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Experts: Embrace troubled students

After Fla. shooting, some tout inclusion to prevent violence

BY TED GREGORY AND JOHN KEILMAN
Chicago Tribune

Amid the heartbreak and horror of yet another mass school shooting is the persistent sentiment that schools must do more to protect students by expanding security, installing more obstacles to attackers, even arming staff and teachers.

But local school administrators and experts on school violence also are emphasizing a tandem approach, one whose aim is to embrace troublesome students instead of separating them from their schools and peers.

Addressing the west suburban Lyons Township High School community on Thursday, Principal Brian Waterman underscored how Wednesday's shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida that killed 17 people "reminds us of the importance of regularly reviewing, updating, and familiarizing ourselves with our emergency planning procedures."

But Waterman also said it's important to build relationships with students, something that he brings up when talking about school safety. "I consistently mention that the most effective strategy we have is our ability to build positive relationships and connections with individual students."

In addressing the nation after the shooting, Presi-

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In many states, teenagers can buy rifles with no wait

Federal law requires someone to be at least 21 to buy a handgun, but there's no such restriction for rifles, shotguns or the AR-15. **Nation & World**, Page 25

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"Those who served under him felt like they served alongside him."

— Mayor Rahm Emanuel, on Chicago police Cmdr. Paul Bauer



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Pallbearers carry the casket of Chicago police Cmdr. Paul Bauer out of Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church in Bridgeport on Saturday.

SLAIN COMMANDER LAID TO REST

Service marked by stories of selflessness, harsh words for suspect in shooting

BY ANNIE SWEENEY, JEREMY GORNER, ESE OLUMHENSE AND STACY ST. CLAIR
Chicago Tribune

With Bridgeport draped in blue Saturday to honor slain Chicago police Cmdr. Paul Bauer, the city laid the fallen officer to rest with stories of his selflessness and harsh words for the man charged with his murder.

Thousands attended the funeral at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church, where the two-hour service and subsequent procession combined for one of most impressive — and stately — civic farewells in recent memory. Elected officials, department brass and rank-and-file officers from across North America filled the cavernous sanctuary on the South Side, while the Dan Ryan Expressway was closed so hundreds of police vehicles could lead the hearse carrying Bauer's flag-draped casket to a suburban cemetery.



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Bauer, 53, was fatally shot Tuesday outside the Thompson Center while struggling with a suspect.

The mourners were comforted throughout the day by the Bridgeport community, which tied blue ribbons around trees and hung the commander's photo in storefront windows. Some residents brought doughnuts and coffee to officers standing outside the church in frigid temperatures, while others opened their homes for them to warm up or use the bathroom.

Bridgeport residents Erica and Gerardo Avitia brought their two daughters, 3 and 2, to watch the funeral procession. Holding signs with Bauer's picture on them, the couple said they wanted to show their support for the city and its grief-stricken Police Department.

"There's not too many things that unite this city," Erica Avitia said as she held one of her girls. "This is someone who stood up for values and morals. We're here to support his family, and the

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Xanax, opioids prove lethal mix as area death toll soars

Widely prescribed sedatives gaining pop culture cachet

BY JOHN KEILMAN
Chicago Tribune

Nick was a high school junior already well-acquainted with mind-altering substances when a friend introduced him to Xanax. He was immediately smitten.

The prescription anti-anxiety medication affected him differently than booze or weed, he recalled, smothering his inner turmoil so completely he became a fugitive from his own mind.

"Whenever I would take it, I felt very at ease,"

said Nick, now 26. "It made me really unproductive. I'd be able to do the school work but at the same time I felt really relaxed. Half the time I'd be forgetting the stuff I was doing."

Xanax is a benzodiazepine, a class of drugs that includes Valium and Klonopin. They are sedatives that are normally used to relieve anxiety and insomnia, but as they have become more commonly prescribed over the last two decades, abuse and overdoses have followed.

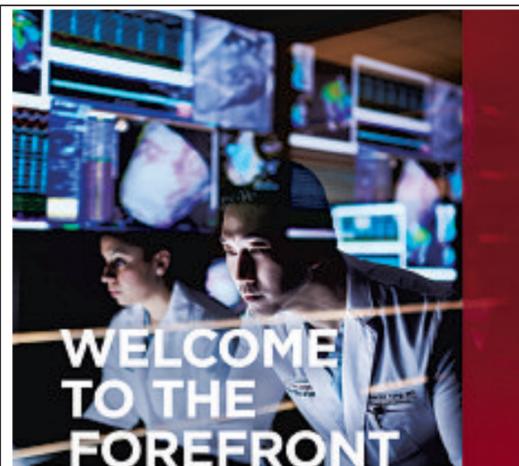
The drugs have also seeped into pop culture, with performers from Eminem to Future mentioning benzodiazepines in their lyrics. One enter-

tainer, Lil Xan, even derived his name from the most prominent brand.

But the November death of rapper Lil Peep, attributed to Xanax and the opioid fentanyl, illustrated the danger posed by the indiscriminate use of benzodiazepines, particularly when they're mixed with other drugs.

Cook County saw 333 such deaths last year, nearly three times the number in 2015, according to data from the office of Medical Examiner Ponni Arunkumar. Almost all came when benzodiazepines were consumed with opioids, a combination that can depress

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Chicago police officers line up outside Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church before Cmdr. Paul Bauer's funeral Saturday.



JOHN KASS

Despite funeral grandeur, cops know they are alone

When an exemplary police officer like Cmdr. Paul Bauer is buried, Chicago binds itself in a liturgy of grief.

Pageantry comes with it, from the bagpipes echoing in the gangways of the two-flats near the church, the eulogies, the public tears of politicians, the rows and rows of officers from departments across the country. And all those blue ribbons tied to all those trees.

All of it for Paul Bauer, 53, the commander of the North Side's 18th District, who was buried on Saturday.

Bauer, a husband and father, was added to the list of the 580 Chicago police officers who have died from injuries while on duty.

Some will say he gave his life in public service. But they'll be wrong. He didn't give his life. It was taken from him by a violent career criminal. He didn't even draw his gun.

Bauer was shot to death trying to apprehend a man who should have been in prison, not out on the street. The alleged shooter, Shomari Legghette, was applauded by other Cook County Jail inmates as he was walked out of a court hearing.

Eventually, as with all such liturgies, the echoes of the pipes fade away. Then what?

Cops know.

They're alone.

The politicians will play their games as police seek a new contract. The public will move on. The news cycle will change.

The Laquan McDonald case will eventually come to trial. White cop Jason Van Dyke — who shot the black teenager 16 times in 2014 and was charged with murder — will be held up by political activists as representative of all police.

That's wrong, of course. He's representative of himself, not all police. But the politics of the broad brush is inevitable, particularly in the shorthand of broadcast news.

And that's one reason cops are alone.

"After the bagpipes stop and words

are done, at the bottom of all that is Paul Bauer's family and the extended family of police that will support them," said Dean Angelo, former president of Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 7.

"And that doesn't stop when the bagpipes stop playing."

I called Angelo because he is a thoughtful man. He spent decades as a detective. His daughter is a young Chicago police officer. He's been through this before. She has not.

"The poor Bauer family has to deal with it, the fact that he's never coming home, the fact that there will still be that empty chair at the table. The extended police family won't forget them. There will be support. But he's gone."

Cops avoid the cameras and reporters and politicians at police funerals. They go off and drink with their own kind. No one else could understand.

"They know they're alone, but they have each other," Angelo said. "So after all the rhetoric at the funeral, all the talk in the media, the next day or the next shift they go to roll call, they look around and what do they see? They see each other. And then they're in the squad car, and who's next to them? Another police officer. The radio goes off, a call comes in, they're with each other and they answer the call."

What should be remembered are Bauer's words of warning about violent criminals like Legghette.

For the past couple of years, Cook County Democratic politicians, from County Board President Toni Preckwinkle to her protegee State's Attorney Kim Foxx, as well as Sheriff Tom Dart, have been bragging about reducing the jail population.

Call it compassion, or call it raw politics, but it bothered Paul Bauer, because to him it meant that predators were being released early.

"This is how I look at it, I want them off the street," Bauer said last year, according to a story by Steven Dahlman of Loop North News. "We're not talking about the guy

that stole a loaf of bread from the store to feed his family. We're talking about career robbers, burglars, drug dealers. These are all crimes against the community. They need to be off the street. ... This has been going on for quite some time but it's getting worse."

Bauer was an exemplary police officer. Yet not all cops are heroes. When one turns bad, we end up blaming them all.

Many of us don't really want to know what cops do: They wade through the stupid brutality of crime, the stuff that soils the souls of anyone who touches it.

Police touch it every day. They see the children who've been raped, the boys who've just been shot, the women assaulted, the grandmother on the ground with a broken hip, robbed by a man with a cleaver.

They see the babbling drunk who just killed a family with a car. They examine the bodies of shooting victims. And they chase the wolves.

We don't want to know how they handle it, just like many of us don't want to consider the men in the jail who see Legghette as their hero. We don't want to think they could be walking behind your mother on the street, or near your wife in a parking lot or your friend as he puts his keys into his car, or near your children or you.

We don't want to think about it. Cops think about it all the time.

For all the complaints we throw at police, many of us forget they aren't the wolves. They are the shepherds. That's why they picked up the badge and gun.

Like Cmdr. Paul Bauer and like many, many others in law enforcement like him, shepherds, alone after those public rituals of civic grief.

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Emanuel may face heckling at Harvard

Within the last month, Mayor **Rahm Emanuel** has been heckled on out-of-town campuses on the West Coast and in the Midwest about his plans for a new police academy. Now it looks as if he'll add an East Coast Ivy League academy into the mix.

A group of 35 students and community group members at Harvard University have signed an open letter protesting Emanuel's onstage conversation scheduled for Tuesday at the Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies, complaining that the event "erases how destructive Emanuel's policies have been to Black and Brown residents of Chicago and to

the City of Chicago as a whole."

The letter — which complains that the \$95 million being spent on a new police academy would be better spent on schools — echoes comments directed at Emanuel by handfuls of hecklers at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor on Jan. 19, and at the University of California, Los Angeles on Feb. 12.

Chance the Rapper championed the cause of funding schools instead of a new police academy at a City Council meeting in November. But his plea had little effect: Aldermen voted in favor of funding the first step of the mayor's proposals, 48-1.

In Los Angeles last week, Emanuel laughed off the protests, telling his audience that he "didn't realize there were that many direct flights" from Chicago. In Ann Arbor, Emanuel attempted to engage the protesters, who continued to chant at him. Some in the audience booed the hecklers.

Emanuel's spokesman **Adam Collins** said that in both cases "the vast majority of audience members themselves made it clear they were annoyed with the interruption." He added: "Anyone who has spent any amount of time on any college campus has probably protested something at some point. There's really

no surprise here."

Collins also noted that President **Barack Obama's** Justice Department recommended that Chicago police need new training facilities.

But the Harvard protesters accuse Emanuel of doing too little to halt the decline in the size of Chicago's black population and write that, "As future and current designers, urban planners, policy-makers, organizers and educators, we cannot disregard the people who are in danger because of Rahm Emanuel's administration."

Expect another bumpy ride in Cambridge this week.

— Kim Janssen

P.F. Chang's wraps up ABC gaffe with humor

P.F. Chang's is seeing the funny side of Chicago ABC affiliate WLS-Ch. 7's screw-up that confused the Asian-American restaurant chain with the Winter Olympics host city Pyeongchang.

The restaurant temporarily renamed its lettuce wraps "Pyeongchang lettuce wraps" and gave them away with entrees Thursday, in an attempt to cash in on the gaffe.

Last Saturday, a WLS news team segment went viral after it accidentally used a graphic that read "P.F. Chang 2018" to illustrate a serious news story about the South Korean games. The graphic had been prepared for an earlier, satirical piece by sports anchor **Mark Giangreco** but was mistakenly used again for the news report, a station spokeswoman said.

A tweet by P.F. Chang's that announced "contrary to this broadcast, we are not hosting the games" has since been liked more than 5,700 times, making it a hit piece of what we are obliged to refer to as "brandtner" for the chain, which has five restaurants in the Chicago area. The company also made a picture of its own spoof report in which a graphic appears behind the anchor suggesting that he is reporting on "Pyeongchang Lettuce Wraps."

— Kim Janssen



Daniel Edwards, center, leaves court in 1988 during his trial for the kidnap and death of Stephen Small. An upcoming episode of "Murder is Forever" is based on the case.

Patterson explores Kankakee murder

Even best-selling fiction author **James Patterson**, who has written about murder six ways from Sunday, has some strong thoughts about the 1987 abduction and murder of prominent Kankakee businessman **Stephen Small**.

"Buried alive? Bad idea," Patterson said with an ewwww.

Patterson has teamed up with the Investigation Discovery network for the new true-crime series "Murder is Forever," which premiered last month. Monday's episode, scheduled to air at 9 p.m., is based on the death of Small, who was buried alive in a plywood box in an isolated wooded area



Patterson Small

near Kankakee while his kidnapers tried to extort \$1 million from his family. Small suffocated underground because a makeshift breathing tube was inadequate.

"Danny Edwards was just a knucklehead, not just evil, but I mean he was just a dumb guy," Patterson told the Tribune by phone.

Edwards, a smooth-talking drug dealer played by **Josh McKenzie** on the series, is serving life in

prison after then-Gov. **George Ryan** commuted Illinois death sentences in 2003. Edwards' girlfriend at the time, **Nancy Rish**, has unsuccessfully appealed her life sentence.

The case has garnered considerable media coverage over the past 30 years. Small was the great-grandson of the late Gov. **Len Small** and Ryan's former next-door neighbor.

The six-part "Murder is Forever" series was filmed in New Zealand. Books accompanying the series were just released.

"If you like true crime, this is a really hall of fame true-crime story. It's pretty stunning," Patterson said.

— Tracy Swartz

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Who knew the %#@ crysanwhatever is city's official flower?



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intended Chicago's official flower to represent Obama's political roots.

Since the portrait was unveiled, I've asked dozens of people whether they knew that Chicago has an official flower and what it is. I've found only two who did.

"It seems to be one of the best-kept secrets, even at the time the City Council designated the chrysanthemum as the official flower on June 17, 1966," Tim Samuelson, the city's cultural historian, said by email when I asked for his insight into the mystery.

He made a few other remarks — noting, for example, that he'd never seen any explanation of why the council chose this flower — then said he was signing off the email.

"If I have to write %#@ crysan...whatever again, I'm gonna explode," he said.

My sentiments exactly. Every time I type the word, it takes me five tries to get it right and if not for spell check, I wouldn't be sure I had.

I've always hated the %#@ crysanwhatever. Well, not quite always. When I was 19 and on a semester abroad in France, I liked them enough that I took a bouquet to a family who had invited me to dinner. I chose chrysanthemums because even though I found them tacky, they were the cheapest bunch at the market. I was proud of myself for thinking of this generous, adult gesture.

"Pour vous, Madame," I said, extending my tacky, cheap flowers to the hostess, who received them with a slightly startled smile.

Afterward, someone pulled me aside.

In France, I was told, the chrysanthemum was a flower that symbolized death, mourning. You took them to funerals, not dinner.

On the American side of the Atlantic Ocean, however, the chrysanthemum has a happier reputation, dating back to its arrival in the late 1800s.

"Mum mania was sweeping late Victorian America as travel to Japan showcased its national flower," explains a book called "Chicago Gardens: The Early History."

The Japanese Garden at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago helped to popularize the mum, and at the city's annual chrysanthemum shows, new varieties named after high-society Chicago women abounded.

The "Mrs. George Pullman," for example, was a deep yellow flower praised in the June 1894 Garden and Forest magazine.

But even then, not everyone was enraptured by the %#@ crysanwhatever.

In 1901, a Chicago Tribune headline warned "Chrysanthemums are going out of Fashion."

"It was a fad," one greenhouse representative sniffed in the article, "swept into popular fancy by its great size, price, and manifold development. It had no odor and was not a suitable buttonhole or bouquet flower. It was coarse, and the more delicate, sweet-scented, and useful flowers have driven it out."

Out with the mums, the story said, in with the carnations and the roses.

"What is true in Chicago will be true in all America," the article warned, "for the largest greenhouses in the country, said to be the largest in the world, are here."

But the %#@ crysanwhatever held on to its status, and at the November 1902 flower show, it was declared the "queen flower." A few more varieties were named for wealthy socialites, including the "Mrs. Potter Palmer."

Don't worry. We're not going to go through the flower news year by year. Fast-forward to 1966.

That's the year the City Council gave the chrysanthemum official civic status, prompted by the Committee on Beautification of Chicago.

The following year, a special mum was named the "Chicago Beautiful Flower."

"In a ceremony at the Garfield Park conservatory," the Tribune reported, "amid the spectacular backdrop of the Park District's 54th annual mum show, members of the Chicago Beautiful committee selected an informal shaggy, bicolor flower from a half dozen unnamed seedlings as the one to honor their committee."

The Park District's chief horticulturist noted at the time that few Chicagoans were aware that the chrysanthemum had been named the city's official flower.

If not for Obama's new portrait, most of us still wouldn't know, and it's hard to imagine that the %#@ crysanwhatever has many advocates.

"I don't recall anybody ever saying, 'I want to learn about chrysanthemums because they're the official Chicago flower,'" said Jim Pearson, a master gardener who works the plant information booth at the Chicago Botanic Garden.

He was aware of the official flower — "sometimes I store up odd tidbits of information" — but he said he thinks a local prairie plant, say the coneflower, would be a better choice.

"But," he quickly added, "I would never criticize a flower."

An honorable man. But I have no such inhibitions. The %#@ crysanwhatever is a dreary flower. And isn't it time for an official flower we can spell?

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A visitor snaps the official portrait Tuesday of former President Barack Obama, with chrysanthemums, in D.C.

Chicago has an official flower. Who knew?

It's the chrysanthemum. Who knew?

I bet even Barack Obama didn't know that bit of local trivia until the chrysanthemum showed up in the botanical background of his new portrait by Kehinde Wiley, who, the news reports explained,



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Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan appears with his attorney, Heather Wier Vaught, on Tuesday in Springfield.

Madigan: 'We will do better' in handling harassment issue

Speaker calls for reform in wake of worker's complaint

BY MONIQUE GARCIA AND BILL LUKITSCH
Chicago Tribune

SPRINGFIELD — Amid rising frustration within his party, Speaker Michael Madigan on Friday said he shoulders "responsibility" for failing to do more to ensure equality in the statehouse and on the campaign trail.

The letter sent to lawmakers late Friday afternoon marked a reversal from just a few days ago, when Madigan allowed his campaign attorney to do most of the talking about the speaker's handling of a sexual harassment complaint against one of his top political aides.

"I would never condone, sweep under the rug or refuse to take any step to ensure we did not eradicate any behavior of this kind. I understand the 'knock it off' mentality is not enough, and we must, and will, do better moving forward," said Madigan, a reference to a phrase he used last fall when the issue of sexual harassment surfaced at the Capitol. "We must do better. We will do better."

Madigan, who doubles as chairman of the Illinois Democratic Party, also revealed that he has retained an attorney to investigate harassment allegations on his political staff as well as "provide independent review of allegations, conduct investigations, and provide recommendations for updating policies and procedures, including clear rules for conduct and penalties for violations."

On Monday, Madigan announced longtime 13th Ward political operative Kevin Quinn was cut loose. The announcement came hours after the Chicago Tribune interviewed campaign worker Alaina Hampton, who shared text messages that detail a relentless

series of entreaties from Quinn, her supervisor. Quinn also commented on her appearance, calling her "smoking hot."

Hampton filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Chicago. She said she believes her situation was the subject of a cover-up, and questioned whether Madigan would have acted if she were not about to go public with her allegations.

Madigan denied that during a Tuesday news conference in which his attorney, Heather Wier Vaught, fielded most of the questions. Madigan's most robust comments came when responding to Rep. Scott Drury, a Democratic candidate for attorney general and critic of Madigan who called on him to resign.

Madigan said he would not step down and dismissed Drury as following in Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner's footsteps.

Since then, lawmakers on both sides of the aisle have raised questions about Madigan's response to the allegations against Quinn and called for changes to protect those who come forward with complaints.

On Friday, Madigan said in the letter that it was clear from "the number and nature of the conversations taking place" that "we haven't done enough."

"I take responsibility for that," he said.

The Madigan letter emerged as Quinn's wife, Sarah McKay, who is seeking a divorce, disclosed she had faxed a letter in August to Madigan chief of staff Tim Mapes alleging mistreatment by Quinn.

McKay said she spoke to a Madigan staffer, told him the letter was urgent and that the staffer promised to put it on Mapes' desk. "I know it was received," McKay told the Tribune on Saturday. "It was literally me asking for help. ... I just wanted somebody to intervene."

Quinn pleaded guilty last

month to disorderly conduct, a case from last summer that arose from what Madigan aides have said was the couple's divorce proceedings. Quinn was arrested Thursday for allegedly violating an order of protection by calling and texting, police said. McKay confirmed the case involved her, saying she received a call and a text from Quinn more than a week ago.

Madigan spokesman Steve Brown said Saturday that Mapes had no recollection of the letter. Brown also has said the speaker did not receive the letter. Quinn attorney Joshua Herman said his client will contest the new charge of violating an order of protection. "Any attempted contact was solely in the interest and for the well-being of his children," Herman said.

Also Friday, Democratic state Rep. Sara Feigenholtz of Chicago introduced legislation that would extend the time limit employees have to file sexual harassment lawsuits from 180 to 300 days. Among Hampton's allegations was that Madigan's attorney slow-walked an investigation into her complaints, which prevented her from filing a suit.

Feigenholtz, who serves as part of Madigan's leadership team, said the change is needed to "bend the arc of justice" toward victims.

The veteran lawmaker also proposed a measure to provide state workers with legal assistance to help them pursue ethics complaints, including allegations of sexual harassment. Under that legislation, several offices would be created to provide information, legal representation and support for workers, including a hotline to report misconduct.

Such changes would ensure employees have "a true and independent person to turn to," Feigenholtz said.

The North Side legislator said the goal was to go beyond changes lawmakers pushed through late last year in the wake of sexual

harassment accusations made against state Sen. Ira Silverstein of Chicago. While Silverstein eventually was cleared — he instead was found to have behaved in a manner unbecoming of a legislator — the case illuminated problems with how ethics complaints made against lawmakers and staff are handled.

Chief among those issues was a yearslong vacancy in the Illinois Legislative Inspector General's office, which meant complaints sat on a shelf without being investigated. Madigan and other legislative leaders scrambled to fill the position following the Silverstein allegations, and lawmakers passed a series of bills to address failings in state ethics laws.

Before lawmakers acted, the rules did not include an explicit prohibition against sexual harassment. Now sexual harassment is expressly forbidden, and violations come with a \$5,000 fine. Lawmakers and lobbyists also must take yearly sexual harassment training and risk having their names publicized if they fail to do so. Another measure created a sexual harassment task force for each chamber, and the groups continue to meet to come up with additional legislation.

While Madigan has vowed to do more, his handling of the Quinn accusations was defended earlier Friday by House Majority Leader Barbara Flynn Currie, who has long been among Madigan's most trusted deputies.

"My sense, given what I know about the case, is that the speaker responded appropriately and in a timely manner," Currie said during a panel discussion about sexual harassment hosted in Chicago by the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform.

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Chicago ID card would be valid for voters

BY JOHN BYRNE
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Municipal ID cards that Mayor Rahm Emanuel is launching for immigrants living in the country without legal permission and others will be a valid form of identification for people both registering to vote and voting in Chicago, according to a letter aldermen received Friday.

Clerk Anna Valencia, who's heading the CityKey program, cited state election rules to explain why the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners will accept the card.

"The Illinois Election Code requires the Board of Elections to accept current, valid photo identification cards and other local gov-

ernmental documentation that includes an individual's name and address, as proof of identity and residency," Valencia's letter reads in part. "The CityKey fits both of these requirements."

The municipal ID is not yet available to the general public, but Valencia has said it will be in the spring. Most aldermen voted in favor of the program, which is viewed in City Hall circles as a way for Emanuel to boost his standing with Hispanic voters and immigrant-rights activists as he preps a 2019 re-election bid.

But a handful of City Council members are vehemently opposed to the cards. Northwest Side Ald. Nick Sposato, 38th, said he was "beyond disappointed" Valencia opted to make the

cards a valid ID for voting.

Sposato pointed out the city is not planning to keep any of the background information applicants provide to establish their home addresses, so people living in the country illegally aren't afraid federal immigration agents can use the data to track them down.

And far Northwest Side Ald. Anthony Napolitano, who like Sposato represents a ward that's home to lots of city workers, called on Valencia to appear before aldermen to explain why she thinks it's appropriate to use the ID for voting.

City Council Latino Caucus Chairman Ald. Gilbert Villegas, 36th, said he doesn't foresee the municipal ID leading to widespread fraud.

Valencia's letter notes that voters currently aren't required to prove they are American citizens under state law. Valencia spokeswoman Kate LeFurgy said the clerk's office consulted with city elections officials before determining the cards pass muster as one of the many types of ID that can be used as voter ID.

Valencia has said the city will make the municipal card appealing to people other than those who have trouble getting state ID cards — such as those in the country illegally, homeless people and those recently released from prison. It's still unclear what types of broader benefits the ID will provide.

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Rauner's proposed budget cuts cause concern for advocates

BY MONIQUE GARCIA AND BILL LUKITSCH
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Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner's budget proposal is raising concerns among advocacy groups who say programs that help children, the elderly and people with disabilities are again the target of deep cuts as the governor seeks to save the state money.

One program facing reductions helps thousands of low-income working parents pay for child care. It has long been the center of a fierce back-and-forth between the governor and General Assembly, and the spending plan Rauner unveiled Wednesday cuts it by about \$96 million, a change administration officials have called "right-sizing."

Fewer families are enrolling in the program, they said, so less money is needed to pay for it.

Critics, though, contend that fewer parents are using the program because the Rauner administration's changes have made it hard for people to keep track of whether they qualify. They say spending cuts would go against the governor's goal of improving the economy because low-income workers would have to stay home with their children instead of going to work.

"This is a program that has been intentionally shrunk by creating uncertainty and chaos," said Maria Whelan, president and CEO of Illinois Action for Children. "And as we seek to build a better Illinois in terms of our economy, how does it make sense to cut this program?"

According to the Illinois Department of Human Services, enrollment dropped from 171,999 children in 2015 to 124,719 in 2017. During that time, the rules about who could use it varied significantly.

As the state's record budget impasse began in 2015, Rauner's office sharply curtailed eligibility from parents at 185 percent of the poverty level to 50 percent of the poverty level. Previously, a parent with two children could participate in the program with an annual salary of \$37,000. That threshold dropped to about \$10,000 a year.

Those reductions were partially rolled back a few months later, then restored completely in the fall of 2017. Critics contend, however, that the damage was done. Families no longer felt they could rely on the program, and some child care providers had closed or stopped taking children from the state subsidized program.

Illinois Department of Human Services spokeswoman Meghan Powers said that when lawmakers approved a state budget last year, they "added an additional \$100 million that was not necessary for our current caseload in the child care program." She said Rauner's budget plan to reduce that amount "more accurately reflects the current needs of the child care program while still allowing for room to grow our caseload. No child or family should see a change in their child care services."

Democrats control the General Assembly and have clashed with Rauner throughout his term, so they're not likely to adopt his cuts as they work on a budget in the coming months. Still, Rauner says the state faces financial problems and must reduce costs.

Also on the chopping block under the governor's plan is more than \$24 million for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program, which provides help paying for food, shelter, utilities and other expenses for pregnant women and families with children. The Rauner administration says that reduction is also due to a drop in caseload — from 47,200 in 2015 to 29,700 in 2017.

Opponents questioned whether a new state system has contributed to that decline.

Problems with a new, online-based application system rolled out late last year resulted in tens of thousands of families going without food stamps heading into the holidays. Rep. Greg Harris, D-Chicago,

said that system is structured in a way in which many people may be removed from the rolls erroneously.

"Under this new system, there's no human interaction. So you fill it in, you're rejected, then you're told you need to get on a 1-800 number, call on the phone, wait in line to find out why your application is rejected and what you need to do to correct it," Harris said.

Dan Lesser, the Sargent Shriver National Center on

Poverty Law's director of economic justice, called the proposed cuts "very distressing," saying he does not agree that the number of needy families has declined at the rate the governor's budget office estimates.

"We don't think that's explained by people getting jobs," Lesser said. "We think it's explained by the program tightening the reins and sanctioning people."

Rauner's office has also proposed eliminating two pay increases for workers

who care for the elderly and disabled that lawmakers included in the budget passed last year over the governor's veto. That includes a 48-cent per hour pay increase for workers who provide home care services and a 72-cent per hour hike for workers in the community care program. Combined, the administration says forgoing those increases will save the state \$136 million.

Labor groups who represent those employees say they have long been under-

paid, leading to staff shortages.

Elsewhere, the Rauner administration wants to reduce funding earmarked for additional treatment services by roughly \$24 million compared to the budget put in place last year. Rauner's office said the services would be shifted into the state's Medicaid program for the poor.

But Eric Foster, the vice president of substance abuse policy for the Illinois Association of Behavioral

Health, said there is "no corresponding data to show that those individuals are actually being served under Medicaid managed care."

"You could assume that (the population is shifting), but to what degree we don't know," Foster said.

Additionally, Foster said not all of the programs managed by human services are eligible for funding under Medicaid.

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A 'brave girl,' not a victim, testified

Naperville teen saw Nassar case as a time to speak out

By SUZANNE BAKER
Naperville Sun

After injuring her hip during a gymnastics meet, 13-year-old Jade Capua was desperate to find a doctor who could help her return to the sport she loved.

The Naperville teen had heard Dr. Larry Nassar was a "miracle worker" who treated Olympic athletes.

But during her one visit to Nassar's Michigan office, the man she and her family trusted to mend her body left an emotional scar that may never heal.

Now 17, the Nequa Valley High School senior said in an interview with the Naperville Sun last week that she has promised herself she will not be another victim of Nassar's but rather a "brave girl" who inspires others to come forward when they are sexually abused.

With her parents, Chris and Tim Capua, at her side, Jade Capua stood at Nassar's sentencing hearing in a Michigan courthouse a month ago and told the court how the sexual abuse inflicted by Nassar "broke and shattered a lot of girls."

"You manipulated us to trust you because you're a doctor, and doctors do no wrong, only heal. You are not a healer. ... I am no longer broken by you," she said, directing her comments at Nassar.

As a result of her statement and testimony from other gymnasts and athletes, Nassar will spend decades in prison after being convicted of abusing hundreds of girls during his career as a doctor for USA Gymnastics and at Michigan State University. He also pleaded guilty to child pornography charges.

Whether Nassar listened made little difference to Jade Capua. She said she was speaking for herself and for the judge and everyone to hear.

"He did look at me a couple of times, and I did feel like at certain points, especially when I addressed him directly, he was hearing it," she told the Sun. "I don't know what it did to him, if it made an impact. But he did hear me."

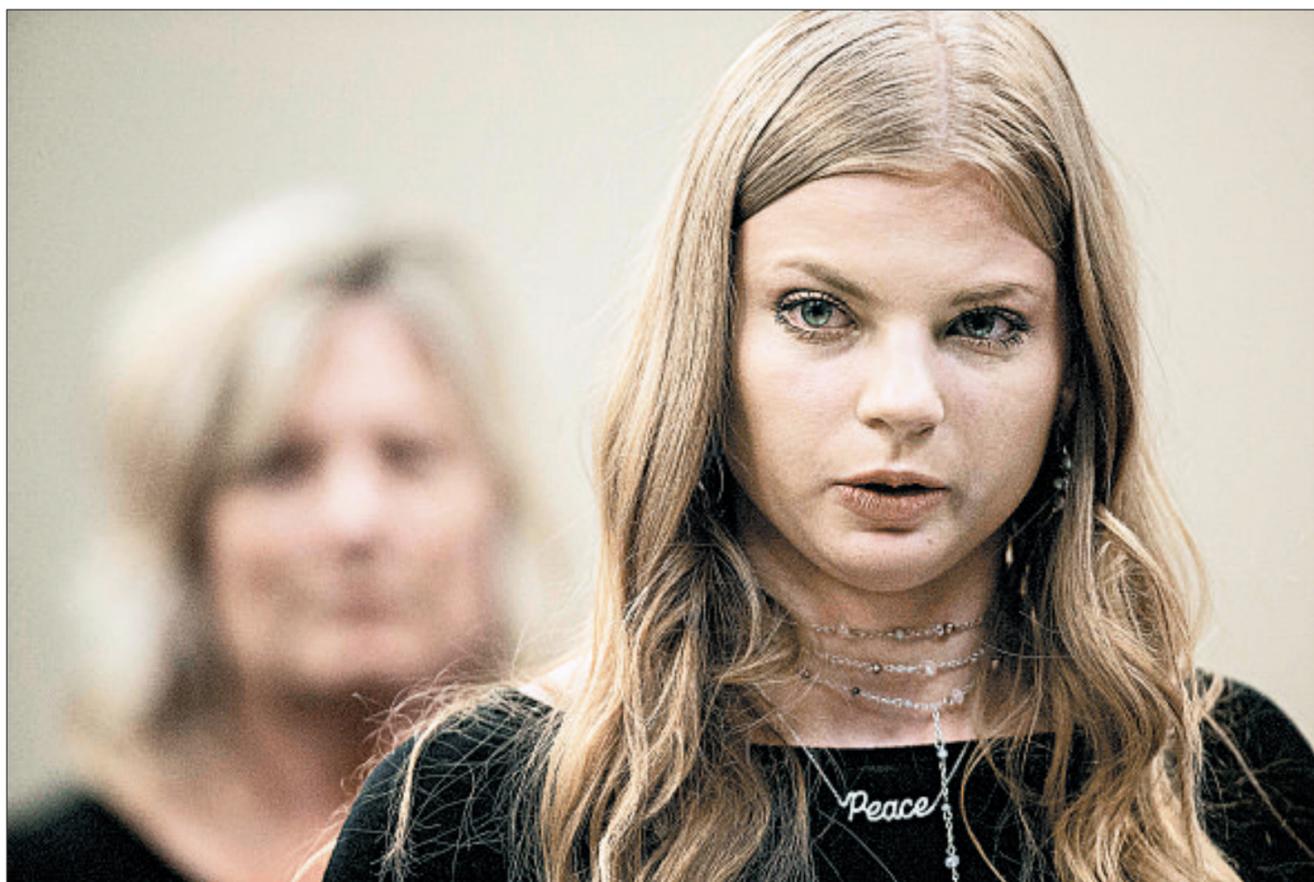
Her mother, Chris Capua, said in the interview that while the reason they were in court was sad, she was incredibly proud of her daughter.

"I think I cried every day for the last few years with this. But that was the one time I wasn't crying," Chris Capua said.

Jade Capua said she's satisfied with Nassar's sentence and glad she is finally able to talk about what happened.

Because her age makes her a minor, she planned to testify anonymously. It wasn't until days before the scheduled date that she decided to go public. "I (needed) to put my name to this. People need to know this happened to me specifically," she said.

Besides her immediate family, only a few people



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Jade Capua, 17, of Naperville, gives her victim impact statement Jan. 16 during the sentencing hearing of former USA Gymnastics physician Larry Nassar.



SCOTT OLSON/GETTY

The Nequa Valley High senior speaks last month in court in Lansing, Mich., as a picture of her is displayed on a screen.

knew what she was going through.

She told her boyfriend a few months before the trials began, she said, and a physical therapist she's trusted for years was kept in the loop.

"Not a lot of people knew," she said. "I guess I didn't look at it as a secret so much. It was just a part of my life that I was not ready to share with people yet. But I knew I would at some point, and I think this was the day to do it."

Jade Capua's fear was people would view her as a victim.

"I didn't want to be known as that. I want to be known as a brave girl who spoke up for what I believe in," she said.

She said she does not feel like a victim, given the words of encouragement she's received over the past month from gymnasts across the county. She calls them her "sister survivors."

Jade Capua was 13 when she injured a hip during an uneven bars routine at a gymnastics meet in Indiana in February 2013.

Chris Capua said they'd visited numerous doctors and physical therapists to no avail. "We couldn't figure out what was wrong except that she was in pain and

"I want to be that person who can help people like me."

— Jade Capua, who is considering a career in criminology after testifying that she was abused by former USA Gymnastics doctor Larry Nassar

limping every single day," her mother said.

"I was very desperate," Jade Capua said. "When you're in that high level of a sport (level 8 of 10) — and my whole life was gymnastics — I just wanted to get back to the sport."

She said she heard this doctor in Michigan was "kind of a miracle worker."

