve delicious edibles, such as decorating a sugar cookie, dipping Oreos or making candy kebabs; those are priced a la carte, \$2-\$4. And if you need something savory, take a seat for the breakfast or lunch buffets. At Magnolia Cafe & Bakery inside Lambs Farm, 14245 W. Rockland Road, Libertyville. No cover charge. tinyurl.com/yde35893

STORYTIME WITH DRAG QUEENS: VALENTINE'S EDITION

The new trend for children's story time is extra fun: Have drag queens host! With Valentine's Day just a few days



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Tunes with Tim is the persona of Tim Bredrup, who specializes in music for the pre-K set.

away, drag queens return to Andersonville's favorite indie book store, to read books with a focus on love. 11:30 a.m. at Women and Children First, 5233 N. Clark St. Free to attend. tinyurl.com/y83942l8

GLOBAL CONNECTIONS: INTERNATIONAL CARNIVALE CELEBRATION

Fans of Navy Pier's wintertime Neighborhoods of the World will be disappointed to know the weekly series isn't returning — but there's good news too: In its place comes Global Connections, a spinoff event with a similarly minded international flair. Three times in February and March, the first edition focuses on the countries known for their Carnivale celebrations, including Brazil and the twin islands of Trinidad and Tobago. Expect live music, dance and art from these cultures, along with cuisine (available for purchase). The all-ages event runs 1-5 p.m. inside Aon Grand Ballroom, at the eastern end of Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave. Free. tinyurl.com/ybhj496l

WINTER CHILLY FEST

Hayrides in the woods, campfires and hot cocoa are just a few of the pleasures awaiting families at this annual Skokie Park District fundraiser. If the winter weather is doing what it should, ice skating and snowshoeing are on the agenda too. Winter Chilly Fest is so popular, it happens twice: 4-8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Dinner is optional and perfect for the season: turkey or vegetarian chili with cornbread. At Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel

St., Skokie. \$6 without dinner; \$11-\$13 with dinner for adults, or \$8-\$10 for kids 9 and under. tinyurl.com/y8aj9e2p

TILT AND TAILS

Here's a Valentine's event with a twist — or at least a tail. 360 Chicago (the observation deck at the Hancock) and Alive Rescue hope your family will fall in love with a pet. Some of Alive Rescue's adoptable dogs will be hanging out near the top of the Hancock Building from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. The event coincides with the regular Sunday Funday (tinyurl.com/mv2vpqm), when kids get half-price admission 9 a.m.-4 p.m., with magic and storytelling 1-3 p.m. Even if you don't adopt, your visit benefits the shelter, which gets a portion of the day's general admission. At 360 Chicago (the 94th floor of the John Hancock Center), 875 N. Michigan Ave. \$21, \$7 for kids 3-11; \$10.50/\$3.50 for Chicago residents with valid IDs. tinyurl.com/yb2a4npc

Sunday

CONCERTS FOR KIDS: TUNES WITH TIM

Tunes with Tim is the kindie persona of Tim Bredrup, who specializes in music for the pre-K set. Check out a sampling of Tim's music on his site (tuneswithtim.com/video/), then catch his Concerts for Kids set. Doors open at 11 a.m., concert at noon at Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave. \$6-\$7. tinyurl.com/y9d9tu05

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5 ways to realistically change your poor eating habits

BY ALISON BOWEN
Chicago Tribune

Many people consider a new relationship with food in the new year.

But beginning an Instagram-popular diet like Whole 30, or trying to reduce your sugar intake, often seems intimidating with all it requires. Reading and listing all those ingredients. Dedicating time at the grocery store. Cooking regularly.

Last week, U.S. News & World Report ranked the best diets for 2018, tying the Mediterranean and DASH diets on top. Both are flexible and don't require drastic food-group reductions.

Kathryn McMurry, a nutrition coordinator at the National Institutes of Health, which designed the DASH diet, said it was created to test the effects of nutrition for lowering blood pressure.

And she has good news — it recommends starting small. You don't need to clear out the entire pantry or restock the entire fridge.

"What we recommend are small gradual changes," she said. "Small changes are more sustainable; they're more likely to stick. You're more likely to stick with them."

Here are a few small steps you can take to change your eating habits:

First, decide your goals.

"It can really seem overwhelming and confusing because there's so many different options in healthy eating," McMurry said. Whether you want to reduce your risk for heart disease or lose weight, different diets exist for different purposes. Taking stock of what you want to accomplish can lead you toward the right food plan for you.

Start with adding in one new food. Buying one



SARAH VANTASSEL

Lindsey Smith writes about food and healthy emotions surrounding eating on her blog, Food Mood Girl.

new food item at the grocery store is one way Lindsey Smith revised her eating habits. Smith is the author of "Eat Your Feelings: The Food Mood Girl's Guide to Transforming Your Emotional Eating." While seeking a better relationship with food, she experimented with one new thing a week, trying a new recipe or vegetable. Trying too much at once can backfire, she said. "They spend \$150 on fruits and vegetables, and they don't eat half of them."

Avoid wasting time and money by incorporating a bit at a time. With the DASH diet, for example, McMurry recommends that if you eat one or two vegetables a day, add a serving at lunch and dinner. Substitute brown rice instead of white, whole grain bread instead of white.

Be flexible. Find and keep flavors you enjoy.

Just because a friend posts perfectly planned meals doesn't mean that's your route to food salvation. If meal planning isn't for you, don't force it. Getting rid of everything gluten in your pantry might leave you feeling stressed two weeks later. Steer clear of actions that fill you with guilt. "Our bodies are complex, and we tend to crave things at

different times," said Smith. "So many of us think that it has to be rigid." Find flavors you enjoy and incorporate them. "If you find yourself feeling deprived of foods that you love, then eventually you're going to rebel and go back to the less healthy habits," McMurry said. So if you love macaroni and cheese, maybe make it with low-fat cheese and skim milk and eat a smaller serving, instead. You can even try the NIH's recipe.

If you go big, keep it temporary.

Some diets tell people to avoid whole food groups, notes McMurry. "They're OK for a short period of time, but what we really like to promote about DASH is it's a heart-healthy eating plan for life and part of a healthy lifestyle," she said. Ideally, find something you can sustain. But if you try a diet that eliminates entire food groups, consider it a chance to see how the absence of those foods affects your body during that time. "What we want is to move something that's very sustainable," McMurry said.

Get a buddy or a coach.

Someone to share goals and check in with can offer a boost. Consider connecting with a coach, like one with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, where you can put in a ZIP code and find an expert. Even meeting with someone once might be worthwhile — these are people, after all, trained in nutrition who can discuss what you like to eat and come up with a plan. Some insurance plans might cover the cost, McMurry said. "If people are trying to do it all on their own, it can be really overwhelming."

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What's next for Black Lives Matter

Co-founder of group says she hopes book will spur people to take action

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Consider this passage from “When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir” by Patrisse Khan-Cullors and Asha Bandele:

In the city of Los Angeles, almost 50 percent of all homicides go unsolved and gang injunctions did absolutely nothing to stave off violence in the street. Protection wasn't the goal no matter what anyone said.

In the state of California a human being is killed by a police officer roughly every 72 hours. Sixty-three percent of these people killed by police are Black or Latinx.

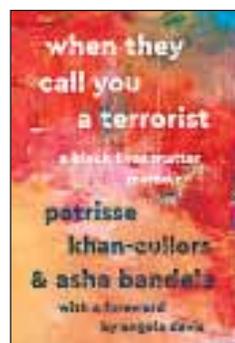
Black people, six percent of the California population, are targeted and killed at five

times the rate of whites, and three times the rate of Latinxs, who have the largest number of people killed by police.

Who is protected? Who is served?

This is the question that Black Lives Matter co-founder Khan-Cullors poses.

Co-authored with Bandele, the book gives readers a glimpse into Khan-Cullors' childhood in Van Nuys, Calif., during the 1990s — bookmarked with family and friends — against a back-



'When They Call You a Terrorist'

By Patrisse Khan-Cullors and Asha Bandele, St. Martin's, 272 pages, \$24.99

drop of a justice system that “criminalized a generation.”

The memoir explores how she was affected by police, mass incarceration, lack of community resources and underemployment. Her life serves as a window into how marginalized neighborhoods are under constant systemic attack. The Inglewood resident is hoping readers walk away from her book ready to commit to action.

“I don't want people to just see this as entertainment, something that makes them feel good about their own lives, but rather see this as an opportunity to be a part of this movement moment. I think that would be really incredible,” Khan-Cullors said.

With 40 chapters around the globe (most of those chapters are stateside),



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Patrisse Khan-Cullors gives readers a glimpse into her childhood in California and her early impressions of police.

Black Lives Matter is doing some of its most innovative work right now, Khan-Cullors said.

“We're in a position to take stock over what has happened over the last several years and to really understand that there are new ways of showing up in this political moment,” she said. “This is a long-haul fight. We can't save the world, but we can impact how the world is saved.”

We talked with Khan-Cullors in a recent phone interview about her book and plans for the Black Lives Matter movement in 2018. The conversation has been edited for space and clarity.

Q: “When They Call You a Terrorist” is the title of your book. How did it come about?

A: We are actually trying to interrogate who is causing terror against who. As we describe in the book, (through) the experiences of so many black people and my experience, we realized that what we're trying to do is survive. Law enforcement is making that more and more difficult and often terrorizing our communities, so I think we have to be vigilant about what we allow them to call us.

Q: Was this book more about opening the eyes of others to the movement or more about getting this narrative off your chest?

A: Both. I think this was about giving people more clarity on who we are, who I am and why this movement would be incredibly important for me — not just politically, but personally. It's also for young black girls who grew up in neighborhoods that were full of poverty, that were full of pain and trauma, and didn't know where to find themselves or see themselves. We don't get to hear a narrative about young black girls. If you think about the many narratives that have come out about what it means to grow up black and poor, it's mostly about being a black man and poor. It's not about being a black woman and poor. But I also think there's a deep desire for me to communicate with folks across the globe about anti-black racism and the real, visceral impact it has on our families.

Q: You pose a question in the book: How will we survive a Trump presidency? How will the movement survive?

A: I think we survive it by being focused on what the long-term game plan is for the fight for black lives, when we center those most marginalized and fight for them — fight for their stories, fight for their lives. I think we survive it when we take care of each other, when we spend the time to hold space for one another, for our grief, our rage, our curiosities. I think that's really important.

Q: How is Black Lives Matter showing up in 2018?

A: Two ways: locally. We think the local makes the national. So across the country, you will see BLM chapters working on local elections and bringing forward ballot initiatives like voter restoration, trying to stop the mass incarceration of black people, challenging (Attorney General) Jeff Sessions' obsession with re-boosting the war on drugs. We are simultaneously figuring out what the next steps are for our movement. There are just so many different avenues that BLM has taken, and I think it's really powerful.

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Touching story by Eggers, but is it right for this moment?

BY MICHAEL LINDGREN
Special to the Washington Post

This heartwarming story of a man who surmounts immense obstacles to start his own coffee company is what certified literary good guy Dave Eggers does best: a true account of a scrappy underdog, told in a lively, accessible style.

Mokhtar Alkhanshali, the subject of “The Monk of Mokha,” is an extraordinary man. A San Francisco-born Yemeni-American raised in the then-hardscrabble Tenderloin district, Alkhanshali was well on his way to a life of petty crime when he hit upon the idea of exporting coffee from his ancestral homeland.

As Eggers details with evident admiration, Alkhanshali employed a combination of street smarts, hustle and tenacity to raise a modest stake, talk his way into the fringes of the coffee business and, finally, travel to Yemen to tour the nation’s erratic, but promising, coffee bean farms. Along the way, the reader receives a brisk mini-education in the intricacies of coffee, from roasting techniques that bring out “more than eight hundred different aroma and taste components” to the grueling study required to become a certified “Q grader,” or professional arbiter of coffee quality.

Alkhanshali is equable in the face of every challenge — he passes his Q test — and his dream is about to become reality. But then the Houthis coup of early 2015 throws Yemen into civil war. Alkhanshali is trapped in the country with “the best beans grown in Yemen in eighty years” — unable to book passage to a crucial trade show in Seattle.

The last third of the book details Alkhanshali’s hair-raising plan to escape by whatever means come to hand, and it is absolutely as gripping and cinematically dramatic as any fictional cliffhanger. Alkhanshali and his two companions must drive through firefights and enemy lines, bluffing their way through heavily armed checkpoints and more than once facing summary execution. (“I have plenty of dead men on my conscience,” one sinister vigilante tells him at gunpoint. “I killed two of you earlier today.”)

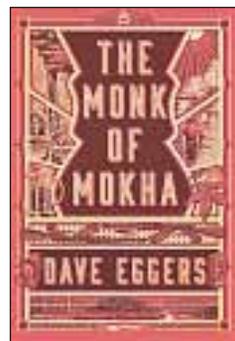
Throughout the entire bravura sequence, Alkhanshali displays a cool head, quick thinking and unstoppable amounts



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Dave Eggers’ book tells of a Yemeni-American seeking to export coffee from his homeland.

An extraordinary immigrant tale



‘The Monk of Mokha’

By Dave Eggers,
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of straight-up courage. To say more would give away too much, but the denouement has the hard-earned emotional weight of the improbable underdog made good.

In choosing Alkhanshali as his subject, Eggers has hit on a surefire crowd-pleaser, embodying as he does the great assimilationist virtues of hard work and entrepreneurial savvy. Only a hardened cynic, a

truly crabbed and ungenerous spirit, would be able to resist this tale.

Unfortunately, one such person is writing this review. The problem with Eggers’ book is not in its execution, which is superb, but with its conception. Eggers, of course, means to use his celebrity platform to give a leg up to a worthy unknown, which is commendable but faintly discomfiting. In the end, appropriating a person of color’s experience this way feels a tad patronizing.

Yes, that objection feels fundamentally unfair. Eggers spent years writing this book, and his own cameo near the end is a warm and modest grace note. And yet somehow the ventriloquism doesn’t sit well. However unwittingly, it makes “The Monk of Mokha” an example of the Trope of the Exceptional Immigrant, in which an extraordinary person of color or foreign origin is held up as a rebuke to racism or xenophobia.



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Best-selling author Dave Eggers.

It is an attractive strategy — think of all the brilliant writers who made defiant declarations of their “shithole” origins recently — but it conceals an ethical trap: the implication that only the talented (or profitmaking!) truly belong in America, while the destitute and broken can be turned away. To accept a man with the grit and drive of Mokhtar Alkhanshali into your community, to celebrate his success, is hardly the mark of an advanced moral society.

In addition, Eggers’ narrative expresses a curiously limited conception of the American Dream. Eggers is an honorable and generous man, but it is dismaying to realize that his hero, his successful man of the times, is not a civil rights lawyer, or a union leader, or — God forbid — a writer, but a California startup entrepreneur selling a new strain of artisanal delicacy.

This blithe embrace of aspirational consumer capitalism colors the narrative in uneasy ways. In a telling scene near the end of the book, Alkhanshali buys one of the posh apartments in the fancy building where he used to work as a lowly doorman, and this status symbol is presented as being of the essence of his achievement. We are meant to cheer, or perhaps weep, when he shows the place off to his disbelieving parents.

Something is out of tune here. Both Eggers’ appropriation of narrative and choice of belle ideal feel — it hurts to say it — very 2010. In 2018 our dreams, as well as our nightmares, are bigger than this.

Michael Lindgren is a frequent contributor to *The Washington Post*.



GETTY

The wrong way to sort books

Place them alphabetically or by genre but never with the spines turned backward

BY JOHN WARNER
Chicago Tribune

If you're a book lover, you can't help but acquire a lot of books — books that you want to keep forever, but that also take up space and require proper storage and organization.

As an expert, I will now offer a definitive take on the care and treatment of books.

Q: What's the right way to organize and display your books in the home?

A: There is no single right way to organize your books at home, but there is one wrong way.

Q: Can I organize my books by genre?

A: Absolutely.

Q: How about alphabetically?

A: This is also acceptable. Even better is to organize alphabetically by genre.

Q: What about paperbacks and hardcovers? Do I mix them?

A: Generally, hardcovers and paperbacks should be shelved with their own kind. Shelving by genre and then alphabetically within the genre is fine, and you may be as creative with your personal genre categories as you like. I have a shelf

of signed books, where the genres may be mixed. I have another of books by friends and another (smaller) one of books by enemies. I also have a shelf in the living room mentally labeled as "Grab in case of fire," which mixes various genres of fiction as well as nonfiction.

Just keep in mind your shelving has two purposes: to allow you to find the books you desire and to impress people who visit your house. There is no single right way to organize your books, but there is a wrong way.

Q: What about that thing where people turn the spines backward so the paper ends stick out, creating a monochromatic effect?

A: This is the wrong way to store and display books. Do not do this no matter how many times you see it in a style and design magazine touting it as "fashion forward." I'm pretty sure this is illegal anyway.

Q: Really? Like actually against the law? That seems unlikely.

A: If it isn't illegal, it should be. It is an abomination. Let us not speak of it again.

Q: Is there any room in which it's inappropriate to display books?

A: No. Books are appropriate for every room.

Q: Even the bathroom?

A: Especially the bathroom. What do you spend so much time doing in there if you don't have any books?

Q: What are some places where I might keep books that I might not be thinking of?

A: Under the bed.

Q: Really? That doesn't seem like a good place to display books.

A: This is true, but storing the books under the bed may be necessary if your spouse has expressed a wish to limit the number of new books you're acquiring because every room in the house (including the bathroom) contains many books already.

Out of sight, out of mind, at least until your spouse drops something on the floor, looks under the bed and wonders what the heck all those books are doing under there.

Q: And what am I supposed to say then?

A: What books?

Q: Does that work?

A: Of course not, but it may give you enough time to think of something better.

Q: I really have too many books and not enough places to put them. Is it OK to get rid of books?

A: It is always permissible to give books away to other readers, provided you know the books are going to a good home.

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. "Girl in a Band" by Kim Gordon
 2. "The Whiz Mob and the Grenadine Kid" by Colin Meloy
 3. "The Tommyknockers" by Stephen King
 4. "I Am Malala" by Malala Yousafzai
 5. "The Hour I First Believed" by Wally Lamb
- Ali M., Chicago

Two books by rock musicians (Gordon of Sonic Youth and Meloy of The Decembrists), plus a charter member of author band The Rock Bottom Remainers (Stephen King). In that spirit, a recommendation of a book by Willy Vlautin, who is both a fine singer-songwriter and a novelist with an amazing ability to render the interior lives of his characters: "Motel Life" is the one.

1. "The Life We Bury" by Allen Eskens
 2. "Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate
 3. "The Precipice" by Paul Doiron
 4. "We Were Strangers Once" by Betsy Carter
 5. "The Ninth Hour" by Alice McDermott
- Elaine K., Hopkinton, Mass.

When I read it, this was a novel I thought would contend for prizes the year of its release (2016), but it's slipped away, as so many worthy books do, for no reason other than the luck of the draw: "Heat & Light" by Jennifer Haigh.

1. "The Trespasser" by Tana French
 2. "Redemption Road" by John Hart
 3. "Iron House" by John Hart
 4. "Mr. Mercedes" by Stephen King
 5. "The Last Child" by John Hart
- Martin W., Chicago

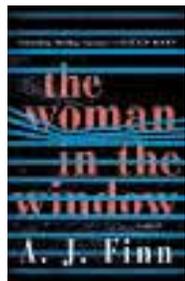
These are all mysteries, but they're bigger and deeper stories than just the mystery component, so I'm recommending a non-mystery that seems to hit some of the same themes: "Daredevils" by Shawn Vestal.

Get a reading from the Biblioracle

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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. **"Fall from Grace: A Novel"** by Danielle Steel (Delacorte, \$28.99) *Last week: —*

3. **"Origin: A Novel"** by Dan Brown (Doubleday, \$29.95) *Last week: 4*

4. **"Little Fires Everywhere"** by Celeste Ng (Penguin, \$27) *Last week: 6*

5. **"The Rooster Bar: A Novel"** by John Grisham (Doubleday, \$28.95) *Last week: 5*

6. **"The Immortalists"** by Chloe Benjamin (Putnam, \$26) *Last week: 7*

7. **"Before We Were Yours: A Novel"** by Lisa Wingate (Ballantine, \$26) *Last week: 8*

8. **"The Wife Between Us: A Novel"** by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen (St. Martin's, \$26.99) *Last week: 9*

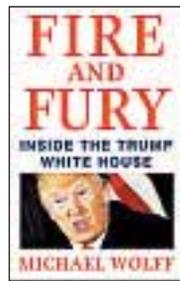
9. **"City of Endless Night: An Agent Pendergast Novel"** by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child (Grand Central, \$28) *Last week: 2*

10. **"The Midnight Line: A Jack Reacher Novel"** by Lee Child (Delacorte, \$28.99) *Last week: —*

For the week ended Jan. 2, compiled from data from independent and chain bookstores, book wholesalers and independent distributors nationwide.