Chris Capua said she never doubted Nassar or his credentials; he treated Olympic athletes, so he must be the best. "We had our whole trust in him thinking our daughter is going to get better," she said.

The sexual abuse occurred on the lone visit Jade Capua had at Nassar's office, she said.

"I was a very innocent 13-year-old. I didn't know what any of this (sexual

abuse) even meant. But I knew something didn't feel right, so I guess I just really trusted my gut," she said.

Although she wouldn't question what happened until she was a bit older, "I knew right away, 30 seconds after, that was not right," she said.

She described Nassar as "a master manipulator" who abused young victims while their mothers sat feet away. "He had a whole strategy behind that," she said. "My mother would never have known what happened with the way he went about doing this if I didn't tell her."

Because she was young, the process of explaining to her mother what happened took about a week, Chris Capua confirmed.

The emotional toll Jade Capua and her family experienced over the next few years remains a subject they still have trouble discussing, and she kept silent until news hit that Nassar was being investigated.

She was driving two friends around town when someone mentioned a headline regarding charges of abuse and an Olympic doctor. "My jaw just kind of dropped because these were friends that didn't know what happened to me, so I couldn't focus on driving at that point," she said.

She recalls later that day researching news accounts with her mother and finally realizing she wasn't alone. "I almost knew in that moment that he was not going to get away with it anymore and this was going to be the end for him," Jade Capua said.

Tim Capua then contacted Michigan police to alert them his daughter, too, was victimized.

Because she'd put so much faith in Nassar, she now finds it difficult to trust people, she said.

"It was very unexpected and horrifying that someone with that authority level can do something like that. It makes you believe, well, what else can people do?" she said. "It does kind of taint your trust for a lot of things and makes you question a lot more than I used to."

Regaining the ability to trust again will be a journey. "That's still a process," she said.

For now she's surrounding herself with people who love and support her. "Unfortunately, I don't think I'll ever gain 100 percent trust back," she said.

While the trial and sentencing reopened memories she'd kept hidden for years, Jade Capua said she was surprised by how people at Nequa Valley rallied behind her. Faculty and staff have been especially supportive, she said.

"It's a crazy thing going to school and having teachers actually cry to you ... and cry with you," she said. "I sat in their classes, and no one had any idea. I tried not to let it affect my daily life as a student and as a child."

What struck a chord with her was an "amazing heartfelt email" she received from Principal Robert McBride. "It was kind of cool to feel like I was an inspiration to someone who I think is so great," she said.

The principal also tweeted to her: "Reading and watching the news, I feel such awe and pride for the women who have testified against Dr. Larry Nassar. Testimony is courage. Witness is power. Voice is healing. Many support you!"

While the incident itself changed Jade Capua's life, she said speaking publicly in court was a first step toward turning a horrific ordeal into something positive. "And this is really only just the beginning," she said.

She plans to study criminology in college. "I had such important people on my side that were helping me through it, and I kind of thought to myself that I want to be that person who can help people like me," she said.

Much of her career path can be attributed to the empathy of the lead investigator on the Nassar case, Detective Lt. Andrea Munford of the Michigan State University special victims unit.

"She was so compassionate and just amazing and everything I could have wanted for a person on my side," Jade Capua said.

The investigation was centered in Michigan, and she was unable to drive back and forth to speak to Munford in person. "It's a very vulnerable position to put yourself into to speak with someone over the phone about something so personal," she said. "I felt like I had another person on my side to get from point A to point B."

It was hip trouble that finally ended her gymnastic career.

During the year after her visit with Nassar, she underwent two surgeries. "It was the injuries, but it was also fear of going back. You cannot take that much time away from gymnastics and go back and be right where you were. It's just impossible," she said.

By talking openly about her experience, she hopes to inspire other girls to speak out.

"I could possibly be a reason someone else is coming forward," Jade Capua said. "That's the biggest compliment for me, that my words meant so much to someone that they feel like they can have a voice, just like I did."

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Police vehicles lead the hearse carrying the body of Paul Bauer on a closed Dan Ryan Expressway on Saturday.

Bauer recalled as dedicated, selfless leader

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men and women who do this every day."

To be sure, support for the Chicago Police Department served as a common thread throughout the day. Eulogists repeatedly referred to the department's heartbroken ranks, and the funeral's officiant went so far as to say the law did not do enough to protect law enforcement officers like Bauer.

"Paul did not give his life. His life was taken," said the Rev. Dan Brandt, who serves as the Police Department's chaplain. "He fought for his life, and it was stolen by a four-time convicted felon."

Bauer, 53, was fatally shot Tuesday after he thrust himself into the pursuit of a felon carrying a gun outside the Thompson Center, authorities said.

Shomari Legghette is being held without bond on charges of first-degree murder of a peace officer, armed violence, unlawful use of a weapon by a felon and two counts of possession of a controlled substance. According to prosecutors, Legghette's extensive criminal history includes convictions in two drug cases, a gun offense, a misdemeanor battery and an armed robbery in the late 1990s in which he and a co-defendant robbed two people at gunpoint before leading police on a high-speed expressway chase. He was sentenced to 16 years in prison for that offense.

He was last paroled from prison in August 2016 after completing a two-year sentence for drug possession, prison officials said.

In a hard-line homily, Brandt likened Legghette to a leper, saying he should have been segregated from society long before the shooting. Jesus had compassion for lepers, but they were still kept from the public during biblical times, he said.

Bauer "encountered the leprosy of our society: one who did spend time away from the camp ... in prison ... in isolation because of a violent past," Brandt said. "One who should have never have been out in society, but who was due to a broken system, a system that Paul himself very publicly and loudly spoke out against."

The comment drew strong applause and a collective "amen" from mourners watching from an overflow room in the church basement.

The rest of the funeral — the city's first for a slain police officer in more than six years — followed in a more traditional vein, with speakers paying tribute to Bauer's service and sacrifice. He was remembered as an unassuming kid from the Gage Park neighborhood who wanted to protect his city, an understanding supervisor who cared about the people under his command and a high-ranking official who remained a patrolman at heart.

Indeed, Bauer, who had long ago been promoted above the riskier responsibilities of a street cop, had no official obligation to enter the scuffle with Leg-

ghette, authorities said.

"Those who served under him felt like they served alongside him," Mayor Rahm Emanuel said in a eulogy that often left the hard-boiled politician struggling to maintain his composure.

The traditional Catholic service included several personal stories about Bauer, whose dedication to his family and community has been well-documented in the days since his death. He walked his daughter to school each day, made sure wounded veterans had the best spots for viewing at the annual Air and Water Show, and declined to attend his own promotion ceremony because he disliked the spotlight. A few days before his death, he purchased a snowblower so he could clear the sidewalks on his block.

"He was a man of faith, and he lived like a man of faith," said Capt. Mel Roman, who worked closely with Bauer at the Near North District.

Officers patrolling Lower Wacker Drive because of a recent shooting and drug sales approached Legghette on Tuesday afternoon, but he bolted when an officer stepped out of his police vehicle, identified himself as an officer and approached him, authorities said.

The officer gave chase on foot and radioed a description. Bauer, downtown for a meeting with aldermen after attending training for mass shootings earlier in the day, was on duty and in uniform in his police vehicle at Lake and Clark streets when he heard the radio call of a fleeing suspect. Moments later, Bauer saw Legghette running nearby, got out of his vehicle and ran after him.

Bauer chased down Legghette at the top of the stairwell outside the Thompson Center and attempted to detain him, authorities said. But the two struggled, ending up on a landing below. The skirmish continued there. Legghette drew a handgun and fired seven shots, fatally wounding Bauer, prosecutors said.

Bauer's weapon was still holstered. His police radio and handcuffs were found next to his body.

A few days before his death, Bauer and his family attended a special Mass in memory of fallen police officers. The commander did one of the Bible readings because his 13-year-old daughter, Grace, who typically handled the duties, had a sore throat.

On Saturday, the remarkably composed teen gave the first reading at her father's funeral. She read from the Book of Isaiah, speaking in a clear, strong voice.

"Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life," the passage reads.

After the reading, Grace returned to her mother's side in the front pew. Their heads touched as the two leaned against each other.

Behind them, the



Cmdr. Paul Bauer's daughter, Grace, and wife, Erin, follow his casket out of Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church.

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Police officers look on as the city of Chicago flag that draped Bauer's casket is folded outside the church.



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Grace Bauer, 13, gives the first reading — from the Old Testament Book of Isaiah — at the funeral Mass for her father.



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Crowds holding photos of Bauer, a 31-year Chicago Police Department veteran, pay respects as the funeral procession passes in the Bridgeport neighborhood.



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A Chicago police officer watches from the 51st Street overpass as the procession on the Dan Ryan Expressway heads to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Alsip.

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mourners included nearly 300 uniformed police from the Near North District that Bauer commanded. Members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police also attended in tribute to Bauer's former role as commander of the city's mounted patrol unit.

Officers from more than 400 police departments outside Chicago participated in the post-funeral procession, including Dennis Kato, deputy chief of the Los Angeles Police Department.

"We're very saddened by their loss," said Kato, who met Bauer last year and is also a 31-year veteran. "It hurts all of us across the nation."

As the funeral procession took more than two hours to snake its way to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in south suburban Alsip, Chicagoans lined the streets to honor him. Many wore blue clothing and waved flags as the police vehicles passed.

"We're here honoring a hero," said Bridgeport resident Erica Marano as she held her 10-month-old son. "He's a part of our community."

Bronzeville activist Brother Hall, who runs an anti-violence organization, also stood in the cold for hours to pay his respects. He said he met Bauer at a protest in 2016 and appreciated the way the commander defused a tense situation with ease and class.

"He was a helluva guy," Hall said. "He was a real cop, a community cop."

The public was invited

to attend Bauer's wake Friday, but the funeral was limited to law enforcement officers, family, friends and dignitaries. The service brought Emanuel and his political adversary Gov. Bruce Rauner together in the front pew, with both men offering eulogies to one of the highest-ranking Chicago police officers ever to be killed in the line of duty.

Superintendent Eddie Johnson and former Chicago police First Deputy Superintendent John Escalante, Bauer's friend since childhood, also spoke during the service. Johnson choked back tears toward the end of his eulogy as he expressed his condolences on behalf of a "heartbroken" Police Department.

After the funeral, Johnson told reporters that he supports the city's decision to name the new police and fire training academy in West Garfield Park after Bauer. "Paul Bauer was great guy, and it's our responsibility to make sure no one ever forgets his sacrifice."

Johnson declined to discuss Legghette, refusing to even say his name.

"You know, we're hurting, but one person was responsible for what happened. That person is in custody. That person shouldn't even have been out on the street in the first place," he said. "But we'll talk about him another day. Today is about Paul and his family."

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Shunning troubled kids not answer, experts say

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dent Donald Trump vowed to work with state and local authorities “to secure our schools and tackle the difficult issue of mental health,” calling improved school safety a top priority.

Closer to home, many school administrators said that while there is no fool-proof way of preventing a school shooting, making troubled students feel a part of the community is at least as important as physical barriers to keep trouble out.

“I really think that the most important thing that parents and students can do is have that connection with the school so that there’s a sense of community and belonging,” said Jim Conrey, spokesman for Stevenson High School in Lincolnshire.

Dewey Cornell, a University of Virginia professor of education and forensic clinical psychologist, is conducting a federally funded study of school climate and bullying in more than 700 Virginia secondary schools. He has spent almost 20 years researching that state’s “threat assessment” approach to violence prevention.

Aiming to distinguish serious risks to school safety from nonserious ones, threat assessment is appropriate for schools because students’ aggressive behavior can vary greatly, from “mild teasing and bantering to serious altercations and, in rare instances, severe acts of criminal violence,” Cornell said.

It is a distinct departure from a zero-tolerance model.

“Zero tolerance is the problem,” he said, “and threat assessment is the antidote.”

Cornell said his research has shown that schools using threat assessment report less bullying, more willingness by students to seek help for bullying and threats of violence, and fewer long-term suspensions.

The quick expulsion or suspension of a student who may be engaging in conduct that actually is very minor misbehavior or confusion — as can happen under zero tolerance — can have the exact opposite of the desired result, Cornell said. It ostracizes and alienates, cuts off the student from the school — and often serves to further enrage the student, he said.

Rather than punish students who commit minor infractions, he said, the aim should be to engage them.

“There’s a great deal that we can do to prevent school shootings,” Cornell said. “Unfortunately, there’s so much attention on what to do after the shooting starts that we’re neglecting what we can do before the gunman shows up.”

He said one of the problems for school administrators is that parents overreact to misconduct and pressure the school to suspend or expel a student who may not deserve it.

“School principals feel like they have a public

relations problem,” Cornell said, “and that they have no choice but to remove the kid from school.”

In fact, Cornell predicted that in the wake of the Florida shooting, “All across the country, kids are going to be suspended left and right for the next week because everyone’s in a state of uproar when this happens.”

Eric Arnold of the Illinois School and Campus Safety Program, a state-sanctioned organization that trains schools on conducting threat assessments, said the inquiries are not meant to be punitive, or to single out children who simply have an unusual appearance or an eccentric manner.

A true threat assessment is based on troubling behavior, he said. A U.S. Secret Service guide used by the program said warning signs could include episodes of bullying, explicit threats of violence, or essays or school projects that include violent content.

The process allows teachers, administrators, counselors, psychologists and even police to share information and craft a proper response, Arnold said.

The goal is to get a child help early, before his or her behavior reaches a critical point.

“The hope is that when you do that, you will be identifying behaviors at a much lower level, knowing that some of those behaviors do compile into a higher risk situation,” Arnold said. “If we can intervene earlier, what we’re trying to avoid is that manifesting into a threat.”

Local 10 News in Miami reported Friday that school administrators had recommended last year that a threat assessment be performed on Nikolas Cruz, the suspect in the shooting, but the outcome of any inquiry remained unknown.

Superintendent Daniel Cates of Palatine-based Township High School District 211 sent a video message to that district’s community in response to Wednesday’s shooting. In it he said, “We all get stronger by pulling together” and that “when we stand shoulder to shoulder, we are unshakable.”

Cates did not mention anything about more physical barriers to intruders.

Instead, he said: “Our greatest gift we can offer, and our greatest strength we have, is to simply be present in our hallways, in conversations with students, in reaching out to those we may not know and in hearing those who may not have words to express what they are feeling.”

Stevenson’s Conrey noted that reports about school shooters often describe the attacker as a loner who was disconnected from the school.

The way to fight that disconnection, he said, is “trying to establish that sense of belonging for all students.” Administrators, teachers and staff at the school of about 4,200 students try to emphasize that

Stevenson is a community. “We think that approach can reap just as much reward in the long run as anything else,” he said.

But Stevenson also has taken structural measures to discourage shooters or other undesirable intruders, Conrey said. Those include door locks on every classroom and gates to block halls, both of which can be activated by the push of a button.

Stevenson also has “tons of video cameras” in and outside the school’s buildings, a security guard that roams the parking lot, shatterproof windows in some places and planters that block vehicles from crashing into the buildings.

Yet there are no quick fixes, Conrey said. “It’s a lot more complicated than that. It requires a lot more effort and time.”

At Highland Park and Deerfield high schools, “active threat” drills have been adopted in recent years, and staff members have been trained in a text messaging alert system that would be deployed in the case of a real emergency.

Each new school shooting provides a grim opportunity to take another look at those and other security and preventive systems to see if updates are needed.

“We change up the scenarios so we are not having the same ‘active threat’ (drill) repeatedly, in order to keep us on our toes if something ever does happen,” Superintendent Christopher Dignam of Township High School District 113 said.

The district also has developed STOP, an online reporting system that enables students to anonymously report attacks, bullying, possible self-harm, theft, vandalism, or the presence of weapons or substances.

A student can upload supporting photos, videos, screenshots or other evidence at the time they submit the form.

“If we do receive a report of social media activity that is troubling, we will review and monitor that posting and notify other agencies if appropriate,” Dignam said. “Our commitment is to maintaining the highest level of security possible and increasing the safety of students.”

For all such advancements, though, Dignam said it’s frustrating to see that nearly 20 years after the massacre at Columbine High School in Colorado, the carnage on school campuses continues.

“It is disheartening that in those 20 years, we have had children who have grown up ... in an environment where this can happen. It’s not just an anomaly that can never happen again,” he said. “That was not the case when I went to high school.”

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Xanax, opioids prove deadly combination

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breathing to a lethal degree.

"If they didn't take that benzodiazepines, could they have survived?" Arunkumar said. "It's hard to say."

Despite the alarming death toll, some experts say benzodiazepines abuse appears to be growing. At the Gateway Foundation network of youth rehab centers, about 1 in 4 clients has an issue with the drugs, up from 1 in 10 five years ago.

"This has taken the place of ecstasy in the party culture for some people," said Karen Wolownik Albert, executive director of Gateway's Lake County services. "Because it's a prescription drug, people can rationalize it. It doesn't fit into people's concept of what drug abuse looks like."

Dangerous side effect

Benzodiazepines produce a soothing calm by binding to receptors in the brain, blocking neurons from firing at "anxious moments," said Shiyun Kim, a clinical pharmacist at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

That makes them a valuable medication for people who have anxiety or sleep disorders, but the drugs come with a potentially dangerous side effect: They can inhibit breathing.

Opioid painkillers have a similar property, but for reasons that aren't clear, the number of people taking both medications rose sharply over the last 20 years, leading to a spike of overdose deaths.

Dr. Marcus Bachhuber, of New York's Montefiore Medical Center, chronicled the phenomenon in a 2016 paper. He speculated that people have increasingly received both drugs because chronic pain patients often have other conditions that are treated with benzodiazepines.

Megan Ehret, president-elect of the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists, suggested another possibility: People often see different doctors for different issues, and one might not discover what the other is prescribing during a hurried visit.

"A lot of physicians don't have time to review these (medication) profiles," Ehret said.

Other people, meanwhile, get their benzodiazepines on the black market.

Steven Kurtz, of Florida's Nova Southeastern University, said his research shows that clubgoers often use Xanax to ease their way down from a cocaine rush.

And because illicit Xanax costs only a few dollars per pill, he said, people who can't afford coke mix it with alcohol to produce an inexpensive but prodigious high.

"It's a cheap way of going out," he said.

In Chicago, police say the drug generally isn't sold on the street alongside crack and heroin; users more often obtain it from friends and family or through illegitimate prescriptions. Recently, though, detectives have encountered its sale in



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The rapper known as Lil Peep performs at the Day N Night Fest in California in September. His death in November was attributed to Xanax and fentanyl.



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Xanax is a benzodiazepine, a class of drugs that includes Valium. Used to relieve anxiety and insomnia, they have become more commonly prescribed over the last two decades.

social media chatrooms.

"Benzos have been trafficked for a long time," Police Department spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said. "Now they're just finding new ways to conduct that."

Hip-hop drug

The hazy, anesthetized sensation produced by benzodiazepine abuse has enchanted hip-hop artists in recent years, with young performers crowing about their consumption of "bars" (high-dosage Xanax pills have a rectangular shape).

Lil Peep — the stage name of 21-year-old "emo rapper" Gustav Ahr — portrayed himself as a Xanax devotee in lyrics, interviews and social media posts, though his grandmother Jenny Kastner said he exaggerated his drug use to play a role demanded by the music business.

But in November, just before he was to perform a concert in Arizona, Ahr was found dead on his tour bus, the victim of a Xanax and fentanyl overdose.

In the aftermath, other performers swore off illicit Xanax consumption, including some who had earlier boasted about their use. Even Lil Xan said he was done.

"I really don't agree with glorifying the drug at this point, especially in light of Lil Peep's death," he told MTV last month. "... I was already doing the anti-Xanax thing, but you just gotta get off that stuff, man. It's not good for you."

Federal officials in 2016 cautioned about the hazards of combining benzodiazepines and opioids. The Food and Drug Administration required new warning labels, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended

that doctors avoid prescribing both medications concurrently.

Ehret said state-run databases that monitor opioid prescriptions are increasingly tracking benzodiazepines too, alerting physicians when a patient receives both. A spokesman for the Illinois Department of Human Services said the state hopes to offer that capability soon.

It's unclear whether these measures are having an effect. Dr. Eric Sun, a Stanford University health policy expert who has tracked the rise of such dual prescriptions, was skeptical, noting that the hazard of combining the medications has long been common knowledge.

As for illegal benzodiazepine use, experts say the drugs produce a physical dependency and are extremely hard to quit. Local rehab centers differ on the

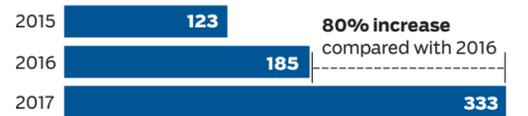


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Entertainer Lil Xan, shown last month, derived his name from the most prominent brand of benzodiazepine.

BENZODIAZEPINE-RELATED DEATHS IN COOK COUNTY

Drugs include alprazolam (Xanax), clonazepam (Klonopin), temazepam (Restoril), diazepam (Valium) and lorazepam (Ativan).



SOURCE: Cook County Health Department

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scope of the problem, but even some that haven't treated many benzodiazepine-abusing clients worry about what might be coming.

"I'm hearing the whispers," said Aaron Weiner of Linden Oaks Behavioral Health in Naperville. "Once opioids recede, are benzodiazepines going to be the next thing?"

Dangerous medicine

Nick, who asked that his last name not be published, said his use of Xanax followed a perilous course during his youth in Elgin.

He frequently mixed it with alcohol and heroin, leading to multiple life-threatening overdoses. When he was forced to come off the drug because of jail or rehab, he suffered through harrowing withdrawals.

His third attempt at treatment brought him to the Gateway Foundation when he was 24, he said, and that time he was able to maintain his sobriety. He now works for an organization that helps other people with drug and alcohol issues.

Nick said he views his former use as an extension of the modern impulse to solve problems with a pill — an urge that is especially thorny when the pill has a legitimate use.

"It's a medicine, so when the younger kids hear it in the music, they think everyone's taking it and that it's fine," he said. "It's not heroin. It's not crack. People don't see it as such a problematic thing, but they don't realize they're still getting into something that can take their life away."

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Transit-oriented project a study in wrong turns

5-story Wilmette complex shows difficulty of achieving balance



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Cityscapes

For good reason, the concept of transit-oriented development is gaining in popularity among many suburbs. But they should be careful what they wish for. A case in point: an ungainly new apartment complex in north suburban Wilmette. It fails to live up to the high standard of architectural quality set by the suburb's historic homes and houses of worship, including the landmark Baha'i Temple.

The project — The Residences of Wilmette, a five-story, 75-unit apartment and retail building at 617 Green Bay Road — checks many boxes of the transit-oriented development (or TOD) school of urban planning.

It puts residents across the street from a Metra commuter railroad station, encouraging them to use public transportation more and drive less. It's pedestrian-oriented, framing the public space along the sidewalk instead of sitting behind a moat of asphalt. When fully leased, it should provide built-in customers for the Wilmette Theatre and other businesses in Wilmette's downtown, which has been undergoing a renaissance with the opening of new restaurants.

But high density brings high visibility — and high aesthetic risk even when a building is only five stories tall. Height, after all, is relative. In Chicago or even

Evanston, where tall apartment buildings have sprouted in recent years, hardly anyone would raise a ruckus about a five-story building. But in Wilmette, where most of the buildings downtown are two or three stories, five stories is a big deal — and, in this case, a big disappointment.

The intentions were good (they always are). In 2009, the suburb of about 27,000 started looking for ways to revive its then-moribund downtown by building on the advantage of its heavily used Metra station. Aided by a grant from the Regional Transportation Authority, Wilmette devised a master plan that called for increasing building heights and densities in targeted areas of the downtown. Adopted in 2011, the plan suggested a careful balancing act, calling for the downtown to simultaneously become a vibrant retail, dining and entertainment hub while retaining its historic, small-town character.

Yet the new apartment complex, which opened last October on the long-vacant site of a former Ford dealership, shows how difficult it can be to achieve that balance.

The site, empty since 2005 and visible along heavily trafficked Green Bay Road, resembled a wide gap in a row of teeth — not exactly a symbol of a sophisticated, rejuvenated downtown. And there was financial pressure to get something done.

After Wilmette rejected two development plans for the Ford parcel and was sued by the former property owner, the suburb bought the property for



ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Residences of Wilmette checks many boxes of the transit-oriented development school of urban planning.

In a compromise, one residential floor was cut out of the project. A win-win? Hardly.

nearly \$3.7 million. When village officials announced in 2014 that Itasca-based M&R Development would take the property off their hands, it must have been a relief.

But M&R sought — and got — two stories of above-ground parking after arguing that it would be too costly to put a garage underground. That raised the project's height. Overall, the developer wanted a six-story building with 95 units, which would have been slightly taller than the suburb's height limit. That was too much for some Wilmette residents, so, in a compromise, one residential floor was cut out of the project.

A win-win? Hardly.

As shaped by the Schwarz Lewis Design

Group of Oak Brook, the finished building is a much-denuded version of the architects' solid if oversize original design, which had wedding cake-like tiers that sought to create a transition from the small commercial storefronts on the building's flanks. Hand-some details in the project's well-articulated base would have provided a sense of shade and shadow, as well as human scale.

While the architects were able to retain the wedding cake tiers, the loss in height has rendered the proportions squat. The design's intended focal point, three central columns that were supposed to project beyond the roofline, has been reined in to the point of meaninglessness. Key materials, espe-

cially a yellowish fiber-cement board that is a substitute for the whitish stucco proposed in the original design, are ghastly. Because The Residences of Wilmette reaches deep into its site, the yellow material makes the building, when seen from the side or the back, resemble a canary-colored barge. Future development will cover these eyesores, though it won't mask the clumsy front.

Ironically, the developer has spared no expense furnishing the apartments, which range from convertibles to three bedrooms, or assorted amenities — outdoor decks, a club room, a spa. Because many Wilmette residents live in custom-designed homes, the architects said, the idea was to give the interiors a special feel. That would appeal to people who were downsizing.

But homes and houses of worship in the suburb, particularly those on its east side, are notable for their public face as well as

their private spaces. The homes, designed by such architects as Frank Lloyd Wright and ranging in style from Prairie School to Spanish revival to contemporary, tend to be beautifully crafted with elegant proportions. The same goes for the houses of worship, most notably the domed, filigreed silhouette of the Baha'i Temple.

The point is that there's much more to a successful transit-oriented development than proximity to a train station or the simple issue of height. Sophisticated design quality matters if these buildings are to nestle comfortably into their suburban surroundings and encourage more TODs to be built. Wilmette's is an object lesson in getting the planning right but the architecture wrong.

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A tough week for Berrios as primary looms

Assessor still has many advantages in re-election bid

BY HAL DARDICK
Chicago Tribune

Already facing a tougher-than-expected re-election bid, Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios had a bad week.

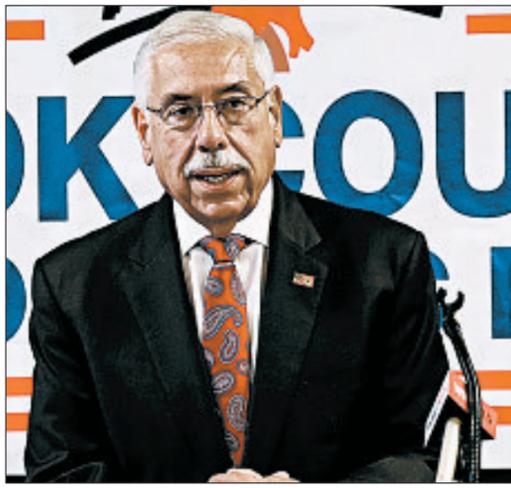
The biggest blow came when an independent report found that he has failed in determining the value of homes for property tax purposes, punishing poor homeowners while providing tax breaks to wealthy ones. The study backed up findings from the Chicago Tribune's investigation "The Tax Divide," which exposed widespread errors and inequities in residential assessments under Berrios from 2011 through 2015.

At the same time, Berrios now could face a one-on-one matchup against challenger Fritz Kaegi after the Oak Park asset manager was able to boot a third candidate from the March 20 primary ballot. If there's anti-Berrios sentiment out there, those votes won't be split between two challengers.

In addition, two politicians cited the tax report in backing Kaegi over Berrios. The endorsement of 9th Ward Ald. Anthony Beale could help Kaegi on the Far South Side, while Democratic state Rep. Fred Crespo's support could help in the northwest suburbs.

Beale, also a Democratic Party committeeman, said he had given Berrios "the benefit of the doubt, when this whole issue was being fleshed out" and cast his vote in favor of Berrios at the county party's endorsement session in August. But after the new tax study was released Thursday, Beale reversed course and endorsed Kaegi.

"You're taking away from the poor and basically giving the rich a tax break," said Beale, who represents working-class and struggling neighborhoods. "It is



Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios, at left, faces a challenge in the March 20 Democratic primary from Fritz Kaegi, at right. The county Electoral Board removed another challenger, Andrea Raila, from the ballot, but she plans to appeal.



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so frustrating right now. ... People are killing the black and brown community. You wonder why people are leaving? They're fed up."

Still, unseating an entrenched power broker for what's normally a low-profile office remains a tough task. Berrios, the county Democratic Party chairman, has the backing of much of the establishment, including House Speaker Michael Madigan. If there's a contest where the Democratic machine can still influence an outcome, it's in a down-ballot race like assessor.

Berrios can likely count on fellow politicians who command troops to get out the vote — like Madigan, 14th Ward Ald. Ed Burke, Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White's 27th Ward organization and 34th Ward Ald. Carrie Austin.

And many African-American politicians who were on board early for Berrios are reluctant to back out now, for fear of being seen as people who don't keep their word. Ald. Jason Ervin, whose West Side 28th Ward is home to many low-income residents, said he's concerned about the new, highly critical tax report but is sticking with Berrios because he's been responsive to the con-

cerns of the people he represents.

To counter the establishment help, Kaegi has a significant war chest at his disposal after pumping more than \$1.3 million of his own money into his campaign.

Kaegi also might benefit from an advisory referendum on the legalization of recreational marijuana and contested races for governor and attorney general, which could bring out more voters than usual. If that happens, street organizations become less of a factor.

The challenger also might not have to compete with a third candidate after the county Electoral Board on Thursday removed property tax consultant Andrea Raila from the ballot, concluding her petition collection operation engaged in "a pattern of fraud."

Raila has vowed to appeal in Circuit Court and has a Tuesday deadline to do so. That sets up a complicated process that could end up with Raila's name on the ballot for part of early voting, only to see election officials have to tell voters she's no longer a candidate should she ultimately lose the legal fight.

As Raila was getting the bad news, across the street at the County Building

Berrios was defending his two terms in the face of the independent report little more than a month before Election Day.

The report's conclusion — that Berrios' assessment practices amounted to a reverse Robin Hood enterprise that transferred wealth from poor to rich — runs counter to his campaign biography narrative. Berrios has campaigned as a child of the Cabrini-Green housing project who rose to become an influential minority power broker who hasn't forgotten his roots.

The Civic Consulting Alliance study found that the system under Berrios caused "a wealth transfer from owners of lower-value homes to those of higher-value homes."

The appeals process — which Berrios has long promoted as a remedy for any assessment errors — makes a system rife with disparities even worse, as owners of high-priced homes are more likely to file appeals, the study found.

Appeals increase "regressivity," the technical term for underassessing high-priced homes and overvaluing low-priced homes, according to the report. The result: Less affluent people bear an outsized share of the property tax burden,

while wealthier folks get a break. The problem is more pronounced in some of the city's and suburbs' economically depressed areas with large concentrations of minorities.

Until Thursday, Berrios had been highly critical of the Tribune series, repeatedly contending his office produced fair and accurate assessments. The assessor had pledged to fix whatever problems were identified by the study, a promise he reiterated after the report's release.

Berrios said the problems have existed for 40 years, even before he was first elected in 1988 to what's now the Board of Review, where thousands of assessment appeals are considered ever year. But the Tribune investigation documented that Berrios was aware of problems with residential assessments early on in his tenure, then failed to follow through on fixes.

"Assessor Berrios is committed to implementing all of the recommendations provided by the Civic Consulting Alliance," Berrios campaign spokeswoman Monica Trevino said Friday in response to Tribune questions. "We are confident the voters will judge him on his accomplish-

ments and his commitment to improving the 40-year-old broken assessment system."

Some officials, however, say Berrios' fresh pledges to address the problems are too little, too late. Democratic county Commissioner Larry Suffredin of Evanston and Richard Boykin of Oak Park, neither of whom have endorsed in the race, both said Berrios should have already addressed the issues.

Kaegi also pounced on that theme, saying that even before the CCA study that there was "a mountain of expert analysis" that identified the problems and that "Berrios has failed the taxpayers."

Kaegi has used the series as a central campaign theme for months, saying he'll fix the problems if elected. And, based largely on that pledge, he's picked up some prominent supporters, including U.S. Reps. Bobby Rush, Robin Kelly and Danny Davis; county Clerk David Orr; and county Commissioner Jesus "Chuy" Garcia.

Asked if the assessor was worried about the report further eroding support in minority communities, Trevino pointed to endorsements from prominent minority politicians including White and Democratic U.S. Rep. Luis Guterrez.

At least one veteran political consultant not involved in the contest thinks Kaegi had the advantage even before last week's study came out.

"I really don't think voters need another study to know that Cook County property tax assessments under Berrios are a hot mess, unfair and almost always inaccurate," Ken Snyder said. "(Kaegi) really just needs to keep the message as simple as possible: 'The status quo is broken, benefits the wealthiest and the most connected — and I will fix it. Period.' This race should be a 6-inch putt."

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Rauner wants assist cutting workers' health care

He seeks law change to reduce insurance tab by \$470 million

BY KIM GEIGER
Chicago Tribune

For the fourth time in as many years, Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner has pointed to state workers' health care as a way to save money, but this time he's asking lawmakers to help him get it done. His budget proposal unveiled Wednesday calls for cutting \$470 million spent on public worker health insurance, an idea unions and the courts have blocked before.

This time, Rauner is asking the General Assembly to change the law that requires health benefits for public workers be negotiated through collective bargaining. It could be a tall order, though, as Democratic Senate President John Cullerton has already dismissed the idea as something that's "just not going to happen."

For more than three years, Rauner and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees union have been in a contract negotiations stalemate, which has kept state workers' current health benefits unchanged.

That means state, university and community college employees have continued to receive benefits in which the state picks up 83 percent of the cost of their insurance premiums. When co-pays and deductibles are factored in, state workers pay less than one-quarter of their total health care costs, according to state data. The plan is considered "platinum plus" under the Affordable Care Act's metallic rating system that ranks plans as bronze, silver, gold or platinum.

Rauner wants to get the state's portion of health care costs down to 60 percent, with employees paying the remaining 40 percent. He contends the state can't afford to offer a more generous health plan, given Illi-



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In Wednesday's budget address, Gov. Bruce Rauner advocated "right-sizing" state employees' health insurance plans to get costs "under control."

nois' ongoing financial troubles. Such a shift would lower the plan rankings to silver or gold, depending on how the premiums and other cost-sharing were distributed.

"We recommend right-sizing employee health insurance plans so that government compensation is more in line with what the taxpayers have who are paying for it," Rauner said in his Wednesday budget address. "State government needs to do what every employer in Illinois has done over the last 10 years: Get its health care costs under control. Taxpayers shouldn't have to pay for government health insurance policies that are richer than ones they can afford for themselves."

AFSCME Council 31 Executive Director Roberta Lynch slammed the proposal as "recycling well-worn assaults on public service workers and retirees" and said the governor was look-

ing to the wrong people for help in righting the state's finances. "He wants to impose unaffordably high health care costs, undermine retirement security and weaken union rights," Lynch said. "All this from a wealthy CEO who's never asked his fellow millionaires and billionaires to do their part to address our state's very real problems."

Rauner also will have a tough time persuading lawmakers to go along with the idea. Democrats who control both the state House and Senate tend to be allied with organized labor, and some Republicans who represent districts with high numbers of union households also can be reluctant to vote against those interests.

"If he wants health care savings, he needs to take charge and negotiate with the workers union," Cullerton said. "That's an executive responsibility."

In past years, Rauner has

envisioned making the health care cuts on his own, and he's baked the anticipated cost savings into his budget proposals. That money has never materialized, though, because Rauner and AFSCME have never agreed to a contract.

Over the nearly three years since AFSCME's contract has been up for renewal, Rauner and lawmakers also haven't set aside enough money to pay for the health care program, so the state is about \$1.7 billion behind in paying claims. And it owes more than \$500 million in interest, much of it from the bills that piled up since Rauner took office, according to data provided by the comptroller's office.

Had Rauner and the union been able to reach an agreement in their contract talks over the past few years, the state might have been able to save on some of those costs.