— Publishers Weekly

HARDCOVER NONFICTION



1. **"Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House"** by Michael Wolff (Henry Holt, \$30) *Last week: 1*

2. **"12 Rules for Life: An Antidote to Chaos"** by Jordan B. Peterson (Random House Canada, \$25.95) *Last week: —*

3. **"All-American Murder: The Rise and Fall of Aaron Hernandez, the Superstar Whose Life Ended on Murderers' Row"** by James Patterson and Alex Abramovich (Little, Brown, \$28) *Last week: —*

4. **"Rise and Grind: Outperform, Outwork, and Out hustle Your Way to a More Successful and Rewarding Life"** by Daymond John (Currency, \$27) *Last week: —*

5. **"The Whole30 Fast & Easy Cookbook: 150 Simply Delicious Everyday Recipes for Your Whole30"** by Melissa Hartwig (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$30) *Last week: 7*

6. **"Astrophysics for People in a Hurry"** by Neil deGrasse Tyson (Norton, \$18.95) *Last week: 4*

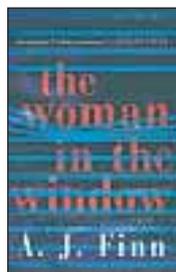
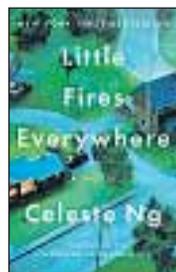
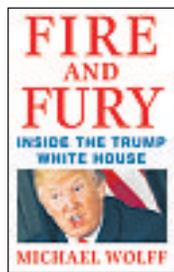
7. **"Leonardo da Vinci"** by Walter Isaacson (Simon & Schuster, \$35) *Last week: 5*

8. **"Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World"** by Max Lucado (Thomas Nelson, \$22.99) *Last week: 10*

9. **"Principles: Life and Work"** by Ray Dalio (Simon & Schuster, \$30) *Last week: —*

10. **"Make Your Bed: Little Things That Can Change Your Life ... And Maybe the World"** by William H. McRaven (Grand Central, \$18) *Last week: 8*

CHICAGOLAND BEST-SELLERS



1. **"Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House"** by Michael Wolff (Holt, \$30)

2. **"Little Fires Everywhere"** by Celeste Ng (Penguin, \$27)

3. **"The Woman in the Window: A Novel"** by A.J. Finn (William Morrow, \$26.99)

4. **"A Gentleman in Moscow: A Novel"** by Amor Towles (Viking, \$27)

5. **"Advice Not Given: A Guide to Getting Over Yourself"** by Mark Epstein (Penguin, \$26)

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ANYA KAMENETZ

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New Trier High School
385 Winnetka Ave., Winnetka
847 446-8880
www.familyactionnetwork.com

The Family Action Network (FAN) and The Book Stall present **ANYA KAMENETZ**, NPR's lead education blogger, at a talk based on her new book **"The Art of Screen Time: How Your Family Can Balance Digital Media and Real Life."** As an expert on education and technology, as well as a mother of two young children, she takes a refreshingly practical look at the subject.

THURSDAY EVENTS



COURTNEY SHEINMEL

The Kindness Club: Designed by Lucy
Thursday, February 8 at 7 pm
Anderson's Bookshop
5112 Main St. Downers Grove
630-963-2665
www.andersonsbookshop.com

Anderson's Bookshop in Downers Grove welcomes **Courtney Sheinmel** with her new middle grade book (now in paperback), **The Kindness Club: Designed by Lucy**. 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**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CAROLYN CRIMI, RACHEL RUIZ & TAMMI SAUER

Do You Want to Create a Picture Book?
Sunday, Feb. 11 at 2 pm
The Book Stall
811 Elm St., Winnetka
847 446-8880
www.thebookstall.com

The Book Stall presents **CAROLYN CRIMI, RACHEL RUIZ & TAMMI SAUER** at a **"Do You Want to Create a Picture Book?"** workshop for adult writers and illustrators who are considering or working on picture book projects. Each will talk about her latest project and how it came to fruition. This event is co-sponsored by the North Suburban Chapter of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI).

UPCOMING EVENTS



TAVI GEVINSON

Rookie on Love
Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 7 pm
The Book Stall
811 Elm St., Winnetka
847 446-8880
www.thebookstall.com

The Book Stall hosts an evening with **TAVI GEVINSON**, founder and editor-in-chief of "Rookie," the online magazine for teenage girls, and a sought-after speaker and actress. Her critically acclaimed new book is **"Rookie on Love,"** featuring work from a cross-section of American culture. Tickets (required) available at eventbrite.com.



ERIN HUNTER

Bravelands #2: Code of Honor
Tuesday, February 6 at 7 pm
Anderson's Bookshop
26 S. La Grange Rd. La Grange
708-582-6353
www.andersonsbookshop.com

Anderson's Bookshop in La Grange hosts middle grade author **Erin Hunter** with her new book, **Bravelands #2: Code of Honor**. This event is free and open to the public. To join the signing line, please purchase the author's featured book at **Anderson's Bookshop**.



TEREASA SURRATT & DONNA LUKAS

The Forever Tree
Thursday, February 8 at 7 pm
Anderson's Bookshop
123 W. Jefferson Ave. Naperville
630-355-2665
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Anderson's Bookshop in Naperville welcomes **Tereasa Surratt & Donna Lukas** sharing their new picture book, **The Forever Tree**. The event is free and open to the public. To join the booksigning line, please purchase the authors' featured title at **Anderson's Bookshop**.

DANA SUSKIND

Thirty Million Words: Building a Child's Brain
Monday, Feb. 12 at 7 pm
Stevenson High School
1 Stevenson Drive, Lincolnshire
224 543-1485
eventbrite.com

The Vernon Area Public Library and The Book Stall present Dr. **DANA SUSKIND**, professor of surgery and pediatrics at the University of Chicago, for a talk on the subject of her book **"Thirty Million Words: Building a Child's Brain,"** about brain development in the young child and the importance of language. Free and open to the public, but registration required at eventbrite.com, by calling 224 543-1485, or at the library.

WEDNESDAY EVENTS



KENNETH & SARAH JANE WRIGHT

Lola Dutch
Wednesday, February 7 at 6 pm
Anderson's Bookshop
26 S. La Grange Rd. La Grange
708-582-6353
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Anderson's Bookshop in La Grange welcomes **Kenneth & Sarah Jane Wright** with their new picture book, **Lola Dutch**. The event is free and open to the public. To join the booksigning line, please purchase the authors' featured title at **Anderson's Bookshop**.



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LEAH ESKIN
Home on the Range

Extra means more, as well as more than more. Tired of sidekick duty, chiming in on extra special and extra clean, extra is going solo. “She’s extra,” adults should note, means excessive.

Snide isn’t a full-time gig. Extra still works its day job, cheering on adjectives, redoubling the efforts of nouns. It notes that gnocchi, delicious solo, are extra delicious paired with extra elements, like spicy greens, toasted mushrooms and truffle salt. The combo adds up to more than the sum of its parts. In a word, it’s extraordinary.

Gnocchi with greens

Prep: 30 minutes

Cook: 1 minute

Makes: 3 servings

- Gnocchi:
- 1 large (¾ pound) russet potato, scrubbed
 - 1 egg yolk
 - ½ teaspoon kosher salt
 - Freshly ground nutmeg
 - Up to ½ cup cake flour
- For toasting:
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
 - 2 tablespoons olive oil
 - 1 cup sliced white mushrooms
 - 2 teaspoons rosemary, fresh or dried, chopped
- To finish:
- 3 ounces baby arugula
 - Vinaigrette (recipe follows)
 - Truffle salt
 - Parmesan cheese, in a chunk

1 Bake: Stab potato twice with a sharp knife. Bake at 425 degrees until tender when squeezed, 55-60 minutes. Alternatively, zap tender 5-6 minutes. Halve baked potato and press through a potato ricer. Discard skin.

2 Mix: Drop yolk onto potatoes, scatter on ½ teaspoon salt and a few grates of nutmeg. Stir with a fork, just to combine. Sprinkle on 2 or 3 tablespoons flour, and mix gently to form a soft dough, adding flour as needed — you may only need half the flour.

3 Roll: Divide dough in four. On a floured surface, roll each portion into a ¾-inch-thick rope. Slice crosswise into 1-inch segments. Flip pieces over a fork, tines resting on table. Roll each gnocco down the back of the fork, pressing lightly, to imprint grooves.

4 Boil: Drop gnocchi into simmering salted water in batches. Gnocchi will sink, then, in about 1 minute, float. Count 10 seconds. Scoop out with a slotted spoon and cool on a kitchen towel.

5 Sizzle: In a wide skillet, heat butter and oil over medium. Slide in gnocchi and mushrooms; sprinkle with rosemary. Toss until golden brown, 3-4 minutes. Pull out with a slotted spoon, and toss with half the vinaigrette.

6 Plate: Toss greens with vinaigrette to taste. Heap on each of 3 plates. Spoon gnocchi and mushrooms on top. Sprinkle with truffle salt. Carve on some Parmesan curls. Enjoy.

Vinaigrette: Let 2 tablespoons chopped red onion mellow in 1 ½ tablespoons red wine vinegar for 20 minutes. Whisk in 1 ½ tablespoons olive oil, ¾ teaspoon Dijon mustard, ¼ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes and a little garlic mashed with salt.

Japanese distillers turn to gin; results are complex, aromatic

BY LISA FUTTERMAN
Chicago Tribune

Gin’s worldwide popularity has recently spiked, so it’s no wonder that Japanese distillers who once expertly flooded the market with premium whiskeys are trying their hand at gin. We tasted two that are available in the Chicago market. They are hard to find but worth seeking out.

Nikka Coffey Gin hails from an elite Japanese whiskey distillery in Sendai on the island of Honshu. The Miyagikyo distillery, established in 1969, is the second of the Nikka distilleries. Equipped with three types of stills, the artisans distill the spirit in three parts and then blend them later, an elaborate process that helps get the most flavor and aroma out of all the ingredients. Corn and malt are distilled in Coffey stills, continuous column stills imported from Scotland, while a mix of Japanese citrus and apples goes through a hand-fed coal pot still. More traditional gin botanicals like juniper and coriander, plus the native sansho pepper, are extracted in a vacuum still.

The result is a remarkable gin that is citrus-forward and fruity, with complex apple-y and floral notes and a menthol-like finish. Because of Nikka gin’s aggressive depth of flavor, it does best in simple, gin-forward cocktails, and many Chicago bars are presenting it as such. At Sable, Nikka gets paired with tonic in a generous Spanish-style gin and tonic, served in a goblet garnished with apple slices and Thai basil. RPM Steak features an elegant Nikka gimlet on its cocktail list, and Sushi San offers the option of spiking



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house-made rose hibiscus shrub soda with a shot of the high-proof Japanese spirit.

Made at Kyoto Distillery since 2015, Ki No Bi Gin starts with a spirit base made from local rice, with unique native botanicals like yuzu, ginger, gyokuro green tea, shiso and the tongue-numbing green sansho pepper. Similar to the Nikka process, each type of botanical is extracted separately and then blended later. Although Ki No Bi’s aroma resembles that of a more classic style of gin, the flavor is delicate and herbal, the mouthfeel soft and rich. Industry vets Marcin Miller and David Croll founded Kyoto Distillery,

the country’s first for craft gin, “to combine our love of gin and our obsession with Japanese culture,” says Miller, “to pioneer an entirely new category.” The premium, high-alcohol gin pleases both the Japanese and export markets.

Miller says he thinks Ki No Bi is best enjoyed “straight from the freezer in a naked martini with a yuzu twist.” If naked spir- its are not your style, try it in a Gin and Sonic, in which half the tonic water is replaced with soda to lighten the drink and show off the clean Japanese-inflected flavors.

Lisa Futterman is a freelance writer.

SOCIAL GRACES

You dislike how your partner dresses. What to do?

BY CHRISTEN A. JOHNSON

Chicago Tribune

Q: You don't like the way your partner dresses, but you don't want to sound insulting. Should you say something about needing a new look?

This depends on the dynamics of the relationship. There are people you can be completely honest

with, some you should be careful with, and others you may have to keep opinions from altogether.

If you have the kind of relationship in which you can be honest, it's OK to say your partner needs a new look. But remember to be positive. Say, "That length, cut, color, etc., doesn't seem to be working, but you always look good in this." Not only are you being complimentary, you're offering an alternative.

If you don't feel comfortable giving honest feedback, when your partner does wear something good, even if one detail has changed, over-compliment that. Emphasize it's the style and not the article of clothing itself. Your partner will feel good and want to wear more things like that.

— Jen Ublasi, stylist and wardrobe consultant

The very best way to address this issue is to give

your partner a spa and makeover day. Line up personal shoppers at his or her favorite clothing stores. The caveat: You must offer to foot the bill!

Set reasonable expectations about your budget before the shopping experience. And go along — your partner will love it.

Saying things like, "I'd like to change you," or "You should change your hairstyle, clothing, etc.," can make your partner feel

criticized and insecure. The best way to suggest a change is to shop together and give words of affirmation when your partner is wearing what you enjoy.

— Lauren Frances, relationship expert

Social Graces is a series asking two experts for advice on awkward situations.

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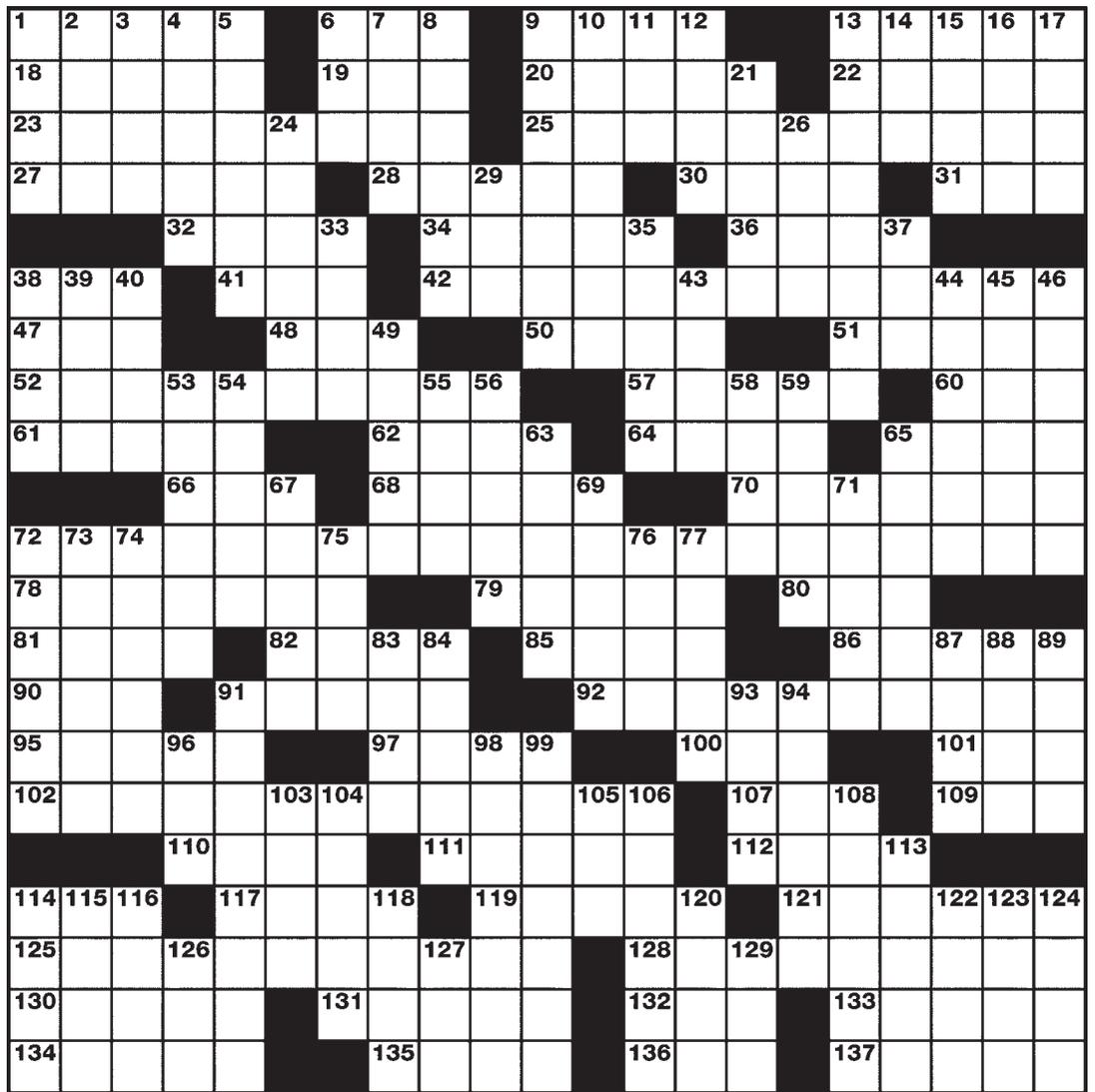
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- 24 Box in
- 26 Remarkable thing
- 29 Tulsa sch.
- 33 Response to a sting
- 35 Directional symbol
- 37 Org. producing flossing videos
- 38 Chalet backdrop
- 39 Show sadness
- 40 Pre-euro currency
- 43 Show sadness, with "up"
- 44 Bullfight chant
- 45 Square dance figure
- 46 Two-Oscar Swank
- 49 In great shape
- 53 Toon dog, familiarly
- 54 Chill-inducing
- 55 Roster entry



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- 56 Wipe clean
- 58 Aforementioned
- 59 Strong adhesive
- 63 Santa ___
- 65 Kathmandu native
- 67 Ill-fated energy giant
- 69 Pastel purple
- 71 Scheduled to arrive
- 72 Will Smith, in *Men in Black*
- 73 "I'd prefer someone else"
- 74 Add as an extra
- 75 Latin being
- 76 Infamous emperor
- 77 Getaways
- 83 Composer Schifrin
- 84 Keats or Shelley
- 87 *Cuatro* doubled
- 88 Files litigation
- 89 Edward's adoptive mother in *Twilight*
- 91 Muffled
- 93 Giggling Muppet
- 94 Dislodge with a hoe
- 96 Tell it like it isn't
- 98 Data-sharing computers
- 99 Commends
- 103 Shillelagh land
- 104 Harvests
- 105 Fabric flaw
- 106 Syrian city
- 108 66 Across extractors
- 113 Dieter of rhyme
- 114 Regarding
- 115 Steer clear of
- 116 Apple Watch assistant
- 118 Provided short-term
- 120 Unpleasant aroma
- 122 It's west of the Pacific
- 123 Amount to
- 124 Limb bender
- 126 Sound on MacDonald's farm
- 127 Sushi bar eggs
- 129 Colleagues of MDs

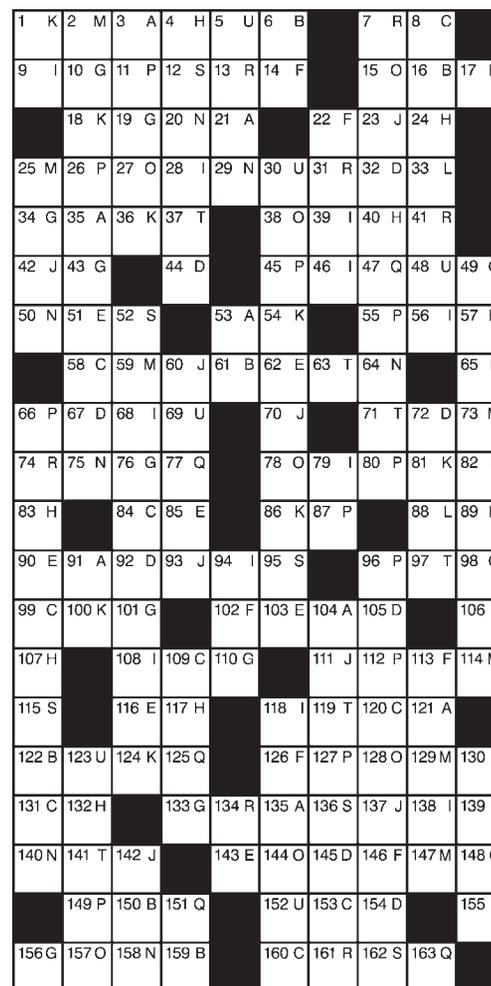
Quote-Acrossic

- Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
- Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
- 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 Words

- A. Military rockets 135 35 104 21 53 3 121 91
- B. Muss, rumple 61 150 16 6 122 159
- C. Therapy system 58 84 120 8 131 160 99 153 109 148
- D. Surprise 44 154 105 67 145 72 32 92
- E. Departed: 2 wds. 51 103 116 143 62 90 85
- F. Not public 126 102 22 113 14 146
- G. The present place and time: 3 wds. 10 110 133 43 19 76 101 49 156 34
- H. Audacity 57 89 117 24 40 107 132 4 17 83
- I. Make trouble: 3 wds. 94 46 9 68 118 56 79 138 39 28 108
- J. Official intermediary 93 137 42 23 142 60 111 70 155

- K. Arcane 1 100 124 54 81 18 86 65 36 139
- L. Muddies by stirring up 82 88 106 130 33
- M. Flash 25 147 59 73 114 129 2
- N. A monarch 140 50 20 75 158 29 64
- O. Artery blockage 27 128 157 15 98 144 38 78
- P. Declaration 127 149 45 96 26 80 11 55 112 66 87
- Q. Rich cake 163 47 151 77 125
- R. Old London prison 41 31 7 13 161 74 134
- S. Ancient Palestine sect 95 115 162 52 12 136
- T. Baseball fast, curving pitch 97 37 119 71 141 63
- U. Takes part: 2 wds. 5 123 48 69 152 30