AFSCME contends that it offered in contract talks

that workers could pay 8.5 percent higher premiums than they're paying now. But the Rauner administration contends that move wouldn't save enough money.

And the offer only came after a state labor board ruled that the two sides were past the point of being able to negotiate a deal and that Rauner should be allowed to impose his final contract terms, with the union having the option to strike. AFSCME turned to a state appellate court, which blocked Rauner from imposing his contract terms while it considers the case. It is still ongoing.

In the years leading up to the impasse ruling, the two sides remained far apart on the issue, according to an administrative law judge at the state Labor Relations Board who analyzed the negotiations.

The judge found that Rauner's negotiating team "consistently indicated its

need to save hundreds of millions of dollars in health insurance costs" and always pushed for a cost-sharing deal that would drop the state's share to 60 percent, while the union "consistently indicated its unwillingness to reach an agreement that resulted in employee's paychecks being significantly smaller." In its opening offer, the union pushed for a plan that kept premiums where they are and added benefits, making it more expensive for the state, the judge found.

Rauner on Wednesday cast the health insurance expenses, along with pension costs, as make-or-break issues for Illinois' finances, warning that inaction on them would mean "our finances will continue to deteriorate, our economy will remain sluggish and our tax burdens will stay high and keep rising."

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Ex-Schaumburg police Officer John Cichy leaves court Tuesday after drug charges against him were dropped.

Chicago Public Schools will phase out three Englewood neighborhood high schools over three years, instead of closing them at the end of this school year as initially planned. The original proposal brought criticism from neighborhood residents as Mayor Rahm Emanuel continues efforts to build bridges with African-American voters. The city still plans to build a new \$85 million high school that's expected to open to a freshman-only class in 2019.

DuPage County prosecutors offered little explanation on why they dropped charges against a former Schaumburg police officer accused of taking part in a drug ring with two other cops, both now in prison. As John Cichy's trial was about to start, authorities said "previously undisclosed information" made it questionable whether there was sufficient evidence to try him. Prosecutors said the cases against the other two former cops remain solid, but attorneys for the two men questioned that.

Gov. Bruce Rauner put forth a budget that could force local property tax hikes by requiring school districts to pick up the cost of teacher pensions. Money from an income tax

hike Rauner has derided is also integral to the proposed budget. In his budget address, he said state officials "have to change the way we manage pension costs and group health expenses. If we don't, our finances will continue to deteriorate, our economy will remain sluggish and our tax burden will stay high and keep rising."

CTA bus drivers and train operators will get pay raises retroactive to 2016 under a labor agreement approved by the transit agency's board.

Democrat Andrea Raila is appealing a decision by county election officials to kick her off the March 20 primary ballot. A hearing officer found a "pattern of fraud" within the Raila campaign's collection of petition signatures.



Raila

Snow ended after flying for nine consecutive days in the Chicago area, only the third time that's happened since record keeping began in 1885.

Chicago police statistics show about 56 percent of all bicycle tickets in 2017 were issued in majority-black neighborhoods, compared with 24 percent in Latino neighborhoods and 18 percent in white neighborhoods.

Illinois Tollway director resigns

By MARY WISNIEWSKI
 Chicago Tribune

The Illinois Toll Highway Authority executive director is resigning after more than two years with the agency, the Tollway said Friday.

Greg Bedalov, who has extensive experience in economic development, was tapped to run the Tollway in June 2015 after Gov. Bruce Rauner remade the agency's board. The Downers Grove resident is expected to begin a new job as chief of the Illinois Sports Facilities Authority.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors and our agency, we thank Greg Bedalov for his outstanding service as Executive Director at the Illinois Tollway and we wish him well as he pursues this new opportunity to lead the Illinois Sports Facilities Authority," said Tollway Board Chairman Bob Schillerstrom in a statement.

Bedalov had previously served with Choose DuPage, the county's economic development organization, and also was president of the Downers Grove Economic Development Corp.

Bedalov's resignation took effect Friday. It was not immediately known who would replace Bedalov to oversee the Tollway, which has a \$2 billion budget.

Bedalov has overseen the start of the \$4 billion Central Tri-State Tollway reconstruction project, the conclusion of a rebuild of the Jane Addams Expressway and expansion and tolling of Route 390. The Tollway has been delayed in its plans to finish building a ring road on the western side of O'Hare International Airport because of ongoing negotiations with Union Pacific and Canadian Pacific railroads.

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PERSPECTIVE



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A vigil for victims of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida. The most recent mass shooting is likely to bring a familiar outcry.

A cure for mass shootings doesn't exist



STEVE CHAPMAN

Every time there is a mass shooting, a chorus goes up: "We must do something to keep this from happening again. We can't tolerate it any longer." Revulsion understandably creates a demand for remedies. But every time, we do nothing, to the fury of those who denounce the inaction as shameful.

There is a simple explanation, though, for the inaction. It's not that the National Rifle Association is all-powerful, that too many Americans are blind to reason or that most are complacent about wanton slaughter. It's that there are no plausible options that prevent it in the absence of a clear and durable public consensus. In this instance, there is none.

Our constitutional framework was not designed to facilitate drastic government action. It was designed to prevent it in the absence of a clear and durable public consensus. In this instance, there is none.

Mass shootings are a horrific problem that is peculiarly resistant to solutions. To a great extent, public policy is impotent. Until the advocates of new

restrictions can make the case that they would make a difference, little is likely to happen.

What answers do they offer? One is reinstating the federal ban on "assault weapons" and high-capacity magazines that was in effect from 1994 to 2004. Another is expanding the federal background check system to cover private sales. Another is to make it easier to flag people with mental health problems and bar sales to them.

These are not necessarily wrong, but they are unpromising. Although an AR-15 may be particularly useful for mass shootings, there are many substitutes that fire just as rapidly and use equally destructive ammunition. A ban on high-capacity magazines would be a puny impediment to someone like the killer in Parkland, Fla.

Mass shooters, Florida State University criminologist Gary Kleck told me, "always use multiple guns and/or multiple magazines, enabling them to easily fire many rounds quickly even if they had only smaller-capacity magazines. And they do not need guns that fire fast, because they do not fire fast during their crimes." The Parkland shooter had multiple magazines.

A 2013 study of the 1994 law for the National Institute of Justice said, "We cannot clearly credit the ban with any of the nation's recent drop in gun violence." It also said, "Should it be renewed, the ban's effects on gun

violence are likely to be small at best and perhaps too small for reliable measurement."

Even if the law had any positive effect then, it would be far less likely to help today because there are far more of these guns now. In 1994, Americans owned about 1.5 million "assault weapons." The number is now around 8 million.

Restoring the 1994 law would not eliminate them. It would only block new sales — and foster new models engineered to get around the new rules. People would be able to keep and buy the "assault weapons" already out there.

Background checks for private sales would make it harder for felons to acquire guns. But mass shooters have typically gotten their arms legally from licensed dealers, as the alleged killer in Parkland did.

Yes, it might make a difference if the United States emulated Australia by outlawing certain guns and requiring owners to surrender them. Constitutional issues aside, that sort of law couldn't be passed here — or enforced. It belongs in the realm of fantasy.

Broadening the exclusion for mental health problems would mean penalizing millions of people who pose no danger. It would also deter troubled gun owners from seeking treatment.

"To say no one with mental illness should have a gun — how do you ac-

complish that?" Ronald Honberg, senior policy adviser for the National Alliance on Mental Illness, asked The New York Times. "Does that mean anybody that goes to a therapist for depression or anxiety should be reported and put in a database and prohibited from purchasing a firearm? That would impact a fair number of police officers."

None of this is to argue against any changes whatsoever. Some reforms could modestly reduce gun crime without putting much of a burden on law-abiding gun owners. Universal background checks, banning bump stocks and improving databases to prevent the omission of people who are barred from purchasing guns could help diminish gun violence.

Outrage is an appropriate response to the carnage in Parkland, but it's not an answer. Those demanding dramatic action accuse those who disagree of enabling murder. But it's no sin to reject false remedies.

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HBO is making a series of comedy specials based on "2 Dope Queens," a podcast starring Phoebe Robinson, left, and Jessica Williams.



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Alex Blumberg, left, and Matthew Lieber co-founded Gimlet Media in 2014. The podcasting company is the inspiration for "Alex, Inc.," an ABC sitcom premiering in March.

Listen up — again! Podcasting is still booming

In early October 2014, two days after I published a column headlined "Listen up! Podcasting's time is here," the first episode of "Serial" posted online, touching off an explosion of interest in the medium that underscored my point.

The first season of the show, an offshoot of public radio's "This American Life," was a 12-part audio

investigation into the 1999 murder of Hae Min Lee, a Baltimore high school student.

"Serial" was podcasting's breakout hit — downloaded 175 million times at a record pace, lampooned on "Saturday Night Live," featured in a New Yorker cartoon and honored with a Peabody Award. The possibility that Lee's for-

mer boyfriend Adnan Syed was actually innocent of the murder for which he'd been convicted and was still locked away became the subject of intense debate among fans.

The show paved the way for dozens of similar, limited-run nonfiction shows exploring one topic, such as "Atlanta Monster," recently the No. 1 podcast on

iTunes, about the spate of child murders in Atlanta from 1979 to 1981; "Slow Burn," another recent No. 1 that vividly retells the Watergate scandal; and, locally, WBEZ-FM's biographical "Making..." series that has so far featured the backstories of Oprah Winfrey and Barack Obama.

It even spawned a bril-

liant parody of the true-crime podcast genre, "A Very Fatal Murder," which skewers even the advertisers that now support this burgeoning medium.

We're now almost past the days when journalists have to explain to the uninitiated that a podcast is a show that you download, usually for free, to your computer or smartphone, then listen to at your convenience. Almost.

Edison Research conducts an annual survey on podcasting, and comparing their findings in 2017 (the most recent available) with 2014 shows an 88 percent increase in those who listen to podcasts at least once a week, a 33 percent increase in those who report ever having listened to podcasts and a 25 percent increase in awareness of the term "podcasting." More about these numbers in a bit.

For the column in 2014, I spoke with former Chicagoan Alex Blumberg, who had just quit his job with "This American Life" and "Planet Money" to seek investors in his idea for a podcast network.

"I'm really bullish on this," he told me gamely at the time. "It's the perfect medium for our connected age."

Today, his Gimlet Media is the home of a dozen well-regarded podcasts and a staff of nearly 100, and is one of many podcast networks. In March, ABC-TV will premiere "Alex, Inc.," a sitcom based on the rise of Gimlet, with Zach Braff as the Blumberg character. Meanwhile, Amazon has signed Julia Roberts to star in an upcoming video series based on Gimlet's experimental fiction podcast series "Homecoming," which featured actors David Schwimmer and Amy Sedaris.

Elsewhere on the podcast-to-TV scene, HBO is making a series of stand-up specials based on "2 Dope Queens," a comedy podcast starring Phoebe Robinson and Jessica Williams. The Bravo and Oxygen cable networks are reportedly working on separate video iterations of "Dirty John," a podcast series based on a Los Angeles Times investigation into the deceptions of con man John Meehan. And Fox 21 Television Studios is preparing a behind-the-scenes show about "Serial."

Advertisers are noticing. Hot Pod, a weekly industry newsletter that began publishing about a month after the debut of "Serial," recently reported that the online magazine Slate now realizes 25 percent of its revenue from its suite of two dozen podcasts, up from 0 percent in 2014. A Slate spokeswoman confirmed those numbers.

"The state of podcasting is quite healthy," said Nick Quah, editor of Hot Pod. "What we're actually seeing here is an evolution away from the economic and historical power structure of the traditional radio industry, where narrative audio and other kinds of creative talk radio weren't really able to flourish in the way it seems to be flourishing right now."

Not just long-form nonfiction and drama, in other words, but all manner of niche and specialized content — one of my new favorites, for example, is "Get Up in the Cool," a series of

interviews with old-time string band musicians. And if you, too, have an offbeat hobby, odds are excellent that there's now at least one podcast about it.

Most exciting to me, however, has been the growth in news-oriented podcasts, including but not limited to:

"Up First," an early morning news digest from NPR's "Morning Edition" team.

"The Daily," an ambitious, Monday-Friday documentary-style take on current events produced by The New York Times. The program has proved so popular that American Public Media recently announced plans to reverse engineer it for broadcast radio.

"Reveal," a weekly deep-dive on hot topics from the California-based Center for Investigative Reporting.

"Chicago Tonight," an audio version of WTTW-Ch. 11's daily public affairs show.

"State Week," a Springfield-based news review from Illinois Public Radio.

"Embedded," a documentary series hosted by NPR's Kelly McEvers that has recently been taking a granular look at the life and times of President Donald Trump.

"Revisionist History," a quirky, contrarian attack on popular wisdom hosted by New Yorker writer Malcolm Gladwell.

"Late Night With Seth Meyers," excerpts and behind-the-scenes content highlighted by the NBC-TV host's sharp, anti-Trump "A Closer Look" commentaries.

And, debuting Monday, "Every Day, Explained," an afternoon-drive rundown from Vox Media, the folks behind my absolute favorite news-nerd podcast, "The Weeds." This show promises to continue the "almost-live" trend in which shows are posted quickly to maximize freshness.

So are we at peak podcast? Not even close. Remember the impressive growth shown in those Edison Research numbers?

Well, the raw numbers are still small. Only 15 percent of people overall listened to podcasts once a week in 2017 (compared with 90 percent who listen to broadcast radio), 40 percent reported ever having listened to a podcast and just 60 percent said they were even aware of the term "podcasting."

Audio-on-demand, perfect for the multitasking lifestyle, is still just getting started.

Re: Tweets

The winner of the Tweet of the Week in our online reader poll was @Wheel-Tod, for "How to tell you've had a successful business meeting: 1) You ate free food. 2) You said one thing that was confusing enough to sound intelligent. 3) You left with no assigned action items."

Of course, for pure podcasting perfection, there's always "The Mincing Ras-cals," a weekly discussion/argument about current events hosted by WGN-AM's John Williams. I'm usually on the panel.

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Woodcutter Alfred Clark shows off frozen potatoes. Before help came, the unvarying menu was beans, potatoes and bread.



Passenger Frank Parker, front seat, hands food to reporter Steve O'Connor. From the rear seat, pilot John Miller hands mail to Clark. The other men are woodcutters Nels Ask, left, and Howard Smith.



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Jack Nolan, front from left, Robert Houston, Alfred Clark, Nels Ask, Joe Ramsey and Mrs. Ed Morro, and, rear from left, Howard Smith, Louis Baudette and Ed Morro, at the woodcutter encampment on South Fox Island, Mich., after help arrived. A growing supply shortage at the camp led to a frantic trek across Lake Michigan to get help.

1923's 'epic of the frozen north' — and the amazing paper race to get the story

By RON GROSSMAN

On April 17, 1923, the residents of Northport, Mich., were astonished by the sight of three haggard figures staggering toward them, across the ice floes of Lake Michigan. As word of the men's ordeal spread beyond the tiny town where they came ashore, the story was hailed as "an epic of the frozen north."

The three were part of a crew of woodchoppers working on South Fox Island, an uninhabited spot of land 18 miles off the shore of Northport. Their food supply was running low, so the trio had set out to alert the outside world to their comrades' plight.

Those reports inspired a journalistic feeding frenzy by the region's newspapers, which rushed reporters and photographers to the scene.

"The wires, both telegraph and telephone, were kept hot requesting news of the rescue as the predicament of the marooned band had been reported country wide," observed The Benzie County Patriot, a weekly newspaper serving the lightly populated resort area north of Traverse City.

Among the journalists was a Chicago Tribune reporter who filed his first story en route. He reported that Edward Horn and his two companions had set out from South Fox Island in a small boat.

"Their boat was crushed in the ice, but they fought their way over ice floes, jumping and falling, and struggling for forty-eight hours, until they reached the mainland exhausted and barely able to tell their story," the Tribune reported. "They asked that food be sent at once by airplane, as that was the only method of crossing the ice."

At that point, rumor took over from reporting. One dispatch from Grand Rapids, 150 miles from the scene, was headlined: "10 are starving marooned by ice on island in lake."

But whether the woodchoppers were starving or subsisting on reduced rations, the drama then taking place on South Fox Island was the kind of story that could sell newspapers. Especially in Chicago, the site of a fierce competition for readers between the Tribune and the Herald and Examiner, owned by newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst.

Previously, the rivalry had produced street battles between the drivers of each side's delivery trucks. Those had been succeeded by more moderate tactics: giveaways, lotteries and posting of sensational stories on the sides of delivery vans. Max Annenberg, the Tribune's legendary circulation manager, said his favorite headline was: "Double murder and suicide."

Moreover, the airplane was the wonder of the age, and both Hearst and Col. Robert McCormick, the Tribune's publisher, were devotees of flying. So a race was on to see which paper would come to the aid of the stranded woodchoppers. The residents of Northport had box seats.

"Northport was buzzing with excitement all day and schoolchildren ran to the windows so often to see what was going on that the teachers finally had to close school for the day," the Tribune reported. "Businesses shut down and everyone was peering at the sky, gossiping or looking out at the bluffs over the mist and fog of the lake toward Fox Island and its mystery."

Horn, meanwhile, had re-

covered sufficiently from his ordeal on the ice floe to give a fuller account of the woodchoppers' colony. He attributed the tale's escalation to his dazed state upon reaching shore the day before. He couldn't remember what he'd told the person who had greeted him.

Nonetheless, he said, the six men and one woman still on the island were in dire straits. The group had been taken to the island the previous September. Their employer was supposed to pick them up on April 1, but a late spring and ice jams had prevented that.

Their food supply dwindled, and for three weeks the unvarying menu was beans, potatoes and a bit of bread smeared with molasses. The butter was gone.

Mrs. Ed Morro (her first name was not included), the cook, had to guard the store-room against raids by the ravenous men. Their tobacco supply was exhausted by mid-March.

"We quit work the first of April and loafed and sulked and crabbed about the cooking," Horn said. "At length we got so sore about it and so hungry for a smoke that the island wasn't big enough to hold all of us. Last Monday three of us bolted for the mainland."

The first attempts to reach Horn's stranded companions only complicated the problem. The day after Horn completed his epic journey to the mainland, an Army airplane took off from an airfield near Detroit but crashed into the lake off of Northport. "A crew of men were trying to chop it out of the ice late yesterday," the Tribune reported.

By then, a second Army plane tried setting down in Northport, before making the

Flashback idea?

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hop over to South Fox Island, but came down just short of land. The pilot and a reporter for a Detroit newspaper were uninjured, but the propeller and landing gear were stripped away, so the plane couldn't continue on.

On April 19, it was the Herald and Examiner's turn. Its reporter and photographer were aboard a plane loaded with supplies donated by Thomas E. Wilson, a prominent Chicago meatpacker. The plane made it from Chicago to northern Michigan without a problem. But then it developed engine trouble over the lake and crash-landed on a beach on South Fox Island, miles from the woodchoppers' encampment.

The Tribune's plane found the crew and newsmen there the following day. "They had not found people on the island, and asked if we had seen anyone," the Tribune reported.

Subsequently, the woodchoppers found their way to the Herald and Examiner's plane, allowing the Hearst paper a consolation prize: photographs of its crew and newsmen handing supplies to the marooned inhabitants of the island.

The Tribune took first prize with a screaming front-page headline: "Ice-bound 10 fed by headline." The number (which had fluctuated in the various reports) reflected Horn's seven comrades, plus the aviators and journalists who had unwittingly joined them.

The Tribune's winning strategy involved avoiding the

danger of landing on unknown terrain near the woodchoppers' encampment. Its plane touched down only as an afterthought, upon spotting its rival's aircraft.

As Morrow Krum, the Trib's reporter, explained to readers: "I was in the rear cockpit with the food in the bags, tied to ropes and hanging out ready to be dropped. I dropped one sack in an open space and saw them run after the food. They picked up the food and ran into the house with it. We went around the island again, came low and I dropped the second sack."

But even though that eased the marooned crew's hunger pains, morale was at a breaking point. When a small government plane made a short visit on April 21, it found the woodchoppers "were wrought to a high pitch by their long battle against starvation and dropped to their knees and prayed to be taken ashore."

Accordingly, the Ann Arbor railroad company was prevailed upon to lend a car ferry to the rescue effort. "One of the largest ice crushers on the lake," as the Benzie County Patriot noted, it brought the island's crew ashore on April 22, nearly a week after Horn and his companions made the trip by jumping from one ice floe to the next one.

The loggers, journalists, the would-be rescuers and the merely curious departed, leaving the Benzie County Patriot hoping for a lingering afterglow to the community's brief moment in the limelight:

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EDITORIALS ENDORSEMENTS

This is the first installment of the Tribune Editorial Board's endorsements for contested races in the March 20 Illinois primary. To reach these recommendations, we interview candidates and research their backgrounds. We ask candidates to complete a survey on issues they'd

face if elected. You'll find their answers to our surveys, and our unfolding endorsements for this election, at chicagotribune.com/candidates. You'll find the Editorial Board's statement of principles at chicagotribune.com/principles.

Fire Berrios. Vote for Kaegi.

On Thursday an independent study confirmed that the Cook County assessor, Joseph Berrios, has been issuing deeply flawed property valuations that discriminate in favor of wealthy homeowners at the expense of poor and minority communities.

The much-awaited study says this "very regressive system" drives "a wealth transfer from owners of lower-value homes to those of higher-value homes." One infuriating example: In Chicago, the effective property tax rate on a \$600,000 home is 24 percent *lower* than the rate on a \$300,000 home.

In finding after finding, the study repudiates Berrios' claims that he runs a bias-free system.

Fortunately, the March 20 Illinois primary approaches. In some elections voters face not only a choice but a duty. In this election, Cook County Democrats have an obligation to end citizens' complicity in Berrios' certifiably bogus system. Voters who request Democratic ballots can move toward crushing that injustice by nominating **Frederick "Fritz" Kaegi** to replace the failed incumbent.

This year's primary involves higher-ranking offices, including those of governor and members of Congress. But the Tribune Editorial Board begins its endorsements in contested races with a forthright mission: Voters have no priority higher than keeping Berrios off the November general election ballot.

No longer should taxpayers subsidize Berrios' dodgy ethics, devotion to nepotism and grossly unfair assessments. No longer should the people of Cook County let Berrios pretend to be laboring on their behalf.

Berrios, 66, won this office in 2010 on the lie that "Joe will cut patronage positions and eliminate wasteful spending in the assessor's office." When the Sun-Times then counted 13 members of his family on county and state payrolls — not counting two of his siblings who had recently retired from government gigs — Berrios had the gall to exploit the late President John F. Kennedy and his



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Fritz Kaegi vows to make the property valuation process "ethical, transparent and fair."

brother Robert F. Kennedy: "Look at a great president that we had, President Kennedy. Who'd he appoint attorney general? You know? Same thing?"

Last June the Tribune, later joined by ProPublica Illinois, began exposing how Berrios' system results in punishing property tax bills for disadvantaged communities while affluent county residents hire attorneys to win assessment reductions. Downtown buildings have been systematically undervalued at the expense of small businesses in poor neighborhoods. The

ruckus caused by that series led to the county-sponsored study released Thursday.

Berrios manipulates his office to help politically connected lawyers and their clients. The tax appeal lawyers shower campaign money on Berrios. And now that the county Board of Ethics has fined Berrios \$41,000 for failing to return to the attorneys contributions that exceeded legal limits, Berrios is challenging that penalty. Who's paying for his lawyer? You are.

Almost as maddening is "The Silence of the Dems" — the reluctance of so many allegedly progressive Democrats to repudiate Berrios and demand a fair assessment system for impoverished communities. Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan say as little as possible about Berrios and the injustice his office dispenses. Enough.

Kaegi, a successful financial analyst and portfolio manager, proudly lists his current occupation as "full-time candidate for Cook County assessor" with "no previous political experience." He's a 46-year-old Hyde Park product — a Kenwood Academy grad with a Stanford MBA — who now lives in Oak Park. He inherited progressive politics, he says, from his grandmother, a New Dealer who worked in President Franklin Roosevelt's administration, and from his mother, who volunteered for the Peace Corps and for the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Poor People's Campaign. Kaegi says he's grateful to have managed mutual funds that invested working families' retirement and college savings.

Kaegi is assembling a transition team of assessment experts to build a new valuation system — and he promises to make public precisely how valuations are calculated. The opaque Berrios model, Kaegi notes, "leads to a structurally racist outcome that most impacts black and brown communities all over this county." Kaegi's first priority is examining downtown commercial property that he calls under-assessed. He promises never to take campaign money from "the tax appeals industry," aka Berrios' lawyer cronies.

We've interviewed Kaegi and people who know him. We believe he'd deliver on his promise to make the property valuation process "ethical, transparent and fair."

And while all we can do for now is believe, this we know: Berrios is in his eighth year of proving that his system is none of those things. Not ethical. Not transparent. Not fair.

Cook County Democrats, end the discrimination and favoritism. Fire Berrios. Vote for Kaegi.

For the Republicans, Bruce Rauner

Five months after taking office — it was June 25, 2015 — Gov. **Bruce Rauner** confronted House Speaker Michael Madigan. Rauner vetoed most of the state budget Madigan & Co. had sent him. It was an outrageous \$4 billion out of balance.

But Rauner also offered olive branches to Democrats who control the General Assembly. He suggested the state could pick up Chicago Public Schools' pension costs, something Mayor Rahm Emanuel had sought. Rauner said he would support Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle's pension reform legislation. He vowed to work on the school funding formula.

He urged a two-year property tax freeze for homeowners. He pushed for changes to workers' compensation to grow jobs. He requested legislative votes on term limits and redistricting reform, proposals wildly popular among voters. He said he would adopt Senate President John Cullerton's pension ideas to reduce costs.

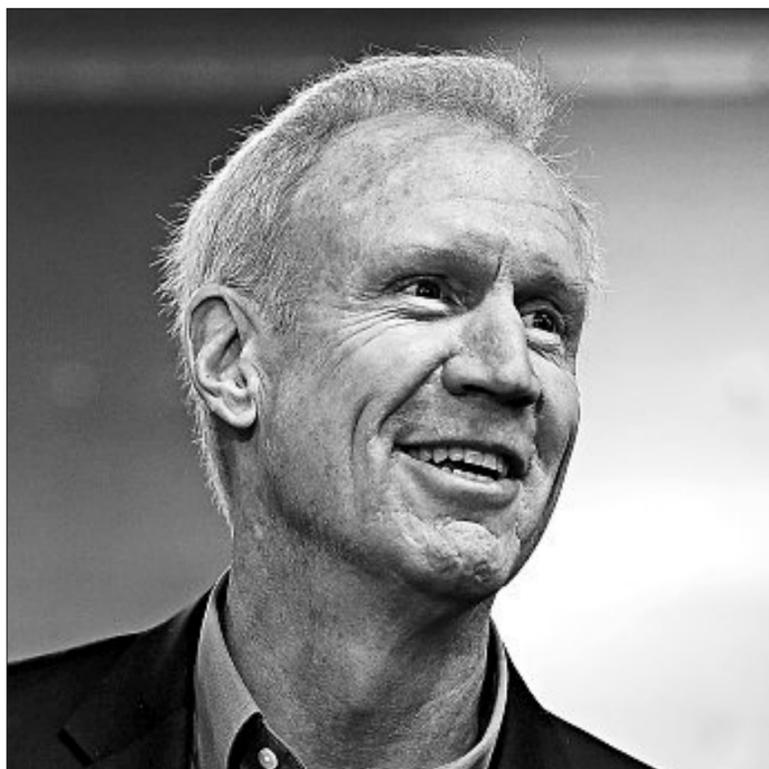
And in tandem with some of those reforms, Rauner would be open to new taxes.

Had Democrats been serious about rescuing Illinois' jobs climate and public finances, they could have cut plenty of deals with Rauner. The rookie governor with a mandate to shake up Springfield was willing to talk tax hikes in return for a reasonable wish list.

What Rauner wouldn't do was sign another phony budget.

But Democrats dug in. They did not negotiate in good faith. They did not meaningfully debate his proposals. Their goal was gridlock. Illinois would lurch for two years without a full-year spending plan.

As Rauner's agenda languished in Democrat-chaired committees, Illinois slid further. And fed-up residents accelerated their exodus. For four years running, this state has bled population. In 2017, Illinois



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Bruce Rauner has disappointed many Republicans, but he remains the party's best bet.

lost a net 33,703 residents, dropping the state to sixth-largest in the U.S. That is flat-out alarming.

We get that Republican primary voters are frustrated. The budget lawmakers finally adopted last July included a 32 percent hike in the personal income tax — with no real spending reform. Rauner vetoed that, but lawmakers overrode him. Springfield got another blank check.

Rauner also signed into law several social-issues bills that angered conserva-

tive voters.

You say you wish more had been accomplished during Rauner's first term to fix finances, to grow jobs? So do we. But when we endorsed Rauner in the GOP primary four years ago, we predicted what he'd be up against:

The tone emanating from official Springfield has been a populist, tax-more-to-spend-more hum: "Nothing personal, but to keep our political coalitions intact, we've

got to keep raising your costs of doing business in this state." Our economy languishes while innovative and bold states around us surge. Disrupting the risk-averse status quo won't be simple or pretty.

And it hasn't been. We wish Rauner had built tighter relationships with individual legislators and listened more to their advice. But any Republican governor would confront the same intractable problem: One person decides if meaningful policy advances. This is his 48th year in the legislature and his surname is Madigan. That is a fact.

Every other governor under Speaker Madigan — and we do mean under — caved. They cut deals. They approved more spending. They skimmed on pension payments. They were co-conspirators.

Not Rauner. He is the first governor to unflinchingly stand up to Madigan. The war for Illinois' future — will a death spiral or an economic rebound prevail? — endures. And if voters elect any Republican, Madigan will again try to make that governor fail. If that governor is Rauner, you know your governor won't stop fighting.

We see the appeal of Rauner's primary opponent, state Rep. Jeanne Ives of Wheaton. She is disciplined. She is fierce. And she is angry. Rauner's signature on the bills that infuriated conservatives drew her into this race. Critics describe one bill as a sanctuary state act. Another makes it easier for transgender people to change the gender designation on their birth certificates. And a third bill, which Rauner had said he would veto, expanded taxpayer funding for abortions.

Unfortunately, Ives' cumulative rhetoric on social issues — describing gay relationships as "disordered" and unleashing an attack ad that ridiculed people who are different from her — has been mocking, mean-spirited and often inaccurate. There is a way to be a compassionate conservative. And there is her way.

In this primary, Rauner is endorsed.

PERSPECTIVE

Mr. President, you can shape gun policy and make a difference



CLARENCE PAGE

Mr. President:

Since I know you don't like to read a lot, I'll try to be brief. But fair warning: This will be longer than a tweet.

As you like to say, let's be honest: I've been critical of your presidency since its beginnings. But everyone has an opportunity for redemption. I certainly hope you'll take this one, for the sake of your legacy and the state of our nation.

Thank you, first of all, for your comforting words in the wake of the shooting rampage Wednesday at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla.

As classes were ending, Nikolas Cruz walked into the school that had expelled him, tripped a fire alarm and started shooting, according to police and prosecutors. The body count: 17 dead and at least 14 wounded — the deadliest school shooting since the 2012 Sandy Hook massacre, which claimed 26 lives.

Just five months ago, another shooter rained gunfire on an outdoor concert in Las Vegas, slaughtering 59 innocent people and injuring hundreds of others.

You found the words Thursday, Mr. President, to speak to "a nation in grief," promising "every parent, teacher and child who is hurting so badly" that "we are



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President Donald Trump speaks last April at a National Rifle Association gathering in Atlanta.

here for you, whatever you need, whatever we can do to ease your pain."

And: "We must actually make (a) difference."

Eloquent, sir. And this effort desperately needs more mental health support. But what about the guns?

Early last year you quietly signed a bill that reversed an executive action by President Barack Obama that made it harder for people with mental illnesses to purchase a gun.

This is how our gun debate has gone. Ever since the early 1960s we have seen our gun debate

become polarized along political lines. Liberals actually have lost ground since the 1990s, when the National Rifle Association supported universal background checks on gun purchases, then changed its mind.

President Obama was openly frustrated at his own loss of fresh words to express the nation's sorrow of such mass shootings, even as the tragedies continued.

Now it is your turn, sir.

I am moved by a front-page editorial in Rupert Murdoch's New York Post, headlined, "Mr. President, Please Act." The call is for "sensible gun control to help

stop the slaughter."

That may seem like an impossible dream, considering the exaggerated impression so many of us have been taught to have about the NRA's power.

But I think the time has come for the rest of us to call the NRA's bluff. The NRA is an honorable organization that was primarily devoted to gun safety for about a century before it became more directly politically activist in the 1960s.

You remember the 1960s, sir. It was a time when assassinations and other traumas led to a fierce backlash in favor of gun control.

A half-century later, we see some new realities emerging. Ironically, Democratic victories — or the threat of them — have been very good for the sales of the gun industry that heavily funds the NRA's coffers. Federal background checks — the best measure we have for gun sales — surged with Obama's elections and the looming possibility of Hillary Clinton's election in 2016.

But your own NRA-backed campaign won, and the next day shares of publicly traded firearms companies fell, NPR reported. On the day after the 2016 election, shares of Sturm Ruger and Co. fell 14 percent. Smith & Wesson (since changed to American Outdoor Brands) has fallen by almost half. And Remington Outdoor Co., another historic brand, recently filed for bankruptcy.

The time has come for us to rethink the politics of gun control, sir. Fewer people are buying more guns. That's their right. But we have allowed a small number of people to determine sensible gun policy for the rest of us.

Breaking that stalemate is where you are uniquely equipped, as president, to make a difference, sir.

And just think: You'll be able to say you achieved something that Obama couldn't. That alone should make your day.

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QUOTABLES

"We believe 17 cup holders satisfy the needs of the vehicle's passengers, and then some."

— Volkswagen spokeswoman Jeannine Ginivan, on the automaker's new Atlas midsize SUV, which boasts two fewer cup holders than Subaru's Ascent SUV

"I think it might well be a first for us, to have an entire Lent program on an environmental issue, but it is very much an integral part of what the church is about."

— Ruth Knight, the Church of England's environmental policy officer, on the church's request that people avoid plastics for Lent

"You'd better get out of here. Things are gonna start getting messy."

— Nikolas Cruz, the 19-year-old suspect in the mass shooting at a high school in Parkland, Fla., according to freshman Chris McKenna, 15, who said he saw Cruz loading his weapon prior to the shooting

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Expressing solidarity

On Tuesday, the unthinkable happened: A Chicago Police Department commander was killed outside the Thompson Center, the seat of government. The incident took place across the street from my office, and my staff could hear the gunshots.

All victims of homicides, by ordinance, fall under the jurisdiction of the Cook County medical examiner, an office I oversee. As the leader of Cook County, I decided that I would go to the office for a simple reason: to show solidarity with the Chicago police officers and first responders who put their lives on the line daily, and if possible, to express condolences to Cmdr. Paul Bauer's family.

I arrived prior to the motorcade that brought Bauer's body to the office. Dozens of police, firefighters, paramedics and other public safety personnel had already gathered. The feeling of grief was palpable, and I made it my business to shake hands with and express my sympathies to

every one of them. Once I did so, I met with the chief medical examiner and her staff to ensure that the proper arrangements were in place for both CPD leadership and, more important, for Bauer's family.

Columnist John Kass, for whatever reason, believes I did this for political reasons, as he wrote in his Feb. 16 column "Fioretti says Preckwinkle playing 'shameful' politics." That's ridiculous. He accuses me of playing to a bank of television cameras. Frankly, I did not pay any attention to the media — and, in fact, I instructed my staff to turn down any request for an on-camera interview. My presence was meant to share the moment of grief with Superintendent Eddie Johnson, with whom my office maintains a good working relationship; with Bauer's family; and with the larger community of public safety personnel. Nothing more; nothing less.

It is unconscionable and appalling that Kass would exploit this horrific incident for a cheap polit-

ical shot at me. The Tribune, and its readers, deserves better.

— Toni Preckwinkle, president, Cook County Board of Commissioners

Naming rights

Conventional wisdom anticipates owners of the John Hancock Center will eventually sell off the naming rights to the highest bidder. Instead, think of the powerful message both those owners and the city of Chicago would send by renaming it the Paul Bauer Building in honor of the police commander who gave his life in the line of duty. Of course, no honor would be too great for Cmdr. Bauer, who, by all accounts, was an outstanding individual on and off the job.

However, the real value in changing the building's name would lie in honoring all the first responders nationwide who quietly help hold our increasingly fragile society together, dealing with not only natural disasters and fires but also with all the worst acts committed by human nature. Renaming the Hancock building for Bauer would honor all those who willingly put their lives on the line to protect us. They are the true heroes of our nation.