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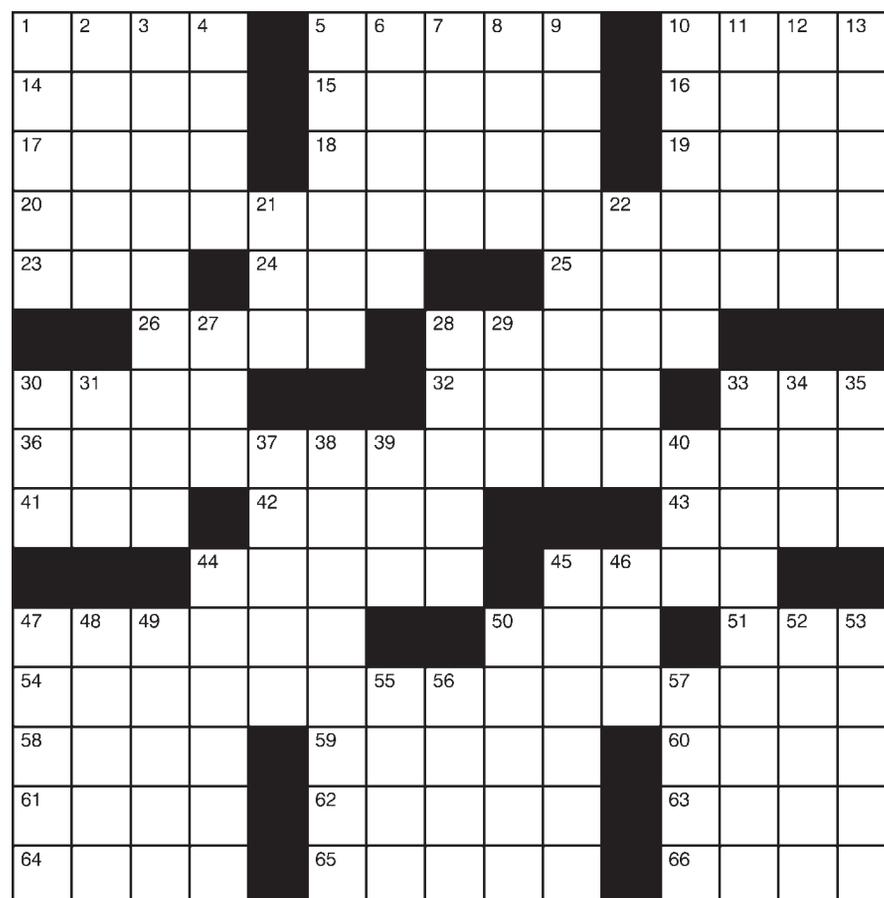
Across

- 1 Jeer
5 "We ___ overcome!"
10 Figs. that most economists watch
14 Source widely cited, if only briefly
15 Type of role
16 Part of LIRR
17 *Thirty ___ Steps*
18 Full of mirth
19 Harem rooms
20 Classic set in the Southern states
23 Eight bits, in currency
24 Hive prefix
25 TX team
26 Haul on wheels
28 Fremantle's neighbor city
30 Elects
32 Grenoble girlfriend
33 First word in Latin?
36 Classic set in Spain
41 *El ___*
42 Flag
43 Omaha Beach craft: abbr.
44 Candle centers
45 Afrikaner marsh

- 47 Join ropes
50 Curriculum vitae, for short
51 Amethyst or zircon, e.g.
54 Classic set in the South Pacific, with *The English children's authoress Blyton*
59 Wipe out
60 Vision additive
61 State in northeastern Brazil
62 Wise one
63 Lapsang and oolong
64 Woodwind part
65 Bridges
66 Punta del ___

Down

- 1 Luscious tropical fruit
2 Gazpacho ingredient
3 Wed, in a way
4 Type of jerk
5 Actor's requirement
6 Papa Doc's island
7 Macao maid
8 Advanced
9 Ladies' man
10 Size appreciation
11 Rock bottom
12 Softly, to Salieri
13 Luges
21 Strife
22 Organic chemical compound
27 Burro
28 Loses color
29 Northern European river
30 Stock abbreviation
31 Greek letter
33 Potential recipients
34 MOMA's counterpart
35 Wild Bill Donovan's org.
37 Upstate New York town
38 Pleasant nature
39 Flood vessel
40 Reunion is one: Fr.
44 Out of breath
45 Spitfires
46 Shorten
47 Blend
48 ___ de Leon
49 Chateau region
50 A native American
52 Brilliance
53 Former attorney general
55 Let go
56 Casa chamber
57 Diminutive suffix



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Wannabe guests won't stop angling for party invitations



JUDITH MARTIN
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: My husband and I give and attend numerous dinner parties, and frequently entertain friends for week-ends at our vacation home.

How do I respond to people we DON'T like who openly ask when they "can expect an invitation" to one of these events? Apparently our politeness has led these people to presume they are more appreciated than is true.

My usual response is "Well, we are pretty booked up for the foreseeable future." After several such instances with no invitation forthcoming, you would think they would understand that it is not going to happen.

Gentle reader: "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again," appears to be their motto. Very well. The aphorism is as useful to you as it is to them.

Repeat your answer as many times as necessary. Etiquette neither requires you to issue the sought invitation nor to vary your response, though Miss Manners allows a masked, if rising, level of pique in your tone with each repetition.

Dear Miss Manners: Every other Tuesday evening, my partner and I host six friends to play an on-going board game. It is not a dinner party (we provide a snack and bottled drinks) but, because many come straight from work, we have let people arrive early and bring their dinner to our house.

However, several attendees have started arriving late and then ordering

food for delivery. This has caused our games to end much too late for a week-night, and the food delivery issue is disruptive.

They also have started helping themselves to plates and glasses from my cupboards, creating a large dishwashing task for me.

What is the correct way to request that guests be fed and ready to play by an appointed time?

Gentle reader: If you were to change the rules of the board game without consultation, you would expect your guests to be confused, if not upset. Why, Miss Manners wonders, do you expect a different result when changing the rules of etiquette?

The game has to start early enough that it apparently precludes a normal meal. Guests are allowed to bring food, but only if they acquire and eat it surreptitiously — and without disturbing any of the household implements made for the purpose.

This is not a workable invitation for either hospitality or hungry stomachs. The most gracious solution would be to provide food, but if this cannot be done, then you will need either to provide the means with which to eat food, or modify the time so that guests can arrive fed.

Dear Miss Manners: A female friend and I went out nightclubbing one evening several weeks ago, and I drove. In the past, we have normally left to go home around 11:30 p.m. At 11:30, I told her I was ready to go.

She informed me (after four to five glasses of wine) that she was not ready to leave. Next, I told her that I was going to the car and would meet her there. Thirty minutes later, I was still waiting for her in my car. I went inside and told her that I would be leaving,

and that if she wanted a ride, to please follow me to the car.

She came to the car, but started in on me, suggesting I was not acting rationally. She told me that the decision to go home should be a joint decision. I basically told her she was lucky I had not left her there and driven home.

This friend of four years has not contacted me or apologized.

Gentle reader: Your offer of a ride — and your friend's acceptance of it — bound you both, in differing ways, as companions for the evening. She owed you the duty of a guest to be grateful and accommodating; you owed her the duty of a hostess to show an interest in her comfort — and also to see her safely home.

This required compromise seems to have been lacking on both sides. But while the obligations may have begun the evening as more or less equal, they began to lean more heavily in your direction as your friend's ability to stand up straight became compromised.

Assuming your friend was not wholly incapable of independent action after four or five glasses of wine, it would have been enough for you to ensure that she had an alternate way home, either by checking that she had cab fare or by asking around for an alternate chauffeur. This would, Miss Manners notes, have discharged your own obligations without either inconveniencing you or losing you a friend.

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

"SPORTING CHANCES"

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"It's De-Lovely"

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"On the Road"

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Last week's Quote-Acrostic

ALISON GOPNIK: LIFE HACKS: New tools have always led to panicky speculation. Socrates thought that reading and writing would have disastrous effects on memory; the novel was declared to be the end of civilization as we know it.

Last week's Sudoku

1	9	3	4	7	6	8	2	5
2	6	5	9	8	3	1	7	4
4	8	7	5	2	1	6	9	3
3	1	6	8	9	7	4	5	2
9	2	8	3	5	4	7	1	6
5	7	4	1	6	2	9	3	8
7	5	2	6	4	9	3	8	1
8	4	1	7	3	5	2	6	9
6	3	9	2	1	8	5	4	7

This week's Jumble

VIOLET IMPAIR INFUSE
DISOWN HOOPLA MISFIT

With seats in the front row on the 50-yard line, they had a great —

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Top tech highlights: Check out these consumer expo gadgets

BY CHERYL V. JACKSON
Chicago Tribune

Get ready for technology to make your life easier — from folding laundry to tracking your pet's health. More than 4,000 companies at this year's massive CES consumer electronics and technology show in Las Vegas exhibited innovations with virtual and augmented reality and smart-home gadgets. Here are some products that promise to assist consumers with chores, passing time in lines and buying from vending machines.



FOLDIMATE

The Foldimate automatic laundry folder.

Foldimate automatic laundry folder: This robotic laundry folding machine does a load of laundry in two to four minutes. Feed it items one at a time — from children's pants to towels — and it automatically adjusts folding based on clothing type and size; stacking the pieces into a neat pile at the bottom ready for your closet or drawers. The machine will be available in late 2019 for \$980, www.foldimate.com.



FORWARDX

ForwardX CX-1 luggage

Willow breast pump: The Willow mobile hands-free breast pump fits into a bra with no external tubes, cords or dangling bottles, allowing the user to walk, multitask or relax. The pump has sensors that automatically transition to expression phase based on the body's milk production and timing. It will be available in March for \$479.99, www.willowpump.com.

Petrics smart pet bed: This smart pet bed ecosystem — including a bed, tracker and app — tracks a pet's weight through a built-in scale, allowing users to get food and diet recommendations and order food for delivery. The bed, which comes in three sizes, has a thermo-

stat that allows you to adjust the temperature using smart assistants, such as Amazon's Alexa. The bed will be available this fall for \$100-\$300, www.petrics.com.

Viatouch Vicki smart vending machine: This vending machine lets customers pay quickly with the scan of their iris or thumbprint, which is linked to their credit card. Artificial intelligence allows it to answer consumer questions about individual products. Another plus is that the customer can buy an item without being charged until the item is removed and the machine door closed. The machine will be in the market in spring, costing about \$10,000,

www.getvicki.com.

ForwardX CX-1 luggage: This robotic suitcase follows you automatically, using facial recognition to lock onto the owner, and responds to hand gestures to follow or halt. An obstacle-avoidance system keeps it from bumping into things and people at the airport, and a wristband alarm alerts users if the luggage gets too far away, runs low on power or is bumped harshly. The case launches in mid-2018 for about \$1,000, www.forwardx.com.

Short Edition's short story dispensers: These machines allow consumers to access short stories to read while waiting in lines. Stories, poems and essays from a community of 7,800 authors are printed on demand — you select the length (one, three or five minutes long). The dispensers can be found at Penn State University libraries and the Prudential Center shopping mall in Boston, but the French startup is expanding offerings in the U.S. The machines cost \$3,000-\$6,000, www.short-edition.com/en/dispensers.

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This Toto bathtub's Zero Dimension technology is meant to make you feel as if you're weightless.

TOTO

Next-level smart homes

New gadgets bring tech to bathtubs, door locks, even bathroom mirrors

BY AMY DOBSON | The Washington Post

If you have ever wanted to experience zero gravity but can't afford a trip to the moon, the recent CES expo in Las Vegas may have a solution. A new bathtub gives the feeling of weightlessness while users bathe by mimicking the natural position of astronauts when they float in low-gravity conditions.

If weightlessness isn't for you,

there are plenty of other smart-home gadgets that can bring your living spaces to the cutting edge of home design.

Many of this year's products demonstrate that smart home technology is no longer restricted to performing one isolated task.

There's a door alert system that not only provides LED night-lights but also extends the range

of your home's Wi-Fi. A voice-activated smart mirror can change the lighting to preset options, tell you today's weather and traffic, and play music from your favorite internet stations.

Jesse Lemel, senior product manager at Kohler, explained why manufacturers are designing products that fulfill more than one function.

"We know from our market research you don't have enough

counter space today (and) you don't have enough outlets today," Lemel said. "Do you really want to take up that countertop space and that outlet so you can add this feature? Or would you rather seamlessly integrate it?"

Fully integrated home security systems are another prominent trend in the smart home space, with one brand incorporating security features even though it isn't traditionally considered a

home security company.

The automatic lighting system has a button that allows homeowners to quickly turn on pre-selected lights if they hear an intruder.

In designing the new gadgets, Lemel said, tech firms are trying to devise "how do you take known, little, everyday things to make that experience a little bit better?"

Here are some of the new



KOHLER

The Alexa-enabled Verdera mirror can play music and podcasts.

home devices introduced at the CES:

Home security

■ ADT Security Services introduced its video doorbell that will integrate with the rest of the home security products under the ADT Pulse brand. Locking or unlocking doors and activating the whole-house alarm system can be controlled via the mobile app.

■ A new conversion kit from Kwikset lets you turn traditional door locks into smart locks you can control from any internet-connected device. The Z-Wave technology is compatible with several major lock brands, not just Kwikset, and allows users to monitor which doors are locked as well as provide remote entry to their home for visitors.

■ The Caseta lighting system by Lutron combines making life

easier with several security features. In addition to customizing lighting preferences and schedules, the device has an “all on” bedside button option that turns all the preselected lights in the house to ward off intruders. It also can turn lights on and off randomly to make it appear that someone is home. The lighting system also integrates with Nest Thermostat and smoke alarms. If the alarm is triggered, blinds will open and lights will turn on automatically so people can see their way to escape.

■ Ring, the home security company once known only for its line of video doorbells, has unveiled a full suite of monitoring devices that integrate with their new app. This includes a set of battery-powered and motion-activated outdoor lights that integrate with the alarm and cameras to send alerts to the user’s mobile device. It also includes motion-activated



ADT

The ADT video doorbell can be controlled by an app, which allows you to lock or unlock doors and activate the whole-house alarm system.

cameras (some of which can be battery-powered), flood and freeze detectors, smoke and carbon monoxide sensors and a discreet control hub that integrates all the systems.

■ The home security system Vivent previewed its Streety that

lets neighbors upload recordings from their security cameras to share with other approved users (they must live within a 300-yard radius). Users can attach messages to the recordings to start a conversation about the recorded event as well as request footage

from other users for specific dates and times. The app will debut this spring.

■ Beam, one of several home-monitoring devices showcased by Zmodo, sends alerts to a mobile device when doors are open (including interior doors), extends a home’s Wi-Fi range and provides LED night lighting in three color options.

HVAC

Carrier introduced a ductless air conditioner with the highest efficiency rating on the market. The 9,000-BTU single-zone air conditioner can also provide heat during winter and manage humidity levels using an integrated humidity sensor. It comes with a connected Wi-Fi feature, so users can control the device via the mobile app, and a motion detector to reduce energy use when no one is in the room.

Smart mirror

Verdera, the Alexa-enabled smart mirror by Kohler, can adjust to preset lighting customizations, play music and podcasts from sites such as Pandora and Spotify, and provide a motion-activated night light. Verdera was named a CES Innovation Awards honoree at this year’s conference. (Jeffrey P. Bezos, chief executive of Amazon, which makes Alexa, also owns The Washington Post.)

Plumbing

Part of the Neorest collection by luxury plumbing company Toto includes a bathtub that lets users mimic the natural position of astronauts. Referred to as Zero Dimension technology, the Flo-tation Tub adds gentle water jets so you can achieve a feeling of weightlessness while here on earth.

Cooking

Another honoree of this year’s CES Innovation Awards is the Over-the-Range Microwave. Home cooks can send cooking instructions (for frozen food) to their microwaves via a mobile device, including multistep directions if the recipe requires a change in temperature or settings partway through cooking.

Amy Dobson is a freelancer.

Poor drainage can cause costly damage

Attach downspout extenders to avoid rain-gutter flooding

BY DEAN FOSDICK
Associated Press

The person who coined the phrase “saving for a rainy day” must have been a property owner with home drainage problems.

The financial costs of poor drainage can be substantial, and the human health costs significant too.

Prevention is important, and many clues exist for predicting trouble, says Ryan Larsen, a civil engineer with NDS, a manufacturer of drainage products in Woodland Hills, Calif.

“Low spots in the landscape can be hard to see, but areas where the ground is wet for long periods of time after it rains or the sprinklers run are locations where water is collecting,” Larsen said.

Discoloration and mold growth on a home’s foundation, and places where stucco, siding or paint easily fall off a house are indications that water is pooling, he said.

“You should suspect water is getting into your home if you detect damp or musty smells in your basement or crawl space,” he said.

Most homes have some kind of drainage problem, and most often the damage comes from rain gutters, Larsen said.

“Because a lot of homes have gutter downspouts that lead straight to the ground, you’ve got all this water coming off the roof and pouring to just one point, where it can collect against a home’s foundation and flood landscapes and planter areas,” he said. “Fortunately, gutter problems are also the easiest to fix with a downspout extender.”

The financial costs of



DEAN FOSDICK/AP PHOTOS

The financial costs of poor drainage on properties can be substantial. Low spots in your yard can be difficult to detect when it’s dry, but look for places where the ground stays wet for a long time after rains; that’s where water is pooling. It’s important to keep water away from your home’s foundation.

poor drainage can add up. Outlays for drying basements can range from \$1,000 to \$10,000, according to the National Flood Insurance Program. Repairing foundation damage can cost anywhere from \$3,500 to \$25,000, the National Association of Realtors says.

The human health costs of poor drainage on properties also can be sizeable, Larsen said. “Poorly drained runoff from roofs can enter basements or flow inside homes through foundational cracks or leaks where it can warp floorboards and turn finished rooms into mildewy and moldy messes that can attract insects and rodents.”

Inadequate drainage also cracks foundations, creates

standing water that ruins yards and gardens, and allows breeding spots for disease-carrying mosquitoes and heartworms.

“Soggy, poorly graded ground spells certain doom for lawns, shrubs, plants and gardens,” Larsen said.

Three of the most common solutions for drainage problems are catch basins, pop-up emitters and French drains.

Catch basins trap sediment and contaminants beneath downspouts for drainage to safer locations. Pop-up emitters are connected to underground drainage pipes and channeled away from structures. The pop-up tops allow water to drain when full but remain closed when empty to keep out

rodents and debris. French drains are gravel-filled trenches that direct stormwater away from specific areas. They collect water over their entire length, rather than from one particular spot.

With water drainage problems, though, come opportunities, said Monica Day, a water resources educator with Michigan State University Extension.

“Be creative,” Day said. “There are positive ways of dealing with too much water. Keep it in the soil but where it’s not damaging anything. Let (ornamental) plants grow there to filter out the water and retain it.

“That provides beautification as well as practicality,” she said.



Rain gutters cause most common drainage problems. Use extenders, like the one shown here, to channel water away. When water pours from rain gutters onto just one point, it can collect against foundations and flood landscapes.

A sunny day in winter is a great time to get out the pruners and untangle an overcrowded shrub.



MORTON ARBORETUM

Tackle several gardening tasks before spring arrives

BY BETH BOTTS

Chicago Tribune

It may be winter, but there's still more to life than binge-watching TV. On a sunny day, bundle up and get outside for some gardening. You'll get a head start, lift your spirits and set your mind on spring.

"It's a good time for tasks that are best done while trees, shrubs and perennials are dormant," said Sharon Yiesla, plant knowledge specialist at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle. You can find out more about the following tasks at www.mortonarb.org/plantadvice.

Prune shrubs. Cut back too-big shrubs, shape them up, get rid of dead wood and broken branches, or detangle them by removing older stems. Just pay attention to the kind of shrub.

"The most important difference is bloom time," Yiesla said. "Spring-blooming shrubs such as forsythia and lilac already have their flower buds, so if you prune them now, you'll sacrifice some flowers this spring."

Shrubs that bloom later

in the season, such as bottlebrush buckeye and beautyberry, won't form flower buds until spring, so pruning them now won't affect their flowering.

Cut back ornamental grasses. Remove brown, dry stalks from last year before new shoots appear in spring. Cut off the stalks as close to the ground level as you can. "Large grass clumps can be tough," Yiesla said. If a sharp knife won't do the job, try an electric hedge trimmer.

Hunt for eggs. With the leaves gone, it's easier to spot the egg masses laid by pest insects on trees and shrubs. "If you thin the herd now, you'll have fewer insects to deal with this summer," she said.

Gypsy moth egg masses are soft, suedelike tan patches on the bark of deciduous trees. Scrape them off and drop them in soapy water to kill the eggs. Eastern tent caterpillars form an egg mass as a bulge around a small twig. "Prune it out," Yiesla said. It's most often found on trees in the rose family, such as crab apple, apple

and cherry.

Viburnum-leaf beetle eggs are found on the undersides of newer twigs and small branches. "The egg masses look like little footballs all lined up in a row," Yiesla said. There's no need to cut back the whole shrub, but prune out all twigs or branches where you see egg masses.

Walk with care. As you work in the garden, be careful where you step. Your weight can compact wet soil, squeezing out space for air that plants' roots need. Even if the ground is still frozen solid in most places, other areas may be partly thawed. "Don't walk in any place where the soil is soft and wet," Yiesla said.

To learn more about pruning trees, see www.mortonarb.org/plantadvice.

For tree and plant advice, contact the arboretum's plant clinic (630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org).

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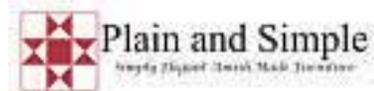
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BY CHRIS LAMORTE | Chicago Tribune

Congratulations! You did it. You made it all the way through January while keeping your 2018 New Year's resolutions.

We mean, you probably did. Well, maybe? Possibly?

But who really cares.

The point is you gave it your best shot. Or at least you thought about giving it your best shot. Now it's February, time to drop this ascetic charade and, as the kids say, treat yo' self. And as Oscar Wilde said, "The only way to get rid of temptation is to yield to it."

But a word of advice: Indulgence can be a surprisingly delicate art. There's a thin line between going all in and simply giving in. So if you're going to break your self-abnegation streak, these products will help you do it in style.