Chicago could do no better in showing America how important we feel our first responders are.

— Wally Righton, Darien

Laws and constitutions

When the Second Amendment was ratified, women were not permitted to vote, people were allowed to own other people, and firearms had to be reloaded after each shot. However, things have changed, and the Constitution should be changed to meet the needs of the 21st century. Or, to quote Thomas Jefferson:

"I am not an advocate for frequent changes in laws and constitutions, but laws and institutions must go hand in hand with the progress of the human mind. As that becomes more developed, more enlightened, as new discoveries are made, new truths discovered and manners and opinions change, with the change of circumstances, institutions must advance also to keep pace with the times. We might as well require a man to wear still the coat which fitted him when a boy as civilized society to remain ever under the regimen of their barbarous ancestors."

The alleged perpetrator of the

latest Florida school shooting used a legally purchased firearm. Adam Lanza, the Sandy Hook shooter, used multiple legally purchased firearms. We, as a civilization, must finally accept responsibility, stand up to the gun lobby, adopt reasonable limits on those who would seek to use firearms for the commission of carnage, and vote out those members of Congress who oppose our efforts.

— Richard A. Kosinski, Chicago

Doomed to disaster

It comes as no surprise that Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan failed the #MeToo test, as the Tribune wrote in its Feb. 14 editorial.

He's failed as a public servant for decades and is the one most responsible for the disastrous financial condition the state faces.

His only agenda is to maintain his power and his corrupt property tax assessment challenge practice.

Yet the lemmings that would vote for the devil as long as he's a Democrat will re-elect him and his sycophants in the legislature.

Condemned by its own citizens, Illinois is doomed to a barren, bleak and bankrupt future.

— Roger W. Peck, Long Grove

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Rifles widely available to 18-year-olds

U.S. law for handguns is 21, but in many states teens can buy long guns with no wait

BY LISA MARIE PANE AND BRENDAN FARRINGTON
Associated Press

Just months after his 18th birthday, Nikolas Cruz went to a Florida gun store to buy a weapon. But there were limits on what he could purchase at his age.

Cruz wasn't old enough to buy any of the handguns at the store. But there's no such restriction for rifles, shotguns or the AR-15 that police say he used to carry out the nation's deadliest school shooting in more than five years.

The young age of the man accused in the Florida high school shooting that killed 17 people has revived the debate over age requirements for gun purchases in a country where a patchwork of laws and rural states steeped in hunting culture allow kids as young as 14 to buy rifles.

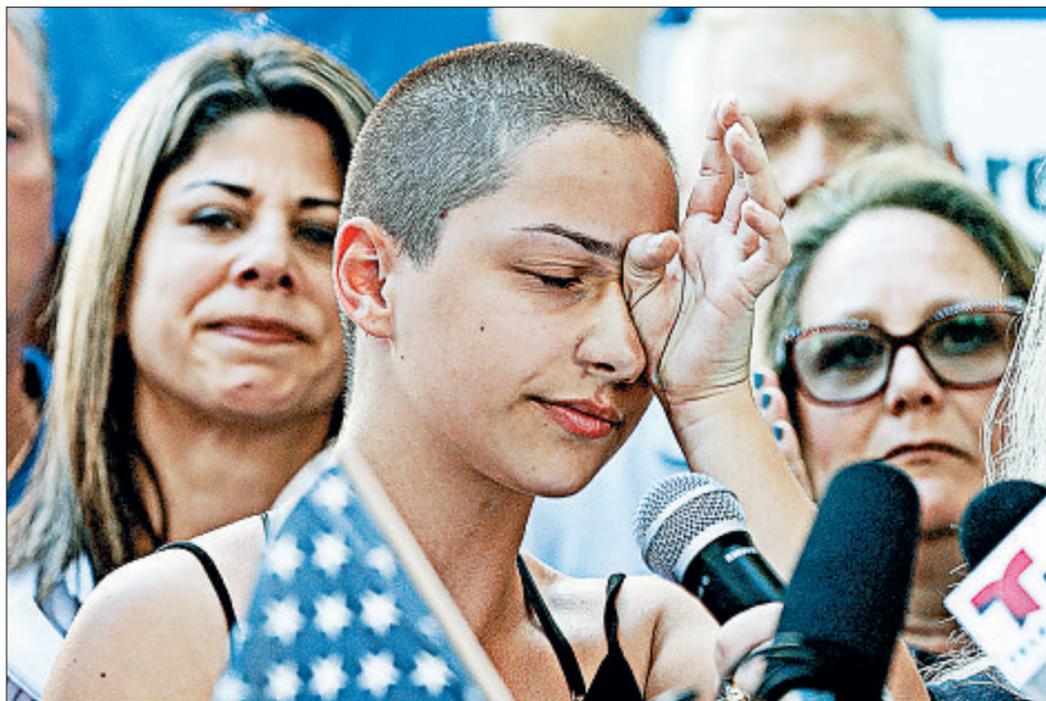
In most states, it's easier for teenagers to buy rifles than handguns.

Federal law requires someone to be at least 21 to buy a handgun from a licensed dealer, but only 18 in most places to buy a long gun. In some states — mostly rural places with a strong tradition of hunting — you can buy a rifle at the age of 14 or 16.

Gun-rights advocates call the long gun an integral part of American culture, allowing kids and their parents to bond while out in the woods hunting and providing a way to teach youngsters firearms safety.

Gun-control advocates counter the laws are outdated and fail to recognize the toll that modern, militaristic-style long guns have played in killing scores of innocent men, women and children. They say such rifles should not be in the same category as a bolt-action rifle that a young hunter uses to shoot a deer and vow to add this to the list of restrictions they are pushing for despite having little momentum in Congress to do so.

"It used to be the case that long guns were hunt-



Emma Gonzalez, a student at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High, calls out politicians Saturday in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.



School shooting suspect Nikolas Cruz legally bought his AR-15 rifle at Sunrise Tactical Supply in Coral Springs, Fla.

ing guns. They were bolt-action, shotguns and single-shot rifles and things really people bought for hunting or sport shooting and weren't the kind of (AR-style rifles) that are used in mass shootings," said Robyn Thomas, executive director of the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence.

An estimated 8 million AR-style guns have been sold since they were first introduced to the public in the 1960s, and about half of them are owned by current or former members of the military or law enforcement, according to the National Shooting Sports Foundation.

On average, more than 13,000 people are killed each year in the United States by guns, and most of those incidents involve handguns while a tiny fraction involve an AR-style firearm. Still, the AR plays an oversized role in many of the most high-profile shootings, including the nightclub shooting in Orlando and the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history: the



Cruz

attack by a gunman holed up in a Las Vegas hotel that left 58 dead and hundreds injured.

States including Maine, Minnesota and Vermont allow teens 14 or 16 years old to buy or purchase long guns without parental con-

sent, with some exceptions. Only two states — Hawaii and Illinois — have imposed stiffer age restrictions, requiring someone to be at least 21 before they can purchase a long gun.

The disparity in age requirements between handguns and long guns exists largely because of the popularity of hunting in the U.S. Hunting deer, ducks, geese, varmints and various other animals is a way of life for youth in many states, and the laws are generally written to accommodate purchases of rifles and handguns for teenagers.

The younger age for long guns dates to the 1880s. While handguns have long been tied to crime, long guns have been part of the fabric of American life — from hunting and target shooting to gun clubs in the Boy Scouts and some schools.

Florida is a large and diverse state.

Despite the buzz and glitz of some of its largest cities like Miami, large sections of the state remain rural, conservative and gun-friendly. Republicans have held strong majorities in both legislative chambers for the past two decades and have moved more often to expand gun rights than restrict them — leading some gun-control advocates to call the Sunshine State the Gunshine State.

The man designated to be Florida's next House Speaker, Republican Rep. Jose Oliva, indicated hours after the school shooting that he wouldn't be in favor of gun restrictions.

"You don't take cars off the road because someone got drunk, used one and killed someone. You don't take a car off the road because someone rented a U-Haul and ran it into some people in New York City," Oliva said.

Florida is a state where one of the leading Republican candidates for governor, Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam, proudly agreed when a newspaper editorial called him a sellout to the National Rifle Association.

Gun-control advocates and some police officials are holding out hope — albeit remote given current political realities — that there will be some movement to change age requirements.

"An 18-year-old with an AK-47 and an AR-15 is completely unreasonable," said Frank Fernandez, director of public safety in Coral Gables, Fla., and the chairman of the International Association of Chiefs of Police's firearms committee. "That is a weapon that is meant for destruction. It's not a weapon that you can use to go hunting. That is a weapon used in the theater of war."

Thousands rally for stricter gun laws in Fla.

BY JASON DEAREN, ALLEN BREED AND TAMARA LUSH
Associated Press

PARKLAND, Fla. — Thousands of angry students, parents and residents demanded stricter gun control laws Saturday as new details were revealed about the suspect accused of shooting and killed 17 people in a Florida high school.

One rally, held in downtown Fort Lauderdale, was attended by scores of students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, where the carnage happened. A second rally, held in St. Petersburg, also attracted hundreds.

Teens spoke passionately during Saturday's rally in front of the Fort Lauderdale federal courthouse, pleading with lawmakers to change the nation's gun laws.

One student, Emma Gonzalez, angrily criticized politicians who take money from the National Rifle Association. She challenged them to stop, leading the crowd in a call-and-response chant.

"They say a good guy with a gun stops a bad guy with a gun," she said, and the crowd chanted, "We call BS."

She also said adults who knew that the shooter was mentally ill should have done more to prevent him from having a weapon.

From a mosaic of public records, interviews with friends and family and online interactions, it appears that Nikolas Cruz, 19, was violent to himself and those around him — and that when notified about his behavior, law enforcement did little to stop it.

Florida's child welfare agency investigated after he cut himself in an online video but found him stable, according to records obtained by the South Florida Sun-Sentinel.

The FBI said it received a tip last month that Cruz had a "desire to kill" and access to guns, but agents failed to investigate.

Cruz faces 17 counts of first-degree murder.

U.S. security official: Russian meddling 'incontrovertible'

At international conference, Kremlin aide dismisses Mueller indictment as 'blabber'

BY LOLITA BALDOR AND DAVID RISING
Associated Press

MUNICH — President Donald Trump's national security adviser said Saturday that there was "incontrovertible" evidence of a Russian plot to disrupt the 2016 U.S. election, a blunt statement that shows how significantly the new criminal charges leveled by an American investigator have upended the political debate over his inquiry.

The statement by H.R. McMaster at the Munich Security Conference stood in stark contrast to Trump's often-repeated claim that Russian interference in his election victory was a hoax.

"As you can see with the FBI indictment, the evidence is now really incontrovertible and available in the public domain," McMaster told a Russian delegate to the conference.

The detailed document presented the most compelling public evidence to date that the Russian operation was elaborate, expensive and real. Citing emails and conversations by the alleged

perpetrators of the plot, it also demonstrated that the ongoing probe may have access to explosive intelligence material gathered on the Russian operations.

McMaster also noted that special counsel Robert Mueller's team had shown that the U.S. was becoming "more and more adept at tracing the origins of this espionage and subversion."

Just minutes before, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov had dismissed the indictment as "just blabber."

"I have no response," Lavrov said when asked for comment on the allegations. "You can publish anything, and we see those indictments multiplying, the statements multiplying."

But Lavrov did not say what he specifically disputed in the indictment.

McMaster and Lavrov addressed the annual conference of world leaders, defense officials and diplomats, giving more general back-to-back opening remarks. But both were immediately hit with questions about the U.S. indictment and the broader issue

of cyberattacks.

In Russia, news of the indictment was met with more scorn.

"There are no official claims, there is no proof for this. That's why they are just children's statements," Andrei Krutskikh, the presidential envoy for international information security, told Russian state news agency RIA Novosti.

McMaster also scoffed at the suggestion that the U.S. would work with Russia on cybersecurity issues. "I'm surprised there are any Russian cyber experts available based on how active most of them have been undermining our democracies in the West," he said to laughter. "So I would just say that we would love to have a cyber dialogue when Russia is sincere."

Lavrov argued that U.S. officials, including Vice President Mike Pence, have said no country influenced the U.S. election results. "Until we see the facts, everything else is just blabber. I'm sorry for this not very diplomatic expression," Lavrov said.

The indictment charged 13 Russians with running a huge but hidden social media trolling campaign combined with on-the-ground



U.S. national security adviser H.R. McMaster, at left, and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov differed at the Munich Security Conference on Saturday over recent indictments.



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politicking aimed in part at helping Trump defeat Hillary Clinton.

It outlined the first criminal charges against Russians believed to have secretly worked to influence the U.S. election's outcome.

According to the indictment, the Russian organization was funded by Yevgeny Prigozhin, a wealthy St. Petersburg businessman with ties to the Russian government and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Lavrov denounced "this irrational myth about this global Russian threat, traces of which are found everywhere — from Brexit to the Catalan referendum."

Russia's former ambassador to the United States,

Sergey Kislyak, similarly dismissed the detailed allegations contained in the indictment as "simply fantasies." Kislyak's name has come up in the FBI and congressional investigations of possible collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia.

Pressed on the election interference that is alleged to have occurred while he was Russia's envoy to Washington, Kislyak said, "I'm not sure I can trust American law enforcement to be the most precise and truthful source of information about what Russians know."

Trump's former national security adviser, Michael Flynn, pleaded guilty in December to lying to the

FBI about his conversations with Kislyak before Trump's inauguration.

In Russia, one of the 13 people indicted said the U.S. justice system is unfair. Mikhail Burchik was quoted Saturday by the newspaper Komsomolskaya Pravda as saying that "I am very surprised that, in the opinion of the Washington court, several Russian people interfered in the elections in the United States. I do not know how the Americans came to this decision."

Burchik was identified in the indictment as executive director of a group accused of sowing propaganda on social media to try to interfere with the 2016 election.

Border wall to have many hurdles to clear

Obstacles include environmental concerns, lawsuits

BY JACLYN COSGROVE
Los Angeles Times

It's not long — just two pages — but a notice recently issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is a reminder of the challenges, legal and otherwise, facing President Donald Trump's promised border wall.

The corps issued a notice to contractors this month saying it might soon accept bids to construct a 3-mile section of border wall in south Texas, with an estimated cost of \$25 million to \$100 million — if the corps gets the money.

The notice drew alarm from environmentalists, who say the wall will undoubtedly be built on the Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge. The 2,088-acre parcel has been called “the jewel of the National Wildlife Refuge System” by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

“The Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge proposal is truly an outrage,” said Brian Segee, a senior attorney at the Center for Biological Diversity.

“I don't say that lightly. It will effectively destroy the refuge because the proposed border wall will be built toward the northern part of the refuge so it will cut off not only wildlife, but also have ecological, economic and cultural impacts.”

The debate over the refuge as a proposed location for a 3-mile section of the wall is reminder of the complexities that face an attempt to strengthen border security from San Diego to Brownsville, Texas.

Here are some of the difficulties that come with Trump's “build the wall” campaign promise:

How long is the border? How many miles of wall already exist? The U.S.-Mexico border, which is



A 600-strong group protests a proposed border wall on a levee at the Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge in Alamo, Texas.

about 2,000 miles, has barriers that block people and vehicles along 653 miles of it, according to the think tank Washington Office on Latin America.

There's no fencing on about 1,300 miles of the border, but the Rio Grande forms a natural border along several of those miles. The river, however, can be crossed many ways — sometimes by boat, sometimes by floating on inner tubes. In places where it runs shallow, migrants can wade across.

How much funding has been requested for 2018? The White House has requested \$1.6 billion to build 74 miles of border wall this year, with 60 miles constructed in new areas. The other 14 would replace or enhance existing barriers. Additionally, the White House wants \$18 billion for

722 miles of new or replacement wall over the next 10 years, according to WOLA.

Trump said in July that there are enough natural barriers along the border that a 2,000-mile wall is not necessary.

“You have mountains. You have some rivers that are violent and vicious. You have some areas that are so far away that you don't really have people crossing. So you don't need that,” Trump said. “You'll need anywhere from 700 to 900 miles.”

What are the environmental concerns about the wall? Border barriers have been proposed on local, state and federal lands that have been protected from development to ensure that plant and animal populations thrive. The Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge was established in

1943 to protect migratory birds. Now, 400 bird species, 450 types of plants and half of all butterfly species in North America can be found there.

Overall, there's concern about the impact a wall would have on the wide range of animals that live along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Jaguars and ocelots have both been making somewhat of a comeback in recent years, but the wall would significantly limit their range, affecting their mating and hunting habits, said Javier Sierra, an associate communications director at The Sierra Club.

The wall could keep Sonoran pronghorns and black bears from important food and water sources, especially during drought, according to the Wildlands Network, a Seattle-based conservation group.

A border wall could permanently divide Mexican wolf populations, leading to a lack of genetic diversity and an increase in the chance of local extinction.

“The wall would be a tremendous disruption in the flow of wildlife throughout not only Texas (but) we're talking about the entire 2,000-mile border with Mexico,” Sierra said.

What legal challenges has the Trump administration faced in building the wall? One legal challenge argues that the administration violated the law in its rush to build a border wall and prototype projects near San Diego. Attorneys for environmental and wildlife advocacy groups say the federal government cannot ignore various environmental laws to proceed with the wall proj-

ect. A hearing on the case, which consolidates three lawsuits, was held recently in San Diego. Hearing the case is U.S. District Judge Gonzalo Curiel. He did not rule but asked for the attorneys for additional information.

Curiel is a familiar face to the Trump administration. He presided over the lawsuit against Trump University and was criticized by then-candidate Donald Trump, who questioned whether Curiel could act impartially in the case because he was “a member of a club or society very strongly pro-Mexican.” Curiel, who is of Mexican descent, was born in Indiana.

What challenges are there in the location of where the wall would sit? Building near the Rio Grande presents special challenges. A wall can't be built too close to the river in case of flooding. Plus some people own land that abuts the river.

Some portions of a wall would have to be built on private property, prompting many Texans to oppose fencing not just on political grounds — the border area is largely Democratic and Latino — but also because barriers split their land.

It's possible that someone could own land that's north of the Rio Grande, but south of the border wall and cutting them off from their own property.

To the east in Brownsville, near where the Rio Grande meets the Gulf of Mexico, the federal government seized land in 2009 to erect a stretch of fence on Eloisa Tamez's ancestral home, a Spanish land grant from 1767.

Although she wants the area secure, Tamez complained that she had no input before the fence was built and, in an interview with The Times, called it “a monstrosity.”

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Death underscores dangers on Ore. peak

10K climbers flock to scenic and tricky Mount Hood yearly

By GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press

GOVERNMENT CAMP, Ore. — Oregon's tallest peak rises above the streets of Portland, its gorgeous snow-capped slopes luring 10,000 climbers a year.

The picture-postcard view of Mount Hood makes it one of the most visited snow-capped peaks in America, a destination to check off during a visit to the City of Roses.

"It just stands there and calls to you — and during clear weather like we've had the past couple of days, that mountain is there calling to anyone who's ever thought about climbing it," said Mark Morford, spokesman for Portland Mountain Rescue.

But Mount Hood's accessibility and beauty also obscure a treacherous history that once again came into focus this week, when Miha Sumi, 35, plummeted 1,000 feet to his death. Three others were stranded for a time thousands of feet up.

More than 130 climbers have died trying to reach the top of the dormant volcano, including a party of schoolchildren and their teachers who froze to death in 1986 while awaiting res-



GILLIAN FLACCUS/AP

Miha Sumi, 35, fell to his death while climbing 11,240-foot Mount Hood, which is 90 minutes from Portland, Ore.

cue and several climbers whose bodies have never been found.

Compounding the difficulty of the rescue Tuesday was the fact that for at least several hours, officials weren't sure how many people remained on Mount Hood. At one point, they said they could be looking for seven to 15 people.

That's because — unlike on some other iconic peaks in the West and Alaska — there is no registration requirement to scale Mount Hood and no one monitors the skill level or prepared-

ness of those. There is also no limit on how many can summit the 11,240-foot mountain each day.

That honor system and the peak's proximity to a major city can combine for a chaotic climbing environment on a mountain that seems accessible but is also home to 11 active glaciers and deep crevasses and prone to avalanches and weather that can change in minutes.

It takes only 90 minutes to drive from Portland to Timberline Lodge, where climbers can park in a lot

that's only 5,000 feet below the summit. Someone in good shape and who is properly prepared can complete the climb in a day and be back in Portland for dinner.

"There's no minimum qualification to do it," said Sgt. Brian Jensen, spokesman for the Clackamas County Sheriff's Department. "There's a bunch of warning signs in here but if someone says, 'Hey, I'm on vacation in Oregon and I've never climbed a mountain before and I want to climb Mount Hood,' there's nothing

keeping them from doing it."

Sheriff's officials Wednesday identified the dead climber as Miha Sumi, 35, of Portland, and said he and his group had "mid-level experience" and were properly equipped with ice axes, crampons and helmets. Other climbers not in Sumi's party reached him and found him bleeding from the ears with fading vital signs. They performed CPR for 90 minutes before a helicopter could airlift Sumi off the slopes.

Jennifer Wade, recreation and lands program manager for the Mount Hood National Forest, said the mountain does not have a "check-in, check-out" system and rescues are only triggered by a 911 call.

Accidents like the one Tuesday periodically stir debate about whether Mount Hood should have a permit system for climbers or stricter rules, Morford said. Climbers obtain a wilderness permit and are encouraged to fill out a form listing their planned route, the equipment they have and contact info, but it's not mandatory, he said.

There is no cap on how many people can be on the summit at one time.

That's different from the approach on some other iconic peaks in the Pacific Northwest.

While there's no limit to

the number of people who can climb Mount Rainier in a day, there are limits to the number of people who can camp nightly in specific zones. Most people take at least two days to climb that peak.

Nearly 11,000 people registered to climb the tallest peak in Washington state at 14,410 feet in 2016, the latest figures available. About half successfully summited.

At Mount Rainier National Park, there are 12 to 14 climbing rangers, some seasonal. During the peak climbing season that begins in mid-May, there are seven rangers at any given time on the upper mountain. High camps typically have two rangers with others on climbing patrol, said Stefan Lofgren, climbing program ranger.

Mount St. Helens, which is also visible from Portland on a clear day, also caps the number of people who can climb it on a given day.

On Tuesday, as veteran climber Scott Schoenborn, 53, descended Mount Hood, he ran into Sumi's companions.

Schoenborn, 53, always fills out the information forms at Timberline Lodge before departing, even if they aren't mandatory, he said.

"You need to be trained (and) you need to go with someone who's experienced," he said.



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Soldiers survey the site Saturday after the helicopter crash Friday in Jamiltepec, Mexico.

Helicopter crash kills 13, hurts 16 in Mexico

Townpeople had moved to an open field after 7.2 quake

By PETER ORSI
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Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — A military helicopter carrying Mexico's Interior Minister crashed while assessing damage from a magnitude 7.2 earthquake, killing 13 people and injuring 16, all of them on the ground, prosecutors said Saturday.

A state government official who was not authorized to be quoted by name said the copter crashed into a group of people who had been spending the night outside after the earthquake hit the area. After-shocks, including one of 5.8 magnitude that struck about an hour after the first, had caused people to flee their homes for fear they would collapse.

The Defense Department said the Blackhawk helicopter apparently flipped and fell on top of the townspeople as its pilot tried to land on a vacant lot in the town of Santiago Jamiltepec, about 19 miles

from the area of Pinotepa Nacional.

Jorge Morales, a local reporter who was aboard the helicopter when it crashed, described harrowing moments as the pilot lost control and attempted to touch down in a swirl of dust.

"The moment the helicopter touched down it lost control, it slid — like it skidded — and it hit some vehicles that were parked alongside the area that had been defined for the landing," he told a Mexican TV news program. "In that moment, you couldn't see anything, nothing else was heard beside the sound that iron makes when it scrapes the earth."

The Oaxaca state prosecutor's office said five women, four men and three children were killed at the crash site and another person died later at a nearby hospital.

President Enrique Peña Nieto tweeted that Interior Secretary Alfonso Navarrete and Oaxaca state Gov. Alejandro Murat, who were on the helicopter, survived unharmed.

Both Navarrete and the Defense Department said they regretted the loss of

life in Friday's crash.

The same town where the accident occurred also saw significant destruction from the earthquake.

The officials had been assessing damage caused by the earthquake, which struck around 6 miles southeast of Pinotepa Nacional in Oaxaca.

Even though Mexico appeared to have escaped major destruction from the quake, it rekindled fears in a population that still sees daily reminders of deadly earthquakes that struck five months ago.

A national emergency committee reported 200 homes had been damaged, primarily in the southern state of Oaxaca, along with the City Hall and main church in the town of Santiago Jamiltepec.

Two people sustained broken bones but had been treated in Pinotepa Nacional, and their lives were not in danger, the Interior Department said in a statement.

Nearly 1 million customers were said to have lost power, but service had been restored to 99 percent of them, it added.

dpa contributed.

U.S. Navy says patrols of S. China Sea to continue

New islands built by Chinese are in contested waters

By JIM GOMEZ
Associated Press

ABOARD USS CARL VINSON — A Navy officer aboard a mammoth U.S. aircraft carrier brimming with F-18 fighter jets said Saturday that American forces would continue to patrol the South China Sea wherever "international law allows us" when asked if China's newly built islands could restrain them in the disputed waters.

Lt. Cmdr. Tim Hawkins said on board the USS Carl Vinson that the Navy has carried out routine patrols at sea and on air in the strategic waters for 70 years to promote regional security and guarantee the unimpeded flow of trade that's crucial for Asian and U.S. economies.

"International law allows us to operate here, allows us to fly here, allows us to train here, allows us to sail here, and that's what we're doing and we're going to continue to do that," Hawkins said on the flight deck of the 95,000-ton warship, which anchored at Manila Bay while on a visit to the Philippines.

When President Donald Trump came to power, Southeast Asian officials were uncertain how deep the U.S. would get involved in the issues in the South China Sea, where his predecessor, Barack Obama, was a vocal critic of China's increasingly aggressive actions to assert its territorial claims.

"We're committed," Hawkins told reporters. "We're here."

In December, the Trump administration outlined a new security strategy that emphasized countering China's rise and reinforcing the U.S. presence in the Indo-Pacific region, where



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U.S. Navy officers operate in the flight deck control tower as military aircraft sit on the flight deck of the carrier USS Carl Vinson as it anchors off Manila on Saturday.

Beijing and Washington have accused each other of stoking a dangerous military buildup and fought for wider influence.

Washington stakes no claims in the disputed region but has declared that the peaceful resolution of the long-raging disputes, along with the maintenance of freedom of navigation and overflight, are in its national interest.

U.S. officials have said American warships will continue so-called freedom of navigation operations that challenge China's territorial claims in virtually the entire South China Sea, including on seven artificial islands China built mostly from submerged reefs in the Spratly archipelago. That places Washington in a continuing collision course with China's interests in the volatile region.

In January, China accused the U.S. of trespassing in its territorial waters when the U.S. guided missile destroyer USS Hopper sailed near the Chinese-guarded Scarborough Shoal, which is disputed by Beijing and Manila. After voicing a strong protest, China said it would take "necessary measures" to protect its sovereignty.

The nuclear-powered Carl Vinson patrolled the disputed sea prior to its Manila visit but did not

conduct a freedom of navigation operation, Hawkins said. "That's not to say that we won't or we can't, but we have not, up to this point," he said.

China has also opposed the Philippine military's deployment of a Japanese-donated Beechcraft King Air patrol plane in late January to Scarborough, a Philippine official said on condition of anonymity because of a lack of authority to discuss the issue publicly. Chinese officials have relayed their objection to their Philippine counterparts, the official said.

China and Japan have their own territorial rifts in the East China Sea.

U.S. and Chinese officials have declared they have no intention of going to war in the disputed sea, but their governments have projected their firepower and clout in a delicate play of gunboat diplomacy and deterrence.

"We're prepared to conduct a spectrum of operations, whether that's providing humanitarian assistance, disaster relief in the time of an emergency, or whether we have to conduct operations that require us to send strike fighters ashore," Hawkins said. "We don't have to use that spectrum, but we're ready to, in case we need to."

Old yearbook photo spurs effort to find missing WWII pilot

By CHRIS CAROLA
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — During World War II, four American servicemen who graduated from the same upstate New York high school had their photo taken for the yearbook: a Coast Guardsman, a Navy pilot, a sailor and a soldier.

That pilot never made it home and is still listed as missing in action.

Now, 75 years after the four classmates went off to war, an effort to find the

pilot's Pacific crash site is in the works, thanks to that long-ago black-and-white snapshot.

"I can't say no to a mystery that can be solved," said Justin Taylan, a New York-based WWII researcher involved in the project. "This plane can be found."

The photo of John Marcil, John McGrath, Howard McAlonie and Alfred Mahoney was taken on steps outside Catholic Central High School, then adjacent to Rensselaer Polytechnic

Institute in Troy, near Albany.

The young men had graduated from the school two years earlier.

All four happened to be home on leave in October 1943 and visited the school at the same time.

Marcil went on to serve in the Coast Guard in the European and Pacific theaters. Mahoney served in the Army's 10th Mountain Division in Italy. McAlonie and McGrath wound up in the Pacific, where the two were reunited on Iwo Jima after

McGrath landed his fighter plane on the airfield where McAlonie and his fellow Navy Seabees were stationed after Marines captured the Japanese-held island four months earlier.

McGrath, then assigned to a Marine Corps fighter squadron, flew off the next day for a combat mission over a Japanese island near Okinawa. On July 21, 1945, his F4U Corsair was last seen crashing into the sea near the shoreline during a bombing run. His body was never recovered.



CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

U.S. servicemen, from left, John Marcil, John McGrath, Howard McAlonie and Alfred Mahoney visit their alma mater in 1943 at Catholic Central High School in Troy, N.Y.

Treatment for opioid babies is in infancy

Tale of 2 newborns highlights how the science lags behind

By LINDSEY TANNER
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Two babies, born 15 months apart to the same young woman overcoming opioid addiction. Two very different treatments.

Sarah Sherbert's first child was whisked away to a hospital special-care nursery for two weeks of treatment for withdrawal from doctor-prescribed methadone that her mother continued to use during her pregnancy. Nurses hesitated to let Sherbert hold the girl and hovered nervously when she visited to breast-feed.

Born just 15 months later and 30 miles away at a different South Carolina hospital, Sherbert's second child was started on medicine before he showed any withdrawal symptoms, and she was allowed to keep him in her room to encourage breast-feeding and bonding. His hospital stay was just a week.

"It was like night and day," Sherbert said.

The different approaches highlight a sobering fact: The surge has outpaced the science, and no one knows the best way to treat the opioid epidemic's youngest patients.

Trying to cope with the rising numbers of affected infants, hospitals around the United States are taking a scattershot approach to treating the tremors, hard-to-soothe crying, diarrhea and other hallmark symptoms of newborn abstinence syndrome.

"It's a national problem," said Dr. Lori Devlin, a University of Louisville newborn specialist. "There's no gold-standard treatment."

With help from \$1 million in National Institutes of Health funding, researchers are seeking to change that by identifying the practices



Sarah Sherbert's babies got different treatments when they were born. At the time, she was fighting opioid addiction.

that could lead to a national standard for evidence-based treatment.

A rigorous multicenter study comparing treatments and outcomes in hard-hit areas could start by the end of this year, said Dr. Matthew Gillman, who is helping lead the effort.

"When there's so much variability in practice, not everyone can be doing the very best thing," Gillman said.

Once the umbilical cord is cut, babies born to opioid users are at risk for developing withdrawal symptoms.

By some estimates, one infant is born with the condition in the U.S. every 25 minutes. The numbers have tripled since 2008 at a rate that has solid medical research comparing treatments and outcomes struggling to keep pace.

Not all opioid-exposed babies develop the syndrome, but drug use late in a pregnancy increases the chances and can cause de-

pendence in fetuses and newborns. These infants are not born with addiction, which experts consider a disease involving compulsive, harmful drug-seeking behavior.

But the sudden withdrawal of opioids from their mothers may cause increased production of neurotransmitters, which can disrupt the nervous system and overstimulate bodily functions. Symptoms can last for months.

The condition can result from a mother's use of illicit drugs, but it also can stem from mothers being prescribed methadone or other anti-addiction medicine. Doctors think the benefits of that treatment for the mothers outweigh any risks to their infants.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention doesn't routinely track the condition, but the agency's most recent data, from 2014, indicates that the syndrome affects nearly 11 in every 1,000 U.S. births. The CDC

said it is working with the March of Dimes and several states to get a better picture of the number of affected infants and how they fare developmentally and academically into childhood.

Some studies have suggested possible increased risks for developmental delays and behavior problems, but no research has been able to determine if that's due to mothers' drug use during pregnancy, infants' treatment after birth or something completely unrelated.

There's no definitive evidence that these children fare worse than unexposed youngsters.

"It's very, very frustrating" not knowing those answers, Devlin said. "It's such a difficult population to go back and do research on. They're people who often don't trust the system, often people who have had lots of trauma in their lives."

Treatment aims to reduce or even prevent symptoms. Some hospitals use mor-

phine drops, while others use methadone and sometimes sedatives.

Some send the babies straight to newborn intensive care units, and some focus on comfort care from moms, allowing them to room in with their infants. A recently published Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center analysis linked rooming-in with less medication use and shorter hospital stays for infants, but it can be difficult if mothers are still in the throes of addiction.

Many hospitals use a 40-year-old scoring system to measure 21 symptoms and frame diagnosis and treatment length, but some have created their own scales.

The Government Accountability Office's health care team has called for federal action to address the issue, saying the current recommendations from the U.S. Health and Human Services Department amount to a half-baked strategy lacking priorities

and a timeline for implementation.

The department's recommendations include education for doctors and nurses to teach them how to manage affected infants, along with an emphasis on non-drug treatment.

Katherine Iritani, director of the GAO's health care team, said government officials have since indicated that they are convening experts to develop and finalize a plan by March 15.

At Greenville Memorial Hospital, where Sarah Sherbert's son was delivered two years ago, babies born to methadone users are given that drug before symptoms start and are sent home with a supply to continue treatment.

Clemson University research has shown that approach could reduce hospital stays by nearly half, to an average of eight days costing \$11,000 compared with the state average of 15 days at a cost of \$45,000.

"The baby has already been exposed to methadone for nine months so adding four to five weeks and making weaning gentle instead of quitting cold turkey we think won't have any additional effect on babies' brain development," said Dr. Jennifer Hudson, who developed the treatment approach.

Sherbert, 31, said her drug use began eight years ago after she was prescribed opioid painkillers for injuries from a car accident. She was on methadone prescribed by her doctor when her daughter, now 3, was born.

She later lost custody after relapsing and her parents are caring for the children. Sherbert said she has been sober for a year and recently was promoted to supervisor at her job. She said she's determined to get them back.

"I've worked so hard and come such a long way," she said. "Seeing their little faces — that's worth every bit of it."

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U.S. ups fee for adopting overseas; agencies protest

By DAVID CRARY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The U.S. government has raised fees and made a series of regulatory changes recently for American families adopting children overseas, fueling resentment toward the State Department among agencies fearing further reductions in the already dwindling number of foreign adoptions.

The number of foreign children adopted by U.S. parents has plummeted steadily since a peak of 22,884 in 2004. The total for the 2016 fiscal year was 5,372, a decrease of more than 76 percent.

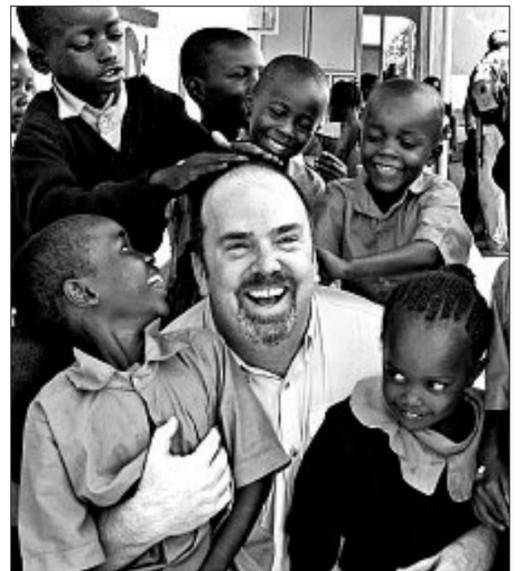
The National Council for Adoption, which represents scores of adoption agencies, is leading a campaign against the new fees. They were announced Feb. 1 as part of broader changes in how the agencies offering international adoptions undergo a required accreditation process.

Chuck Johnson, the council's CEO, said the new policies will make adoptions too costly for many families and force agencies out of business "due to the burdensome costs of maintaining accreditation."

The ranks of international adoption agencies in the U.S. already have dropped from more than 200 a decade ago to about 160 now.

Many of the remaining agencies are faith-based, and view adoption as a means of carrying out a Christian mission. Leaders of some of these agencies have voiced frustration over their strained dealings with the State Department under President Donald Trump at a time when several other departments in the White House are taking steps welcomed by Christian evangelicals.

The process for American families seeking to adopt foreign children has been surrounded by tur-



Greg Eubanks, CEO of adoption agency WACAP, said the fee increase "feels like it's being rushed."

moil lately.

Corruption scandals have led to suspensions of adoptions from a few countries, contributing to the drop in international adoptions.

In China, which accounts for the most children adopted in the U.S., the numbers have plummeted as more Chinese people adopt domestically. Russia used to account for hundreds of U.S. adoptions a year, but has halted them due to political strains.

In November, the organization that oversaw the accreditation process for nearly a decade, the New York-based Council on Accreditation, announced it was withdrawing from that role after a public exchange of differences with the State Department.

The State Department said its most recent performance review of the council revealed "numerous concerns and deficiencies," including alleged laxity in enforcing regulations governing the adoption agencies' foreign employ-

ees and partners.

The council, in turn, accused the State Department of unilaterally altering their business agreement and pushing for fee increases.

Greg Eubanks, CEO of a large adoption agency known as WACAP, said he was dismayed that the fee increase was imposed without an opportunity for public comment.

"We all have confusion," he said. "It feels like it's being rushed."

He said agencies might face other higher costs due to being billed by IAAME for travel and per diem expenses related to a beefed-up regimen of on-site inspections in the U.S. and overseas.

WACAP — based in Renton, Wash. — processed more than 300 international adoptions in 2010, Eubanks said. That number has dropped to about 170 — mostly children with special medical or psychological needs.

"For some of these kids, this is a life-and-death issue," he said.



COUNTDOWN TO CATASTROPHE

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According to the World Bank, only 10 percent of Gaza's population has access to safe drinking water. The sewage system has broken, and wastewater pollutes the aquifer under Gaza.

Clock, hope running out on life in the Gaza Strip — a cauldron of despair and deprivation

By ANN M. SIMMONS | Los Angeles Times

Deficit and desperation define life these days in the Gaza Strip. Residents make do with four hours of electricity a day. Most people don't have access to clean water because the supply system is contaminated with sewage. Breakfast for some schoolchildren is a cup of hot water flavored with a dash of salt.

"Despair isn't even the right word to describe what's going on here because things are getting worse and worse," said Omar Ghraieb, a journalist and digital media manager who lives in Gaza. "We wake up to a world of struggles each day."

For more than a decade, Palestinians living in Gaza have endured major escalations of violence and an air and sea blockade, imposed by Israel and Egypt, that has decimated the infrastructure, stifled economic growth and made living conditions so dismal that United Nations officials say a humanitarian disaster is unavoidable.

"We really are seeing a collapse in place," said Matthias Schmale, director of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency, or UNRWA, which provides humanitarian assistance to more than 1.3 million refugees in the self-governing Palestinian territory.

The Palestinian Authority has denied the severity of the situation, according to local media reports, blaming such news on a misinformation campaign by Hamas, the Islamic militant group that governs Gaza.

Israeli army Chief of Staff Gen. Gadi Eisenkot acknowledged the emergency, but Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman recently contradicted him, saying that although the economic situation was complicated and had to be tackled, there was "no humanitarian crisis."

Israel and the United States charge that Hamas, which they list as a terrorist organization, is contributing to the deterioration of conditions in Gaza because the organization has prioritized spending on weapons and formulating strategies to launch attacks against Israel rather than funding social needs such as food or education.

For most of those struggling to survive in Gaza, the hardships are real. Ghraieb said it was not so long ago that the power stayed on for eight hours each day, enough time to cook, surf the internet and heat the apartment he shares with his father and sister.

In June, as a punitive measure against Hamas, the Palestinian Authority stopped paying Israel to supply Gaza with electricity, causing the drastic restriction on power.

Many people have re-

sorted to burning wood and stocking up on blankets to stay warm, Ghraieb said. Generators are available, but few people can afford the fuel to run them.

"Of course, some have it better than others, but it's like we went back a decade," Ghraieb said. "It's crazy seeing the world advance by the minute while seeing a place you call home decline by the second."

Health care facilities are also feeling the strain of the power scarcity. This month, a hospital serving 66,000 people in the northern Gaza Strip stopped operations and a children's medical center reduced its services to a bare minimum.

Adding to the frustration is the knowledge that the situation in Gaza was once much better, said Yousef Munayyer, executive director of the U.S. Campaign for Palestinian Rights, a nationwide coalition in the United States of more than 300 organizations working to advocate Palestinian rights.

"At one point, everybody had electricity. Everybody had running water, (working) toilets, these kinds of things. It's not that it never got to that stage of development."

According to the World Bank, only 10 percent of Gaza's population has access to safe drinking water. The sewage system has broken down, and wastewater pollutes the aquifer that flows beneath Gaza.

The 1.3 million refugees whom UNRWA serves account for about 70 percent of Gaza's population of 2 million people.

Of those refugees, 77 percent live in poverty and depend on the U.N. agency for food, Schmale said.

"Gaza is a place that has been testing the limits of what the minimum level of sustainability is before a total humanitarian catastrophe," Munayyer said. "We inch closer every day to finding where that threshold is."

About 46 percent of the population in Gaza, which covers 141 square miles, is without work. The statistic stands at 64 percent among young people under the age of 25, and at 77 percent for women within that group.

And unemployment is rising, according to U.N. officials.

"A lot of these industries that you could rely on to produce and generate some independent dynamism for the economy have also suffered because of the siege



SABER/EPA

Palestinian children warm up last month by a fire in Khan Younis refugee camp in the southern Gaza Strip. Many have resorted to burning wood because of limits on electricity.



MOHAMMED ABED/GETTY-AFP

Palestinians charge mobile phones from batteries, a free service offered in a neighborhood suffering from power cuts in Gaza City. Electricity is available for only four hours a day.



SAID KHATIB/GETTY-AFP

A Palestinian woman sits with a child after receiving food supplies from the United Nations. UNRWA serves about 70 percent of Gaza's population of 2 million people.

policy," Munayyer said.

Egypt's border with Gaza is closed, and Israel allows only trucks carrying food or other humanitarian necessities to pass through.

The significant drop in purchasing power of Gazans is evident in the number of supply trucks entering the strip weekly from Israel. It has dropped from an average of 900 trucks a week to about 300, according to Israeli army data.

Entire industries have collapsed within the Gaza Strip. Farming areas along the perimeter of the strip have been ruined by the siege and three recent wars with Israel, in 2009, 2012 and 2014.

"Much of that agricultural land has been destroyed by frequent invasion of heavily armored vehicles or is off-limits to Palestinians because the Israelis enforce a buffer zone inside the Gaza Strip," Munayyer said.

The fishing industry has been central to Gaza for hundreds of years because of the region's proximity to the coast, but fishermen are not permitted to go beyond 3 nautical miles because of a naval blockade, he said.

"So now in recent years, for the first time in history, the primary source of fish in the Gaza Strip is no longer fresh cod fish, but farmed fish on land, because there's an overfishing problem within the 3-nautical-mile

limit," Munayyer said. "Many of the species the fishermen go after is beyond that mark now."

UNRWA remains one of Gaza's biggest employers, providing jobs for about 13,000 people, Schmale said. They fulfill a variety of roles, including about 9,000 teachers and principals who work at the 275 schools run by the agency.

The assistance the U.N. agency provides is in jeopardy. In January, the Trump administration announced that it was withholding \$65 million of the \$125 million of planned funding to the agency, which humanitarian officials said would exacerbate the crisis.

U.S. officials said the decision had nothing to do with punishing the Palestinians for refusing to enter new peace negotiations with Israel, as many observers argue, but rather was to encourage other donors to increase their support to Gaza and push the relief organization to undertake reforms.

But two weeks before the funding cuts were announced, President Donald Trump complained via Twitter that the Palestinians "don't even want to negotiate a long overdue peace treaty with Israel." And as such, "why should we make any of these massive future payments to them?"

Critics said such sentiments bordered on holding the lives of thousands of desperate people ransom.

"This is essentially telling Palestinians that either you stop protesting or we will starve you," said Noura Erakat, an assistant professor at the School of Integrative Studies at George Mason University.

She said it was wrong to tie humanitarian assistance to peace negotiations.

"Palestinian lives are being manipulated and played with in order to compel them to succumb to a political reality of Israeli dominance, which they refuse," Erakat said.

Schmale said the reforms Washington wanted his agency to undertake included improving management and efficiency; changing the school curriculum and eliminating books that might have a jihadist bent and incite students to violence; and requiring the agency to stop registering Palestinian refugees.

Schools would strongly feel the pinch of less aid money because the cuts would lead to a \$240 million deficit of funds for education, he said.

"I dread being forced into a situation at one point where we have to say, 'Sorry we don't have the money to continue your education,' because while the food will affect people physically and plunge them into further poverty, reducing or stopping education kills hope for the future."

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NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

U.S. objects to Ethiopia's move in declaring state of emergency

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia — Ethiopia's defense minister on Saturday ruled out a military takeover a day after the East African nation declared a new state of emergency amid the worst anti-government protests in a quarter-century.

The United States said it "strongly disagrees" with the declaration that effectively bans protests, with a U.S. Embassy statement saying the answer to Ethiopia's sometimes vi-

olent unrest is "greater freedom, not less."

The state of emergency will last for six months with a possible four-month extension, Defense Minister Siraj Fegessa said. He also ruled out a transitional government.

The state of emergency will be presented for lawmakers' approval within 15 days, Siraj said.

Ethiopia's Cabinet cited deaths, ethnic attacks and mass displacement as reasons for the action.



Mourners in Zimbabwe gather amid tears and chants Saturday as they sing the praises of opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai at the international airport in Harare, the capital. Tsvangirai, 65, died Wednesday in neighboring South Africa after a battle with cancer.

Autopsies: Mich. woman killed husband, 2 adult kids, herself

KEEGO HARBOR, Mich. — Autopsies show a suburban Detroit woman fatally shot her husband, son and daughter before killing herself.

The Oakland County medical examiner's office said Daniel Stuart, 47, was a victim of a homicide, along with Steven Stuart, 27, and Bethany Stuart, 24.

Investigator Keith Batchelor told the Detroit Free Press that 45-year-old Lauren Stuart killed

herself with a gun.

The bodies were discovered Friday at their home in Keego Harbor, which is about 20 miles northwest of Detroit, authorities said.

A neighbor, Jacquelyn Tristani, said the family was quiet and that Lauren Stuart would occasionally borrow tools.

Sometimes "you don't know your neighbors like you maybe should," Tristani said.

Police: Suicide bombers kill at least 20 in Nigerian fish market

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria — A trio of suicide bombers detonated at a crowded fish market in northern Nigeria, killing at least 20 people, police said Saturday.

Borno state police spokesman Joseph Kwaji confirmed the Friday night attack to The Associated Press. Hospital officials said two patients later died from their injuries.

The bombers, all be-

lieved to be female, left dozens wounded at the fish market in Konduga, just outside the state capital, Maiduguri. The city is the birthplace of the Boko Haram extremist insurgency and has been a frequent target.

Boko Haram continues to carry out bombings in Borno state and other parts of northern Nigeria as part of its campaign to establish an Islamic state in the West African nation.

Israel slams Polish PM over 'Jewish perpetrators' remark

JERUSALEM — Israeli politicians accused Poland's prime minister of anti-Semitism on Saturday for equating the Polish perpetrators in the Holocaust to its supposed "Jewish perpetrators," setting off a new chapter in a dispute over Poland's new law criminalizing the mention of Polish complicity in the Nazi-led genocide.

Yair Lapid, head of the centrist opposition Yesh Atid party, said Israel should recall its ambassador immediately in response to Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki's comments, which he

called "anti-Semitism of the oldest kind."

Morawiecki was responding to a question from an Israeli journalist at the Munich Security Conference. Asking about a new Polish law that criminalizes some statements about the Holocaust, the journalist shared a personal story about his parents being reported to the Nazis by Polish neighbors. He asked if he would now be considered a criminal in Poland for relating the story.

"Of course it's not going to be punishable, not going to be seen as criminal, to say that there were Polish

perpetrators, as there were Jewish perpetrators, as there were Russian perpetrators, as there were Ukrainian, not only German perpetrators," Morawiecki said.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, also in attendance, called the answer "outrageous."

In recent weeks, Israeli officials have sharply criticized the legislation that criminalizes blaming Poland as a nation for crimes committed by Nazi Germany. Holocaust scholars estimate that Poles killed about 200,000 Jews during the Holocaust.

4 Israeli soldiers injured in blast at Gaza border

JERUSALEM — The Israeli military said Saturday that four soldiers were wounded, two seriously, in an explosion along the Israeli border with Gaza.

The military said the soldiers were evacuated for medical treatment. In response, the military said one of its tanks struck an

observation post in the southern Gaza Strip. Palestinian officials said the target belonged to the Islamic Jihad militant group and that there were no casualties on the Palestinian side.

The area has seen an increase in violence since President Donald Trump's

announcement in December recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called the incident "severe." Later, Gaza officials reported a series of Israeli airstrikes against empty militant training sites. No casualties were reported.

U.S. doubts Kurds' report of Turkish gas attack in Syria

BEIRUT — A White House official said Saturday that the United States believes it is "extremely unlikely" that Turkey used chemical weapons on the Kurdish-controlled enclave of Afrin in Syria.

The official said that they are aware of the reports, but cannot confirm them. The official also called for the protection of civilians.

Earlier, local doctors and Syria's state-run news agency SANA reported Saturday that six civilians suffered breathing difficulties and other symptoms indicative of poison gas inhalation after an attack launched by Turkey on Afrin.

SANA and the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitoring group also quoted local doctors in their reports.

The claims could not be independently verified.

Pope Francis revived his lapsed sex abuse advisory commission by naming nine new members Saturday, after coming under fire for his overall handling of the scandal. The initial three-year mandate of commission members lapsed Dec. 17. Francis named the new members and kept seven from the initial group.

A passenger in a vehicle that was fired upon outside the National Security Agency campus says the unlicensed teen driver made a wrong turn, panicked and hit the gas. Passenger Javonte Alhajie Brown said the 17-year-old driver was following GPS directions but he turned onto a road that leads to the top-secret installation.

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DEATHS IN THE NEWS

Ben Agajanian, 98, placekicker for the University of New Mexico football team in 1941 who had an industrial accident that cost him four toes on his right foot but persuaded doctors to make the nubs the same size so he could still kick and went on to play for two world championship NFL teams (the 1956 New York Giants and 1961 Green Bay Packers); Feb. 8, in Cathedral City, Calif.

Reg E. Cathey, 59, actor who won an Emmy for outstanding guest actor in a drama series in 2015 for his role as a barbecue joint owner on "House of Cards" and appeared in "The Wire" series and in the 2017 HBO film "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks"; reportedly after battling cancer.

Vic Damone, 89, baritone whose easy-listening romantic ballads brought him million-selling records and sustained a half-century career in recordings, movies and nightclub, concert and TV appearances; Feb. 11, in Florida, of complications from a respiratory illness.

Cynthia "CC" DuBois, 32, public policy scholar who examined how affirmative action policies can create more diverse pools of job candidates, and a recently minted Northwestern University Ph.D. who earned a master's degree in public policy (2010) at the University of Chicago's Harris School of Public Policy, where she was a founding member and president of the alumni council; Jan. 2, in Chicago, of complications from brain cancer.

Reginald Gerig, 98, professor of piano at Wheaton College for 35 years and a nationally known expert in piano technique whose scholarship included writing "Famous Pianists and Their Technique," a widely used textbook; Jan. 11, in Carol Stream.

Ann Grimes, 102, retired ad agency media buyer and avid volunteer at institutions including the Field

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Museum of Natural History, Morton Arboretum in Lisle and Lyric Opera of Chicago as well as a former member of the Women's Advertising Club of Chicago and the League of Women Voters; Jan. 17, in Berwyn.

Wilbert R. Hasbrouck, 86, pioneering Chicago preservation architect who breathed new life into buildings designed by some of the city's renowned architects; co-edited and co-published, with his wife of nearly 60 years, Marilyn Whittlesey Hasbrouck, an architectural magazine, the Prairie School Review; and co-owned with his wife the Prairie Avenue Bookshop; Feb. 10, in Norridge, of complications from Parkinson's disease.

Asma Jehangir, 66, prominent rights activist and lawyer who as chairwoman of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan was respected for her outspoken criticism of the country's militant and extreme Islamist groups, had served as president of the Supreme Court's Bar Association and was a U.N. rapporteur on human rights and extrajudicial killings; Feb. 11, in Lahore, of a heart attack.

Johann Johannsson, 48, Icelandic composer and producer who won a Golden Globe and received Grammy and Oscar nominations for his score for "The Theory of Everything" (2014), received an Oscar nomination for "Sicario" (2015) and was nominated for Golden Globe, BAFTA and Grammy awards for his score for "Arrival" (2016); Feb. 9, in Berlin.

Tom Rapp, 70, singer-songwriter whose band Pearls Before Swine was one of the most enduring and ec-

centric groups of rock's late-1960s underground scene; Feb. 11, in Melbourne, Fla., of cancer.

John Schuchman, 79, former dean, vice president of academic affairs and provost at Gallaudet University who wrote and edited books about deaf people during the Holocaust and the portrayal of deaf people on-screen; Dec. 19 in Ashburn, Va., of cancer.

Walter Dill Scott, 86, businessman whose career in investment banking, government service and corporate management was capped by a quarter-century as a clinical professor of strategy at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management; Feb. 8, in Evanston, of complications from lymphoma.

Daryle Singletary, 46, country singer of songs including "I Let Her Lie" and "Too Much Fun"; Feb. 12, in Lebanon, Tenn.

Anne Treisman, 82, psychologist who taught at the University of California at Berkeley and Princeton University and whose research into human perception and attention helped explain how the mind, not the eyes, serves as the true window to the world, and who in 2013 was awarded the National Medal of Science; Feb. 10, in New York City, of a stroke.

Morgan Tsvangirai, 65, Zimbabwean opposition leader — and yearslong challenger to ruler Robert Mugabe, who quit in November — whose work brought him jailings, beatings and accusations of treason and whose death leaves the opposition in disarray months before national elections; Feb. 14, in Johannesburg, of colon cancer.

OBITUARIES

LERONE BENNETT JR. 1928-2018

Told of black history at Ebony, in books, in class

By **BOB GOLDSBOROUGH**
Chicago Tribune

Lerone Bennett Jr. was a longtime Chicago journalist whose chronicling of African-American history took several forms, including writing highly regarded and sometimes provocative books and working for a half-century for Ebony magazine.

"He gave Ebony its voice and its perspective on empowering African-Americans, and also was very much a champion of civil rights," said Ebony Media CEO Linda Johnson Rice. "So the stories we covered on civil rights and from a historical perspective really came from ... Lerone Bennett. And everything that he did, he did with class and with style."

Bennett, 89, died of complications from vascular dementia on Feb. 14 at his home, said his daughter Joy. He was a longtime resident of the South Side's Kenwood neighborhood.

Born in Clarksdale, Miss., Bennett grew up in Jackson, Miss., and received a bachelor's degree in 1949 from Morehouse College in Atlanta, where he was a classmate of Martin Luther King Jr.

Bennett served in the Army during the Korean War. After returning to the U.S., he pursued a career in journalism, working first as the city editor for the Atlanta Daily World. In 1953, he moved to Chicago to accept a job as associate editor of Johnson Publishing's Jet magazine.

In 1954, Bennett became associate editor for Ebony magazine, which also was published by Johnson Publishing, and then became senior editor in 1958. In 1955, he interviewed King about the Montgomery bus boycott in what would become the first of many articles in the magazine about King's civil rights crusade.

While working for Ebony, Bennett also taught as a visiting professor of history at Northwestern University.

Bennett began writing books in the early 1960s. "Before the Mayflower: A History of Black America" came out in 1962, and Bennett repeatedly updated the



Lerone Bennett Jr., shown in 1978, was a longtime editor at Ebony in Chicago.

book in subsequent editions to include events such as the civil rights movement.

Bennett published "What Manner of Man: A Biography of Martin Luther King" in 1964, "Confrontation: Black and White" in 1965, a collection of essays, "The Challenge of Blackness," in 1970 and "The Shaping of Black America" in 1975.

In 1989, Bennett and Ebony publisher John H. Johnson co-wrote the book "Succeeding Against the Odds," which traced Johnson's rise from modest beginnings in Arkansas to creating a multimillion-dollar media corporation.

Also in the late 1980s, Bennett wrote a musical about the late Mayor Harold Washington, titled "Harold's Journey," which was performed at Orchestra Hall and later aired on local television.

"His legacy of scholarship and activism is writing history and making history," said the Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr., president of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition. "He was my mentor."

One of Bennett's most controversial pieces was his 2000 book about Abraham Lincoln, "Forced Into Glory," which argued that Lincoln was a racist, a white supremacist and a political opportunist. The book carried echoes of a 1968 Ebony article he had written that questioned whether Lincoln was a white supremacist.

Bennett remained at Ebony, becoming its executive editor in 1987 before retiring from the magazine

in 2003.

"I can't remember a time when I didn't know Lerone Bennett," said Johnson Rice. "I grew up in the business and he was always there. I watched him work side by side with my father to create the editorial direction at Ebony. What Ebony stands for today really stands on the foundation of what Lerone Bennett envisioned for the magazine and what he championed for the ... years that he worked with us."

Bennett continued to give speeches and write after leaving Ebony.

"Retirement for him was just work at another location," his daughter said.

Bennett was on the board of trustees of Columbia College and of the Chicago History Museum.

President Bill Clinton appointed him to the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities, and President George W. Bush named him to the Presidential Commission on the proposed National Museum of African-American History and Culture. Bennett also sat on the Chicago Public Library's board while Harold Washington was mayor.

Among Bennett's many accolades, his daughter noted, was a resolution by the state of Mississippi commending his literary career as one of the state's most successful black writers of the 20th century.

"He never thought he'd live to see the state of Mississippi honor him," she said.

Bennett's wife, Gloria, whom he met when she was an associate editor at Jet and married in 1956, died in 2009. A son, Lerone III, died of lymphoma in 2013.

Bennett is also survived by two other daughters, Constance and Courtney; and three granddaughters.

A visitation will take place from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday at A.A. Rayner & Sons Funeral Home, 318 E. 71st St., Chicago. The visitation will continue at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Columbanus Catholic Church, 331 E. 71st St., Chicago, followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

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Terry R "Wells" Wierzenski
Jan 27, 1957 - Feb 8, 2013. Terry is survived by his father James Wierzenski Sr; two brothers Jim Wierzenski Jr and Jerry Wierzenski; sister Kathy Heath; three nephews and two nieces; one grandnephew and one grandniece; His brother Tommy Wierzenski died in 2007. Terry's musical style and career inspired many hearts while performing in Illinois and Wisconsin. He was lead vocals for bands such as Champion, Bombs Away and others. Terry was a very talented front man. The bands he sang for were said to have had a solid and passionate following. Some of Terry's accomplishments include Playboy International Talent Contest Winner, Backup band for Roy Orbison, Survivor and others. It was Terry's mission in life to help people by seeing them smile, laugh and dance. He was a devout animal lover and did benefits for the homeless. Terry Wells Wierzenski will be deeply missed by everyone whose life he touched. God Bless him FOREVER!
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Edward J. Hudyka

Paying heartfelt public tribute to the most loving and awesome husband and father there could ever be.
Diane
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Archambault, Eleanor Caroline
Eleanor Caroline Archambault, age 96, passed away peacefully in Boynton Beach, Florida on Monday, January 29, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband Stewart and daughter Nancy (Richard) Scalerio. She is survived by her children Carol (Andrew) Bruzewicz, Betty Stokes, James Archambault, Judith (Brian) Blackledge, Joan (Thomas A.) Heaney, Elaine (Jerry) Lombardi, thirteen grandchildren, and seven great-grandsons. Service will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mayfair Presbyterian Church (4358 W. Ainslie, Chicago, Illinois 60630) or the charity of the donor's choice.
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Babeno, Lubov Valentine
Loving daughter of the late John and Valentine Babeno. Beloved grandmother of Johnathon (Elizabeth) Belcher, Natalie, and Katharyn Stanish. Cherished great-grandmother of Bennett Belcher. Dear mother of Larissa Lessick. Visitation Monday 4 - 8 PM at the ORIGINAL RAGO BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME 7751 W. Irving Park Rd, Chicago. Family and friends to meet Tuesday at St. George Orthodox Cathedral (917 N. Wood) for 11AM service. Int. Elmwood Cemetery. 773-276-7800 or www.rago-brothersfuneralhome.com
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Blanton, Shirley Estelle
Mrs. Shirley Blanton, nurse, sister, aunt and friend went to be with the Lord on the evening of Feb. 11, 2018. Services will be held at Allegría at Ocean Grove- 70 Stockton Place, Ocean Grove, NJ. 2/21/18 at 2:00.
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Bokios, James
James Bokios, 79; U.S. Army Veteran; Beloved husband of Nicky (nee Toulios); Devoted father of Steven, Helena (Jerry) McGuire and Theodore; Cherished grandfather of Nicolle, Megan, Nicolle B. and Patrick; Loving son of the late Steven and Victoria (nee Petratos) Bokios; Dearest brother of Caroline, George and Michael; Dear uncle of many nieces and nephews; Visitation Monday, February 19, 2018 morning 8:00 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. at Salerno's Galewood Chapels 1857 N. Harlem Ave. Chicago, IL. Funeral from funeral home at 9:45 a.m. to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church 601 S. Central Ave. Chicago for 10:30 a.m. Funeral service. Interment following to Elmwood Cemetery. Arrangements by **NICHOLAS M. PISHOS FUNERAL DIRECTOR, LTD.** 773-889-1700.
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Bonafacchi, Carol M.
Carol M. Bonafacchi nee Florek age 79, February 13, 2018. Devoted wife for 61 years to Larry Bonafacchi. Loved mother of Roxanne (Craig) Shragal, Jeff (Fran) Bonafacchi, Lisa (late Dean Claussen) Bonafacchi, Rachel (Jim) Benecke, the late Andy and the late Mike Bonafacchi; fond grandmother of Dianna Bonafacchi, Cassandra (Austin) Kimler, Jessi (Loretto) Kintanar, Leland, Paige and Austin Claussen and Marissa and Zach Benecke; great grandmother of five; dear sister of Terrie (late Joseph) Styczynski, Ann (Rich) Moore, Mary Englehart and the late Rose Biggs. Services and interment private. Arrangements by the **Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory**, 24021 Royal Worlington Dr. Naperville. 630 355 0264. www.beidelmankunschfh.com.
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Brenner, David
David M. Brenner, 88, of Evanston, IL, former resident of Lincolnwood, born January 10, 1930, passed away peacefully February 3, 2018. David is survived by his wife Judith and daughters Rachel and Wendy. David graduated from Northwestern and University of Chicago Law School, and served in the U.S. Army, before going into business as head of Corporation Supply Co. Throughout his life, David loved bird-watching, travel, music, literature, food, wine, and friends. All who knew David experienced his irreverent wit and kind, gentle spirit. His first instinct was always to think of others before himself, and help those less fortunate than himself. Memorial gifts to ACLU or Nature Conservancy. Memorial gathering later this spring, details to come. Memories can be shared at <http://forevermissed.com/david-brenner> Info: **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-648-9824 or www.mitzvahfunerals.com
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Brodsky, Merwyn
Merwyn Brodsky, age 87, passed away peacefully on February 10, 2018. Merwyn was the loving husband of Renee (Kaplan) Brodsky (deceased), the proud father of Steve (Regina) and Jeffrey (Nancy), and the grandfather of Nash (Christine), Max (Eve), Nathaniel, Gabriel, and Sam Brodsky, and was a special friend to Serna Hahn. Merwyn was born in Chicago in 1930 to Nathan and Anna Brodsky, and graduated from Englewood High School when he was 15 years old. He then received his B.S. degree in chemistry from Roosevelt University in 1949, and his Ph.D. from the Illinois Institute of Technology in 1954. After serving as an Associate Chemist at Brookhaven National Laboratory from 1954-1958, he moved back to the Chicago area and worked at Argonne National Laboratory, retiring as a Senior Scientist and Associate Division Director of the Materials Science Division. Upon returning to the Chicago area, Merwyn spent most of his remaining years in Park Forest, serving as President of South Suburban Beth Israel/Am Echad synagogue twice, passionately watching the Cubs, and enjoying many a summer day on the golf course. Merwyn and Renee shared a wonderful and full life together and were married for 60 years until her death in 2011. A funeral service will be conducted at the chapel at Westlawn Cemetery, 7801 W. Montrose Ave., Norridge IL, followed by a graveside burial on Monday, February 19, 2018 at 11 AM. The family will receive visitors that afternoon at the Sedgebrook retirement community in Lincolnshire. In lieu of flowers, donations can be directed to the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago, Congregation Am Echad in Homewood, IL, the Southern Poverty Law Center, or the Anti-Defamation League. For funeral info: 847-256-5700.

Busch, William H.
William H. Busch, age 83, late of St. John, IN and formerly of Riverdale, IL passed away on Sunday, February 11, 2018. Loving father of John W. (Debbie) Busch of Frankfort, IL. Devoted grandfather of Jacob and Zachary Busch. Preceded in death by his parents Henry and Christine Busch as well as his sister Mildred (late Stuart) Putnam. Survived by numerous relatives. Bill worked at Acme Steel Co. in Riverdale, IL for 37 years, at various capacities in Metallurgical, Sales, and Customer Technical service. He retired on December 31, 1989. He was an avid golfer, bowler, enjoyed taking photos, movies, videos of the family and various activities starting in 1956. Later putting all of them on DVD on his computer. He worked with various family members putting together the family genealogy that dates back to the 16th century. He also enjoyed automobiles and motorcycles, working on them as well as traveling. Funeral services were held privately. Arrangement entrusted to **Elmwood Funeral Chapel** St. John, IN. 219-365-3474. www.elmwoodchapel.com.
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Cantu, Alfred DeLeon
A service in memory of the life of Alfred DeLeon Cantu will be held on Saturday, 3 March 2018. Service will be at St. Philip Lutheran Church, 6232 South Eberhart Avenue, Chicago, IL, and will begin at one o'clock.
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CAPELLE, MARY J "Jackie"
Mary J. Capelle, nee Irving; loving known to many as "Jackie"; Beloved Wife of the late Fred Capelle, Sr.; Loving Mother of Fred Jr. (Gina) Capelle, Melody Mannino, Richard Capelle and David Capelle; Proud Grandmother of Karla (Todd) Haskel, Richard Capelle Jr. and Joseph Capelle; Honored Great Grandmother of Layla Rae Haskel; Dear Sister of the late Ralph Irving and the late Julie Ann Irving; Fond Aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation at the **Pedersen Ryberg Mortuary**, 435 N. York St., Elmhurst on Wednesday Feb. 21, 2018 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Lying in State Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018 from 10 a.m. until time of Funeral Service at 11 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 142 E. Third St., Elmhurst, IL. Interment to follow at Elm Lawn Cemetery, Elmhurst. For info 630-834-1133 or pedersenryberg.com
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Carlevato, Virginia C. 'Ginny'
Virginia C. "Ginny" Carlevato age 94, of Bensenville, IL; Beloved Wife of 65 years to the late Anthony Carlevato; Loving Mother of Gregg (Coleen), Bruce, Andre (the late William) Sherlock, Jeffrey (Cheryl) and Robert (Brenda); Proud Grandmother of Jennifer (Andy), Patrick (Michelle), Meagan, Anthony, Katie (Chris), Tim (Stephanie), Christopher (Sylvia), Ashley (fiance Alex), Steven (Jessica) and Nicole; Honored Great Grandmother of Jack, Anna, Mary, Claire, Darren, Natalie, Justin, Gregg, Gavin, Steven, Griffin, Edward, Frankie and Reese; Dear Sister of Leonard (Fran) Brudzinski, the late Edward (the late Janet) Brudzinski, the late Richard (the late Lillian) Brudzinski, the late Sophie (the late Edward) Andrews. Ginny was a loving aunt, great aunt and cousin of many along with countless friends who are blessed to know her. The best present we received was her PRESENCE. Visitation at the **Pedersen Ryberg Mortuary**, 435 N. York St., Elmhurst, on Sunday, February 18, 2018 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Funeral Monday, February 19, 2018 beginning with prayers at the mortuary at 9 a.m. and proceeding to Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Church, Elmhurst, Funeral Mass 10 a.m. Entombment to follow at Christ the King Garden Mausoleum, Queen of Heaven Cemetery. If desired, please consider a donation to Montini Catholic High School (montini.org) or Benet Academy (benet.org) For info 630-834-1133 or pedersenryberg.com
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Cavallini, Lorraine R.
Lorraine R. Cavallini (nee Giannoni), 90, of Blue Island, died peacefully on February 10, 2018 in the presence of her family. Loving wife of the late Arthur F. Cavallini. Devoted mother of Tina (Michael) Rowe, Steven (Guynn), James (Linda) and Lori (Gerald) Campione. Proud grandmother of 10, great-grandmother of 9 with 2 more arriving soon. Surviving sisters are Lillian (the late Donald) D'Ercole and Florence (the late Frank) Macri. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. She was employed for 35 years at Blue Island City Hall. Funeral mass will be held Tuesday February 13, 2018 at St. Walter Church. Interment St. Benedict cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Walter School Endowment Fund, 11741 S Western Ave Chicago, IL 60643. For more info www.hickeyfuneral.com (708) 388-1636.
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ON FEBRUARY 18 ...

In 1516 Mary Tudor, the Queen of England popularly known as "Bloody Mary," was born in Greenwich Palace.

In 1546 Martin Luther, leader of the Protestant Reformation in Germany, died in Eisleben, Germany; he was 62.

In 1564 artist Michelangelo died in Rome; he was 88.

In 1836 Hindu leader Ramakrishna, founder of the religious order that bears his name, was born in India's West Bengal state.

In 1861 Jefferson Davis was sworn in as president of the Confederate States of

America in Montgomery, Ala.

In 1885 Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" was published in the United States for the first time.

In 1930 photographic evidence of Pluto, now designated a "dwarf planet," was discovered.

In 1945, during World War II, the Battle of Iwo Jima began.

In 1967 physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer, known as the father of the atomic bomb, died in Princeton, N.J.; he was 62.

In 1970 the Chicago Seven were acquitted on charges

of conspiring to incite riots at the 1968 Democratic National Convention; however, five were convicted of seeking to incite a riot individually.

In 1974 Arab nations, except Libya and Syria, ended their oil embargo against the United States.

In 1988 Anthony Kennedy was sworn in as the 104th justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1998 Chicago sportscaster and Cubs announcer Harry Caray died in Rancho Mirage, Calif.; he was 83.

In 2001 veteran FBI agent Robert Philip Hanssen was arrested, accused of spying for Russia for more than 15 years.

In 2006 Chicago native Shani Davis won the men's 1,000-meter speedskating in Turin, Italy, becoming the first black athlete to win an individual gold medal in Winter Olympic history.

In 2010 Naperville's Evan Lysacek upset defending champion Evgeny Plushenko of Russia in the men's free skate final at the Vancouver Olympics, becoming the first U.S. man to win the Olympic skating gold medal since 1988.

In 2014 at least 82 people were killed and hundreds injured during three days of violent clashes between Ukrainian police and anti-government protesters in Kiev, the capital. (President Viktor Yanukovich later agreed to new elections and a coalition government in a deal to ease tensions.)

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CDR. David T. Otto, USN, Ret.



Hark,
Now hear the sailors cry
Smell the sea and feel the sky
Let your soul and spirit fly
Into the mystic...

- Van Morrison

David Thomas Otto was born July 11, 1944 in Chicago, Illinois to Walter and Alice Otto (née McNamara). After graduating from Mendel Catholic High School in Chicago he joined the Navy with dreams of becoming part of the submarine force, which seemed exotic and adventurous to him at the time. Throughout basic and subsequent training he showed exceptional aptitude and leadership skills which allowed him to choose that path which inspired him. Around this time, he also married his sweetheart Mary Anna Angona in Chicago.

He was accepted into the NESEP (Navy Enlisted Scientific Education Program) which sent him to Marquette University where he earned a BS in Engineering, and then on to Naval Officer Candidate School, which returned him to the Submarine Force as a commissioned officer serving in both the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets.