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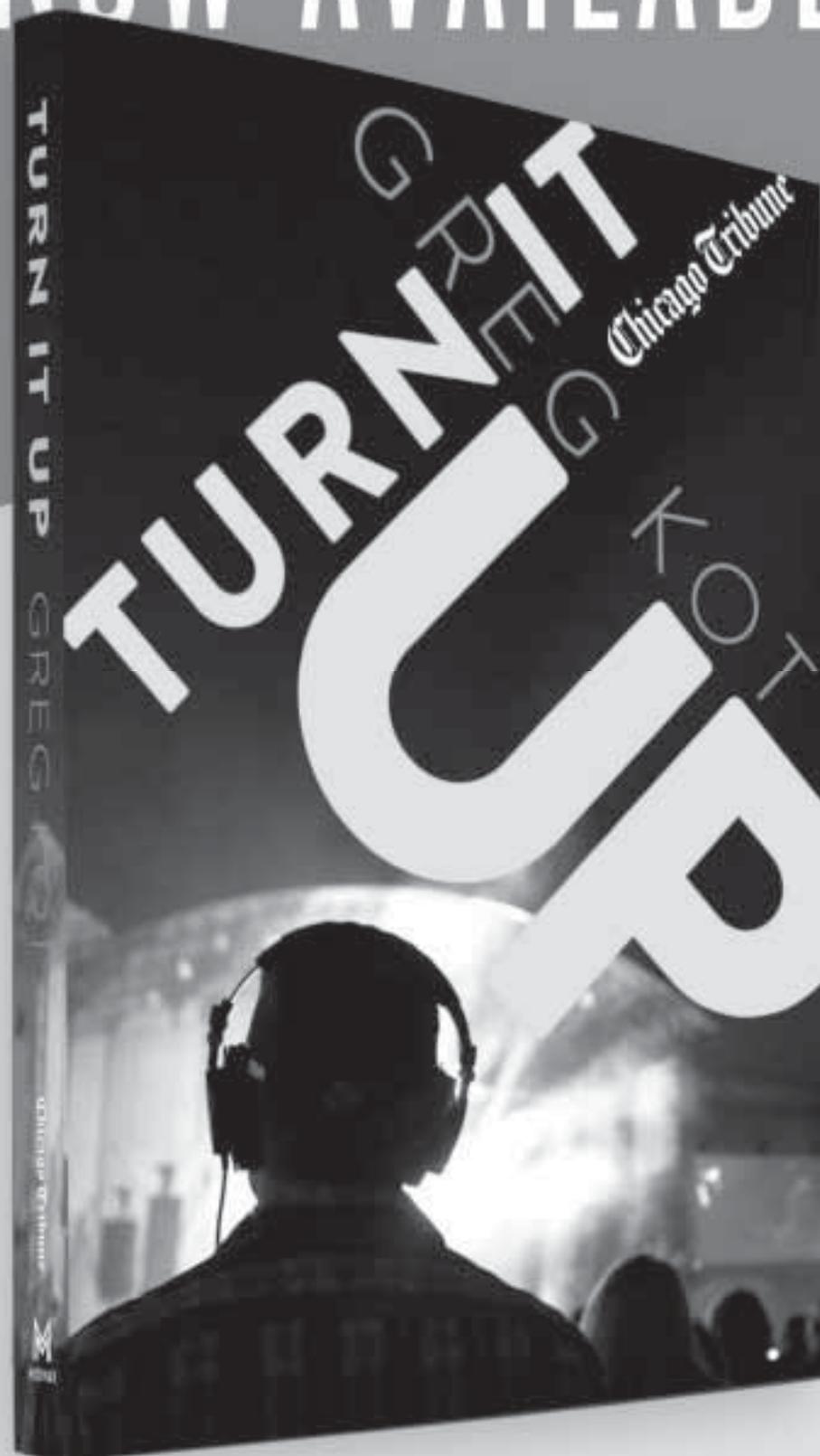
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— **Chicago Tribune** —

Slick Amazon Go future has downsides too

BY CINDY DAMPIER
Chicago Tribune

You've got the butter, the eggs, the organic salad greens and the laundry soap. The paper towels just fit into that rack underneath the cart. And so you weave your way past the tortilla chips on special and that dude who's still standing in the soda aisle and arrive at the front of the grocery store. Which is where you'll face your moment of truth: Which line will it be? Will you roll the dice and step in behind the mom with a wiggly toddler and a brimming cart? Or take your chances with the young couple who spotted arguing over the granola bars in Aisle 3B?

Better make up your mind, quick. Because, faster than the guy with "just one item" who's about to cut in line, this whole scene is going to disappear.

Amazon recently opened its own convenience store, Amazon Go, in Seattle. It's the first of its kind: a truly cashless grocery experience in which shoppers enter through gates that look like sleeker subway turnstiles, take what they want from the shelves and exit the way they came. No carts, no lines, no waiting (unless you count the loiterer in the soda aisle — he'll still be there). The store accurately inventories what you take and charges your Amazon account, efficiently delivering an electronic receipt after you've left. Like most things that Amazon does, this smells like inevitability. We know, as surely as we knew the day that first Amazon box showed up on the doorstep, that the future of shopping has arrived.

Like all progress, it comes at a cost. "Based on data," says Manoj Thomas, a professor of marketing at Cornell University, "we know that when people use



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

Amazon Go in Seattle allows shoppers to scan their smartphone with an app at a turnstile, pick out items and leave.

any abstract form of payment, they spend more. And the type of products they choose changes too."

Decades of psychological research has reinforced the knowledge that the further we are removed from the "pain of paying," the less we understand how much we're really spending. "When you come into a store planning to pay with cash," says Thomas, "one of the first things you do is ask yourself, 'How much cash do I have? Do I have enough to pay for this?'" Pay with a card, and this calculation disappears. So does the calorie count: "If you're buying lettuce or broccoli, it doesn't matter if you are paying with cash or a card because it's not an impulse purchase. You're going to buy these things no matter what. But if you are standing in front of a cookie or a pie or a dough-

nut, and you're paying with an abstract method, you're more likely to buy it."

You might pause to reconsider while you're waiting to check out. Oh, wait. There won't be a checkout line. "If you are paying by credit card," says Thomas, "you might pause at the checkout and suddenly think, 'Should I be buying this?' Or if you are paying cash, that reflection happens at the very beginning. Both will be gone with the Amazon store." Unhealthy impulse purchases and overspending will result, he says. "Both are completely related because they are influenced by our impulse urges."

Is Thomas advocating that we all make a run for the ATM and attempt to turn back time by using grimy, old hard currency? "No, no, no," he says. "There are a lot of advan-

tages to cashless transactions. But there is a lot of innovation right now around how to make it easy to spend more money, and not much innovation around helping consumers make good decisions."

He envisions a world in which you'll be able to set budget or calorie limits on an app that will recognize when you pick up unhealthy or budget-busting items and will warn you that they fall outside your goals. "You could get a red alert to reconsider," he says, and expresses confidence that there is some tech hero out there right now, figuring out this exact solution to keep us all on the straight and narrow. But for the moment, "retailers are not incentivized to enable that technology. Companies are not investing enough in smart technology to help people make good deci-

sions."

Good thing we'll have all those doughnuts we just bought to console us when we realize the new retail experience has a cultural cost too. The grocery store, in its current, quaint incarnation, is a central shared experience — sooner or later, everybody goes to the supermarket.

Remember way back in 1992 when George "The Old One" Bush got tripped up for marveling at a supermarket scanner? It proved — better than the details we already knew about his CIA past, his oil business and his compound in Maine — that he was not one of us. We've been watching movies set in supermarkets since Barbara Stanwyck and Fred MacMurray plotted a murder in the aisles in "Double Indemnity" in 1944. Or maybe you remember The Dude writing a check for 69

cents in "The Big Lebowski" or Philip Marlowe's late-night cat food run in "The Long Good-bye." (The cashier warns him that he's left his lights on. He doesn't care.)

Personally, it's the cashiers I'll miss, both for their ability to provide a little human interaction and because they are privy to a kind of people-watching you can't find anywhere else.

"If I'm getting toilet paper, gum, a flashlight and asparagus," says Lucie Shelly, a senior editor at literary website Electric Literature, "I'm like, 'What do they think I'm doing with my life?' It's a very intimate moment there."

Shelly, who has written about her former life as a Whole Foods cashier, has a vivid memory of the customer who returned every few days to buy "every kind of seaweed chips we had in the store. All of them." She also recalls customers who simply looked forward to a moment of recognition or the exchange of a knowing laugh over an extra carton of ice cream. Today, she says, "I do a lot of my work remotely, and so the only interaction I may have in a day might be with whoever is ringing me up. I don't think we should discount those micro-interactions."

It's fun to see other humans, even as technology is moving quickly to rid us of most of our problems, like stressful supermarket lines. But until it steps in to check those impulses that will doom us to exiting the Amazon Go store with a week's pay in chocolate chip cookies, there's an old-timey, analog solution: "Research has shown that when you shop with a list, you spend less and make better choices," says Thomas. "Just make a shopping list."

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No sacrifices: Lots of stylish vegan shoes



ELLEN WARREN
Answer Angel

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I consider myself a stylish professional woman. I have recently decided to extend my vegan diet commitment to the clothes that I wear. I want them to be vegan too. The problem is that I love the look of leather and want to continue to be fashionable. I hate to give up cute shoes! Is that possible? And if so, do you have some shopping sites or suggestions for me?

— Suzanne P.

Dear Suzanne: The number of stylish faux-leather brands (and vegan fashions of all sorts) is increasing exponentially. You've got loads of options. Designer Stella McCartney (www.stellamccartney.com) and Matt & Nat (www.mattandnat.com) have been vegan brands for many years. And they're plenty stylish.

But I have more suggestions. If you go to www.vegan chic.com you'll find loads of faux leather men's, women's and kids' shoes, purses, belts, wallets and briefcases that look great. In fact, faux leather now is so fool-the-eye that you'll think it's the real thing, and you can find jackets and more at mainstream department stores (and the prices are much less than real leather). MooShoes (www.mooshoes.com) carries 45 "cruelty-free animal approved" brands at last count.

Type "vegan" into the search on www.etsy.com and you'll find an enormous range of leather-free items. Looking for "faux leather coats" online at Macy's (www.macys.com), I found 188 of them and a similar number of jackets made of leather look-alike material. Go to the site map of People for the Ethical Treatment of animals (www.peta.org) and choose "fashion" under the "Living" section for more brands. And the giant shoe site www.zappos.com



CHRISTIAN VIERIG/GETTY

No leather, no problem: Vegan footwear, like these Stella McCartney boots, comes in plenty of styles.

www.vegan chic.com lets you search for a wide array of vegan footwear.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: On my vacation, I was minding my own business by the swimming pool and I saw not one but TWO middle age or older men wearing those skimpy Speedo-type swimsuits. Do you consider these appropriate or am I just showing my age (which I'm guessing is about the age of the guys in the Speedos)? Incidentally, I would never consider showing my midsection in a two-piece swimsuit.

— Janis P.

Dear Janis: I've defended women in this column who aren't self-conscious about showing off an imperfect body on the beach. I've advised that if they're comfortable with their bodies in a two-piece or bikini, so be it.

So it would be hypocritical of me (or at least inconsistent and perhaps sexist) if I were not to offer the same opinion about men displaying lots and lots of flesh at the beach or pool. Honestly, though, I think most adults look better in swimwear that offers more coverage.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I am so tired of wedgies! I have tried multiple brands of underwear and still have not had success with finding a pair I do not have to continually rearrange (in a corner, duck into the bathroom, down a dark hall ... anywhere someone will not see me putting my hand down the back of my pants!). In particular I am looking for a bikini or low-rise no-show panty. I am also wondering what type/brand of thong that is the least apt to climb up my backside

... if such a thing does exist!! My behind is of average size so I do not believe my physique is the reason undies will not stay under my cheeks! Am I destined to be a perpetual adjuster?

— Deb S.

Dear Deb: I'd bet money that it is not the style or brand of underwear that's causing your woes. I strongly suspect you're buying the wrong size.

I think that the way women's underpants are sized is ridiculous. I just checked out a Maidenform "panties" (I hate that word) size chart and according to that I am buying my underpants two sizes too big. Wrong and wrong. If I bought the size the chart recommends I'd be like you — tugging and uncomfortable. Go up one or two sizes and I'll bet your problem is solved.

As far as a thong, some women swear by them, although I think they're uncomfortable. That said, one of my most beloved relatives loves Knix thongs (and also bras) (www.knixwear.com). "The thongs are seamless, soft, don't ride up. Very comfy," she tells me.

One final piece of underpants advice: Shop Marshalls for bargains on high-end name-brand underpants. I bought some by the absurdly priced LaPerla label that would have cost \$130 (are you kidding me?) in the store. I paid under \$10.

Angelic readers

From Fran F.: "To the readers who asked about tooth-whitening solutions, I have two words: baking soda. Put a small amount in a cup. With a wet toothbrush, pick up a dab (covering maybe one-quarter to one-third the length of the brush). Brush the front surfaces of your teeth with it. You will want to rinse thoroughly — it tastes terrible. But a few days of this along with your regular brushing routine will whiten even coffee-holic teeth as well as store-bought pastes or strips ... and it's cheap, cheap, cheap!"

Reader rant

I don't get many of these, but Margaret C. has the opposite of a rant, let's call it a Reverse Reader Rant: "Kudos to Meijer stores. They include "plus sizes" in with smaller sizes. At Meijer, plus size is no longer a separate area of the store. Many stores have their plus sizes away from smaller size clothing. Our Target locates it next to the maternity clothes. Often the plus size is on another floor — tucked in a corner or lower level. I really like that Meijer includes all sizing TOGETHER!"

Now it's your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangel@ellen.com.

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How to care for your skin, hair and nails when it's cold

**BY ELIZABETH
WELLINGTON**

The Philadelphia Inquirer

The winter cold has no intention of loosening its frigid grip.

So what's a fashionista — or anyone who wants to keep her hair, skin and nails looking fab — to do?

Personally, I'm a fan of the old-school remedies, like slathering cocoa butter on achy knees and elbows and using copious amounts of mayonnaise as hair conditioner. And there are many practical uses for petroleum jelly in subzero temperatures, from smearing Vaseline on chapped lips to rubbing it into dry feet before covering them with socks at night.

These are my favorite ways to keep my beauty regimen up when winter sets in, but I still consulted with a few experts for the best ways to keep you from drying out when the mercury dips.

Skin do's

I love taking hot showers as a surefire way to warm up, but that's a big no-no, says Colleen Sparks, an aesthetician at Dream Spa & Waxing in the Le Reve Salon & Barbershop in Cherry Hill, N.J. All that does, Sparks says, is rob skin of much-needed moisture. Not only should you cut down on your steamy shower time, it's important to apply moisturizer to damp skin. Sparks' favorite is Aveeno Skin Relief Moisture Repair Cream. "They make really rich body creams," Sparks says. "It is everything you need this time of year."

Your face gets the brunt of the painfully cold air blasts because it's the most difficult part of your body to cover up. That's why, Sparks says, it's important to use a hydrating cleanser. Sparks suggests the hydrating cleanser from Der-



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Excessive cold can leave hair dry and brittle. Winter is the time of year to use an oil-based leave-in conditioner.

maesthetics Beverly Hills (\$54).

Another tip: Don't underestimate the humidifier, says Margo Weishar of Spring House Dermaesthetics in Spring House, Pa. She suggests you keep one running in your bedroom, especially on extremely cold and dry nights. The most important thing is for the moisture to seep into your skin while you sleep.

Hair hacks

We know the damage that heat does to our hair, but excessive cold can leave locks dry and brittle too. This is the time of year to use an oil-based leave-in conditioner. Giovanni Mele, owner of Giovanni & Pileggi in Philadelphia's Washington Square, is a believer in products made with shea butter and seed oils. Mele's top pick: Amika's Nourishing Mask (\$28). "It deeply conditions, hydrates and restores hair to its natural vibrancy," Mele says.

This is not the time of year to wash your hair every day, Mele says. Too much shampoo can strip hair of its natural oils and dry it out. Instead, Mele says, try to wash it three times a week. Unless, of course, you are fan of hot yoga. Then wash as neces-

sary, and don't forget to condition.

Nail tricks

After washing your hands, be sure to use hand cream, Weishar says. Nothing keeps my hands softer and ash-free better than Kiehl's Ultimate Strength Hand Salve.

If your cuticles split when it gets this cold, the remedy is to put a few drops of tea tree oil into the water you soak your hands in for your manicure, says Onisha Claire, owner of Philadelphia's Koco Nail Salon. You can also use it in between manicures. "It helps heal cracked cuticles, fights inflammation and keeps fingers supple," she says.

These tips will work at their most optimal if we stay hydrated. That means drinking lots of water. Don't just fill your water bottle, though, Weishar says. Fill your plate with fruits and veggies; watermelon, cantaloupe, apples, oranges, kiwi, celery, tomatoes, cucumbers and zucchini all hold a lot of water. It's also a good idea, Weishar says, to get enough vitamin C and zinc to naturally stimulate the production of collagen — the most natural way to combat dry skin.

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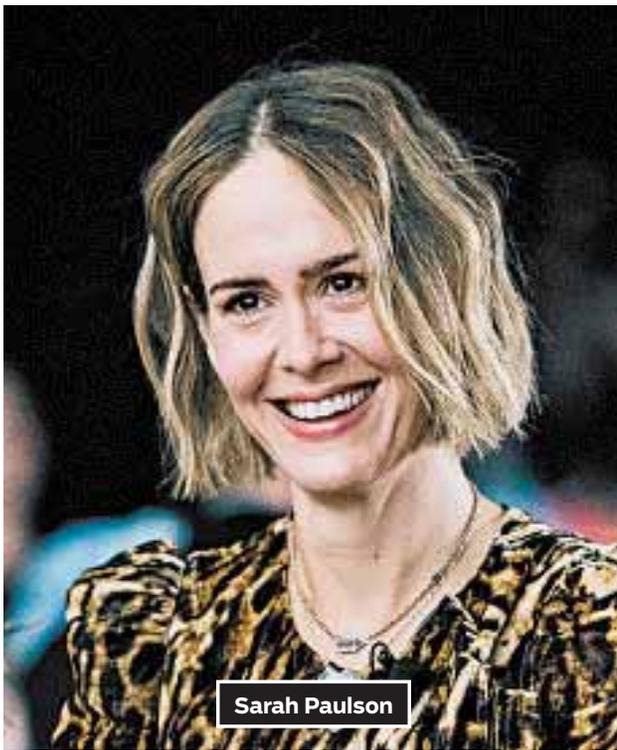
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Steppenwolf luncheon honors Sarah Paulson

Award-winning actress Sarah Paulson was the honoree at the ninth annual Steppenwolf Women in the Arts luncheon Jan. 22 at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel. Following a VIP meet-and-greet reception, attendees were welcomed by Amy Eshleman, Steppenwolf trustee and education committee chair. Ensemble member Audrey Francis introduced a short video spotlighting the luncheon's fundraising focus, Steppenwolf's education and mentorship programs. She added, "This year's goal is to foster connections with 20,000 teens through unique partnerships with Storycatchers Theatre, the Chicago Public Library, Snow City Arts, Build Inc., Embarc Chicago and more."

A reel of Paulson's film work, produced by Donna LaPietra and Kurtis Productions, was presented by ensemble member Amy Morton who said, "Her (Paulson's) portrayals are always incredibly honest, vulnerable, funny and tragic." Clips included highlights from "The Spirit," "The People v. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story," "12 Years a Slave," "Game Change" and "The Post."

Morton stated that Paulson, who knew she wanted to act since being "in the womb," is the first actress to receive all five major TV awards in the same award circuit — an Emmy, Golden Globe, Screen Actors Guild, Critics' Choice Television and the Television Critics Association awards.

During the 90-minute discussion, longtime friend and collaborator Steppenwolf ensemble member Tracy Letts, touched on a variety of topics. Paulson and Letts appear together in Stephen Spielberg's most recent film, "The Post."

Paulson credited her current career success to the series "American Horror Story" and its creator, Ryan Murphy, for allowing her to showcase her acting range.

The event raised \$196,000 for Steppenwolf's educational and professional development programs.

Freelance writer Candace Jordan is involved with many local organizations, including some whose events she covers.

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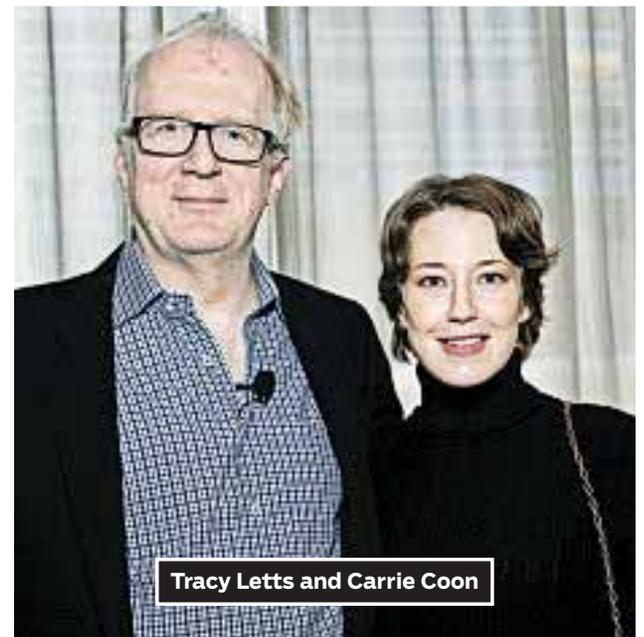
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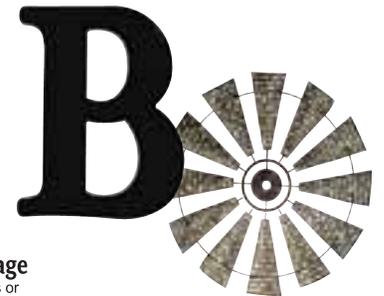
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Between 2006 and 2016, Chicago housing shifted from being owner-majority to renter-majority. Government rent control, prohibited by a 1997 Illinois law, is popular in polling.