His career in the Submarine Force brought him to various home ports from New London, CT to San Diego, CA and patrols around the world on several subs, among them the USS Alexander Hamilton, USS George Bancroft, USS Clamagore and USS Wahoo.

He was then selected to enter dive school to join the Navy's elite saturation diving program. Upon completing his training he began the first of many assignments with Submarine Development Group One (ComSubDevGru) in San Diego which served as the home of the Navy's top secret experimental deep-sea technology as well as some of the most highly classified covert operations during the Cold War. Eventually becoming Chief of Staff at SubDevGru, it was during this time that he earned a number of decorations and medals. One of which was for leading the rescue of a submarine crew that was stranded on the ocean floor; as well as many others awarded as part of numerous classified operations.

Also during his time attached to SubDevGru, he served on the submarine rescue ships USS Pigeon and USS Florikan. Because of his background in submarine operations, and expertise in saturation diving, as well as the DSRV (Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle) system, he also served as part of a team of Naval advisors on the motion picture The Hunt for Red October.

He eventually took over the helm as Commanding Officer of the USS Ortolan. As the ship's Captain, he not only overhauled the entire vessel to bring it up to certification standards for the first time (a hefty task in and of itself), he also earned media attention as he led the ship and it's crew on the Titanic expedition where he worked with noted oceanographer Dr. Robert Ballard on the discovery and exploration of the wreckage of the ill-fated ocean liner.

After his last tour with Submarine Development Group, he took up the position of Executive Officer on the USS Dixon where he repeated his success of helping to make another significant ship seaworthy and battle ready in time for it's tenure in the Persian Gulf in support of Operation Desert Storm. He retired in San Diego.

Though he enjoyed a long career of distinction with the Navy, his greatest accomplishment and even greater source of joy, was his family. He enjoyed nothing more than spending time surrounded by loved ones... whether it be on road trips, backyard barbecues, or just taking walks together around Lake Murray.

He was an avid builder, woodworker, and accomplished furniture maker who took great pleasure in projects both great and small; from home building and renovation with his children, to making fun gadgets and designs in his woodshop with his grandkids, whom he especially enjoyed being around. He loved creating things with and for those that he cherished.

He will be remembered as a humble, witty and generous spirit with a warm smile and playful, dry sense of humor... always ready with a clever quip, often at his own expense. A voracious reader who often quoted Twain and Einstein among others, consumed volumes on science, and was even more passionate about the study of history. A loyal and lifelong Chicago Cubs fan. A fitness enthusiast and athlete who, until recently, kept very active physically by playing competitive racquetball, working out daily, and enjoyed exploring the outdoors in wilderness areas on family camping trips.

After a lengthy and hard fought battle with cancer, he passed on January 30th at his home in San Diego while surrounded by his adoring family. Even in his last days he repeatedly expressed gratitude for everything life has given him, his love for his family... and still he never missed an opportunity to make them laugh.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years Mary Anna, their four children David Jr, Mary Gomez-España (Javier), William (Michelle), and Jodi Perez (Aurelio); and six grandchildren Tomas, Eva, Augustus, Ella, Matias, and Dylan.

He is also survived by his brother William (Jan), sister Mary Alice Carlberg; as well as numerous nieces and nephews, all of whom loved and admired him. He is preceded in death by his parents, and his brother Thomas.

Memorial services will be held on Thursday February 22 at 12 noon at Miramar National Cemetery in San Diego.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in David's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or The American Cancer Society.

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Celestino, Ida Laurina

Ida Laurina Celestino passed away Sunday, February 11, 2018 at the Golden age of 91. Beloved Wife of the Late Michael. Loving Daughter of the Late Umberto and the Late Maria, nee Baldassari, Tassi. Dear Sister of the Late Albert (the Late Rosemarie) Tassi. Dear Aunt of Regina (Marvin) Weber, Donna (the Late Christopher) Birren, Albert (Mary) Tassi, Joseph (Donna) Tassi and Michael (Nancy) Tassi. Dear Great Aunt to many nieces and nephews. Ida was the VP of HR for Borg Warner. She and her husband lived in Sun City Center, Florida for the past 30 years. Services for Ida will be private. For additional information call (708) 449-5300. Please visit Ida's personal tribute website at www.russohillsideschapel.com and sign her guestbook.



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Cella, John A. 'Aldo'

John "Aldo" A. Cella, 63, CPD retired, of Norwood Park. Beloved husband of Laura, nee Calkins. Loving father of Gina (Jared) Lynch and Anna Cella. Proud grandfather of Callan. Dear brother of Carole Thudium, Nancy Scheafer and Louis (Norma) Cella. Also survived by his dogs, Jenny and Boomer. John served 30 years and one day with the Chicago Police Department and three years with the Cook County Sheriff's Department. Visitation Monday, February 19, 2018 from 4 until 9 PM with St. Jude service at 7 PM, at the **M J Suerth Funeral Home**, 6754 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago. Funeral Service Tuesday 11:00 AM at the funeral home. Interment Private. Memorials appreciated to Famous Fido Rescue and Adoption, 3124 W. Irving Park, Chicago, IL 60618, www.famousfidorescue.org. For further information 877-631-1240 or www.suerth.com.



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Cerabona, Phyllis M.

Phyllis M. Cerabona, nee Arini. Age 96. Beloved wife of the late Nick "Naish" Cerabona; loving mother of Nicholas (Marsha) Cerabona, Anthony Cerabona and the late Ronald (Margaret) Cerabona; cherished grandmother of Ronald Cerabona, Nicholas J. Cerabona, Kathryn Cerabona and Christie (Henry) Kozlik; loving great-grandmother of Juliette and Calvin; fond sister of the late Josephine and Samuel; dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. until time of services at 11:00 a.m. at **Linhart Funeral Home**, 6820 West Cermak Road, Berwyn. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Please omit flowers. Info at www.linhartfuneralhome.com or 708-749-2255



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Chalecki, Richard Bruno 'Dick'

Richard Bruno (Dick) Chalecki, age 85, longtime resident of Evanston, passed away on February 11, 2018.

Born on December 1, 1932, in Chicago, to Bruno and Helen Chalecki, Dick attended DePaul University, earning his BS and MS in Economics. He served in the U.S. Army from 1954-1957, before winning a Ford Foundation scholarship in 1961 for summer study at Princeton University.

He began his college teaching career at Washington & Jefferson College in Washington, PA. After returning to Chicago, Dick taught at DePaul Business School, and earned a doctorate in Education from Loyola University in 1970. He spent 32 years in the City Colleges of Chicago system, where he taught courses in economics and finance, often to first-time college students, and served as chairman of the Social Science Department at Harry S Truman College. He was awarded Distinguished Professor of the Year in 1989-90. After his retirement in 1992, he enjoyed reading, travelling, gardening, and the company of good friends at the McGaw YMCA.

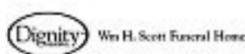
Dick is survived by his wife of 62 years Anne, and daughter Beth. A memorial gathering will be held in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in memory of Dick Chalecki to the Geneva Foundation, for the Westminster Place New Hope Scholarship Fund, 8707 Skokie Blvd, Suite 400, Skokie IL, 60077; or <https://presbyterianhomes.org/donate-online.html>.

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Chatterton, Judith

Judith Chatterton nee Vanags, 82, was born in Riga, Latvia. She emigrated to New York with her parents when she was 14. A graduate from the City College of New York, she lived on the East Coast until 1969 when she moved with her family to Wilmette. She had been involved in real estate since moving to Illinois. Judy was the loving mother of Robert (Bill), Derek and Charles (Michelle), and cherished grandmother of Robert, Elizabeth, Connor, Avery, Davis, Emily and Chase. A memorial visitation will be held Wednesday, February 21, 3-7 PM at **Wm. H. Scott Funeral Home**, 1100 Greenleaf Avenue, Wilmette. Info: 847-251-8200.



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Conetzkey, Rita 'Jessie'

Rita 'Jessie' Conetzkey, nee Kane, Age 92, passed away on February 13, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Sam Conetzkey. Dearest mother of Diane (James) Rice. Loving grandmother of Valerie (George) LaJeunesse, James (Julie) Rice, Melanie (Anthony) Casto and Nancy (Marc) Mattson. Dear great-grandmother of Emily LaJeunesse (fiancé Tom Grabow), James, Kelsey, Elise and Daniel Rice; Anthony Casto (fiancée Candace Vezinaw), Danielle and Rebecca Casto and Eric Mattson. Dear sister of Catherine (Joseph) Plumari and the late Rosanne, Mary, Robert and James. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation, Tuesday, February 20, 2018, 3:00PM to 9:00PM at **Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium**, 7861 S. 88th Avenue, Justice, Illinois. Funeral, Wednesday, February 21, 2018, 9:00AM prayers to begin from the funeral home to Saint Fabian Church, 7450 W. 83rd Street, Bridgeview, Illinois for 10:00AM Mass. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Alsip, Illinois.

For more information, 708-496-0200 or www.kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com

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Copeland, Ruth L.

Ruth L. Copeland, nee Bigham, age 84, beloved wife of the late James H. Copeland and John J. Fox. Loving mother of Dwight (Rhonda) Copeland, Mary (David) Chambers and Joseph Copeland. Stepmother to Robert, Ethel, Darlene and the late James. Cherished grandmother of 14 and great-grandmother of many. Fond sister of Dorothy (Harold) Hemm, Joseph (Sue) Bigham, Jesse (Joyce) Bigham and the late Milton (JoAnn) Roseman, Virginia (Jerry) Plumbley, William (Anna Fae) Bigham, Betty (Logan) Bass, Leroy Bigham, Robert Bigham, Michael Bigham and Larry Bigham. Fond aunt and great-aunt of many. Ruth loved God, family, her extended family, friends, Vikings, firefighters, watching her grandchildren's activities and riding motorcycles. Visitation Thursday, February 22, 2018 from 3-8 p.m. at **Colonial Chapel**, 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL. Visitation will continue Friday, February 23, 2018 in the St. Francis of Assisi Chapel at Franciscan Village, 1270 Franciscan Drive, Lemont, IL 60439 from 10:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 11:30 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL. Masses preferred. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400



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Crimmins, Dottie O'Hara



Dottie O'Hara Crimmins, 72, died at her home in Chicago February 15 after a long battle with lung cancer. The mother of three children and grandmother of six, Dottie was raised mostly in Carpentersville, IL. She graduated from St. Edward's High School in Elgin in 1963 and attended the University of Illinois at Champaign. She worked at the Milwaukee Railroad Galewood Yard where she met Jerry Crimmins, and they were married for 51 years. Dottie also worked at Moore Business Forms, B.Brody Seating, Resurrection Hospital, Automatic Data Process (ADP), Starbucks, and for many years on the front desk at the Park Ridge Community Center where she had many friends. Dottie is survived by her husband, Jerry; daughter, Kelly Naughton and Kelly's husband, Kevin; two sons, Jerry P., and his wife, Sarah; and Michael and his wife, Kathleen; also two sisters, Charlotte O'Hara and Sandra Jean Holmes, a brother, Albert and his wife Beverly; grandchildren Aine and Luke Crimmins; Michael, Nolan, Maura, and Alice Crimmins; and many brothers-in-laws, sisters-in-law, and nieces and nephews. Visitation will be Monday, Feb. 19, from 3 to 9 p.m. at Cumberland Chapels, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Funeral Mass 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Eugene Catholic Church, 7958 W. Foster Ave., Chicago.

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Edlund, Lynnette E.

Lynnette E. Edlund, nee Fox. Age 69 of Park Ridge. Beloved wife of Curtis E. Edlund. Loving mother of Brian K. (Jackie) Edlund and Jennifer L. (Jason Hellmich) Ernest. Devoted grandmother of Andrew C. (Stephanie), Frank, Kyle Ernest Carson, Kane C. and great-grandmother of Dominic A. Cherished daughter of Eleanor M. and the late Albert J. Fox. Dear sister of Robert (Linda) Fox. Visitation Sunday February, 18, 3-8 p.m. at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy. (2 blks. S. of Touhy), Park Ridge. Funeral Service Monday, 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the American Heart Association, www.americanheart.org appreciated. Funeral Information, www.ryan-parke.com.



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Epstein, Gene Simon 'Genie'

Gene "Genie" Epstein, nee Simon, passed away peacefully on February 16. Genie was the loving wife of Ira, the devoted and proud mother to Stefanie and Sarah, and she adored her granddogs Gus, Olive, Enzo, and Emmett. Genie was born in Chicago on February 22, 1944 and was raised in River Forest where she attended Oak Park River Forest High School. She attended University of Arizona and graduated from National Teachers College. She worked as a kindergarten teacher, and then she was an incredibly devoted stay at home mom, wife, and volunteer. She married her high school sweetheart Ira in 1965. She lived in Lisle, Naperville, Winnetka, and Wilmette before moving to Montecito, CA 11 years ago. Genie truly loved life, loved her family and friends, volunteering, and being Hadassah chapter president twice, in Naperville and Santa Barbara. She spent most of her life in Chicago, and she had been so happy living in Montecito. She was everyone's friend, she was kind to every person she met, and she cared about people. She had wonderful world travels with her family. She will be dearly missed. Funeral services are Thursday, February 22 at noon at Congregation B'nai B'rith in Santa Barbara, CA.

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Fry, Morine

Morine Fry; Beloved wife of the late Roy Fry; Dear sister of Betty Olechowski and Dear aunt to many; Visitation Tuesday, February 20, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until time of Chapel Service at 11:00 a.m. at **Salerno's Galewood Chapels**, 1857 N. Harlem Ave., Chicago. Interment will be at the North Cemetery, on Route 25 in St. Charles, IL. For info (773) 889-1700



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Hamm, Phyllis A.

Phyllis A. (Kenney) Hamm, age 67, of Peotone, passed away on Monday, January 22, 2018 at home surrounded by her family.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial gathering is planned for Saturday, March 17, 2018 at the Art Institute of Chicago. Please reach out to the family for details.

She was born on March 17, 1950 in Evergreen Park, IL, the daughter of the late Edward and Ann (Carlson) Kenney. She was a graduate of Southern Illinois University and earned two master's degrees at Governors State University. She was a retired school teacher having taught at Beecher High School, Thornton High School, and Thornwood High School. She was a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ in Peotone where she also taught Sunday School. She was a long time member of TOPS in Peotone, was an avid skier, and was an art enthusiast volunteering at the Art Institute of Chicago.

She is survived by her husband, Lee F. Hamm of Peotone who she married on December 28, 1974 in Steger. She is also survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Kent (Kristin) Hamm of Peotone; her daughter and son-in-law, Kendal (James) Kalata of Blacklick, OH; 4 grandchildren, Aiden, Landen, Shane, and Lukas James; and a brother, Robert Kenney of Oakland, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to The American Brain Tumor Association would be appreciated. Sign the guestbook at www.feddehelfrichcrossfh.com

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Hawkins, Nancy

Nancy Hawkins, nee Ninow, was born May 2, 1955 and passed away February 9, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Michael; loving mother of Stacie, nee Krankoski, (Eric) Hooke; cherished grandmother of Madeline and Lily; great-grandmother of Tyler, Hunter, and Ryder; fond sister of Rosanne (the late Richard) Del Guidice, Richard (Julie) Ninow, Steven (Cindy) Ninow, David Ninow, and Kelly (Thomas) Reutenauer; cherished aunt of 17 and great-aunt of 13. Memorial Gathering Saturday, February 24, 2018 from 1-5 pm at **Matz Funeral Home**, 410 E. Rand Rd., Mt. Prospect. For info: (847) 394-2336 or www.matz-funeralhome.com

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HELPER, JOEL JAY

Joel Jay Helfer, passed away Tuesday 4 days before his 70th birthday, beloved husband of Eve "Evie", nee Buchsbaum, cherished father of Zachary (Megan) Helfer, Jeffrey Helfer and Rachel Helfer (fiancé Robert Devereaux), Devoted son of the late Frieda and Herman Helfer, dear brother of Harvey (the late Regina) Helfer and Gail Helfer, fond uncle of Cliff Helfer. Funeral Monday 10:30 AM at Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emanual, 3220 Big Tree Lane, Wilmette. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery-Skokkie. Contributions in Joel's name to the JUF would be appreciated. Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-MITZVAH (630-648-9824), or www.mitzvahfunerals.com



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Henry, Donald "Don" Louis

Donald "Don" Louis Henry, 94, longtime former resident of Northbrook for 50 years died February 5, 2018. Don was the beloved husband of Margaret (nee Rytlewski) for 65 years; loving father of Tom (Susan); cherished grandpa of Kevin and Kyle; son of the late Harry and Mabel Henry and fond brother of the late Lois. A proud WWII Army veteran Don served in the Pacific from 1942 to 1946. He was an active member of the Antique Auto Club of America, North Shore Chapter and a 40 year member of the Vintage Chevy Club of America, Great Lakes Region. Memorial visitation Saturday, February 17, 11:00a.m. until time of memorial service 1:00p.m. at **Countryside Funeral Home** and Crematory 950 South Bartlett Road (at Stearns Road) Bartlett. Cremation was private at Countryside Crematory. In lieu of flowers donations to Misericordia Home <https://www.misericordia.com/donations/> would be appreciated. For information (630)289-7575 or www.countrysidefuneralhomes.com



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Higgins, Andrea J

age 80, joined our lord February 14, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Bernard James "BJ" Higgins and treasured mother of Bernard "Jimmy" (Sandra) Higgins Jr., Patricia (Joe) Prino, Andrea Higgins and Marietta (Joey) Spillone. Cherished daughter of the late Dominic and Mary (Ferrara) D'Amore and baby sister to the late Frank, Charlie and precious sister Vivian Prouty. Special aunt of Jean (John) Gorman and proud grandmother of Michael Higgins, Philip Higgins and Natalie Ann Dunlap. Adored companion of 33 years to the late Ted Elliot. Andrea was a revered aunt, cousin, friend and teacher to countless others. In her desire to continue teaching, she donated her remains to the Anatomical Gift Assoc. Forever our Valentine. Funeral mass to be held at: Visitation Parish 779 S. York St. Elmhurst Saturday, February 24th at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Blessed Virgin Mary Fund www.bvmcong.org

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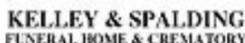
passed away February 16, 2018. Arrangements entrusted to Vergos & Associates under the direction of Olson Burke/Sullivan Funeral Home, 773-774-3333.



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Johnson, Katherine Joyce (Obye)

Katherine Joyce (Obye) Johnson, age 98, passed away February 10, 2018 in the home she and her family resided in since 1958. She was born December 19, 1919 in Lake City, IA to her parents Ben and Jane Obye. She was the loving wife of the late James (Jim) Johnson and the beloved mother of Peter Johnson of Littleton, CO and Jane Kaeding of Gurnee. She was the proud grandmother of Tim Kaeding (Heather) and great grandmother of Cooper (8) and Cole (3). Joyce was a most beautiful person, inside and out, who lived a most beautiful life. Memorial Services will be held Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 10:00 am at the First Presbyterian church in Deerfield, 824 Waukegan Rd, Deerfield, IL. For info or directions please contact Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home at 847-831-4260 or www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com



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Johnson, Wolcott H 'Skip'

Wolcott "Skip" H. Johnson, 87, of Brunswick, Maine, died peacefully from complications of a stroke while in the care of the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House of Scarborough, Maine on February 12, 2018.



Mr. Johnson was born in Buffalo, New York on May 19, 1930 to Isabelle and George F.B. Johnson. Skip attended The Nichols Day School, Saint Mark's in Southborough MA. In 1953, he earned his B.A. degree from Harvard. Skip was an avid athlete to include tennis, ice hockey, skiing, squash and road races, completing several New York City marathons. Later in life Skip directed his energies to the outdoors, photography, travel and sailing. He was active with Rotary International and a hospital volunteer at the in Brunswick Maine.

Mr. Johnson was a sales and marketing executive in the aluminum, publishing and real estate investment industries. His work took him to several residences to include; Louisville KY, Richmond, VA, Lake Forest, IL, Summit, NJ and New Canaan, CT before moving to Brunswick, Maine in 2003. In 1959 Skip married Ellen Reeves in Lake Forest, IL. They had one daughter, Louise (Lucy) Wightman. In 1980 they divorced and in 1984 he married Joan Armstrong Whetstone in New Canaan, CT who passed away in 2011. He is survived by his daughter, two sisters Georgia Pooley of Buffalo NY and Jermain Anderson of Princeton NJ and several nieces and nephews.

Those who knew Skip will remember his mischievous, warm smile, infectious laugh, and bright blue eyes. We will cherish his optimism, wit and zest for life. Skip's family and friends will come together to celebrate his life in Buffalo, N.Y in the Spring. Memorials to his life should be addressed to Saint Paul's Episcopal Church or to the Coastal Humane Society, both in Brunswick, ME. Gifts may also be made in his name to the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House of Scarborough, Maine, or New England Rehabilitation Hospital in Portland, Maine.

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Jones, SR., Ralph Thomas

Ralph Thomas Jones, SR., 98 of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma died Saturday evening, February 10, 2018 at the home of his daughter, surrounded by his family. Ralph was born November 26, 1919 in Chicago, Illinois to Florence and Tom Jones. He grew up and raised his family in the Chicago suburb of Oak Lawn, Illinois. In 1987 he moved to Oklahoma with his wife, Virjean, also deceased. He is a 70 year member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 134. He spent three and a half years in World War II as a military policeman. He was a liberator of Italy and France before boarding a ship in the Pacific bound for Japan when the war ended. Upon retirement and his move to Oklahoma, Ralph enjoyed a robust life at his home in Broken Arrow. He loved bridge, pinochle, tennis, golf, gardening, investment dabbling and spending time with his family. He was influential and inspiring to his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren until the day he died. Ralph was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Lauretta and Leeroy Thomas. Ralph is survived by his daughters and their husbands Lynn Jones and James Medill, Judy and Paul Hutter, Kim Jones and Peter Renton and by his son and his wife, Ralph and Cheryl Jones, his nine grandchildren and their spouses, Matt and Christy Hutter, Eddie Pierce, Andy and Alissa Hutter, Jeanne and Andy Mackenzie, Ashley and Gerry Molidor, Lauren and Andrew Conway, Garin and Carolyn Jones, Alex and Elizabeth Jones, and eighteen great grand children, as well as nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Broken Arrow Senior Center or The Coffee Bunker of Tulsa.

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Kaneshiro, Joyce Ring

Joyce Ring Kaneshiro, 78, of Chicago's Wicker Park neighborhood, passed away peacefully February 6, 2018. Joyce was very much adored and is survived by her long-loving partner and companion of ten years, Robert Rothman. Services were private. Arrangements by **Cremation Society of Illinois**, 773-281-5058 or www.cremation-society.com.



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Kann, Fred G.

Fred G. Kann, age 93, of Johnsbury, at rest February 13, 2018. Valued associate of People's Energy for over 40 years. He was World War II Army Veteran and recipient of the Purple Heart, and European, African, Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon with one Bronze service star. Beloved husband of Evelyn "Jane" Kann nee Harris. Loving father of Barbara Ravenola and Michael (Kandie Killoren) Kann. Cherished grandfather of Adam (Kristin) Ravenola, Bret and Clayton Kann. Fond great-grandfather of Asher and Lennon. Services were private for his family. Arrangements entrusted to **Justen Funeral Home & Crematory**, McHenry, IL. INFO: 815-385-2400 or www.justenf.com.

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Kato, Betty Aiko

Betty Aiko Kato, nee Hayashikawa, age 90, passed away on February 14, 2018. Loving mother of Robert (the late Erin), the late Gerald, and the late Leslie Ann (the late William) Imlach; dear grandmother of Michael (fiancée, Rosary) Kato and Kevin (Christie) Imlach. Betty was raised in California, and during World War II, she and her family were interned at the Manzanar Relocation Center. After the war, Betty and her family moved to Chicago, where she was married and raised her three children. She was an active member of the Devon Church of Jesus Christ, and a special thanks to wonderful friends, Erica, Chiyeiko, Phyllis, and Wilson. She won many trophies as part of the Niles Leaning Tower YMCA bowling league and participated in the Glenview Senior Center Choir. She loved to travel and visited wonderful cities and sites in Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, South America, and North America. Per Betty's wishes, services were private. Info: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com.



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Kelly, John L.

John L. Kelly, Age 93, formerly of Elgin, WWII Army Veteran. Beloved husband of Mary Jean, nee Berney. Loving father of Peter (Ellen), Mary (Todd) Hoffman, Thomas, John, Elizabeth (Arthur) LeBeau, Susan (David) Downey, Margaret (Susana Mingote) Kelly and Jennifer (John) Shippird. Devoted grandfather of 15. Memorial Mass Saturday, February 24, 10 a.m., at St. Hubert Church, 729 Grand Canyon St., Hoffman Estates, IL 60169. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Rainbow Hospice, www.rainbowhospice.org, are appreciated. Funeral information, www.ryan-parke.com.



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Kirian, Elizabeth M 'Betty'

Elizabeth M. Kirian (nee Speechley), 83, of Lyons, IL passed peacefully in her sleep on February 16, 2018. She was born November 29, 1934 to the late Blanche & Joseph Speechley & was the youngest of 3 siblings. She is survived by her beloved husband Charles Kirian, wed on February 5, 1955; loving mother to Judith Zukas & Charles (Peggy) Kirian; cherished grandmother to Amy Zukas, Stephen (E. Molly) Zukas, Danielle Kirian & Christopher Kirian; great-grandmother to Brianna Zukas & Zachary Zukas; sister to the late Ronald (Marlene) Speechley & the late Allan (Elizabeth) Speechley. Friend to many & will be missed by all. Elizabeth will be laid to rest at Woodlawn Cemetery in Forest Park. Viewing & cremation will be private to family only. Public memorial service will be held in near future.

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Konopka, Jennifer Ann

Jennifer Ann Konopka, 47 years of age, at rest February 11, 2018. Loving wife of James. Dear sister of Melissa, Frank (Patti) and Michael (Carmen) Tomaskovic. Aunt of Frank, Kelly, Sarah and Katie. Godmother of Anna. Daughter of the late Frank and Nancy Tomaskovic. Jenny was diagnosed with stage 3B ovarian cancer in December 2015. She enjoyed many vacations and adventures with her husband and family. She was a proud employee of Walmart for 24 years. In her spare time Jenny and James spent a lot of time with their border collies, Sadie and Phoebe. Jenny would often say how very lucky and blessed she was to have had a wonderful 47 years of life. She passed peacefully at home with her husband and sister by her side. Memorial visitation is Sunday, February 18, 2018 from 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm with a service at 3:30 pm at **Adolf Funeral Home, Ltd.**, 7000 S. Madison St. Willowbrook. Info at 630-325-2300 or www.adolfsservices.com.



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Korwin, George A.

George A. Korwin, age 89. Beloved husband of the late Virginia Korwin nee Dziencielewski. Loving father of William (Daryl) Korwin, Judy (late Richard) Morvay and Linda (Ed) Markwell. Fond grandfather of William CPD (Alma) Korwin, Michael CPD (Monika CPD) Korwin, Allison (Chris) Kliman, Amy (Chris) Hurst and Emily Morvay. Great grandfather of James Morvay, Riley Morvay, Mya Korwin and Sofia Korwin. Uncle, cousin and friend of many. Entombment private at Resurrection Cemetery Garden Mausoleum. Arrangements by **Wolniak Funeral Home**. 773-767-4500 or www.wolniakfuneralhome.com

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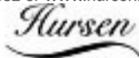
Krakora, Josephine 'Jo'

Josephine Krakora; beloved wife of Richard; loving mother of Rick Krakora, Lauri (John Vaile) Krakora, David (John Vaile) Krakora, Mary Ellen (Randy) Yorks, & Joanne (Greg) Sanders; dear grandmother of Lindsay (Ryan) Scopelliti, Richard (Lisa) Holton, Jake Holton & Luke Holton; cherished great-grandmother of Tabitha Gutterez, Fiona Scopelliti, Cesidia Holton, & the late Patrick Krakora; fond sister of Val (Shelly) Mazzenza; sister-in-law of Edward (late Dolores) Stolinski and Margaret McDaniel; wonderful aunt, cousin, & friend of many. Preceded in death by loving parents Joseph & Laura (nee Cervi) Mazzenga. Jo was known as a wonderful gourmet cook. She also was an interior designer, who with her husband, owned Willow Creek Fine Furnishings In LaGrange. Visitation 3 to 9pm, Tuesday, Feb. 20 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Funeral prayers at 9:15am on Wednesday, Feb. 21 from the funeral home to St. Cletus Church, LaGrange. Mass 10am. Interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the American Parkinson's Disease Association at apdaparkinson.org. - Funeral info: 708-352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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Krudl, James

James Krudl, age 69, of Westchester. Retired auto teacher, Technology Center of DuPage. Beloved husband of 35 years to Sharon; dear friend of Dominic Pacenti, Steve (Jaime) Elza and Dave (Deanna) Ligman; fond brother-in-law of Ronald (Debbie) Janis, Robert Janis and Randall (Sandy) Janis; cherished uncle of many. Family and friends to gather Saturday, February 24th for 11:30 a.m. memorial visitation until time of memorial mass 12:00 Noon at Divine Infant Church, 1601 Newcastle, Westchester. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to SIU Automotive, Mail Code 6985, Carbondale, IL 62901 or Honor Flight Chicago. Cremation services entrusted to **HURSEN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY**. Info: 800-562-0082 or www.hursen.com.



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Langford, Bruce E.

Bruce E. Langford, Korean War Navy Veteran. age 82, of Tinley Park. Beloved husband of Stella nee Patriarca. Loving step father of Andrea (Jack) Liedtke and Richard W. Asa. Proud grandfather of Imogene and Sam Asa. Preceded in death by his bother and sister. Uncle of Diane (Eric) Laoaog, Karen (Jim) Volk and the late Sandra (Pat) Sannito. Services and interment are private. Arrangements by **Cremation Society of Illinois**, 708-206-2000.



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Liebsch, Herbert E

Herb, 84, passed away October 19, 2017. He was born in Chicago IL, graduated from Lane Tech High School and was a U.S. Air Force veteran. Loved son of the late Dora and Herbert, brother of Loretta Nienke and the late Robert. Also survived by daughters Judy and Jill, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. A private memorial was held.

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Manzello, Dominic Anthony 'Tony'

Dominic Anthony (Tony) Manzello, 64, passed peacefully on Tuesday Feb 6, 2018. He was preceded in death by his son, John Manzello. He is survived by his loving wife, Carol (Hahn) Manzello, Son, Michael (Stephanie) Manzello, Son, Brian (Rachel) Manzello, Daughter, Kristi (Alex) Kudirka, Stepson, Aron (Catherine) Puh, Stepson, Alan (Shawna) Puh, Sisters Catherine and Florence (Rock) Hawkins, numerous grandchildren, neices and nephews. A memorial mass will take place on Saturday Feb 24th, 2018 at 10:00am at St. Damiani Catholic Church, 5250 W. 155th St. Oak Forest, IL 60452

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Marren, Mary H.

Mary Hereley Marren, age 82. Dearly beloved wife of Joseph P.; devoted mother of Paul (Kay), Patrick (Alex), Daniel (Peggy), David (Kim), Susan (Tim McGinn), Mark (Dierdre), Martin, Julie (Michael Cooke) Marren, and Mary Jo (Jason) Green; cherished grandmother of Joseph, Michael, Jack, Matthew, and Maggie; Claire and David; Ian and Luke Marren; Aidan and Jamie McGinn; Sam, Harry, and Philip Marren; Jacob and Grace Marren-Cooke; Daniel, Gregory, and Frederick Green; and Isaac Ryckeghem; loved aunt of Mary Coniglio, and Peter, Tony, Chris, and Josh Kilbridge. Mary held the distinction of being the first woman editor-in-chief of the Loyola University Chicago student newspaper, then called the Loyola News. She met her husband, a reporter for the News, and they married soon after graduation. While raising her nine children, she served as a Girl Scout leader, Eucharistic minister, and member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of her parish. She was for years a Benedictine Oblate at St. Scholastica Monastery where she went to grammar and high school. With her children all in school, she began a 15-year career in the payroll department at S&C Electric Company, making life-long friends through the company. She patronized the Lyric Opera and the Shakespeare and other theaters. She enjoyed playing with two bridge groups and attending the parish exercise group. She was a wonderful mother, and her children have repaid that attention by graduating from colleges and universities all across the country and by continuing to remain friends with one another. Visitation Wednesday, February 21st, from 3 to 8pm at the John E. Maloney Funeral Home 1359 W Devon Avenue, Chicago. Funeral Thursday, February 22nd, at St. Margaret Mary Church, 2324 W Chase Av., Chicago, with visitation from 10am followed by 11am Mass of Christian Burial. Interment Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to Misericordia or St. Margaret Mary. For information: John E. Maloney Funeral Directors (773)764-1617.

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Maynard, Joan Barry

Joan Barry Maynard of Winnetka. Beloved wife of James G. Maynard; loving mother of Carrie Maynard, Tracy Maynard Silver and the late Elisabeth Maynard; proud grandmother of Taylor Trompeter, CeCe (Will) Brooks, Katie, Whitney and Christine Silver; great grandmother of Erynn, A.J. and Ava; dear sister of Ann (the late Jay) Tilliotson. Services are private. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.



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McAvoy, Barry R.

Barry R. McAvoy, age 67, beloved son of the late Frances and Raymond McAvoy, dear brother of Kimberly (David) Willis, Cynthia and Matthew McAvoy, beloved uncle of David N. Marshall. Services and interment private. Arrangements by **Williams Kampp Funeral Home**, Wheaton. For info 630-668-0016 or www.williams-kampp.com

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Ellen McConnell Blakeman - Broke Important Gender Barrier, Succumbs to ALS



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Ellen McConnell Blakeman, 63, of Burr Ridge passed away peacefully on February 11, 2018, after a twelve-year battle with ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. She eschewed formality, and always said, "Just call me

Ellen had the distinction of breaking a 188-year tradition when, in 1971, she and two other young women became the first females to join the ranks of pages in the United States Senate. Ellen, a 16 year-old junior in high school at the time, was appointed by Illinois' senior US Senator Charles Percy (R). Sens. Jacob Javits (R-NY) and Fred Harris (R-OK) appointed girls to be pages at the same time. They faced opposition in the tradition-bound Senate, but after subcommittee hearings, floor debate and a vote of the entire Senate, the U.S. Senate ultimately agreed that the gender barrier should fall. Percy's confidence was justified, as Ellen was ultimately named as "floor boy," essentially the captain of the Senate Pages. In recent years, she was instrumental in organizing and managing the U.S. Capitol Page Alumni Association, of which she was a life member.

After college at the University of Illinois, Ellen had a successful career in public relations with Burson-Marsteller. Her PR specialty was crisis management, which she discovered suited her personality when she was on the team that managed the high-profile Tylenol poisoning case in Chicago in 1982. The Tylenol case is considered the gold standard for crisis management. At Burson-Marsteller, Ellen and her team won the Silver Anvil Award for excellence in public relations.

In 2006, shortly after Ellen's father, David McConnell, DVM, passed away from ALS, she was diagnosed with the same horrific disease for which there is no cure. Ellen lived with ALS for 12 years, which is a testament to her indomitable will and strength. In a partnership with her brother in 2011, Ellen co-founded "A Long Swim," a non-profit that both borrows the ALS acronym and is dedicated to raising funds for collaborative ALS research using open water and marathon-distance swimming. Since its founding, A Long Swim has raised \$500,000 for collaborative ALS research by sponsoring swims of the English Channel, Tampa Bay, Catalina Channel, Manhattan Island and the Molokai Channel. A Long Swim is planning an open water swim in 2018 in the Chicago River, the first of its kind in more than 100 years.