Talk of rent control resurfaces in Illinois

Backers urge lifting ban, but many realty agents, economists opposed

BY DARCEL ROCKETT
 Chicago Tribune

There are many things out of one's control. The weather comes to mind, as does the inevitable cost of living, which often seems like it only knows one direction: up.

The latter is one reason why rent control — prohibited in Illinois since 1997 — is being discussed in Chicago communities and political circles.

In 2017, Chicago renters making the median income spent more than half their workdays earning enough money to cover the rent, according to an analysis from HotPads, an apartment

search platform.

Another analysis, from apartment search site RentCafe, found that between 2006 and 2016, almost a quarter of the 100 largest cities (by population) in the United States shifted from owner- to renter-majority. Chicago is one of those that shifted. Even though there are still more owners than renters in some cities, the growth of the renter population outpaced home-ownership in 97 of the 100 largest cities — Chicago included.

And lest we forget, the renting environment in the Chicago metro area has many people doubling up in rental units to cut costs (32.4 percent of

adults living together, up from 27.4 percent in 2000).

"If you ask people: Do you agree that there should be a limit on how much rents can change in a given year? In Chicago, 74 percent of respondents agreed with that statement. Not surprising," said Aaron Terrazas, senior economist with real estate website Zillow, citing data from a November 2017 survey of approximately 500 Chicagoans.

"You do hear a lot about (rent control) a lot more because rents have gotten so high and rent affordability has deteriorated to the extent where people are really worried about how

are they going to cope with rising housing costs. Are they going to be able to stay in their communities as long as they want? It's a very real and tangible concern."

Real and tangible, indeed, for the Lift the Ban coalition, a bloc of community groups that has been leading a two-year campaign against Illinois' ban on rent control. The group is pushing for a repeal of the state's 1997 Rent Control Preemption Act, a law that prohibits municipalities from enacting any form of regulation on residential or commercial rent prices.

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Pricing, contracts, closing: Survey offers insights



KENNETH R. HARNEY
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There are gnawing questions that many homebuyers inevitably ponder: What are my odds of getting the house I've fallen in love with at a price I can afford, which happens to be well below what the seller is asking? What are the odds that pesky contract contingencies, such as mortgage

financing or the appraisal, could jeopardize my good deal?

Sellers have different concerns: What are the chances that I could actually get a higher price than what my cautious realty agent has persuaded me to offer? Might I have to throw in costly incentives to attract a buyer or — horror of horrors — slash my price?

A new survey of 4,283 members of the National Association of Realtors offers some valuable insights, no matter which side of the deal you're on.

Take pricing. Except in a handful of superheated markets where few houses are available for sale, the odds are strong that you as a

Except in a handful of superheated markets, odds are strong that you will be able to get the house you want for less than list price.

buyer will be able to get the house you want for less than the list price. Just 34 percent of agents in the survey reported sales above or at the original asking price. So you're probably more likely to write a successful below-list contract than you assume.

What about sales incentives — the sort of financial goodies that sellers throw into the pot to

sweeten the deal? Are they commonplace? You might think so, but statistically they are not. Barely 20 percent of sellers offered any sweeteners whatsoever, according to the survey. Typically they involved the seller paying for some of the buyer's closing costs or fronting the premiums for home warranty insurance coverage. Another concession: Sell-

ers agreed to set aside money to remodel the kitchen or a bathroom to the buyer's specifications. But overall, 80 percent of sellers opt to avoid concessions. If there needs to be a cost adjustment, presumably they prefer simply to subtract it from the price they're asking.

Sales contract contingencies are another key factor in your transaction. But here's a surprise: Though they are boilerplate in many local realty contracts, large numbers of final contracts end up with none. No language requiring the buyer to obtain a mortgage

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Before you invest in a vintage house, consider the perks of buying new, from modern design and energy efficiency to easy customization.

Benefits of buying new house

BY PAT SETTER

The San Diego Union-Tribune

Yes, older homes tend to have more character than new construction, from unique architectural features to lovable little nooks. But what looks charming is often not practical. So before you invest in vintage, consider the perks of buying new.

Here are nine reasons to buy a brand-new house:

1. Personalized picks

Purchasing a house that hasn't been completed allows you to customize your home. Buyers can often choose everything from the floor plan to the finishes in a new, master-planned community.

2. Modern design

New homes reflect the lifestyles of today's families, with open floor plans, flex rooms and livable outdoor spaces, as well as plenty of closet space and roomy master suites. They also have all the outlets and charging ports needed to keep everyone and everything plugged in.

3. Energy efficiency

New homes may come with thicker wall insulation, highly efficient heating and cooling systems and appliances, double-

paned windows and LED lighting. Some new homes also are equipped with solar panels, making these residences good for the environment as well as your pocketbook.

4. Low maintenance

Besides having everything new and in perfect working order, new construction is also focused on low maintenance, often with composite building materials that won't weather or crack and won't need to be painted every few years.

5. Worry-free warranty

If something does go wrong, many states have laws or legal precedents that require builders to offer a lengthy warranty, often 10 years, for major structural defects — items such as a faulty foundation or sagging roof. There may also be limited coverage on materials and workmanship. Be sure to review your state law and check with the builder, as warranties differ from one company to the next.

6. Safe haven

New homes are constructed to the latest building codes, which are constantly updated to address consumer safety issues. Codes include

elements that range from insulation to plumbing and paint. High-tech ventilation and air-filtration systems ensure that even what you can't see won't hurt you.

7. Friendly financing

Builders often have a mortgage company that can offer incentives to buyers.

8. Neighborly neighborhoods

Because everyone is moving into the community at the same time, chances are you will get to know your neighbors, whether it's at a social organized by the builder or at one of the many amenities that come with a planned community. Often, new communities attract like-minded people, so your new neighbors are likely to become your new friends.

9. It's new

There's an emotional factor to owning something that's brand-new. Like a new car with that fresh car smell, owning something that's never been used is gratifying. The same is true for a house that's shiny and unscratched and has never been occupied by anyone but you.

Condo resident penalized over petty parking issue



BENNY L. KASS
Housing Counsel

Q: My 67-year-old brother's 2017 car was towed at 6:30 a.m. on a Sunday morning from the front of the condominium he has lived in for 17 years.

When he left his condo Sunday morning, he found his car was missing. At first he thought it was stolen. He called the condo's property management company and was told his vehicle had been towed and he'd need to pay \$300, in cash or by cashier's check, to get it back.

My brother called me to bring him the cash and drive him to the body shop. There we met a tow truck driver who asked us why my brother's vehicle was towed. That was what we wanted to know! He said, "Oh, I see, your hang tag is expired."

My brother obviously forgot to put a new hang tag on his car, but he was parked in a legal space, not in restricted parking, as was noted on the receipt. In addition, the tow truck receipt checked off that the tow was requested by county police. Does that make sense? I believe our police have more important things to do than ride around condominium parking lots looking for out-of-date hang tags.

I am appalled by the fact that no one from the property management company or the condo association had the courtesy to call or write a 67-year-old, 17-year resident before towing his vehicle for a hang tag



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If a condo resident is fined over a parking issue, the first step is to read the association's bylaws and rules.

that was visible and just recently expired. Does my brother have any recourse?

A: The first thing you must do is find — and carefully read — your brother's condo association's bylaws and rules and regulations. I suspect, but cannot guarantee, that the explanation will be found in the rules.

Years ago I wrote an article that started with this paragraph: "There are three people in black raincoats, looking at my property through binoculars and taking notes. Are they the local police, or the KGB? No, they are the members of the Architectural Control Committee that inspects and fines owners for every possible violation."

Unfortunately, there are boards that relish finding faults and who take action on every minor, petty problem — often ignoring the big picture. Your brother's association clearly falls into that category.

Typically, many associations are required to hold a hearing when there is a violation before a fine can be issued. Such a hearing is informal and usually conducted by the board, and the alleged offender is given an opportunity to present his or her defense. However, for a parking violation, the board gener-

ally has the right to arrange for the car to be towed.

Why are the police involved? From my experience, if a car is on public streets, the police have to be contacted first before the car can be towed.

And I suspect that the towing company has a contract with the association whereby it has the exclusive right to tow cars and keep the money. You should ask the board (or property management company) to show you a copy of any contract it has with a towing company.

You certainly can meet with the board and demand an explanation as to why your brother was not given the courtesy of a call before being towed. But if the board and property management company did not violate the parking rules or association bylaws, I am not sure you would prevail in a court of law.

However, I am not providing legal advice; you might want to consult with your own attorney.

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Should I consider an adjustable rate mortgage?

Anyone who's ever shopped for a home loan knows they come in two main flavors: fixed rate and adjustable rate mortgages, or ARMs. While traditional 30-year fixed mortgages have long been a homeowner favorite, sometimes an ARM can be a smart move.

Here's how ARMs work. For a period of years — usually 3, 5, 7 or 10 — the mortgage behaves like a standard fixed-rate loan. You'll know your rate upfront and it won't change during that initial period.

After that, your lender can adjust your rate, raising it if national rates have moved higher, or lowering it if rates have dropped. Therein lies the risk with ARMs since no one can reliably predict where rates will move several years in the future.

Of course, you'll earn a trade-off in exchange for an ARM's risk. You'll notice that ARM rates are noticeably lower than 30-year fixed rates. So while they are less

predictable over time, you'll be guaranteed to pay a lower rate for the initial period.

That means an ARM could be a wise choice if you expect to stay in your home less than the number of years in the ARM's fixed period.

But if your expectations prove wrong and you live in the home long enough to reach your ARM's adjustable period, you'll find yourself at the mercy of current market rates. Right now, rates are forecasted to be on an upswing given the Federal Reserve's movements. But after that, it's impossible to know where rates will be headed.

In the end, adjustable rate mortgages are an easy choice when you know you won't live in your home for the long haul. But if you're like the many homebuyers who aren't sure how long they'll stay, a fixed-rate mortgage can be the safer and more penny-wise move.



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A new survey of 4,283 members of the National Association of Realtors says 71 percent of sales settled on schedule in December. Delays were often due to financing issues.

Realtors survey says cancellations are rare

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commitment within a specified time, no requirement regarding appraisal, not a word about an inspection.

Twenty-one percent of contracts covered in the survey were contingency-free. That's an eye-opener because contingency clauses can be crucially important for buyers and sellers. Say you sign a contract on a home that looks great but has defects you missed — the roof is 10 years beyond its economic life, the plumbing is a disaster waiting to happen. Without an inspection clause, you may have no escape hatch out of the deal and no way to argue for a lower price.

Why do buyers agree to contracts like this? The survey provides no details, but there are several possibilities: Multiple bids on the house can push buyers to offer "clean" contracts; all-cash or distressed sales may require the buyer to take the house "as is"; and some sellers may simply voluntarily waive certain contingencies.

But most buyers and sellers are smart: 75 percent of all final contracts include at least one contingency clause, 55 percent require a home inspection (still surprisingly low) and 43 percent have mortgage contingencies.

How about your pro-

spects of going to settlement on time — or worse yet, having your sale blow up before or at closing? A few years ago, delays and cancellations were shockingly common, but in the latest survey things look much better. Seventy-one percent of sales settled on schedule in December, while 25 percent encountered delays but eventually went to closing.

What caused the delays? Buyers' inability to obtain the mortgage they wanted topped the list, accounting for 31 percent of all delays. Examples might include glitches in the buyers' credit files or the discovery of previously undetected liens or judgments that must be resolved. Appraisal issues triggered 16 percent of all delays, home inspection disputes another 12 percent.

But here's a really encouraging statistic: Total blowups are way down from where they were a couple of years back. During early 2015, between 9 and 10 percent of all real estate contracts were canceled before final settlement. Today that's down to just 4 percent.

In the often contentious and complicated world of real estate, that passes for great news. Buyers and sellers are working out their problems — rather than walking away.

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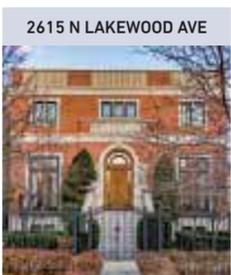
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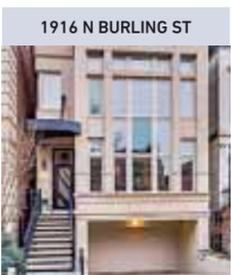
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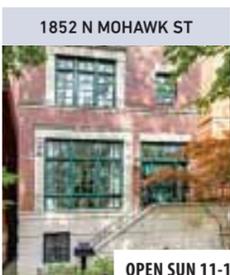
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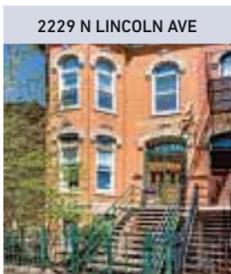
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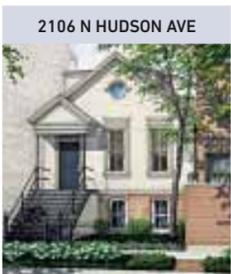
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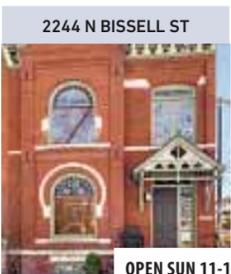
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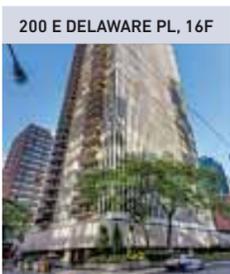
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Opponents call rent control bad economics

Control, from Page 1

“Because of the pre-emption act, it’s essentially illegal for any municipality to explore the idea of regulation,” said Jawanza Malone, Lift the Ban leader and executive director of the Kenwood Oakland Community Organization. “It just doesn’t make sense. The food we eat is regulated; there are environmental protections. Why is it that rent isn’t regulated? We’re just advocating for economic well-being for all of our communities.”

John Joe Schlichtman, an associate professor in the sociology department at DePaul University and co-author of the book “Gentrifier,” considers the state ban on rent control “silly.”

“There is no reason that this tool should be unavailable to local policymakers along with others that exist, such as the Affordable Requirements Ordinance,” he said. “There is a coalition of people across incomes who want to see tools like rent control used to sculpt a particular kind of community, not merely the one investors leave in their wake. Such robust communities will only increase future investment.”

The coalition’s efforts have already resulted in a question about rent regulation slated for the March primary ballot in nine wards and about 100 precincts around Chicago, Malone said. Couple that with state Rep. Will Guzzardi, D-Chicago, introducing a bill to the state House last year repealing the rent control ban and Democratic gubernatorial candidates J.B. Pritzker and Daniel Biss expressing support of a repeal and you have a number of people optimistic about the repeal coming to fruition.

“I have no doubt that it will come to fruition,” Biss said. “I think the really hard question is, how soon? If there’s a great grass-roots



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Democratic candidates for Illinois governor Daniel Biss, left, and J.B. Pritzker have both expressed support for repealing Illinois’ rent control ban.

effort of people across the state who see this affordable housing crisis and understand that communities should have the right to make their own decisions about how to tackle it, I think we’ll win.”

According to Byron Sigcho, a member of Lift the Ban coalition and director of Pilsen Alliance, a social justice and anti-gentrification organization, rent regulation could stem the displacement and gentrification that is happening in his neighborhood.

“We need to refine the narrative and move legislators to understand rent stabilization is going to help the average Chicagoan,” he said.

But rent regulation is not

a tool that many economists and realty professionals want to pull out of the tool kit. In fact, Brian Bernardoni, senior director of government affairs and public policy for the Chicago Association of Realtors, likens it to “throwing a hand grenade on your lawn to get rid of dandelions.”

“This is a ‘good politics, bad economics’ kind of discussion,” he said. “If you just introduce a rent control provision, but don’t look at property taxes, don’t look at building codes, don’t look at density, it blows up everything and that’s why we’re unequivocally opposed to it in Springfield.”

While Terrazas said rent control would aid a long-

term renter who never expects to move, the economist agrees with Bernardoni that rent control is not the answer.

“Overwhelmingly, the econometric evidence” — that is, applying statistical methods to economic data to test hypotheses — “suggests that rent control causes renters to move less, it disincentivizes investment in rental construction and new rental building and ultimately raises rents for renters,” Terrazas said. “The disincentive to add new units ultimately increases rent, so rent control is very much a response that benefits people who have been in a community for a long time at the expense of the overall com-

munity — at the expense of particularly young people who are trying to move out and form their own households, so it really very much is prioritizing one community over another.”

Bernardoni suggests better alternatives involve building more affordable housing, increasing density in areas and offering a building code that’s less expensive but still safe.

“There are more effective ways to create a more balanced, equitable marketplace than capping rents,” Terrazas said. “There’s a lot of evidence that vouchers and providing renters assistance so they can keep up with the private market are very effective.”

It’s also crucial, he notes,

to empower renters to “advocate for good building conditions and ... report building mismanagement when there’s a clear violation of health or safety standards — I think those kinds of rules tend to be more effective than capping rent growth.”

Regardless of whether you’re for or against rent regulation, Biss said the discussion of rent control in Illinois is inevitable.

“This is a real opportunity to say we don’t have to have the state tell communities they’re not allowed to keep neighborhoods affordable,” he said. “It’s a decision to make together.”

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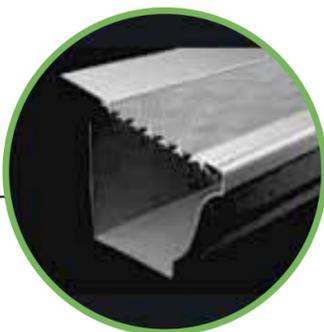
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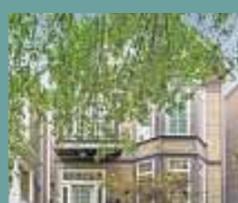


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Historic Wrigley mansion sells for \$4.65M

By BOB GOLDSBOROUGH
Chicago Tribune

The nine-bedroom, 13,705-square-foot Theurer-Wrigley House in the Lincoln Park area sold Jan. 26 for \$4.65 million.

Designed by architect Richard Schmidt and built in 1896 for brewer Joseph Theurer-Wrigley, the massive late-Italian Renaissance-style mansion today bears the Wrigley moniker after the prominent gum family, which purchased it in 1911 and owned it until 1984. In the late 1970s, Chicago officials briefly considered buying the mansion and turning it into the official mayor's residence.

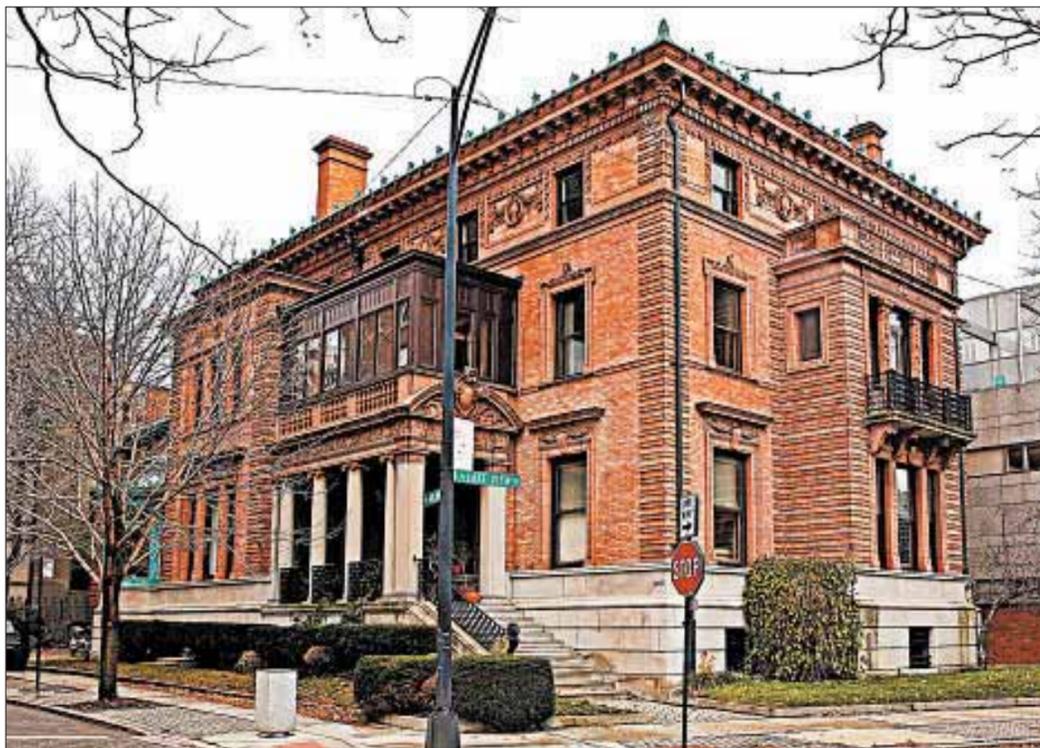
Attorney Ted Tetzlaff bought the mansion in 2004 for \$9 million.

The house, also known as the Wrigley mansion, became the subject of a foreclosure action in 2011, and Tetzlaff's lender, Bank of America, took ownership in 2016.

Last January, the bank listed the mansion for \$7.15 million. Obviously a highly motivated seller, the bank made no fewer than six price decreases over the next 12 months, to \$6.999 million, \$6.65 million, \$5.985 million, \$5.5 million, \$5.2 million and \$4.9 million. The mansion went under contract last month.

Features include six full baths, three half-baths, four fireplaces, a full basement, a grand foyer and staircase, a solarium, a wine bar, game rooms, staff quarters, a mahogany-paneled library, gold leaf coffered ceilings, a walk-in vault and a top-floor ballroom with views of Lincoln Park and Lake Michigan. The property also has a three-story coach house containing two residential units.

Public records do not yet identify the buyer. Listing agent Anthony Disano of Parkvue Realty said the buyer is a land trust whose beneficiary is not yet



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Once considered as a possible official mayoral residence, the Theurer-Wrigley House in the Lincoln Park area sold Jan. 26.

known.

"It was bought through a trust, and we don't know what the intentions of the buyer are," Disano said. "It was such a pleasure for our team to be able to list this iconic mansion, and we're excited to see what the future holds for it."

In 2003, developer Nicholas Jannes, who bought the mansion from the Wrigley family, had listed it for \$14 million. At the time, that was a city record for an asking price. Jannes ultimately accepted the \$9 million purchase offer from Tetzlaff.

Former Bear Israel Idonije pays \$705,000 for South Loop condo: Former Chicago Bears defensive end Israel Idonije recently paid \$705,000 for a three-bedroom, 2,300-square-foot condominium unit on the seventh floor of

a 14-story loft building in the South Loop.

Born in Nigeria and raised in Manitoba, Idonije, 37, played for the Bears from 2003 until 2012 and then was on several teams' practice squads until 2014. Even after the end of his playing career, he has chosen to settle in Chicago. Idonije currently works as an entrepreneur and runs a nonprofit group, iF Charities, formerly known as the Israel Idonije Foundation.

Idonije's recently purchased unit is in a South Loop building that was constructed in 2008. The unit has two baths, a master suite with his and hers closets, KitchenAid appliances in the kitchen, Carrara-style quartz countertops in the kitchen and baths, and a large outdoor space. The purchase included one parking space.

Idonije paid slightly

above the unit's \$697,880 asking price.

Teresa Myers, a spokeswoman for Idonije, said her client didn't "have anything to add" about the condo purchase.

Idonije continues to own a three-bedroom, 2,100-square-foot row home on the Near North Side, which he bought in 2015 for just over \$720,000.

Husband and wife home-builders buy two multi-million-dollar historic homes: In less than four months, a husband-and-wife duo who run a building company that restores historic homes and builds new ones acquired two multimillion-dollar mansions.

On Jan. 16, Anita Lisek and Bart Przyjemski, who founded and run Chicago-based Noah Properties, paid \$3.15 million for a

six-bedroom, 8,000-square-foot 19th-century stone mansion on a 29-foot-wide lot in the Gold Coast. That mansion is a Noah Properties project, Lisek said.

"We're going to take apart the facade and redo the home. We have new floor plans and a beautiful design and hopefully it's going to be done by the end of summer," Lisek said. "It's a great block and a great house and it's a super-wide home, so you don't get to find homes like that anymore on the Gold Coast."

In late October, the pair \$3.575 million for the historic, 14,364-square-foot Pabst mansion on Sheridan Road in Glencoe. This property, though, is one they'll call home.

"We're going to be moving in," Lisek said of the eight-bedroom stone mansion. "We sold our home on

Bellevue (Place), and I really didn't want to leave the city, but my kids and husband really wanted to have some yard (space), so we found that house and fell in love with the outside and the area, and we're just gutting it and it's going to take a while because it was just a complete gut (rehab)."

Designed by architect William Pereira and built in 1936 for Pabst Brewing Co. executive Harris Perlstein, the 26-room Pabst mansion has ridden a roller-coaster ride of sale prices and a multitude of owners over the past two decades-plus. Eurodollar trader Steven Mendes paid \$2.15 million in 1997 to buy the mansion from Lois Teinowitz. After a renovation, Mendes sought \$11 million for the mansion and ultimately sold it in late 1999 for \$7.05 million to Red Hat Software co-founder Marc Ewing and his wife.

In 2003, the Ewings listed the mansion for \$14 million. It was on and off the market for the next six years before the Ewings sold it in 2009 to venture capitalist Adam Brass for \$5.2 million. Brass then sold it in 2014 to Guggenheim executive Jeffrey S. Lange for \$4.8 million.

Lange died in June, and his estate then put the mansion up for sale.

Now, Lisek and Przyjemski plan to restore the mansion, which has eight full baths, four half-baths, six fireplaces, a salon with a sweeping staircase, a walnut library, a solarium, a commercial-grade kitchen, a gym, a lower level with a theater and a barbershop and a four-car heated garage with a wash station. Outside on the more than 2-acre property are a pool, spa and sport court.

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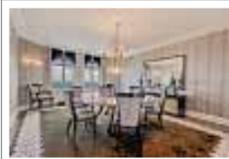


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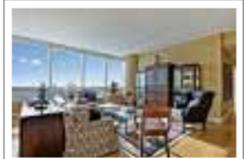




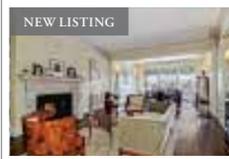
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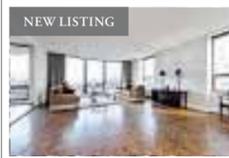
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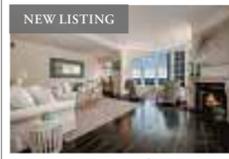
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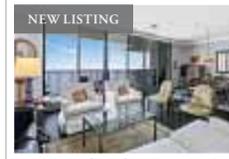
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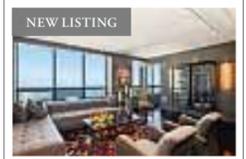
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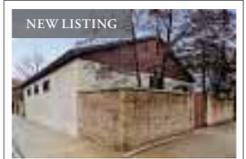
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New tech ups insurance rates

Gadgets costly to replace when damaged in a crash

BY SUSAN TOMPOR
Detroit Free Press

The gee-whiz gadgets on new cars — the backup cameras, the large touch-screen controls, the blind-spot monitoring — make us all feel a little safer about navigating the roads.

But high-tech, advanced safety features come at a fairly steep price, so they're driving up car insurance rates too.

"If they're damaged, they're much more expensive to repair," said James Lynch, chief actuary for the Insurance Information Institute.

"You can't just go to a shop and pick up a part that you can jerry-rig on." Fixing a bumper isn't the same old job. Repairing a bumper on an entry-level luxury car, for example, can cost about \$3,550 for a 2016 model for parts and labor, compared with about \$1,845 for a 2014 model, according to data from Liberty Mutual Insurance.

Why? The 2016 model has a distance sensor; the 2014 model does not. Sensors are located on bumpers and side mirrors, spots that are easily hit — either in a significant crash or some minor fender benders. Prices for parts are 130 percent higher, and labor is 18 percent higher.

"Increasingly, simple, small repairs can now be much more costly and complex to do," said Maxime Rieman, product manager for insurance at ValuePenguin, a personal finance research firm with a website that can help consumers select insurance plans.

Consumers often don't think about the cost of insurance when they're shopping around for a new car — or a newer used car, such as one of the many 2015 models that will come off lease in 2018. But they should plan for higher insurance expenses relating to some advanced safety features and other factors.

The car payment is one part of the financial decision, but car insurance is another. So consumer experts advise reviewing insurance costs before buying a car, as well as comparing insurance premiums for different makes and models.

Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine notes in a February report that consumers may even want to shop around for car insurance when their lives change, such as when they marry or get a new job.

Car insurance rates are likely to rise in 2018 across the country, according to industry experts.

The consumer price index for auto insurance jumped up 25.9 percent — the largest five-year increase — from early 2012 through early 2017, according to ValuePenguin.

During the same time, the overall consumer price index rose by 6.7 percent.

Nationwide, the average cost of auto insurance went up from \$915 in 2015 to \$980 in 2016, according to the Insurance Information Institute.

By 2017, though, the average cost of auto insurance was \$1,060. It's expected to climb to \$1,150 in 2018.

To be sure, insurance premiums are going up across the country for a variety of reasons other than expensive auto parts. The Insurance Information Institute also blames higher rates on distracted driving, more drivers on the road during the economic recovery, faster driving and, in some states, legalized marijuana.

The more people are working, the more they're driving, the more likely they're to go to have a crash.

The average age of vehicles on the road is 11.6 years. So many people who trade up to a new vehicle aren't even considering how new technology might drive up their insurance bills.

"You would like to think that all this additional technology would reduce

Nationwide, the average cost of auto insurance went up from \$915 in 2015 to \$980 in 2016. By 2017, though, the average cost of auto insurance was \$1,060. It's expected to climb to \$1,150 in 2018.

cost," said Karl Brauer, executive publisher of Cox Automotive brands, including car-shopping website Autotrader and researcher Kelley Blue Book.

But Brauer said insurers still need to evaluate how consumers are using new technology and what could be leading to higher claims.

For example, he said, the introduction of anti-lock brakes in the 1980s didn't necessarily reduce crashes initially, as some drivers tended to drive more aggressively because they were banking on anti-lock brakes preventing a crash.

Right now, he said, distracted driving from texting, cellphone usage and other sources is outweighing some benefits of newer safety features. Drivers who aren't paying attention don't react quickly even when alerted to change course by advance safety equipment.

"Ultimately, you will see a reduction with accidents," Brauer said. So while forward-collision warning systems, for example, can scan the road ahead and

alert the driver to take action to avoid a crash, repairing such systems after a crash will drive up the severity of collision claims by about 2 percent, said Matt Moore, senior vice president of the Highway Loss Data Institute at the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

The complexity of the repairs goes up in part because sensors are mounted in the front bumper and must be repaired and may need to be recalibrated after a crash.

"The insurance industry is very focused on the repair costs associated with these new technologies," Moore said.

"When the reduction in the crash risk associated with any advanced driver assistance system is greater than the increased repair costs, then insurance premiums will likely go down," Moore said.

Backup cameras, for example, will be required on most new vehicles beginning May 1.

Most automakers have already begun putting

backup cameras on new vehicles as standard.

Rear cameras — introduced on model-year 2002 vehicles — are expected to be on more than half of registered vehicles in 2021, according to the Highway Loss Data Institute.

It will take decades for most registered cars on the road to be equipped with rear cameras, rear parking sensors, forward-collision warning, blind-spot monitoring and lane-departure warning, as well as automatic braking and adaptive headlights.

Ray Fisher, president of the Automotive Service Association of Michigan, which represents repair professionals, said some repair costs are higher with cameras but the benefits overall may outweigh those costs.

"Like anything else, there's a cost of having a camera there. And it's going to be an added cost when there's an accident," he said.

But standard backup cameras can prevent injuries and save lives when a driver might not see a small child when backing up.

It's likely that many advanced safety features in the long run can keep people from being injured, he said. So the higher repair or replacement costs associated with safety features in the grand scheme of things would be relative.

"I think the good will outweigh the bad," Fisher said.

Ford dismisses call for Explorer safety recall

BY PHOEBE WALL
HOWARD
Detroit Free Press

As a growing number of Ford Explorer drivers report incidents of dizziness, nausea and vomiting to federal regulators who are conducting an active investigation into the complaints, Ford dismissed last week the need for a safety recall.

"Explorers are safe," said Elizabeth Weingandt, safety communications manager at Ford. "Ford's inves-

tigation and extensive testing has not found carbon monoxide levels that exceed what people are exposed to every day.

"The safety of our customers is paramount," she added. "We encourage customers with carbon monoxide concerns to bring their vehicle to their local Ford dealer for a free service designed to reduce the concern."

More than 1,300 Ford Explorer owners have reported issues to the federal safety officials, who

began investigating in 2016.

In late January, the non-profit Center for Auto Safety sent a letter to Ford CEO Jim Hackett renewing an October 2017 request for the Dearborn, Mich.-based company to recall 1.33 million Explorers from model years 2011 to '17 for suspected carbon monoxide leaks.

In July 2017, the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration expanded its probe into reports of exhaust odors in vehicle compartments and

exposure to carbon monoxide that may be linked to crashes and injuries. The oversight agency said at the time it was aware of the growing complaints and crashes that may have been linked to exposure to carbon monoxide and dozens of injuries among police and civilian vehicles.

Ford has issued multiple technical service bulletins related to exhaust odor to address complaints from police fleets and other owners, the federal agency noted.



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Ford Explorers from model years 2011 to 2017 are the subject of a federal probe over carbon monoxide concerns.

The federal investigation is in "engineering analysis" status, a step before the agency can formally demand an automaker conduct a recall.

NHTSA asked that concerned owners contact the agency by calling 888-327-4236 or going to www.nhtsa.gov and clicking "report a problem."

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The 2018 Kia Stinger, seen in GT2 trim, is a value compared with premium competitors.

It's a Kia? Stinger gets buzz

By **ROBERT DUFFER**
Chicago Tribune

The Stinger is a five-door sportback rear-wheel drive performance sedan hitting 60 mph in 4.7 seconds. Aside from the badge, nothing about it sounds or looks like a Kia. This caused much confusion.

Taking the 2018 Kia Stinger out in the wild, even in its most muted Silky Silver coat in drab, salt-washed January, provoked incredulous responses right out of Buick's marketing playbook, "That's a Kia?"

It is low and lean, with a long wheelbase and short overhangs. The sportback design means the roofline curves ever so smoothly into the tail, giving it a sexier profile than the two other newcomers in the crowded performance sedan scene, the Alfa Romeo Giulia and Jaguar XE.

The Stinger is not as much a departure from the brand's image as the low-volume full-size K900. The South Korean brand is best defined by its best-sellers, the frugal Forte compact and the fun Soul box. Compared with the competition, Stinger can be frugal, too, and it is undoubtedly fun.

The tester came as the top-of-the-line GT2, which even with all the bells and whistles finishes where the BMW 5-Series starts at \$51,400.

The twin-turbo V-6 jumps from the line with a satisfying but not overwhelming warble that can erupt into a growl. The

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GT2 engine:
365-horsepower 3.3-liter twin-turbo V-6

Transmission:
Eight-speed automatic

Parting shot:
That's a Kia?

pedal is positively sensitive, like it can't wait to get unleashed. Churning out 365 horsepower and 376 pound-feet of torque with the eight-speed automatic transmission, it hits 60 mph in a Kia-estimated 4.7 seconds. We have no reason to doubt that number; our passengers squealed on more than one occasion.

Sport mode delays the shift points, tightens the suspension and red-lights the display to match the red leather interior.

The roof and seating position are low and the wheelbase is long, so the car hugs curves and corners in a way that makes you want to drive more. Even on the highway, in Eco mode, the ride is quiet and compliant, floating like a butterfly in a manner befitting its presumed namesake. Steering is direct and the flat-bottomed

sport steering wheel inspires dreams of visiting the racetrack.

The cabin sports leather everything, and I loved the balance of red leather seats with black dash trimmed in chrome to match the pedals. The uniform aesthetic, the seamless blend of contrasting styles, feels more like Jaguar than Kia. That feel falters at the center stack, though. The touch screen is mounted on top of the dash, so it kind of juts up, only to have three large turbine air vents like Mercedes. But the side vents are more traditional. Then there is the horizontal band of climate and audio functions below. If the screen were more integrated, and the vents were not the centerpiece, it'd feel more luxurious.

The sportback design didn't cut off headroom in the rear seats, and the hatch helped us fit more gear across, though it lacks the vertical space of a trunk.

Stinger is a wonderful welcome to a competitive segment, offering an unusual balance of luxury, performance and value. It's a nice relief from the nickel-and-diming piecemeal options offered by the more established benchmarks. It will take more than a single model year to match the Germans, yet Stinger has helped leapfrog Kia into the premium realm held by Infiniti and Lexus.

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Brake check: Aftermarket brake pads are wise buy



BOB WEBER
Motormouth

Q: I have a 2012 Hyundai Santa Fe with 70,200 miles that is in need of brakes. My dealer says it uses OEM brakes and rotors and I should pay the extra \$300 for its service. My local mechanic says he can do the job for less and will use ceramic brake pads. I don't know if OEM and ceramic are the same, or if there are better quality parts that I should request?

— T.K., Crystal Lake, Ill.

A: OEM stands for "original equipment manufacturer," so OEM brake pads are the same as those that came with the vehicle. The friction material on the brake pads may be organic, semimetallc or ceramic. Brand-name aftermarket pads are just as good — and sometimes better — than OEM. Don't waste money.

Q: Before starting the car, my brother-in-law always tells me to turn the key halfway and wait for the beeping to stop first. He says that this is important to do because it allows the computer to check all of the car's sensors first. Any truth to this, or is this another urban legend?

— G.K., Chicago

A: Computers are so fast that everything is checked in less than the blink of an eye. But we do encourage you to pause and check all of the warning lights to make sure they are all working.

Q: During a recent cold spell, my battery died after only 35 months of use. I should get a free replacement up until the 36th month. The Honda dealer pointed out that the warranty applies to a replacement battery, not the one that came with the vehicle. It makes no sense to point out the warranty in the owner's manual about a replacement battery. Whatever battery I buy is going to have its own warranty. Very frustrating. You go to the dealer expecting a replacement battery at no charge and you end up walking out the door paying for it instead.

— B.H., Arlington Heights, Ill.

A: The owner's manual is vague on warranty coverage of the original equipment battery, which comes under the basic 36 months/36,000 miles. Although you may be able to argue that there is no mention of the warranty being prorated, we would not press the point. Generally, battery coverage diminishes near the end of its projected service life.

Q: If you mix 50 percent 92-octane gasoline with 50 percent 88-octane gasoline at the pump, do you really get 90 octane in your tank? Do the different octanes mix together?

— T.R., Chicago

A: Yep. In fact, that is what happens at the gas station when you select midgrade gas. Fuel from both of the underground storage tanks is blended at the pump with the help of the blend valve. At one time Sunoco used to have several octane grades available for the motorist's selection.

Q: Most cars today have the headlights come on when the engine starts. I routinely turn off the headlights if it is daytime. I was wondering if this habit would, after 15 years, result in any savings with respect to energy use of the car.

— G.B., Bartlett, Ill.

A: Nope.

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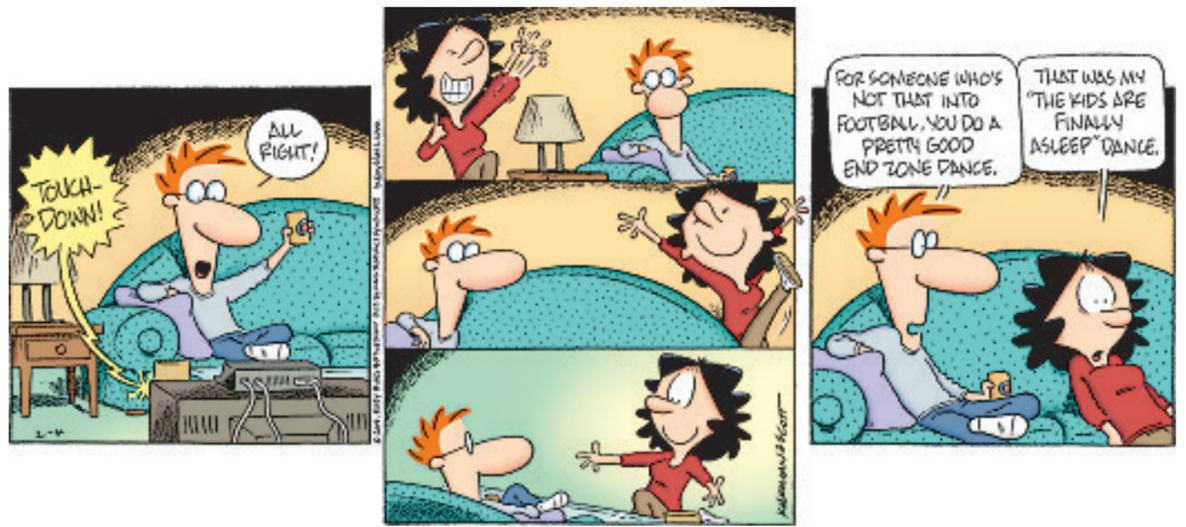