Ellen is survived by her sons, Bennett and Brenten Blakeman, as well as a sister, Martha McConnell, a brother Douglas McConnell, her mother, Bonnie McConnell and an uncountable number of friends and colleagues. A celebration of the life of Ellen McConnell Blakeman will be held on Saturday, February 17th, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Chicago SW, 300 South Frontage Road, Burr Ridge, Illinois, 60527 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations are welcomed to: A Long Swim, 110 East Main Street, Barrington, IL 60010 or www.ALongSwim.org - U.S. Capitol Page Alumni Association, P.O. Box 15112, Washington, DC 20003 or www.CapitolPageAlumni.org

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McDermott, Bernard

Bernard J. McDermott, 80, native of Arigna Co., Roscommon, Ireland; beloved husband of Mary nee Joyce; loving father of Stephanie, Sean (Katrina), and Desmond (Lisa); cherished grandfather of Rhianna, Leah, and Joe; dearest brother of Kathleen; fond uncle to many nieces and nephews; Funeral Tuesday 9:30 AM from **Gibbons Family Funeral Home** (1/2 block East of Austin) to St. Pascal Church. Mass at 10 AM. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. Visitation Monday 3-9 PM. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Rainbow Hospice, American Cancer Society, or Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. For info 773-777-3944 or www.gffh.com

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McGowan, Diane Marie

Diane Marie McGowan (nee Hertwig) - May 1, 1934 - February 15, 2018. Devoted daughter of the late Fred A. and Lucille Hertwig (nee Henry). Beloved mother of William (Leslie), Denise (Ed Tracy), Brian (Nance), Sean (Janet Riley), Kevin (Wendy) and Dan (Kelly). Cherished grandmother of Billy, Laura, Rene, the late Christian, Brian, Kylie, Bridget, Margaret, Sean

Patrick, Meghan, Michael, Ryan, Rachel and Dani. Great grandmother to Charlotte Anne and William Joseph. Adored baby sister of Mary Lu Richardson (the late Robert) and Carol O'Brien (the late Bernard) who, with Diane, were "The Hertwig Girls". A favorite of many nieces and nephews. Friends and family will gather at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N. Cicero, Chicago, IL on Sunday, February 18 from 4:00-9:00 PM. Prayers will begin at 9:30am at the funeral home for procession to church for Funeral Mass Monday, February 19th at 10:00 AM, Queen of All Saints, 6280 N. Sauganash Avenue, Chicago, IL. For info 773-736-3833 or visit Diane's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com

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McIntire, Richard Lee 'Dick'

Richard Lee McIntire passed away at 83. He is survived by daughter Stacy McIntire and son Steven McIntire. Grandchildren Patrick Ferroni (son of Stacy McIntire), Katherine and Kristin McIntire (daughters of Steven and Nancy McIntire). Step-children Jennifer Wolfe Kennelly and Bradford Wolfe. Dick is also survived by his sister Marilyn and recent companion Sandra. He is predeceased by wife of two decades Carol McIntire and second wife Joan Wolfe McIntire. Stacy will hold a celebration of life in honor of Dick at a later date.

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McPherson, Helen

Helen McPherson passed away Feb. 9 2018 at age 91. Helen had been a longtime resident of Northbrook, Illinois before retiring to Colorado. Helen was preceded in death by husband Gordy and sisters Mary Ellen Martin and Peggy Scatchard. She is survived by brother Jack Wright, sister in law Ellen McPherson, children Jeannie Barry, Mac

McPherson and Andy McPherson, 5 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and numerous in-laws, nieces and nephews. Please go to Crismortuary.com to share condolences and memories.

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Meyer, Donald

Donald Meyer, age 62; beloved son of the late Ernest and Dorothy; loving brother of Donna (Steve) Kramer and William (Kim); cherished uncle of Ken Kramer, Julie Leberherz, William Meyer Jr. and Jennifer (Dave) Frattarelli; dearest family friend Carol Kentgen. Memorial Visitation, Saturday, February 24, from 1 to 3 p.m. at **Kolbus-May Funeral Home** 6857 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Interment private at Union Ridge Cemetery. For information 773-774-3232 or www.kolbusmayfh.com

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Mollison, Bret P.

Bret P. Mollison, 53, was born in Chicago, Ill in 1965. He passed away on February 7, 2018 at his home in Silver Spring, Maryland. Bret graduated from Oak Park-River Forest High School in Oak Park, Illinois, and Hampton University, with a bachelor degree of Science in Marketing, in 1987. He was the beloved son of Gwendolyn J. Mollison-Douglas and Welbourne A. Mollison, Jr., who preceded him in death.

Bret worked at several financial institutions throughout his career in Boston, Madrid, Spain, and New York City. Bret's many interests included: traveling, drawing, skiing, scuba diving, swimming, sailing, golf and tennis. Bret was known to be an epicurean of cooking, wine, single malt scotch and bourbon. He lived extensively in Spain and spoke Castilian Spanish perfectly. Bret was curious about cultures and traveled extensively, and was ready to embrace the unknown. Bret volunteered for many causes and helped people directly whenever he saw the need, and was always willing to extend himself to others.

Bret's friendships were core to who he was as they reflected the openness and generosity he showed to those he loved. These friendships spanned years and extended across continents, and remained an intricate part of his life.

Bret is survived by his brother Paul Mollison, his step-father Edgar C. Douglas, and a few relatives. In addition, countless friends considered him part of their extended family. A memorial gathering date has yet to be determined.

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Moore, Marion Loretta

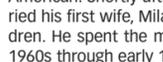
Marion Loretta Moore (nee Garrow) passed February 15, 2018 formerly of Schenectady NY. Devoted mother to Philip, Grant, Jeanne & Susan (Woodward). Grandmother of Patricia Moore (Hoehn), Carolyn Moore (Zakrzewski), Margaret Moore (Howard), William Carlson, & Sharyon Wilkinson (Ferrari). Marion was born July 20th 1923 in Beekmantown, NY the 6th child of Nora (Peryea) & Delbert Garrow. She spent her last 17 years, residing in Schaumburg, IL with her daughter JL Moore, owner of a local Molly Maid Franchise. Her siblings were Dorothy, Dorsey, Ursula, Arron, Norman, Lawrence, Ralph, Eleanor & Harvey. In lieu of flowers donations to Wings Programs, 5104 Tollview Rd., Rolling Meadows IL 60008. A bilingual memorial service will be held on February 22nd, 7:00 pm at Harvest Bible Chapel, 800 Rohlwing Rd., Rolling Meadows, IL

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Muller, Jan Emil

Jan Emil Muller, 82, died peacefully in his sleep in the early morning hours of February 11 in Chicago, IL. The son of Finn Emil Möller and Else Lundgren Möller, he was born in Gothenburg, Sweden on November 6, 1935. As a young man, Jan dreamed of moving to the United States after completing his higher education in Sweden. In 1960, he traveled to the US via ship and started a new life as an American. Shortly after his arrival, he met and married his first wife, Milla, with whom he had two children. He spent the majority of his career from the 1960s through early 1980s as an advertising executive with DDBO, Unimark, J. Walter Thompson and Murray White Drummond & Linehart. A true "Mad Man", he leaned into his love for market research and brand development working on accounts with JC Penney, Coca-Cola, Bonne Bell and Kraft. Later in life, he would experience an even more satisfying career by founding the Raoul Wallenberg Humanitarian Institute in Chicago, raising awareness of the Swedish architect and heroic figure of WWII while honoring the selfless acts of many to follow. It was through this work he was successful in getting a commemorative street named after Wallenberg. During his career, Jan stayed closely connected to the Swedish community, even serving as president of the Swedish Cultural Society in America-Chicago Chapter. In the late 1970s and early 1980s, he met and married his second wife and true love, Dr. Susan J. Accardi, with whom he shared a blessed and wonderful life until her death in August of 2017. In the early 1990s, Jan became the executive director of the Mental Health Association of Greater Chicago, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of care for those who suffered from mental illness. Jan was a fierce lover and advocate of animals and nature, and he had a wonderful life with many journeys and lovely, devoted friends and family. He was an entertainer, a lifelong celebrator and loved bringing people together. He was a blessed man and he knew and appreciated this until his final moments. Jan is survived by his loving children Jan (Dr. Deb) and Lisa (Max). A private celebration of Jan's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in his name to: PAWS Chicago, 1997 N. Clybourn Ave., Chicago, IL 60614. Arrangements by Cremation Society of Illinois, 773-281-5058 or www.cremation-society.com.

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Nepil, Jane Ruth

Jane Ruth Nepil, Age 72, lifelong resident of Western Springs, passed away at home on February 6, 2018 surrounded by family. She was diagnosed with lung cancer 4 years ago. Preceded in death by parents, Edwin and Ruth Nepil; brother, Jack Nepil; survived by brother, Thomas Nepil (Brittigit); sisters Linda Fisher (Allen), Amy Wolfe (Bernard), and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Jane was one of a kind; funny, generous, feisty, and larger than life. A celebration of her life will be held in April at The First Congregational Church of Western Springs. Memorials preferred to Adventist St. Thomas Hospice, American Cancer Society, or The First Congregational Church of Western Springs.

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Niemi, David J.

David J. Niemi, 57 of Bartlett; Beloved husband of Susan (nee Harrison); Loving son of Marcia and the late Don Niemi; dear brother of Donna (Eric) Chellstorp; fond brother in law of Stephen (Dawn), John (Sherril) and Mark (Gina) Harrison, Dear son in law of Rosalie (the late Hillery) Harrison; Cherished uncle of Kyle, Cody, Stephen Jr., Colin, Alexis, Ryan, Sean, Bailey, Cody, Aiden and Reegan. David was a proud Eagle Scout, member of Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity and worked in the electronics industry, most recently at NEP Electronics for the last 9 years. Funeral Tuesday 9:30 a.m., family and friends are asked to gather at Salerno's Rosedale Chapels 450 W. Lake St. Roselle, IL. 60172 (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/Roselle Rd.) to St. Walter Church. Mass 11:00 a.m. Interment Private. Visitation Tuesday 4:00-9:00 p.m. For info 630-889-1700 or www.salernofuneralhomes.com.

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Nugent, Emily 'Mimi'

Emily "Mimi" Nugent, 88, of Wilmette and formerly Kenilworth. Beloved wife of the late William W. Nugent; cherished mother of Lee N. Whitford and William H. (Mary Ellen) Nugent; loving grandmother of Kevin (Corinne) Whitford and Lisa (Evan) Young; proud great-grandmother of Ken Sato Whitford. Emily's family wishes to thank long time caregiver Benny Carandang for his dedication and compassion. Mrs. Nugent was a family therapist on the North Shore with her own practice for more than ten years. She was also very active with the Evanston Arts Center and a Girl Scout leader. Memorials to the Chicago Food Depository (www.chicagosfoodbank.org) appreciated. Private services were held. For information call **Wm. H. Scott Funeral Home** 847-251-8200.

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O'Donnell, Richard J

Richard J O'Donnell, 85, passed away peacefully, January 28, 2018. Loving father of Richard (Mary Ann), Susan (Christopher) Miller, Donna (Thomas) Cruger and Kenneth. Proud grandfather of eight. Loving brother to Sr. Diane, Robert and brother-in-law Ed (Pat) Schmitt. Preceded in death by his parents James and Catherine, brother James (Eileen), sisters Mary (Frank) Frasco, Joanie Schmitt and sister-in-law Joyce O'Donnell. Visitation will be held on February 24th at St Katherine Drexel Church, 85055 Dugan Rd, Sugar Grove, IL, from 9:30 am - 11:00 am, with mass to begin at 11:00 am.

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O'Rourke, Michael

Michael O'Rourke, 51, Dearly Beloved Husband of Rosemarie Nee Giglio. Beloved Son of Michael and Eileen. Dear Brother of Maureen, Daniel, Kevin (Bridget), Brian (Heidi), Catherine, and Brendan. Proud Uncle of Patrick, Clare, Maeve, Cecilia, Oliver, Joseph, and Elizabeth. Dear Nephew of Sister Ann Sullivan R.S.M. Funeral Services Tuesday 9 AM from **Carbonara Funeral Home**, 1515 N. 25th Avenue Melrose Park, to St. Giles Church. Mass 10. Interment private. Michael was a life long Cubs fan. Visitation Monday 3-9. Please visit Michael's tribute at CarbonaraFuneralhome.net 708-343-6161

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Olifer, Kate

Kate Olifer, 85, nee Szubert, beloved wife of the late Antoni, loving mother of George, Ret. CPD (Luisa), Elizabeth (Chester) Gorecki and Anthony. Cherished grandmother of Lisa (Robert) Klein, George, Jr., CFD, Veronica (Rich) Hicks, Anthony "TJ", CFD (Courtney), Jeannette (Marshan) Marshall, Chester Gorecki (Silvia Donatelli) and Natalie (Andrew) Kuhlmann; Great-grandmother of Nicki, Timothy, Ryan, Caitlin, Aidan and Elliott. Devoted daughter of the late Stanislaus and late Helena. Fond sister of Romualda (late William) Wujec, late Adam (Diana) Shubert, Mitchell (Linda) Szubert, John (Ruth) Szubert, the late Danuta Rojceki, the late Irena Szubert, and in Europe, the late Jan, late Eileen and late George. Dear aunt and friend of many. Visitation Tuesday, February 20, 2018, from 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm, at **COLONIAL-WOJCIKOWSKI FUNERAL HOME**, 6250 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago. Funeral Wednesday, February 21, starting with prayers at 9:45 am from the funeral home, going in procession to Immaculate Conception Church for 10:30 am Mass. Interment to follow at Maryhill Cemetery. Info 773-774-0366 or www.colonialfuneral.com

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Osborne, Nancy D

Nancy D. Osborne nee: Suareo; Devoted mother of Lauren Klassen, Karen (Mario) Torres, Robert (Rosa); Fond grandmother of Nicholas, Kristin, Natalie, Tyler and Grace, Great Grandmother of Brayden; Dear sister of the late Albert (Maryann); Fond Aunt and Cousin of many. Retired 911 dispatcher from the City of Chicago. Funeral Tuesday 9:00 a.m. from **Salerno's Galewood Chapels**, 1857 N. Harlem Ave., Chicago to St. William Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Private. Visitation Monday 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For info 773-889-1700.

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Galewood Chapels

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Ozinga, Kenneth J.

Kenneth J. Ozinga, age 66, of Seattle, WA, passed away peacefully at home on February 8, 2018 of pneumonia with swallowing difficulties from MSA. Ken is the beloved husband of Judy (nee Timmer). Loving father of Charlie (Penny) Ozinga, Katie (Scott) Ryan, Meagan (Jeff) Ramos and Jana (Kendall) Burns. Cherished grandfather of Grace and Luke Ramos; Aidan and Janson Burns; and step-grandfather of Lucas and Shelby Ryan. Dear brother of Martin (Mary) (and the late Ruth) Ozinga III and Beverly Ozinga. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Before settling in Seattle, WA, Ken raised his family in Evergreen Park, moved to Palos Park and also lived in Wisconsin for several years. Ken was President of The First National Bank of Evergreen Park. Memorial services will be held in both Washington and Wisconsin. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his honor and memory to Southwest Chicago Christian Schools. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400



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Pagenkopf, Frank M.

Frank M. Pagenkopf, 81, of Northbrook, IL passed away Feb 12, 2018. He was the beloved husband of Penelope D. ("Penny"); father of Pamela Bacinich (Scott), Patricia Richards (Matthew), and F. Michael Pagenkopf Jr (Kristin); grandfather of Matthew & Sarah Bacinich, Madeline, Allison, Thomas, Kenneth, & Daniel Richards; brother of Eileen Mary



Pagenkopf. Predeceased by his parents Frank Karl and Eileen Mary Pagenkopf, and cherished daughter Pamela. He was a member of the IL Bell Retired Exec Club, Princeton Club, Chicago Yacht Club, and Mariner Sands Country Club. A memorial service to celebrate Frank's life will be held at The Village Presbyterian Church (Northbrook) on Friday, March 16 at 4PM. Donations may be made to the Village Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund (1300 Shermer Rd, Northbrook, IL, 60062); Mariner Sands Chapel (6500 SE Congressional Way, Stuart, FL, 34997); Cubs Charities (1060 W. Addison St, Chicago, IL 60613).

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Pape, Arthur Edward

October 30, 1939 - February 15, 2018
Arthur Edward Pape of Wheaton, IL and Woodcock, PA died on February 15th. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 52 years, Barbara Nichols Pape. He is survived by his daughters, Ann Emerson Pape (Peter) Gerardi of Batavia, IL and Amy Ellen (Neil) Bloomberg of Cleveland, OH; four grandchildren, Hannah Taylor and Emerson Rose Bloomberg and Grace Ellen and John Edward Gerardi; two sisters, Jenny (John) Pilarowski and Taylor (Haddon Hufford) Pape and brother, Jim (Katherine) Pape; many beloved nieces, nephews and cousins; and his sheltie Gordie. Arthur was born on October 30, 1939 in Hartford, Connecticut. He attended Ohio Wesleyan University and served in the army. Art earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1962 and his Juris Doctor degree from Harvard University in 1965. He and his family moved from Cleveland, OH to Wheaton in 1975. Arthur's career was spent practicing real estate law, retiring in 2014. He was an active volunteer with the Wheaton Park District, The Cosley Foundation, and Western Dupage Special Recreation Association, as well as an avid angler and voracious reader. Music was very important to Art. He played the guitar and took voice lessons in the last decade of his life.

Visitation will be on Friday, February 23rd, from 4 pm to 8 pm at **Williams-Kamp Funeral Home**, 430 E. Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton. A service celebrating Arthur's life will take place on Saturday, February 24th at **Williams-Kamp Funeral Home** at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Western Dupage Special Recreation Association (www.wdsra.com) or The Cosley Foundation (www.cosleyzoo.org). For information call 630-668-0016 or www.Williams-Kamp.com

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Papoutsis, Aglaia

Aglaia Papoutsis nee Eliopoulos, 77, of Lemont, formerly of Parapougi Greece, passed away peacefully Thursday morning February 15th in Lemont, Illinois. Beloved and devoted wife of the late Tom for over 50 years. Loving mother of Effie (Harry) Kritikos and Vicky (Jeff) Papoutsis (Hughes). Dearest Yiayia of Kosta, Lia, and Ethan. Loving sister to Maria, Effie, Georgia and Yiannis. Beloved aunt to numerous nieces and nephews. Aglaia was an active and valued member of the Sts. Constantine and Helen community for years, as well as an important contributor to her regional hometown associations. MAY HER MEMORY BE ETERNAL! Friends and family asked to meet for the visitation from 9:00 AM to 10:00 Monday morning February 19th at Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 11025 South Roberts Road Palos Hills, IL 60465. Funeral Service to immediately follow and beginning at 10:00 AM. Interment Bethania Cemetery of Justice. In lieu of flowers memorials to be made to Hellenic American Academy, 445 Pine Street, Deerfield, IL 60015. **Orrico Kourelis Funeral Services Inc.**; Directing. For information 877-974-9201/815-462-0711 or www.orriconfuneral.com



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Pientka, Joanne Adria

Joanne Adria Pientka (Bond), of Lake Forest, IL and Marco Island, FL, born in Chicago, IL on April 10, 1946, passed away peacefully February 13, 2018 with her family by her side. Joanne was Owner and President of Pientka Plumbing, a partnership with her husband and two sons. Joanne is survived by her husband, Edward J. Pientka, a loving relationship



and marriage that spanned over 52 years, and her children Jodie Pientka, Scott Pientka (Courtney), and Bryan Pientka (Martha). Proud grandmother of Christopher (Stephanie), Jeremy, Davin, Camden, Leo, and Mary, and loving sister to Bonnie Bond. Arrangements handled by **Hodges-Josberger Funeral Home of Marco Island**. A memorial gathering will be arranged at a later date.

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Pisarek, Matthew B.

Matthew B. Pisarek, age 96. Army Veteran WWII. Beloved husband of the late Stella nee Robak. Loving father of Allen (Nancy), Glenn (Caryn) and Theresa Dybala. Dear grandfather of Natalie Dybala, Stephanie (Jonathan) Edelman and Stacie (Israel) Magana. Great-grandfather of Matthew, Rebecca and Nicolas. Fond brother of Leonard and the late Mary Kuczynski and the late Edward Pisarek. Funeral Tuesday 10:15 a.m. from Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, 5570 W. 95th St. to St. Linus Church for 11 a.m. Mass. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Monday 3-9 p.m. Member of St. Linus Men's Club, Ushers Club and St. Clare Holy Name Society. 708-425-0500

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Piowar, Julian "Julek"

Julian "Julek" Piowar Veteran WWII Navy. Beloved Husband of the late Sophie "Zos" nee Wozniak. Loving Father of Mary Alice (late Vince) Paglione, Michael (Debbie) Piowar, Juliann (Mike) Morrison, late Thomas and late Robert Piowar. Proud Grandfather of Maria, Jeremy and Michael Morrison, Michelle (Jay) Jenison, Danny and Kyle Piowar. Dziaadzia of Jacob, Mattigan Morrison, Bonn, Finn, and late Chance Jenison. Cherished Brother of the late Frank, late Ted, late Stanley (late Millie), late Steve (late Claire), late Joseph, late Marie (Jean). He will be dearly missed by many Nieces and Nephews. Funeral Tuesday 9:30 AM from **FORAN FUNERAL HOME** 7300 W. Archer Ave. (55th St. just West of Harlem) to St. Joseph Church for a 10 AM Mass of Christian Burial. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation will be held Monday from 3 PM to 9 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Wounded Warrior or Thresholds would be appreciated. Condolences may be sent to Julek's family on his personal tribute website at www.foranfuneralhome.com. For information 708-458-0208.

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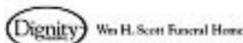
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Pocock, Elizabeth S. 'Betsy'

Elizabeth S. "Betsy" Pocock, died peacefully on February 12, 2018. Born in 1919 in Lancaster, PA, Betsy was the youngest of 5 children. She graduated from Wellesley in 1940, and worked briefly as a proofreader before marrying John William "Bill" Pocock on the eve of Pearl Harbor. In 1944, she and Bill moved to Evanston and then to Winnetka in 1951 where they raised their five children. Following Bill's death, Betsy moved to Lake Forest Place in 1998. In Winnetka, Betsy was active in the community, serving on the Winnetka School Board and the board of the North Shore Senior Center. She was a longtime member of the Fortnightly of Chicago, the Winnetka Weeders and the Women's Board of Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital. Surviving are her children, Carol (Bill) Peterson, Peter (Nancy), Lynn (Geoff) Anderson, Steve (Claire) and Pat (Tony) Reynolds. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Memorials may be made to JourneyCare, 2050 Claire Court, Glenview, IL, 60025. Services will be announced at a later date. Info: **Wm. H. Scott Funeral Home**, 847-251-8200.



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Polikoff, Rubey F

Rubey F Polikoff, 84, of Highland Park. Beloved wife of the late Robert Polikoff; loving mother of David (Jennifer) Polikoff, Hillary (Phillip) Coley and the late Michael Polikoff; proud grandmother of Jack, Elizabeth, Danielle (Matthew), Kelsey (Richard), Madison, and great grandmother of Kayden, Aaron and Anthony; caring sister of the late Jordan (Dinny) Frasier. In accordance with Rubey's wishes, private services were held.

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Pouw, M.D. Tie An

Tie An Pouw, 67, of Golf, died February 15, 2018 in Golf, Illinois. Arrangements by Glueckert Funeral Home, Ltd. Funeral information, obituary and condolences please visit www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.



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Pransky, Loretta

Loretta Pransky, nee Szymczak, age 93. Beloved wife of the late William T. (retired CPD). Daughter of Stanley and Anna Szymczak. Dearest sister of the late Jean Radziwon. Loving mother of Carol (Dave) Ward, William J. (Debbie) Pransky and Steven Pransky. Proud grandma of Michael, Maura, and Megan Ward. Fond Aunti Lor of Bob (Sue) Radziwon, the late Ron Radziwon, the late Sharon (late Peter) Sawczuk, Randy Radziwon, Karen (Jim) Rup, and Gwen (Nano) Yurong. Loving cousin and friend to many. Loretta will be missed by all who knew her including the staff and residents of Manor Care in Rolling Meadows. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

Visitation, Sunday, February 18, 2018 from 3:00-9:00PM at **Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium**, 7861 S. 88th Avenue, Justice, IL. Funeral, Monday, February 19, 2018 9:00AM Prayers and procession to begin from the funeral home to St. Patricia Church, 9050 S. 86th Avenue, Hickory Hills, IL for 10:00AM Mass. Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Justice, IL. For more info, 708-496-0200 or www.kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com.

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Quigley, John Michael 'Mike'

The Honorable John Michael Quigley ("Mike") died peacefully on January 30, 2018 in Tucson, Arizona, at the age of 81, after battling multiple health challenges. Mike is survived by his loving wife and best friend of more than sixty years, Esther, his children CDR John Michael Quigley, USN (ret.), Mary Colette Skowron, Daniel Patrick Quigley (Gini), Christopher Joseph Quigley, Patrick Albert Quigley (Sherie), Kevin Duffy Quigley (Julie), his deceased son's wife Sylvia Reid Quigley, his sister-in-law Ann Quigley, and 25 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Mike is preceded in death by his son Maj. Thomas More Quigley, USMC (ret.), his sister Patricia Margaret Ryan, brothers George Francis Quigley and James Edward Quigley, and his parents Adelaide Mary and George Francis Quigley. Mike was born on November 29, 1936 on the South Side of Chicago, Illinois to George Francis Quigley and Adelaide Mary Barry. Following his graduation from St. Ignatius High School, Mike attended John Carroll University and married his long-time friend and true love Esther Therese Duffy. Mike enrolled in law school at Loyola University, graduating in 1960 cum laude, becoming the first lawyer in his family but to be followed by many others including his brother, several sons, a daughter-in-law, and many nephews, nieces and grandchildren. Mike began his legal career with the LaSalle Street law firm Bradley, Pippin, Vetter & Eaton. Mike worked at Bradley, Pippin until 1969 when he moved the family across the country to join his brother Jim in Tucson to practice law in the desert. Mike and Jim practiced together at the law firm of Quigley & Quigley, P.C. until Jim's passing in 1983. Shortly thereafter, Mike was appointed to the bench of the Arizona Superior Court for Pima County, serving as a Superior Court Judge until his retirement from the bench in the spring of 2002.

Mike lived by the motto "Faith, Family, and Friends" as was demonstrated by how he spent his time. Mike loved vacations in the mountains and on the beach with Esther and the kids, and visiting his siblings and cousins, playing cribbage, drinking manhattans, singing Irish songs and telling corny jokes. Mike was very proud of his Irish heritage and instilled that pride in his children and grandchildren. Mike also freely gave of his time and talents to many organizations and causes, including the Salpointe Catholic High School Board where he served as President for numerous years, the Diocese of Tucson's Marriage Tribunal where he served as a lay advocate, and the State Bar of Arizona Client Protection Fund which he chaired for many years. Mike also was a proud fourth degree Knight of Columbus, and lectured over 40 years of Masses at Our Mother of Sorrows, Saint Francis de Sales, and Saint Thomas the Apostle parishes. During retirement, Mike devoted his time to visiting the infirm and homebound, and ministering the Holy Eucharist.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to the Maj. Thomas More Quigley, USMC (Ret) Scholarship Fund. This fund will be used to assist students attending Salpointe Catholic High School. Contributions may be mailed to Salpointe Catholic High School at the following address: Salpointe Catholic High School 1545 E. Copper St. Tucson, AZ 85719

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Rago, Robert A.

Robert A. Rago, age 85, late of Tinley Park, IL following a short illness. US Army Veteran. Beloved husband of Tomiko Rago. Loving father of Cathy (Tom) Marosi, Pat "Trish" Rago, Terry (Kevin) Robinson and Jim Rago. Proud grandfather of Jim (Jennifer) McAndrew, Timothy Robinson, Eric (Andrea) Robinson, Jeremy Robinson, Kayleigh Rago, Teresa Rago and great grandfather of Anthony McAndrew. Dear uncle of Michael Rago. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital www.stjude.org. Memorial services were held in private.

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Randall, Glenda Mae Sizemore

Glenda Mae Sizemore Randall, nee Troop, age 67 of North Fort Meyers, FL, formerly of Bolingbrook and Brookfield. Beloved wife of Gregory, loving mother of Randy (Pam) Sizemore and Doris Sizemore, cherished grandmother of Enrico, Quincy, Spencer, Rowanne, Samantha, Taylor, Payten, Justin (Brandi) and great grandmother of Harmony, dear sister of Gary, the late Sonny, late Luther and late Bobby, fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Saturday, February 24, 10:00am Chapel Service at **Johnson-Nosek Funeral Home, 3847 Prairie Avenue, Brookfield**. Interment Elm Lawn Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3pm-9pm. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.johnsonnosek.com. Info: (708) 485-0214.

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Ray, Dale Stephanie

Age 54, suddenly, after a brief illness. Respected, loved and loving teacher for over 30 years: reading specialist at Donoghue Elementary and North Kenwood-Oakland charter school; and in recent years Instructor, Univ of Chicago Urban Education Institute. Predeceased by beloved brother David (2015). Survived by mother Betsy; father Mark; stepmother Pat; sister-in-law Tina; nephew Max; niece Penelope, and many loving cousins, friends and colleagues. In the words of a mentor, "her loss leaves a huge hole in our hearts and in the work of supporting students and teachers in Chicago." Her loss to her friends and family is no less. She was unique in her combination of conscientiousness, kindness and (quoting another friend) "an eagle eye for the humor in life's events". Alumna of Lane Tech, the Univ of Chicago, Columbia Teachers' College (NY), Northeastern Illinois, and several instructive years as an Andy Frain usher. In lieu of flowers, contributions to feedingamerica.org, treehouseanimals.org, or charity of your choice. A memorial service is being planned for May; date to be announced.

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Reaven, Gerald Mark 'Jerry'

Gerald (Jerry) Mark Reaven, MD of Stanford, CA passed away peacefully on Monday, February 12, 2018, after a short illness. Often referred to as the "Father of Insulin Resistance," Dr. Gerald Reaven is credited with establishing the importance of insulin resistance in human disease, especially Type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease. A central theme underlying much of his work was that many medical conditions that increase risk for heart disease—such as high triglycerides, high blood pressure, and elevated blood sugar—have a common cause in decreased insulin action (insulin resistance). He named this constellation of conditions "Syndrome X," but its clinical manifestation is most commonly recognized as the Metabolic Syndrome. Dr. Reaven was a prolific and rigorous researcher. He mentored countless young scientists, resulting in over 800 peer-reviewed papers in collaboration with over 500 investigators. His work revolutionized medicine, opening broad avenues of investigation that continue to bear fruit today. Dr. Reaven's achievements were recognized with numerous prestigious awards, including the William S. Middleton Award from the Veterans Administration, the Banting Medal for Scientific Achievement from the American Diabetes Association, and the Banting Memorial Lecture from the British Diabetes Association.

Dr. Reaven was born in Gary, Indiana, on 28 July, 1928, raised in East Chicago, Indiana, but spent formative years living in Cleveland, Ohio, thus accounting for his lifelong affection/frustration for the Cleveland Indians baseball team. Dr. Reaven completed his undergraduate and medical school training at the University of Chicago—then led by Robert M. Hutchins—receiving an education that influenced his thinking for the rest of his life. He did residency training at the University of Michigan, and joined the Stanford University Medical School faculty in the early 1960s. He worked in the Department of Medicine at Stanford University until the end of 2017. He is survived by his wife, fellow scientist Eve Reaven, Stanford CA; daughters Marci and Nancy Reaven, and son Peter Reaven; and their respective families in New York, Los Angeles and Scottsdale. A memorial educational fund has been established in Dr. Reaven's name to support young scientific investigators. Donations can be made to the Gerald M. Reaven Memorial Research Fund at <https://makeagift.stanford.edu>, or make a check payable to "Stanford University" and send to: Stanford University Development Services, P.O. Box 20466, Stanford, CA 94309-0466. Please note online or on the memo line of the check: "In Memory of Dr. Gerald Reaven."

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Reed, Anne Elizabeth

Anne Elizabeth Reed, age 64, of Western Springs. Beloved wife of Dennis Reed for 35 wonderful years. Loving mother of Katie (Jonah Elinoff) Reed-Elinoff, Christopher (Kristen) Reed, Elizabeth (Brendan) Kearney. Devoted grandmother of Theodore and Fitzwilliam Elinoff. Cherished sister of Peter Howlett, Cathy (David) Goldenberg, Marty (Karen) Howlett, Paul (Kim) Howlett, Tom (Noreen) Howlett, Mike Howlett, and Beth (Tom) Mason. Dear daughter of the late Tom and the late Betty Howlett. Visitation 3 to 9pm Monday, February 19th, 2018 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Meet at Funeral Home 9:15am Tuesday, February 20th for prayers and procession to St. John of the Cross Church, Western Springs for 9:45am Mass. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Misericordia. Info: (708) 352-6500 or hfunerals.com

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Reich, June H

June Hutchcraft Reich, 79, of Western Springs, IL died peacefully in the early morning hours of February 14th from complications from cancer. Daughter of the late Marvin and Lillian Hutchcraft; sister to the late Charles Robert 'Bobby' Hutchcraft; loving mother of Ann Wilson (Larry) and Mark Reich (Jill); devoted grandmother to Brad, Henry, Ben, Abbie, Lauren, and Tommy. June is survived by her ex-husband, Jerry Reich, her aunt Louise Ey, and her cousins John and Gary Ey. June grew up in Lincoln and Jerseyville, IL. She graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a degree in English and Secondary Education. She moved to La Grange, IL to teach English at Hinsdale Central High School. When she had her children, she became a full-time mother, sharing with them her love for reading, art, antiques, Julia Child, and Illinois basketball and football. In the late 1970's, June shepherded her family to Hong Kong for her husband's job where they lived for two years, fully immersing themselves in the culture and exploring the surrounding Asian countries. An ambitious and accomplished cook, she migrated from the recipes of Julia Child and learned to kill a live fish in her kitchen sink, steam it in a bamboo basket, and serve it whole to astonished dinner guests. Her Chinese cooking was so authentic that when she later divorced, her first job was as a Chinese cooking instructor. With her characteristic determination, June re-joined the full-time workforce as an Admissions Representative at the University of Illinois at Chicago – a job that truly was her calling. She sensitively counseled prospective students and enthusiastically drove to all corners of the state, presenting programs at high schools and junior colleges. She was so in tune to the college admissions process that near the end of her career, she was invited to work on the design and implementation of a new dual-campus, web-based admissions and records system. She was truly a modern woman. June was passionate about her interests; whether it was AAUW, PEO, Qwesters, Bridge, or Illegitimate Theater, June kept her calendar full. Nothing filled her calendar or her heart more, however, than her family with whom she shared every hardship and celebration. She will be deeply missed. A memorial service will be held at the First Congregational Church, 1106 Chestnut, Western Springs, IL on February 24, at 1:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the First Congregational Church of Western Springs or the American Cancer Society.

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Renaud, Ernest J.

Ernest J. Renaud, age 93, of Naperville, Illinois, died on January 25, 2018 after a brief battle with cancer. Ernest is survived by his children: Philip Renaud, Suzanne (the late Daniel Ciaris) Renaud, Thomas (Mary Sue) Renaud, Janet Renaud, Julie (Robert) Holcomb, Martin (Jill) and David Renaud; loving grandmother of Travis, Lee, Jay, Keith and Tess Renaud and Helena Hassen. Ernest is a veteran of World War II and the US Army Air Corp's 13th Air Force. He served from 1943-1945 as an Aerial Engineer Gunner in the B24 Heavy Bomber flying in 50 combat missions throughout the Asiatic Pacific Theatre.

Memorial Mass of Christian Burial is 10:00 a.m. on February 24, 2018 at Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 1500 Brookdale Rd, Naperville, IL 60563. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Intrepid Fallen Heroes at www.fallenheroesfund.org/donate. Funeral arrangements handled by **Cremation Society of Illinois**.

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Roehrborn, Ernest Robert 'Ernie'

Ernie Roehrborn of Evanston, 93, passed away Feb. 10th. He taught Science at Chute Middle School. Survived by his children: Timothy, Louise, Hilary, and Matthew. Patricia, his wife preceeded him in death (1993). Memorial service on February 20th at 1 pm at First Presbyterian Church of Evanston.

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Rossi, Gary E.

Gary E. Wesell Rossi, 61, passed February 13th. Son of Edmund and Anne Sahaida Rossi. Beloved husband of Erin Wesell Rossi. Loving father of Mia, Tighe and Dylan Rossi. Dear brother of Nancy Rossi Vogt. Born in Harrisburgh, PA and graduated with a B.S. in Engineering from Drexel University and earning a M.S. in Real Estate at NYU. He lived a life of travel with his family, from New York, where he met his wife, to Italy and Chicago, where he raised his children. Memorial visitation at **Cooney Funeral Home** 3918 W. Irving Park Rd. Wednesday from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.. Service at 3:30 p.m.. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to NAMI 1801 W. Warner Ave. Ste. 202, Chicago, IL 60613 would be appreciated. For info 773-588-5850 or www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Rybicki, Richard W.

Richard W. Rybicki, Age 93. Beloved husband of the late Jadwiga K. nee Misiewicz. Loving brother of late Edward and Carl. Fond uncle, cousin and friend of many. Visitation Monday Feb. 19 from 3 to 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral Tuesday 10:30 a.m. from the funeral home and will then proceed to St. Constance Church for Mass at 11:30 a.m. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. Funeral Info-708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com.