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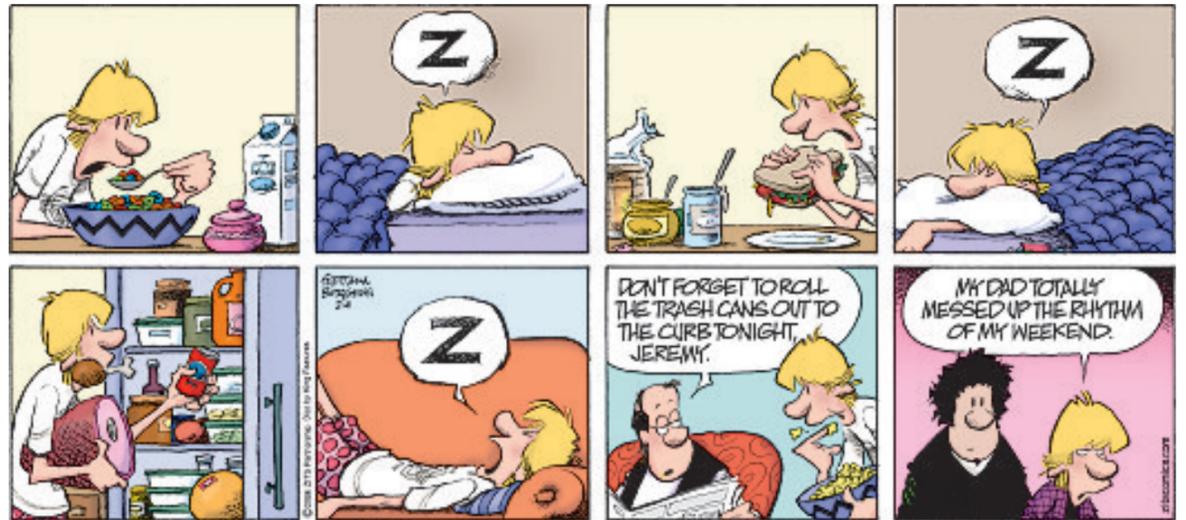
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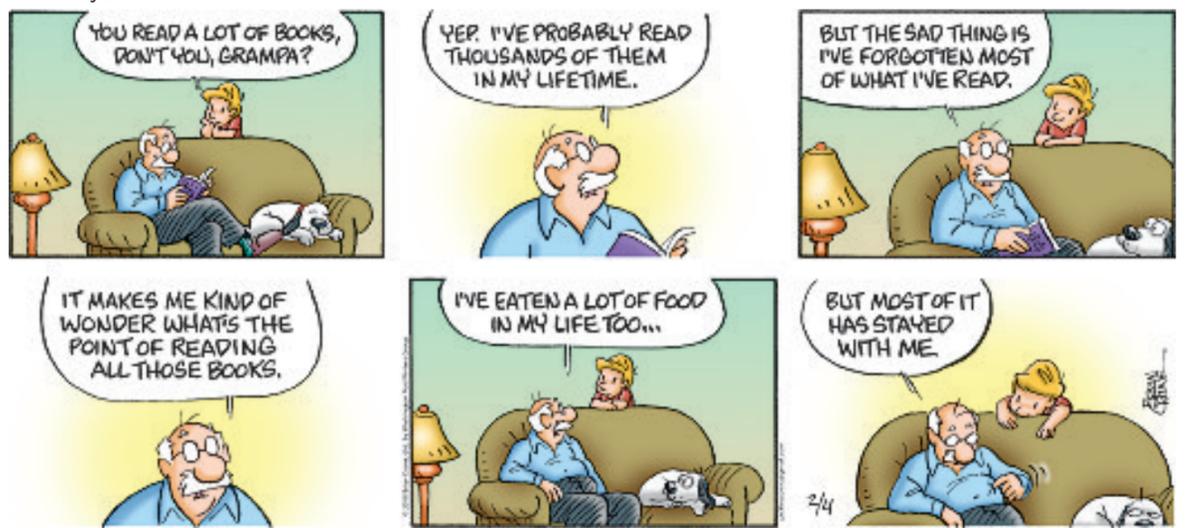
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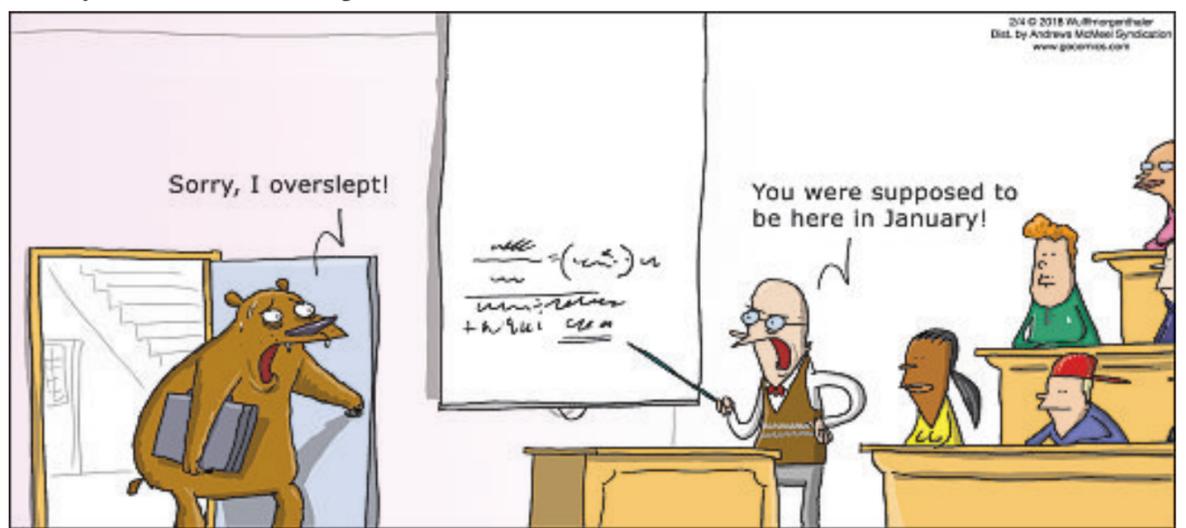
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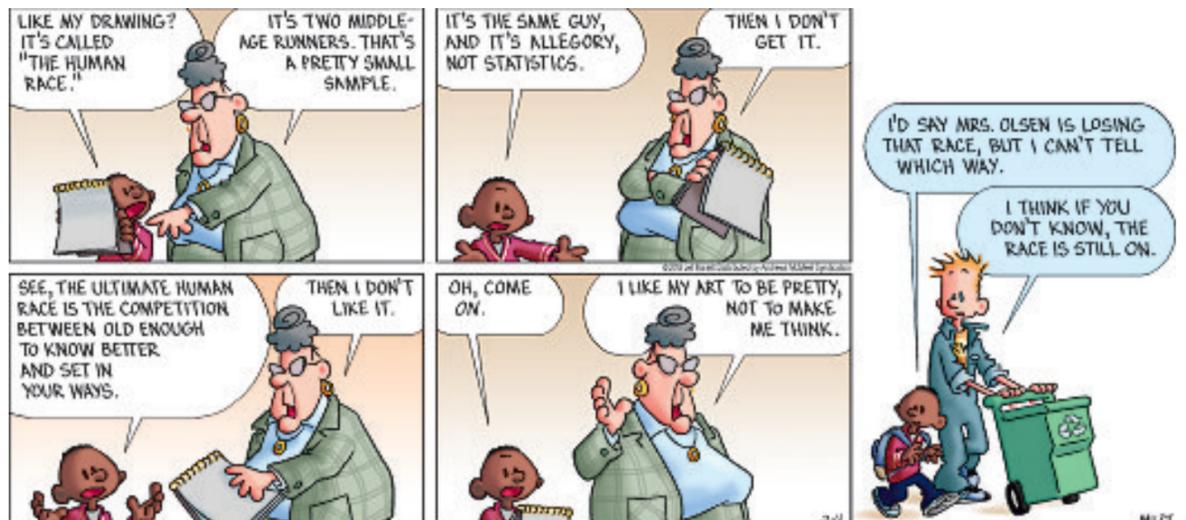
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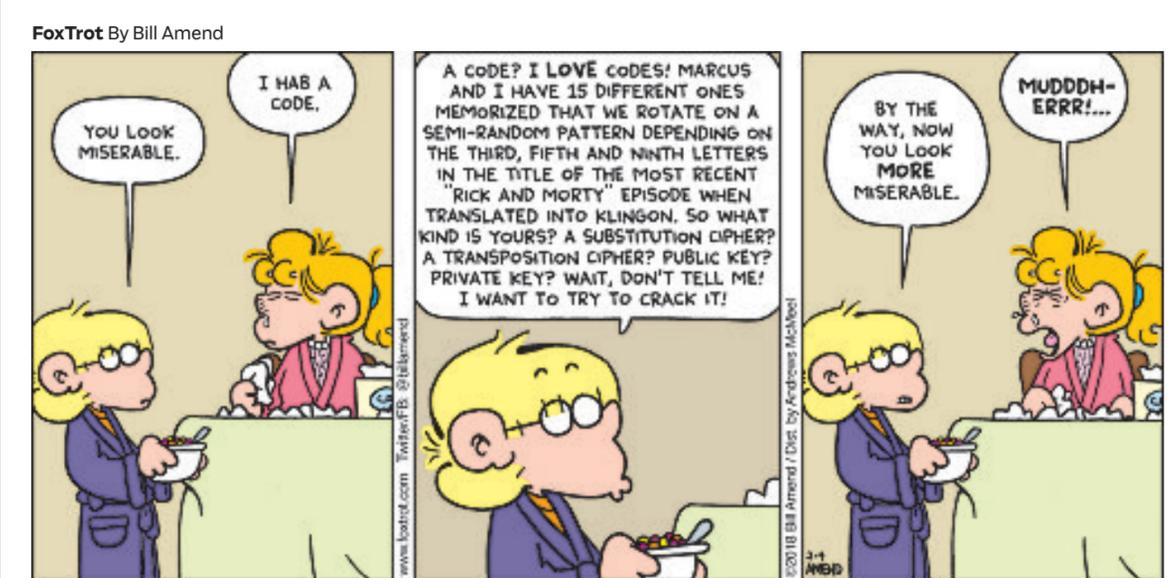
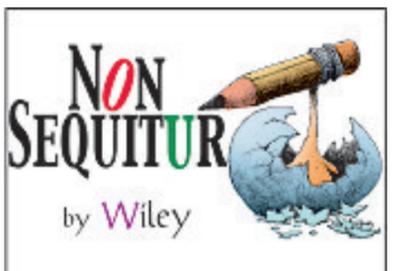
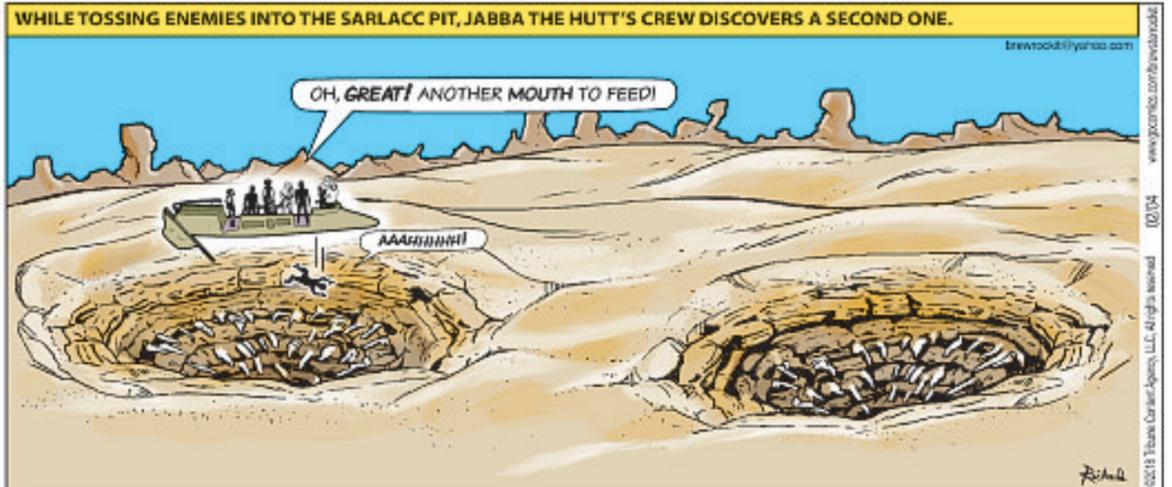
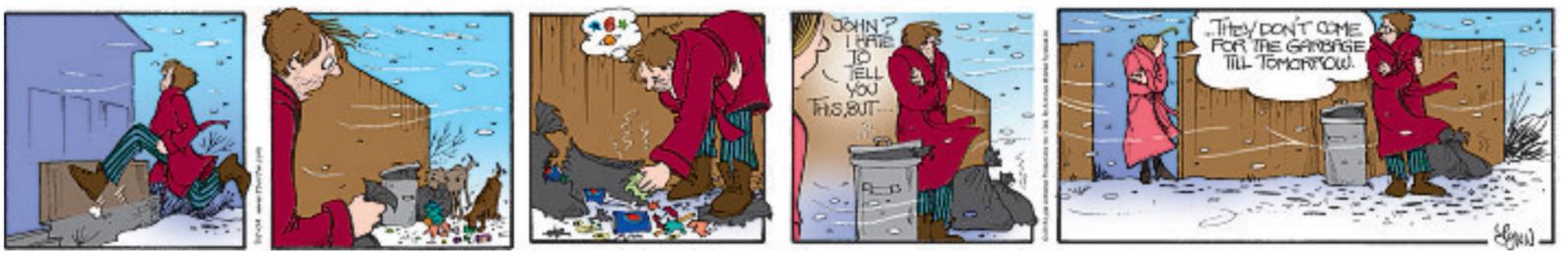
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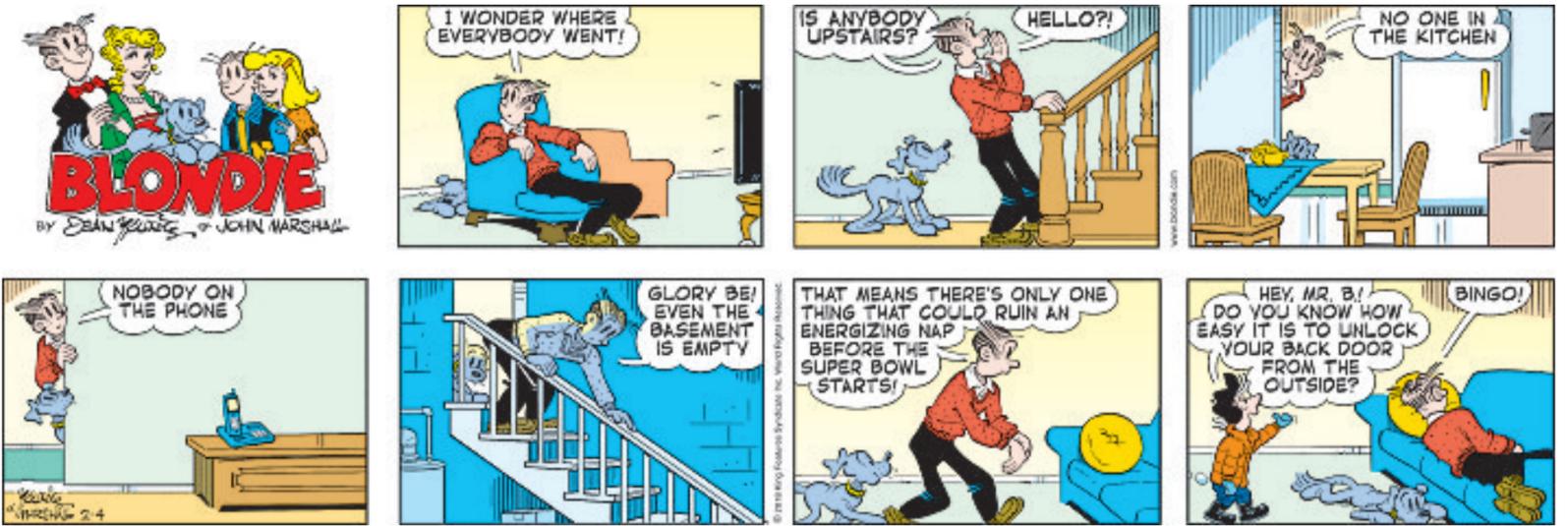
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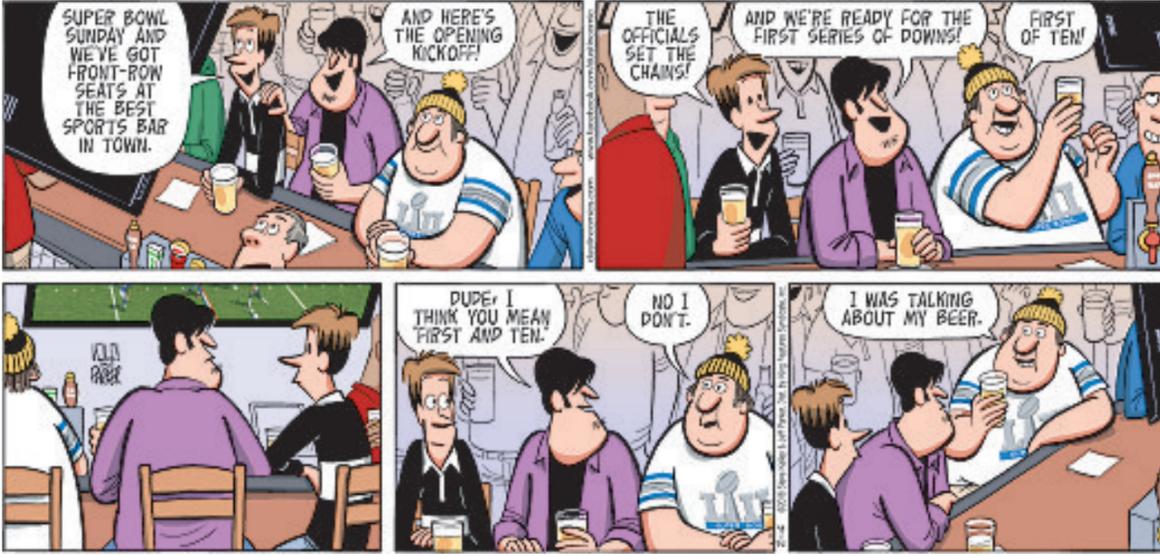
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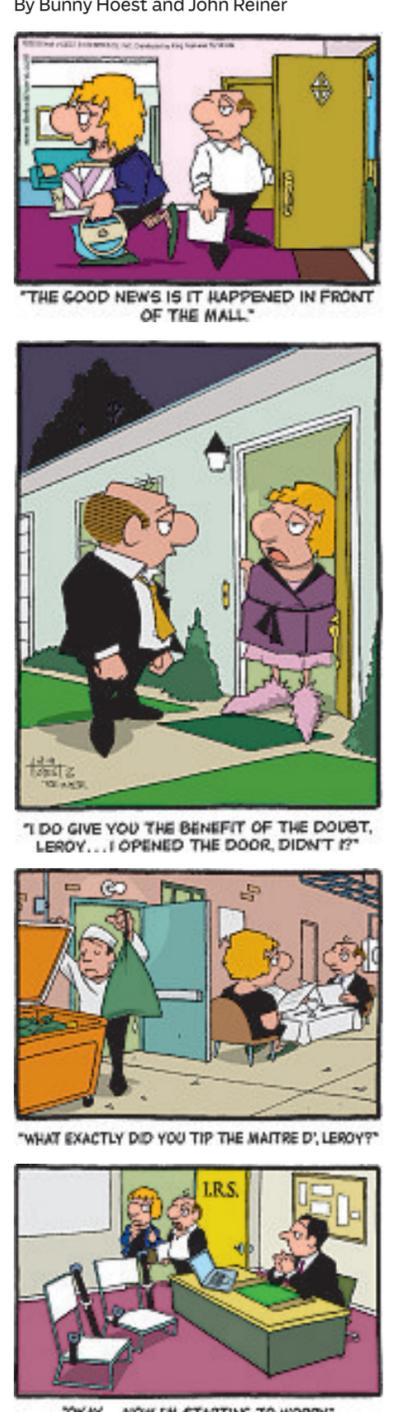
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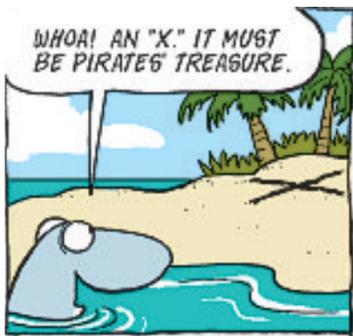
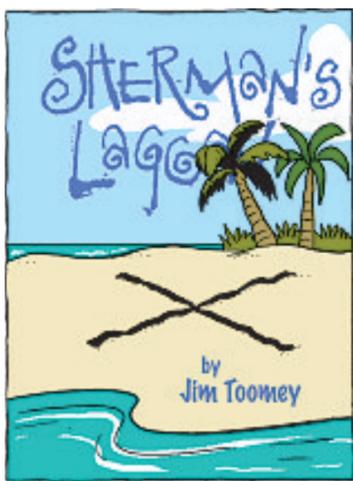


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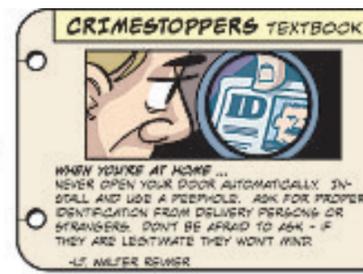
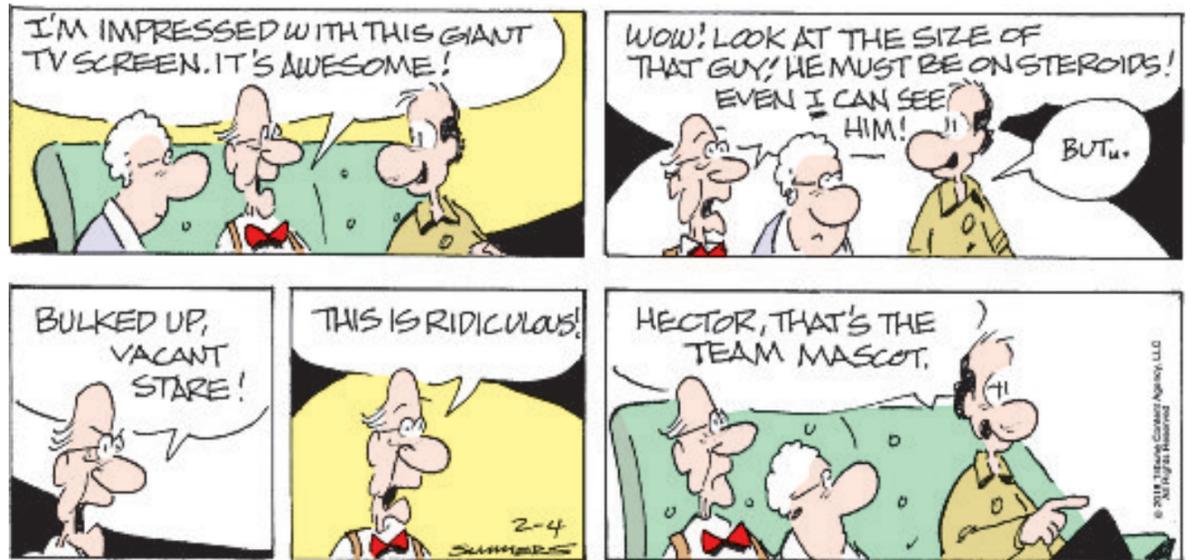




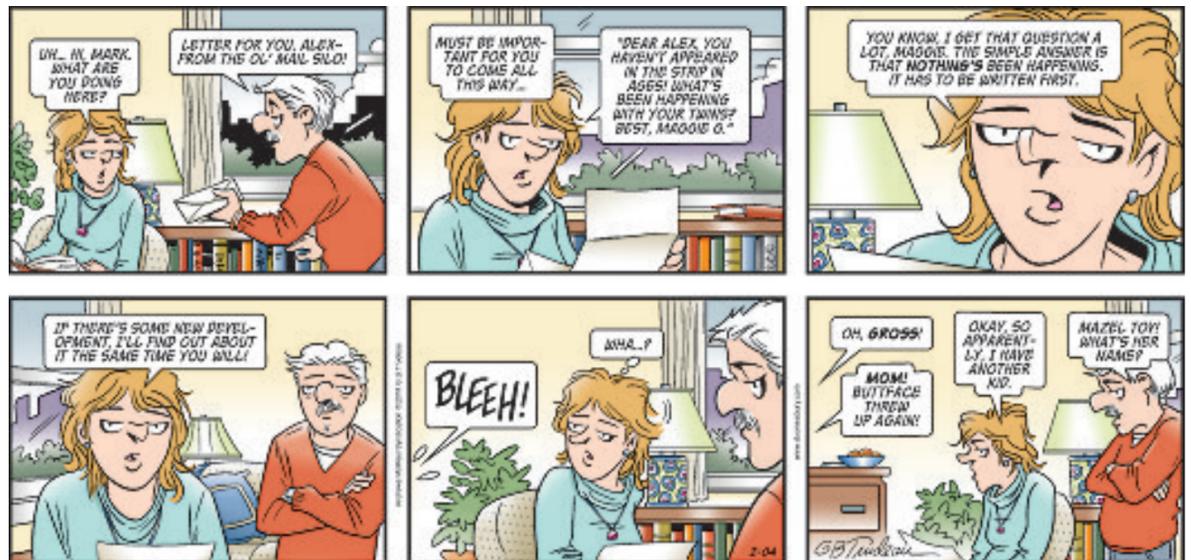
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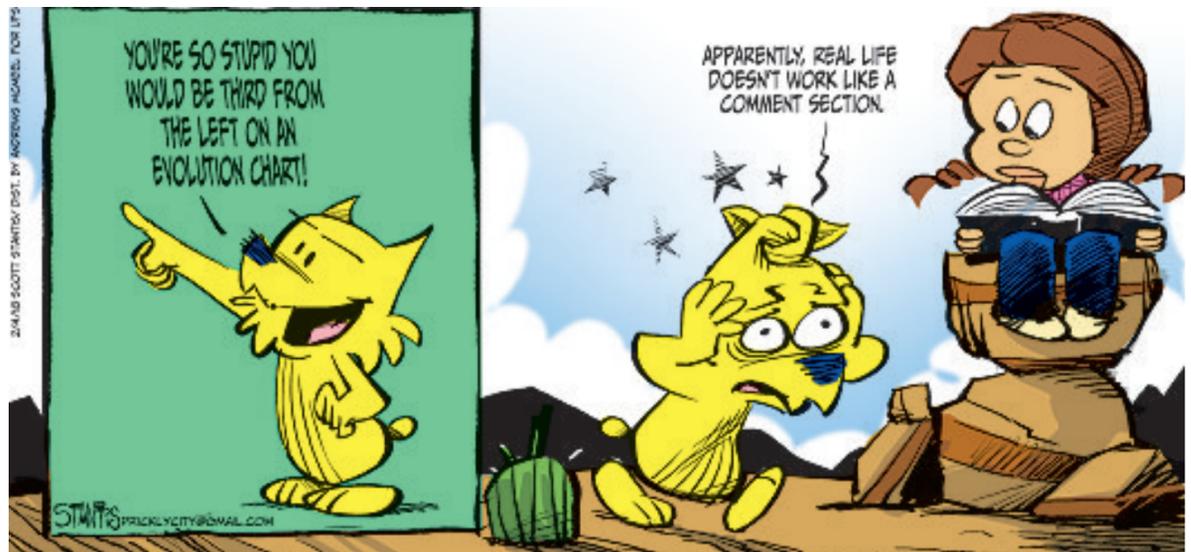
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WALTER SCOTT ASKS

BODE MILLER

The most decorated skier in U.S. Olympic history will join NBC as an analyst for the network's alpine skiing coverage when competition at the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, begins Feb. 8. Miller, 40, is the only American to compete in alpine skiing at five Olympics, where he received six medals.

What will you be doing as an analyst? Analysts, versus hosts or commentators, talk about what they see. And I'm a pretty natural speaker.

What is it like to be going to the Olympics as an observer after 20 years of competing?

I've never gotten to really enjoy the Olympics simply as a spectator, and be amazed at the accomplishments and learn about the athletes without that singular focus of my own event. I'm looking forward to it.

Do young skiers ask for your advice? Sometimes, but it's really always conversational. I'm not held in any special reverence. I'm pretty approachable. Ski racing is, fundamentally, a very simple sport. It's about going from point A to point B quickly. I think it's easy to get distracted and start thinking that you have to look a certain way or you have to do a certain thing. Sometimes it helps to have somebody who has a bunch of experience just tell you, "Look, don't worry about any of that stuff. Just make sure that your mind is focused on going fast." Going fast is really the essence of what ski racing is.

Which U.S. skiers does he think might medal? Go to Parade.com/miller to find out.

We know where we'll find NBC *Nightly News* host Lester Holt while he's in Pyeongchang covering his ninth Olympic Games.

"I'm fascinated with the world of curling. A lot of people say it with a smile, but it's a lot more athletic than it looks. Curling takes physical strength and balance. I also am a big fan of short-track speed skating—it's like demolition derby on ice."



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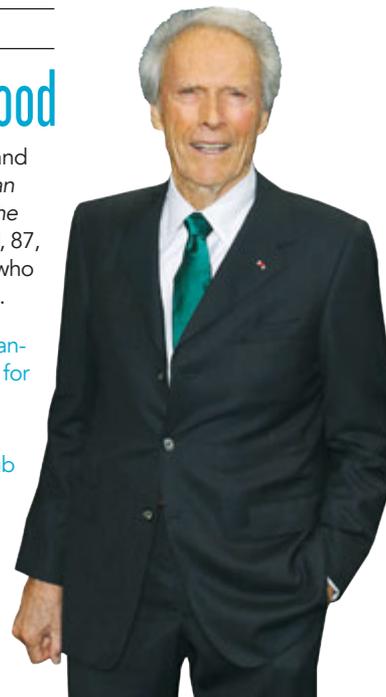
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The Oscar-winning director for *Million Dollar Baby* and *Unforgiven* follows up his most recent films, *American Sniper* and *Sully*, with yet another "reel-life" story. *The 15:17 to Paris* (Feb. 9), the latest film from Eastwood, 87, is based on the true tale of three American soldiers who thwart a terrorist attack on board a Paris-bound train.

- 1 Eastwood was a life-guard and swimming instructor while based at Fort Ord in California during the Korean War.
- 2 James Coburn and Charles Bronson both turned down the starring part in *Fistful of Dollars*, which paved the way for Eastwood to land his career-changing role in 1964.
- 3 He has practiced Transcendental Meditation for more than 40 years.
- 4 An avid golfer, he owns Tehama Golf Club in Carmel, Calif.
- 5 Eastwood was nicknamed "Samson" by the hospital nurses when he was born because he weighed 11 pounds, 6 ounces.

FROM STAR WARS TO PETER RABBIT

The *Last Jedi* heroine Daisy Ridley hops down the bunny trail in *Peter Rabbit* (Feb. 9), based on the illustrated story by Beatrix Potter. Ridley, 25, voices Cottontail, Peter's youngest sister, in the modernized take on the tale of the mischievous rabbit (James Corden) who tries to sneak into the vegetable garden of Mr. McGregor (Domhnall Gleeson) for a feast. "Growing up, my sisters and I were massive Beatrix Potter fans," Ridley says. "The film has all the characters we know and love but with a little update."



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9 to Watch

Team USA is expected to be 240 athletes strong in Pyeongchang. Here are a few to watch.

1. Gold medalist Jamie Anderson will compete in the new 2018 Olympic event **Snowboard Big**

Air, where snowboarders fly down a steep ramp and perform one explosive trick before landing.

2. Defending men's U.S. figure skating champ Nathan Chen, known for his powerful quadruple jumps, is a top gold contender.

3. Snowboarder Chloe Kim, who earned silver at the 2014 Winter X Games, will compete in front of family living in South Korea.

4. Slider Tucker West says his mom has long been terrified of his sport (luge). "Who would want to see their kid go screaming by at 90 mph with only a helmet on for protection?" Regardless, she will be cheering for him in Pyeongchang. Go to Parade.com/moms for more Olympian tributes.

5 and 6. Brother-sister ice dancing team Alex and Maia Shibutani (the ShibSibs), who have been skating together for 14 years, have gold in their sights.

7. The youngest alpine gold medalist in Olympic history, Mikaela Shiffrin, was the slalom champion in Sochi at age 18. A repeat?

8. Ski racer Lindsey Vonn has won four World Cup overall championships to date—one of only two female skiers to do so. She's targeting her second Olympic gold medal in 2018.

9. Snowboarder Shaun White took the gold in 2006 and 2010. He and his Tomahawk trick are back in Pyeongchang!

—Lambeth Hochwald



8 TO WATCH FROM TOP: HARRY HOWGETTY (IMAGES ©)



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By Marilyn vos Savant

I have never been able to tell left from right. In grade school, the only way I knew how to pledge allegiance to the flag was to look at a birthmark on my right arm. Why?

—Linda Rodeffer, Lovettsville, Va.

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What America Eats

ENTERTAINING

GOLD MEDAL SNACK

These tasty meatballs and dipping sauces from *Everyday Korean* by Kim Sunée and Seung Hee Lee are perfect for nibbling while watching the 23rd Olympic Winter Games, starting Thursday in Pyeongchang, South Korea. Round out your feast with a Korean beer (such as Hite) or soju (such as Jinro), a Korean spirit traditionally distilled from rice that you can use in place of vodka in many cocktails. —Alison Ashton

BULGOGI MEATBALLS

Traditional bulgogi is a Korean barbecue favorite of marinated thinly sliced beef that's grilled or stir-fried. Here, those flavors are incorporated into prep-ahead meatballs to serve with lettuce leaves or steamed rice. You could also make sliders to serve on toasted mini buns with grated cheddar cheese, mayonnaise and mustard in a delicious fusion of Korean and American flavors.

In a large bowl, whisk together $\frac{1}{4}$ cup **low-sodium soy sauce**, 3 Tbsp **dark brown sugar**, 3 Tbsp minced **green onion**, 2 Tbsp minced **garlic**, 2 Tbsp **toasted sesame oil**, 2 tsp **fish sauce** (or additional soy sauce), $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp freshly ground **black pepper** and $\frac{1}{4}$ **Asian pear** (or Bosc or Bartlett pear), grated. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup **panko breadcrumbs**, 1 lb **ground beef** (preferably chuck and short rib), 1 lb **ground pork** or **veal** and 1 **large egg**, lightly beaten; mix just until combined (do not overmix). Cover; refrigerate 30 minutes and up to 2 hours.

Preheat oven to 425°F. Form meat mixture into 40–50 mini meatballs or about 18 slider patties; place on a baking sheet. Bake 18–20 minutes for meatballs (20–22 minutes for sliders) or until golden and cooked through but still tender, turning the pan halfway through cooking time. Garnish with **toasted sesame seeds**, if desired. Serve with Soy-Vinegar Dipping Sauce and spicy Ssamjang. **Makes 40–50 meatballs or 18 sliders.**

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SOY-VINEGAR DIPPING SAUCE

This light, bright sauce is a nice complement to the richer Ssamjang. It's also delicious drizzled over steamed rice.

In a medium bowl, combine $\frac{1}{4}$ cup **soy sauce**, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup **rice vinegar** or cider vinegar, 1 Tbsp **sugar** and 1 Tbsp finely chopped **green onion** and 1 tsp **gochugaru** (Korean red pepper flakes, optional) and 1 tsp **toasted sesame oil** (optional). If desired, sprinkle with 1 tsp **toasted sesame seeds** just before serving. Refrigerate in an airtight container up to 3 days. **Makes about $\frac{1}{2}$ cup.**

SSAMJANG

This thick, umami-rich paste typically is served with meats in lettuce wraps. It's also a fun substitute for ketchup on burgers.

In a small bowl, combine $\frac{1}{2}$ cup **doenjang** (fermented soybean paste) or miso, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup **gochujang** (Korean fermented chile paste), 2 Tbsp **sesame oil**, 1 Tbsp **sugar**, 1 Tbsp **rice vinegar** or cider vinegar, 1 Tbsp minced **garlic** and 1 Tbsp minced **green onion** (white parts only). If desired, stir in 1 Tbsp minced **jalapeño** or serrano chile, stems and seeds removed. Refrigerate in an airtight container up to 2 weeks. **Makes about 1 cup.**

Ingredient Spotlight

► Made from fermented soybeans, **doenjang** (DEN-jahng) adds funky pungent notes to sauces and marinades. Try **Wholly Doenjang** (\$10, amazon.com). *Substitute:* red or brown miso paste (milder flavor).

► **Gochujang** (go-choo-jahng) is a thick Korean-style fermented chile paste that's fast gaining popularity in the U.S. We're fans of **Chung Jung One** (\$10, amazon.com). *Substitute:* sriracha hot sauce (thinner) or harissa (smokier).

► **Gochugaru** (go-choo-kah-roo) is a seasoning made of medium-heat red pepper flakes. Try **McCormick Gourmet** (\$8, walmart.com). *Substitute:* red pepper flakes.



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WATCH

BY LAMBETH HOCHWALD

All eyes will be on the 23rd Winter Olympics Feb. 8–25 in South Korea. (Watch the opening ceremony Feb. 9 at 8 p.m. ET on NBC.) Here's what you need to know.

MEET BANDABI & SOHORANG

The Asiatic black bear and white tiger are familiar figures in Korean folk tales—and mascots of the 2018 Paralympics and Olympics, respectively.

76 PERCENT

The number of Americans who watch the Winter Olympics, according to Bridgestone's Winter Driving Survey

PYEONGCHANG, SOUTH KOREA

is about 80 miles east of Seoul and 60 miles south of the



Demilitarized Zone separating North and South Korea. Skiing and sliding events take place at the Pyeongchang Mountain Cluster. The Gangneung Coastal Cluster hosts figure skating, hockey, curling and short-track speed skating.

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2018 MEDALS

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HAPPY 700

The city of Pyeongchang's slogan relates to the average elevation above sea level of this part of Korea (700 meters, or 765 yards). This location is believed by many South Koreans to be the perfect place for people to live in harmony with nature and culture.



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Tale of Two Champions

Courage and resilience—and an intense love for the ice—unite an Olympic hopeful and a gold-medal pro.

By Mara Reinstein • Cover and opening photography by Nigel Parry/CPI Syndication

On a crowded rink in New York City's Central Park, triple-jumping dynamo Karen Chen, 18, is literally skating circles around veteran Olympic figure skater Scott Hamilton. But during a quieter moment, the soft-spoken, unassuming teen is rapt with attention as the 59-year-old pro maps out a psychological

the skater who came in third at the U.S. championships, earning her an Olympic spot. "When you have an opportunity, your chin comes out a little bit. You can go out there and just skate for it and show everybody what you're made of. It takes away all the nerves and the pressure. You're prepared and you're ready to take that thing and grab it."

There's a reason why the affable Hamilton has been an ambassador for the sport for nearly 40 years. He's attended the games nine times, seven as a commentator and two as a competitor, winning the gold medal in 1984. ("It was my worst long program in three months," he groans. He prefers to not watch that performance on YouTube, in which he apologizes to his coach after coming off the ice.)



Meeting of the Champs: Chen, fourth at the 2017 world championships and bronze medalist at the 2018 U.S. nationals, and Olympic gold medalist (1984) Hamilton traded skating stories at Wollman Rink in New York City.

game plan for her first Olympic games in South Korea.

"Think of it as an opportunity instead of an obligation," he tells

After standing atop the podium in Sarajevo at age 25, he spent nearly two decades wowing crowds in show-stopping Stars on Ice performances, thanks to his flair for rock music, theatrics and his signature move, the backflip—which he retired at age 51. Hamilton has also used his deep knowledge and unbridled enthusiasm to provide color in the broadcast booth. He's called it all, including the epic Tonya Harding-Nancy Kerrigan showdown in 1994. The Nashville-area resident and married dad of four will be on hand in Pyeongchang for NBC. "It's like, 'Holy cow, I still get to do this!'"

His eternally positive attitude has carried him through darker moments away from the rink. In 1997, two years before Chen was born,

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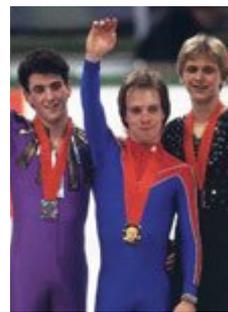
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Hamilton was successfully treated for testicular cancer that had spread to his abdomen. He was diagnosed with benign brain tumors in 2004, 2010 and 2016, with treatment sometimes involving intricate surgery. Asked how he's feeling today, he quips, "Older—I've never been this old before, so I have nothing to compare it to!" He likens his health battles to an anecdote in the Malcolm Gladwell book *David and Goliath*. "When Britain kept getting bombed during World War II, they didn't surrender. They only became more emboldened. I can relate to that. I can survive life-threatening illnesses and know that I won't be debilitated."

Early to Rise

Despite the contrast in age and personalities, both stars say their lives fell into place once they discovered ice skating. Chen, a first-generation Taiwanese-American from Fremont, Calif., found her passion at age 6. "I was a shy kid and it was hard for me to venture out," she says. "Once I laced up my skates and got out on the ice, I wasn't shy anymore. Sure, I fell down. But I didn't care what other people thought about me. I just got back up. I realized then that this was something I loved doing."

Though she used to set her alarm for 4 a.m. for morning practices before school, "I was never exhausted, because I enjoyed skating so much." (She's now home-schooled.) By age 11, she could cleanly land triple jumps and the forward-pushing double axel. A year later, she won in the novice division. "It never hit me, like, 'Oh, I'm really good at this! I'm amazing!'" she says. "As I worked, I just gradually got better."



Above, Hamilton wins gold in Sarajevo in 1984; below, Chen in 2012.



Hamilton spent his Ohio childhood in and out of hospitals due to a mysterious illness that stunted his growth (he's 5 feet 3 inches). Once he started skating at age 9, his health began to improve. It took another few years until his talent matched his drive. "Oh, I was terrible!"

he says. Every day at 6:45 a.m., he put on special soft-leather skates and spent six hours mastering the art of tracing figure eights on the ice, singing Kool and the Gang's "Get Down on It" to get pumped.

"I learned through endless failure. I figured that I had nothing to lose because I was dead last all the time. Once you feel failure, it's not a stranger anymore. That's given me the ability to be resilient under really difficult circumstances."

Chen's lowest point came a few years ago when she suddenly felt throbbing pain in

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her back that shot down to her leg. Doctors discovered she had cracked a bone, which caused her lower vertebrae to slip forward. They advised her to stop skating. "It was a huge struggle and I was scared," she admits. She got better with physical therapy. "Even now, the pain is just tolerable. It takes a lot of mental toughness to get over that."

Hamilton estimates he fell down 41,600 times in his career—and got up 41,600 times. "That

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made me understand the process of facing a challenge," he says. When he received his cancer diagnosis, "that didn't make me happy. So I learned the process of getting better. Chemo, break, surgery, break, back to life. I can do that. It was not any different than failing a figures test and getting better at it. I just broke it down step by step, and I became more successful."

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Hamilton's fondest memories are from his first games in 1980 at Lake Placid, N.Y. Team USA captains chose the 21-year-old to be the U.S. flag bearer as a reward for making the squad in the wake

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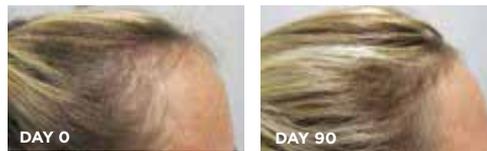
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of the death of his mom, Dorothy, from cancer. “That was an honor like no other, yet it was very comical,” he recalls, noting his shoes were nearly two sizes too big and his hat kept drooping over his eyes during the parade of nations.

He can still detail every day of those games, highlighted by the thrill of being in the arena when the U.S. upset Russia in the hockey semifinals, dubbed the “Miracle on Ice.”

To prepare for competitions when she was younger, Chen would play a recording of the 1998 ladies’ free skate, in which Tara Lipinski edged out fellow American Michelle Kwan in Nagano, Japan. “I would watch their programs right before I got on the ice,” she says. “I want to stand on that podium and wave to the crowd and have that medal around my neck.”

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