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Rybka, Jacqueline M. 'Jacquie'

Jacqueline M. Rybka, 73, of Tierra Verde, Florida, passed peacefully to be with her loved ones in heaven on Saturday, January 20, 2018. She was born July 13, 1944 in North Chicago, IL to the late Theodore and Marie (Siwula) Sliwa. She was the beloved wife of Richard F. Rybka, who survives her. They met in Chicago, IL in grade school and started dating in high school. Married for 52 years, she and Rich had two children, Kenneth R. Rybka (Vilma) of Zion, IL and Laura M. Rybka (James Bounds) of Tierra Verde, FL. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Alejandra, Cindy, Josue, Marek, Jonathan, and Kenneth Jr.; great-grandchildren, Janelle, Brian, and Owen; and many special nieces and nephews. Jacquie's greatest loves were her family, her pets, Las Vegas and the beautiful Gulf beaches, which enticed her to FL over 20 years ago. She often stated she felt closest to God when walking barefoot on the beach, collecting sea shells and feeling the sun on her face. Jacquie loved her family dearly and she and Rich often traveled to IL to be with family. Throughout her life, she made people feel welcome through her generosity and acts of kindness. She will be lovingly remembered by family and friends. At her request, there will be no services. Donations may be made in Jacquie's memory to: The American Heart Association.

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Scharneck, Theresa D.

Theresa D. Scharneck, nee Trozt, 86, of Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Norbert Scharneck. Loving mother of Deborah O'Connor, Darlene (Lee) Golly and the late Diane Scharneck. Dear grandmother of John, Kathleen and Kevin O'Connor and Geoffrey and Jason Golly. Loving sister of the late Helen Bender, Shirley Tepp, Louise Murrell and John Trozt. Theresa was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. Visitation Sunday 2/25/18, from 3 to 9 PM at Ahlgrim & Sons Funeral and Cremation Services, 330 W. Golf Road, Schaumburg. Funeral prayers Monday 2/26/18, at 9:15 AM at the funeral home to St. Hubert Church, 729 Grand Canyon Street, Hoffman Estates, Mass 10 AM. Interment will be in St. Adalbert. In lieu of flowers, memorials will be appreciated to Breast Cancer Research. Funeral information or online condolences, www.ahlgrimfuneral.com or 847-882-5580.

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Schermerhorn, Claire S.

Claire S. Schermerhorn nee Shondell, was born December 12, 1930 and passed away February 14, 2018. Beloved wife of the late John "Jack" Schermerhorn; loving mother of Joan (Ron) Hoffman, John, Ellen (John Labiak) Reed, Dan (Marianne), Bill (Jacquie), and Jim (Nelle) Schermerhorn; proud grandmother of Adam & Mark, Nicholas, Maggie & Jack, Mitchell & Matthew, Tom & Luke, and the late Clare Schermerhorn; dear sister of the late Helen "Happy" Shondell, IHM and Robert Shondell; fond sister-in-law of Mary Frances, O.S.B., Margaret, Nancy (the late Jack) Van Der Bosch, Richard (Patricia) Schermerhorn, the late Harry (the late Mary Elizabeth), the late Robert (the late Joan), the late Thomas (Patricia) Schermerhorn; devoted daughter of the late Francis "Tate" and Mary nee Campbell Shondell; caring niece of the late Helen Campbell. Claire was a sweet aunt and "grandma" to many nieces and nephews.

Please help us celebrate a life well lived on Friday, February 23, 2018, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass Saturday, February 24, 2018, 11:00 a.m., at St. Joan of Arc Church, 9245 Lawndale Ave., Evanston, IL 60203. Interment private St. Mary Cemetery Lake Forest, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, 7430 N. Ridge Blvd., Chicago, IL 60645 or to the IHM Sisters, 610 W. Elm Ave., Monroe, MI 48162. Funeral Info: (847) 675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com.



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Scholl, John Peter 'Pete'

John Peter Scholl, "Pete" age 98, passed away on February 12, 2018. Beloved husband of Audrey K. Scholl, "Aud", proud father of Susan Ann Bentley (Larry) and Phyllis Scholl Thomas (Alan Curtis), devoted grandfather of Thomas Scholl Bentley (Beth) and Kristen Andrews Hobbs (David), loving "Big Grandpa" to Boden, Tessa and Anna Hobbs and Stone Bentley. Predeceased by Audrey and his sister, Anna C. Scholl. Pete had a wide circle of wonderful, lifelong friends.

Born January 4, 1920 in Reading, PA and graduated from Lafayette University with an Engineering degree. He entered the Army Air Corp, trained as a Navigator/Bombardier on a B-29, served in the Pacific, and following WWII, married Audrey K. Brecher in 1945. He became an Advertising Executive in NYC. In 1964, the family moved to Kenilworth, IL and over the years lived in Wilmette, Northfield before he became an endeared resident of Covenant Village of Northbrook, IL. Pete was an active member of Winnetka Presbyterian Church. He was an avid golfer at both Winnetka and Wilmette golf clubs. He so enjoyed his gardening, model ship building, and after golf celebrations. Pete was well known for his positive outlook and happy, friendly nature. He day he was especially thankful for the loving care and kindness from the staff at CVON in his later years. A memorial celebration of his life will be held in the summertime. He would be so touched by memorial contributions to Winnetka Presbyterian Church or Covenant Village of Northbrook.

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Senska, John B.

John B. Senska - beloved husband of the late Mary (nee Paluch); loving father of John Paul (Tina), Michael (Robin) and Christine Senska; proud and cherished grandfather of Michael Allen Jr., Matthew, John George and Nikki; dear brother of Rosemarie (Richard) Adams; fond uncle of many. Visitation Tuesday at **Cooney Funeral Home** 625 Busse Hwy Park Ridge from 3-9 p.m. Funeral Wednesday 9:30 a.m., Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Ransom Church. Interment All Saints. In lieu of flowers donations to the Alzheimers Association would be appreciated. Info 847-685-1002 www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Shepeck, Mary

Mary Shepeck, 85, of Evanston, passed away peacefully, on February 4, 2018. Mary was born in Escanaba, MI, the daughter of William and Anna nee Mulvaney Shepeck. After graduating from Northwestern University, Mary began her lifelong career as a physical therapist, throughout the Chicago area. Preceded, in death, by dearest friend and longtime companion, Bridget Brown, sister Patricia Lewis and brother William Shepeck. Mary is survived by her sister, Anne Curtin, of Okemos, MI and many beloved nieces, nephews and friends. A private memorial service will be held. Memorial contributions may be made to Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, IL 60022 or Pat Crowley House, 1537 W Rosemont Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990



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Silberman, David B. III

1951-2018. Brother of Lore Silberman, Anna Silberman Mahorski and Kathe Silberman (deceased). Uncle of 4 and great uncle of 6. A kind and loving man. Contributions can be made to The Legacy House Hospice, 9505 SW 110th St., Ocala, FL 34481.

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Smith, Eunice H. 'Ruddy'

Eunice "Ruddy" H. Smith was born on September 5, 1922, the third of four children of William B. and Eunice F. Hale and was raised in their home in Winnetka, Illinois. She died on February 4, 2018 in her home in Lake Forest, IL at the age of 95. After graduating from Milton Academy, she attended Bryn Mawr College and graduated from the University of Chicago. In her early sixties, she completed her Masters in Business degree at Lake Forest College.

During WWII, Ruddy was a reporter for the Chicago Tribune, where she covered everything from police and crime activity to civic gatherings. She spent time with her parents in Winnetka, loving to join her father when he painted in his attic studio, and keeping her mother company following his death. After the war, she met Gordon H. Smith through mutual friends and they were married in Winnetka, Illinois in June, 1947. They remained happily married until he passed away on December 1, 2009, at age 94.

They have four children, L. Peter Smith, Susan D. Smith, Catherine H. Smith and Maud S. Daudon and eight grandchildren. Throughout the years of raising children, Ruddy was an active and community-engaged volunteer. Starting in the 1960's, Ruddy devoted much of her efforts to Planned Parenthood, helping to introduce birth control to Cook County hospital. She served on many other boards including Hull House and Lake Forest College. For many years and until recently, she served as a docent at the Art Institute of Chicago and was an active member in Know Your Chicago, a program of the University of Chicago designed to promote civic awareness and participation. She was active with several of these activities into her 90's.

Her children remember her as independent and courageous, with an unflagging sense of humor. She was an avid golfer and tennis player at the many clubs to which she and Gordon belonged. She loved walking the open lands behind her home. She graciously entertained friends and family in her home, while also being a wonderful wife, and loving mother not only to her children but to the many golden retrievers who were her constant companions. She stayed keenly aware of world events, and remained actively engaged in politics throughout her life. Her children will greatly miss her ability to laugh and get silly and her joy at seeing old friends, little children, her family and any dog of any shape or size.

Her family wants to thank Felix and Marjorie Llanes who were Ruddy's care providers for the last five years of her life. Services will be held at 3:00 p.m., June 2, 2018 at the Church of the Holy Spirit, 400 East Westminster Road, Lake Forest, IL. A reception will follow immediately after at the church. Contributions may be made to Planned Parenthood of Illinois or Know your Chicago. For information: **Wenban Funeral Home**, Lake Forest (847) 234-0022.



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SPIPKY, RUTH BETTY

Ruth Betty Spilky, age 98; beloved wife of the late Jerome Spilky and William J. Karpel; dear sister of the late Margery Kraus; dear aunt and cousin. Service Tuesday 11:30 A.M. at Emanuel Congregation, 5959 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago. Interment will follow at 1:30 P.M. at Westlawn Cemetery, 7801 W. Montrose Avenue, Norridge, IL 60706. Contributions may be made to Emanuel Congregation where she was a member for over 60 years. Arrangements entrusted to Lakeshore Jewish Funerals, 773-625-8621



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Spores, Andrew Gus

Andrew Gus Spores, 70, of Racine, formerly of Skokie, passed away on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, at Ascension All Saints Hospital, after a brief illness. Private services were held.

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Thomas, Dorothy 'Dottie'

Dorothy Jane Thomas, nee Dewald, beloved wife of William, passed away on February 7, 2018, in her Mount Prospect home, which she lived for 48 years. Daughter of the late Walter E. Dewald and the late Ruth A. Dewald, she was born in Willowick, OH on June 4, 1941. She went to DePauw University (1963) where she met Bill and they were married in 1967. Dottie received her ASCP(MT) certification at Cleveland Clinic and did graduate work in Microbiology at Southern Illinois University. She worked as a Med Tech and then in Customer Service for several scientific companies.

She is survived by her sister Ann Dewald of Willowick, OH, her husband, sons David (Sheryl) of Alexandria, VA and Robert (Elizabeth) of Wheeling, IL and granddaughter Kara and others.

She would be telling us all to hug your family and your pets (ear scratching should be high on your list!). Services will be private.

The family wishes to thank all the medical staff who helped her fight the disease, JourneyCare Hospice, and the **Cremation Society of Illinois** who provided grateful help when it was needed.



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Thomas, Mary Flynn

Mary Flynn Thomas, 76, of Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Charles Ray Thomas Jr.; loving mother of David Thomas, Erin Matthews, Michael (Christopher Coffey) Thomas, Elisabeth (Dave) Heeman, the late Melinda Thomas, and the late Timothy Thomas; cherished grandmother of Payson Matthews, Pierce Matthews, Tyler Heeman, and Ava Heeman; dear daughter of the late Thomas and Patricia Flynn of Naperville, IL; fond sister of Joni (Cliff Marcott) Flynn and Pat Steck; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday, February 19th, 3 p.m. until time of service at 5 p.m., at **Drechsler, Brown & Williams Funeral Home**, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. Interment Private. Funeral info: drechslerbrownwilliams.com or 708-383-3191

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Vignocchi, Joseph 'Joe'

Joseph Vignocchi, age 66, of Highwood, Illinois passed away peacefully at his home in Sierra Vista, AZ on Monday February 5, 2017. Joe was born in Italy and came to America in his early teens. He graduated from Milwaukee School of Engineering and worked as a structural engineer for several companies. He later started his own firm, Batella Construction, and two pizzerias. Joe was a hard-working man, built for strength and endurance. His passion for perfection and exactness was his calling card. Joe would give his shirt off his back to anyone in need. Joe was a long time member of St. James Church and later attended Lutheran churches in Barrington, IL and Sierra Vista, AZ. Beloved husband of Rosanne (Knappe). Loving father of Lara (Edward) Ritchie and Alexandra Vignocchi. Loving step-father of Noah Sacksteder and Mark (Mimi) Sacksteder. Cherished Nonno of Luca and Francesca Ritchie, and Kayle Sacksteder. Joe was preceded in death by loving wife Maren and his parents Tilde (Mary) and Giovanni (John) Vignocchi. Celebration of life service at Lutheran Church of Atonement April 28 at 11:00am.

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Wahlen, Sarah

Sarah Wahlen, nee Cox, age 89, passed away January 31, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Carl Robert Wahlen; Loving mother of Teresa (John) Palumbo, Ann (Michael) Less, Daniel (Nancy) Wahlen, and the late Mark Jeffrey Wahlen; Cherished grandmother of James (Sara), Audrey (Patrick), Mary, Diane, John Mark, Julia, Sarah Marie, Jacob, and great grandmother of Lainey, Reid, Tess and Lily; Dear sister of John Cox. Born in Henry, Tennessee on March 19, 1928 to the late Minnie West Cox and the late Henry Ray Cox. Graduate of the University of Illinois, Class of 1950. Retired teacher, Hillcrest High School in Country Club Hills, IL. Volunteer at South Suburban Hospital. Long-time member of the Hazel Crest United Methodist Church, singing in the choir for over 40 years. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Lung Association or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Family and friends will gather to celebrate her life with a memorial service and reception, 10:00 AM on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at Hazel Crest Community United Methodist Church, 17050 California Ave, Hazel Crest, IL. Interment private.

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Walzer, James Francis

James Francis Walzer, age 89, served honorably in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict and the National Guard; beloved husband for 58 years of Maxine, nee Drell; loving father of Lee (Kevin O'Keefe) Walzer and Steve (Julie) Walzer; adored Grandpa Jim of Tommy, Danny, Molly and Joshua; devoted son of the late Leo and Frieda Walzer; cherished brother of Irwin Walzer and the late Stuart (late Paula) Walzer; treasured uncle and friend to many. Service Monday, 12:30 p.m. at North Shore Congregation Israel, 1185 Sheridan Rd., Glencoe. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions to the following organizations that cared for Jim or brought him joy: Lake County Honor Flight, www.lakecountyhonorflight.org, Kellogg Cancer Center, www.northshore.org/kellogg-cancer-center/, or CJE Senior Life Lieberman Center, www.cje.net/lieberman-center-for-health-and-rehabilitation/. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

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Wedell, Harold Godfrey 'Hal'

Dr. Harold "Hal" Wedell, age 95, passed away peacefully February 7, 2018 in Peoria, AZ. Beloved husband of Kay Wedell for 26 years. Previously married to Marian (nee White) Wedell, with whom he had 4 sons: Eric (Jackie), John (Nancy), Bruce (Kim), James (Robin). Cherished Grandfather of Katlin, Christopher, Melissa, Matthew, Kristen (Sean) Keenan, Amanda (Sean) Conner, Kelly (Christopher) Gorini, Ann (Thomas) Hanson, Peter, Adam, Jack. Loving Stepfather to Tammy (Pat) Chambers, Terri (Jim) Bohman, Tom (Kristine) Boyer and step grandfather to their children Patrick (Diana) and John Chambers, James, Alex, and Anthony Bohman, Kayla (Phillip) Steinberg, Jacob and Rachel Boyer. Preceded in death by his brother Theodore (Mary) Wedell.

Hal was born to Harold and Norma (Lenhardt) Wedell on May 17, 1922. He was raised on the North side of Chicago and graduated from Senn High School in 1940. He attended Northwestern University as part of an accelerated undergraduate and medical degree program during WWII. Hal completed his residency and fellowship as a doctor while serving in the United States Navy. Upon discharge, Hal practiced family medicine in Glenview, IL. He loved his Chicago roots and Glenview, where he raised his family and based his medical practice of 50 years. Hal was closely associated with Evanston and Glenbrook hospitals and taught part-time at Northwestern Medical School. He carried a medical bag in his car and continued to make house calls until the 1970s. He retired at age 75 and enjoyed many years of travel with Kay, lots of tennis and golf with his family, and many evenings sipping his favorite Manhattan cocktail, a tradition his sons plan to continue in his memory.

A memorial service will be announced at a future date. Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries

Wright, Harriet

Harriet Wright, nee Korman, Age 85, passed away on February 14, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Ernest Wright. Loving mother of the late Kevin Wright, the late Patrick Wright and the late Gary M. (Deborah) Wright. Loving grandmother of Gary L. (Sylvia) Wright. Dear great-grandmother of Emily and Madeline. Fond sister of the late Sophie, the late Mitchell, the late Angeline, the late Henry, the late Irene and the late Bernard. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitation, Sunday, February 18, 2018, 3:00PM to 9:00PM at **Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium**, 7861 S. 88th Avenue, Justice, Illinois. Funeral, Monday, February 19, 2018, 9:00AM prayers to begin from the funeral home to Saint Blaise Church, 6101 S. 75th Avenue, Summit, Illinois for 10:00AM Mass. Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Justice, Illinois.

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Zaagman, Viola J. 'Vi'

Viola J. "Vi" Zaagman, nee DeBoer, age 84, beloved wife for 62 years to the late Raymond Zaagman (2015). Loving mother of Carolyn Sales, Richard Zaagman, Wilma (Jerry) Jager, Bettie (John) Geertsema, and Raymond J. (Jolee) Zaagman. Cherished grandmother of 13 and great-grandmother of 15. Dearest sister of Betty (Albert) Bolhuis and the late Thomas (late Jean) DeBoer, Jacoba (late John) Miedema, Alice (late Bernard) Schaaf, Bill DeBoer, Jacob (Gert) DeBoer and Joann (late Louis) Roon. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday from 3-9 p.m. Funeral Service Tuesday 10:00 a.m. at **Colonial Chapel** 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens South, Oak Lawn, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Bible League International or to Katie Geertsema c/o Iteams for Ukraine Orphan Care, www.give.iteams.us/30us3189 are appreciated. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonial-chapel.com 708-532-5400



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Zylberman, Gershon

Gershon Zylberman, 97, beloved husband of Tova nee Neuman; loving father of Steven (Karen) and the late Michael Zylberman; cherished grandfather of Lauren (Nathan), Samantha and Shani (David); great grandfather of Lila, Zachary and Miles. Funeral service Monday 10AM at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. Info: 847-256-5700.

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Medicare Rx plan would be divisive

Budget proposal aids sickest, others to face higher drug costs

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Some Medicare beneficiaries would face higher prescription drug costs under President Donald Trump's budget even as the sickest patients save thousands of dollars, a complex trade-off that may make it harder to sell Congress on the plan in an election year.

In budget documents, the administration said its proposals strike a balance between improving the popular "Part D" prescription benefit for the 42 million seniors enrolled, while correcting design flaws that increase program costs for taxpayers.

Trump has made bringing down drug costs a top priority, but his administration's plan would create winners and losers. The high cost of medicines is the leading health care concern among consumers.

Independent experts said the administration's plan will help beneficiaries with the highest prescription drug costs, those whose individual bills reach more than \$8,418 apiece.

In 2015, about 1 million Medicare beneficiaries had costs that high, which qualified them for Medicare's "catastrophic" coverage.

Above the threshold for catastrophic coverage, patients pay only 5 percent of the cost of their medications. That can still amount to thousands of dollars for expensive drugs.

Under the budget proposal, once seniors reach catastrophic coverage they would no longer face copayments.

But there could be more losers than winners.

About 4.5 million seniors in the group just behind those with the highest drug bills could end up spending more of

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"If they lose their license, I would feel vindicated."

— Kellen Hunte, a Bridgeport neighborhood resident who claims Lincoln Towing wrongly towed his car and cracked its oil pan



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Kellen Hunte, a Bridgeport marketing professional, says Lincoln Towing improperly towed his Volvo and caused more than \$1,000 in damage.

Lincoln Towing could lose license: State rests its case

'What did we do wrong?' asks lawyer for firm that song reviled as 'Pirates'

By ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

Lincoln Towing Service has prowled Chicago's parking lots for nearly 60 years, finding itself at the center of lawsuits, consumer horror stories and political pressure throughout its history.

After decades of controversy, the North Side firm — the largest relocation towing service in Illi-

nois — may see its state license get pulled. Citing a "pattern and practice of unauthorized towing," attorneys for the Illinois Commerce Commission rested their case Wednesday, the culmination of a two-year investigation into numerous citations for allegedly hauling away cars illegally. The ICC called four of its investigators as witnesses during the hearings, which began in May. A

final ruling likely is still months away.

And while Lincoln will have the chance to mount a defense, including calling its own witnesses, the firm — dubbed the "Lincoln Park Pirates" in a song by local folk singer Steve Goodman in the 1970s — is feeling the heat.

"They want to take our license away," Allen Perl, a Chicago attorney representing Lincoln Towing, said at the ICC hearing. "What did we do wrong?"

The investigation, launched in February 2016, is the first time

state regulators have challenged Lincoln's fitness to hold a towing license, ICC spokeswoman Marianne Manko said.

The ICC police department issued 180 citations to Lincoln between July 2015 and March 2016, the eight-month period under investigation, with alleged violations ranging from improper signage to relocating authorized vehicles. Most of the citations were dismissed after Lincoln issued refunds.

The firm was found liable for

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Melamed: 'Risk was ... a part of my being'

Retiring CME Group legend, who modernized Chicago trading, reflects on over 60 years from 'pits' to pinnacle

Leo Melamed likes a good drag race.

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Even those who don't know what CME Group actually does have probably heard of Melamed. On top of being



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a driving force for modernizing and expanding the Chicago exchange, the longtime CME chairman emeritus is also a futures trader, lawyer, government adviser, avid free market enthusiast, recipient of international awards, sci-fi author, former Yiddish-speaking theater performer and a cat person.

"Cats are smarter than dogs," Melamed asserts. "Call a dog and he'll come to you. Call a cat and he'll come by, but in a certain way and give a look that says, 'What the hell do you want?'"

Such wry observations are among the insights Melamed shared this week as we discussed his life and decades-old effort to turn the CME into a global



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Leo Melamed, 85, chairman emeritus of the CME Group, in his downtown office.

financial powerhouse. During a nearly 2½-hour lunchtime conversation at his downtown office, Melamed would periodically pause to check the market and execute a trade, even while munching on a turkey sandwich.

Basically, a futures market is an auc-

tion place that enables traders to buy and sell agricultural, financial and other contracts for a price set at a future date. Buying and selling occurs all the time, and traders seek to make money on

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The Chipotle chain has faced a series of foodborne illnesses, changing tastes and growing competition in recent years.

4 ways to cure Chipotle

Analysts hopeful
Taco Bell CEO has
needed know-how

By ABHA BHATTARAI
The Washington Post

It's been a rough few years for Chipotle. The chain's woes, which began in 2015 with a widespread *E. coli* outbreak, have led to multiple health scares and plummeting sales.

But last week the fast-casual company finally gave customers — and investors — something to cheer about when it announced Brian Niccol of Taco Bell would take over as its new chief executive. Shares of Chipotle stock soared 12 percent following Tuesday's announcement, amid hopes of a turnaround for the struggling chain.

It was a telling moment for the industry, analysts said, bringing together two rivals that at one time seemed to have nothing in common. Chipotle, founded in 1993, has long marketed itself as the anti-Taco Bell, emphasizing fresh ingredients and antibiotic-free meat. It was an approach that worked for years, until a series of foodborne illnesses, changing tastes and growing competition knocked the onetime darling off its game. Shares of the company's stock have fallen nearly 60 percent in the last three years.

But analysts say they are hopeful that Niccol, who has led Taco Bell for three years, can help address some of the chain's most pressing problems. Here are four things the 43-year-old fast-food executive could bring to Chipotle:

1. Efficiency and organization

First things first, analysts say: Chipotle needs to slow down.

The company has been expanding rapidly in recent years, adding dozens of new stores but not enough infrastructure to support them, says Howard Penney, an analyst for Hedgeye Risk Management.

"Chipotle has been



MARK LENNIHAN/AP

Taco Bell CEO Brian Niccol, shown in 2015, was named chief executive officer of Chipotle, effective March 5.

growing too quickly, and without a game plan," he said. "This is a company that desperately needs leadership."

One of the easiest ways to simplify operations and offer faster service, analysts said, would be to wash and prep food in a central location and send it out to nearby stores. Currently, each of Chipotle's 2,408 restaurants does its own prep work, such as washing lettuce and chopping tomatoes, said Ivan Feinseth, an analyst for Tigress Financial Partners in New York.

"They have to keep to their core values — organic produce and antibiotic-free meat — but need to find a way to be more consistent and efficient," he said. "That's been one of their biggest challenges."

Niccol's experience at Taco Bell, where he oversaw a company twice the size of Chipotle with 6,849 locations and \$10.1 billion in annual sales, makes him a good fit, analysts said. He also helped oversee the chain's mobile ordering technology, which analysts say makes for quicker and more efficient service.

"He has figured out to make fast food faster," Feinseth said, "and that's something Chipotle could really use."

2. More menu items

Among the biggest problems at Chipotle: its menu.

With few exceptions, the chain's lineup has remained largely the same for 25 years: tacos, burritos, bowls. And while some customers like that consist-

tency, analysts say many others are bored.

"Their menu is stale," Feinseth said. "Chipotle needs something other than queso to spice things up."

That lack of imagination, analysts say, has become a growing problem for Chipotle as a number of fast-casual eateries — offering everything from poke to customizable pizza — give customers new alternatives for the same price.

"If you look at spending patterns, pretty much everybody who walks into Chipotle is buying just a burrito or a burrito bowl — and maybe guacamole," said Jason Schloetzer, a professor at Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business. "There is a huge opportunity to add to their sales, whether that's by offering combo meals or new items" like nachos.

At Taco Bell, Niccol had a track record of ushering in novelties and limited-time deals, like Doritos Locos tacos, nacho fries and "chocoladillas," which are grilled flour tortillas filled with Kit Kat bars.

"Chipotle has lost its way and needs to be taken to the next level," Feinseth said.

Does that mean Doritos-shelled tacos may be on the horizon for the fast-casual chain? "No, no, no," Feinseth said. "They don't have to do that. There are ways to improve the process without going to the Taco Bell extreme."

3. Breakfast

Another obvious way Niccol could expand

Chipotle's menu, analysts say, is by adding breakfast.

"There is still a shortage of protein-based breakfasts available in the quick-casual space," Feinseth said. "Most quick breakfasts are things like muffins and bagels. People want more protein, and Chipotle has an easy solution."

At Taco Bell, Niccol helped launch the fast-growing \$1 breakfast menu, and analysts say a similar approach at Chipotle could help the company reach new customers.

"They have grills, they have tortillas. All they have to do is add cage-free eggs and nitrate-free bacon," Feinseth said. "Add some coffee, maybe oatmeal, and you've got a full breakfast offering."

4. Social media savviness

Taco Bell in recent years has emerged as an unlikely social media darling, using a mix of humor, cheesy jokes ("What do you call fries that aren't yours? #NachoFries") and memes to win over millennials.

"Boyfriend has denied me @tacobell this evening," a user named Brandi Omega tweeted on Tuesday. "Time to find a new boyfriend," Taco Bell tweeted back to its 1.9 million followers. (Chipotle, by comparison, has 882,000 Twitter followers.)

"Whichever public relations intern or team of meticulous, well-trained professionals is in charge of @TacoBell is doing a bang-up job with a clever combination of retweets, sassy comebacks, hashtags and whimsical life advice," wrote HuffPost.

That strategy has paid off, analysts said, by getting younger consumers to think of Taco Bell as a hip alternative to its rivals. And, they said, it's a strategy Chipotle could use.

"That younger demographic used to be Chipotle's bread-and-butter customer — you could walk into Chipotle and it'd be filled with college-age kids," Schloetzer said. "But you walk in now and it's empty. They've lost that connection."

'Best burger' award is 'curse' for eatery

Problems stack up
for Portland, Ore.,
diner after honor

By GENE MARKS
The Washington Post

You would think that earning an award for the country's best burger would be a great thing, right? Maybe not so much.

Last year and after a nationwide search, the popular men's lifestyle site Thrillist bestowed the award on Stanich's, in Portland, Ore.

Founded in 1949, the legendary diner has catered to the likes of Michael Jordan, Dan Rather, members of the

Trail Blazers basketball team and other famous and not-so-famous burger lovers. The eatery has received other awards before, but unfortunately, this particular prize — while very much appreciated — created so many problems that the decision was made to temporarily close.

"It was not only bitter-sweet, it's a curse," the restaurant's second-generation owner, Steve Stanich, said in an Oregon Live report.

Since winning the award, the restaurant has been inundated with new customers — so much so that lines are long and the staff is overwhelmed.

Recent online reviews

are reflecting its customers' frustrations and Stanich — no lover of the internet — has been forced to field advice on how to run his restaurant and even — gasp — how to cook a burger from some of the haters online.

But worst of all? The restaurant was unable to serve country music star Tim McGraw when he stopped in for a bite due to the long lines.

"Be careful what you wish for," Stanich warned. "Because it almost crushed our business."

Although the decision to temporarily close was his, it was likely motivated by a recent city inspection that gave the place a clean bill of

health, but recommended a "thorough, deep cleaning." Stanich got the message.

"We're making sure that everything's spotless," he told Oregon Live. This was in January and, yes, it's February and a phone call to the restaurant confirmed it's still not open. Has the 69-year-old owner been tempted to just chuck it all in and sell? A little bit. But it seems likely that he's going to stick around for a while.

"We've been offered a lot of money to tear this down," Stanich said. "But I'm not motivated by money. My parents taught me that the more you give, the more you receive."

BACK STORY

CEO of Black Tech Mecca on mission to increase diversity

By ALLY MAROTTI | Chicago Tribune

You can't increase diversity if you don't know how much there is to begin with.

That's why Fabian Elliott, co-founder and CEO of Black Tech Mecca, is on a quest to measure black people's involvement in Chicago's tech scene.



Elliott, who also works as an advertising technology consultant at Google, saw how the tech giant was using data to better serve its black employees. Since cities and communities face diversity questions that are similar to corporations' concerns, Elliott wondered why they weren't using data in the same way.

Elliott, 27, launched Black Tech Mecca with Dineo Seakamela in 2015. She serves as the nonprofit's education director.

Black Tech Mecca's goal is to help cities use data to make sure more black people are involved in their tech communities. Last year, it released a report that defined and assessed Chicago's black tech ecosystem. Now it's time to get that data into the right hands and start spreading to other cities, Elliott said.

Q: What does Chicago's black tech ecosystem look like?

A: The black tech workforce was much larger than we thought, (with a) critical mass of an estimated 40,000 professionals. But as we looked in a bit deeper, we saw that a lot of those folks were skewed into some of the lower-paying jobs. So think of your Comcast installer or those different type of folks (as opposed to) a highly compensated role like a software developer.

Q: How did Chicago stack up against other cities?

A: When we looked at, say, the size of the black tech workforce and the proportion that it makes up of the greater tech workforce compared to cities like (Washington), D.C.; Atlanta; the (San Francisco Bay Area); we found that Chicago was just about in the middle.

Q: There are already people trying to increase diversity in Chicago's tech scene. Isn't that working?

A: (In) Chicago and cities all over the country, you can't throw a stone without hitting an initiative to help close the digital divide. The biggest problem we saw was that no one was keeping score, so no one could tell you whether any of these initiatives were making a difference. So for us, that's where the research part is making the biggest difference.

Q: What's your biggest challenge?

A: I'm a big-vision, bold, audacious goal type of guy, and I've had to learn that everything takes a process and you have to be patient with that process and do everything you can to keep that process going. One of my biggest challenges is respecting that and letting things unfold in the best way they need to for your vision to come to light.

Q: What was your first job?

A: I grew up in Fayetteville, N.C., and there was a popular chiropractic center there known for their advertising. At parades and different things they would have these mascots, and it was basically like a bald white guy with scrubs. I put on the costume and walked around in parades, and they'd pay me like 50 bucks for each parade.

Q: What surprises people about Black Tech Mecca?

A: (People) see our events, they see our website, they see our presence online and they're like, "Man, do you all have like an army of people?" And then when they find out who's behind the scenes actually making it happen, a lot of times they're surprised to find out it's been a core team of two. Now we're expanding. As we've been hiring people, they are like, "Hold on, it was just you all?"

This interview has been edited for length and clarity.

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Without paid sick leave, many workers spread flu

By CHRISTOPHER INGRAHAM
The Washington Post

This winter's flu season is shaping up to be a nasty one, with flu-related hospitalization rates outpacing anything seen in recent years, according to the CDC.

This year's vaccine is less effective against the strain of virus making the rounds. But there's another factor that gives aggressive viruses like this one an extra punch in the United States: lack of access to paid sick time.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 28 percent of civilian workers — roughly 45 million people — have no access to paid sick leave. When these workers get ill, they have a choice to make: go to work sick, or stay home and forgo pay.

Since lack of paid sick time is concentrated among the lowest-income employees, millions of workers opt for the former.

That's a problem not just for those workers, who are literally sacrificing their health for a day's wage, but also for their fellow workers and commuters who they expose to their illness.

In 2010, a policy brief published by the Institute for Women's Policy Research used data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the BLS

to estimate that during the virulent 2009 flu season, about 8 million American workers went to work while infected with the influenza virus, causing an additional 7 million people to get sick.

Rates of "presenteeism" — showing up to work sick — were much lower in the public sector, where paid sick leave is more common than in the private sector. "The public sector results suggest that the vast majority of employees infected with H1N1 would have stayed at home if that were a viable option," the report concluded. "Absent paid sick days legislation in the U.S., many private sector employees faced little choice and attended work while sick, thereby infecting others."

A paper published in PLOS One last year found that access to paid sick leave made employees significantly more likely to stay home when dealing with an influenza-like illness.

A study published last year by researchers at the CDC found that "providing paid sick leave to workers who lack it might help decrease the number of workdays lost due to flu and similar illnesses by nearly 4 to 11 million per year," resulting in an overall cost savings of \$1 billion to \$2 billion dollars.

WEEK IN REVIEW

Summing up the Tribune's business coverage

Hancock Center loses its name

The John Hancock Center is getting a name change. Owners of the 100-story skyscraper said the building's namesake, the insurance company that built the tower almost five decades ago, asked that its name and logos throughout the building's interior be removed immediately. For now, the building will be known by its address, 875 N. Michigan Ave., as the owners seek a new naming-rights deal.

1871 names first female CEO: Chicago tech hub 1871 hired its first female CEO. Betsy Ziegler, chief innovation officer at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, will take the helm of 1871 in April, the Merchandise Mart-based tech center announced. She replaces Howard Tullman, who led 1871 for four years.

Research firm Gartner moving 650 workers to River North Point tower: Research company Gartner plans to move 650 Chicago employees to River North this summer as it consolidates Midwest



E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

operations with a company it acquired last year. Gartner has leased 74,450 square feet in River North Point, an office building along the Chicago River, property owner Equity Office announced. The building, at 350 N. Orleans St., was previously known as the Apparel Center.

Limit for L.L. Bean returns draws lawsuit: L.L. Bean changed its famously generous return policy earlier this month, and it's already facing a lawsuit from an unhappy Illinois shopper. The customer filed a lawsuit against the Freeport, Maine-based

retailer, alleging the new one-year limit on most returns isn't what he or others bargained for. L.L. Bean's warranty promised to have no end date, and customers based purchases on that promise, says the suit, filed in U.S. District Court in Chicago.

Land of Nod closes nearly all its retail stores: Crate & Barrel's kid-centered offshoot Land of Nod has closed almost all of its retail stores, including all of its locations in Illinois. Its stores in Chicago and Oak Brook and an outlet in Naperville have now all closed, along with a single store in Natick, Mass., and another store in Seattle, according to the company's website. Land of Nod still has one retail location and a furniture

clearance center, both in California.

U. of C. students won't continue with National Labor Relations Board: The University of Chicago's graduate student union has decided not to continue with the National Labor Relations Board process as it pursues a contract with the university. The graduate workers voted to unionize in October after efforts from the school to delay the vote. The school has asked the labor board to review its decision to allow an election. The union, Graduate Students United, decided against continuing with the NLRB process; it is concerned that a ruling in favor of the university would set an unwelcome precedent.

What else happened last week? Catch up on all the news at www.chicagotribune.com/business.

FORGET PASSWORDS

ANALYSIS

Microsoft, consultants say modern, more secure authentication tools are now better, much-needed

BY HAYLEY TSUKAYAMA | The Washington Post

Microsoft is trying to kill the password, and it's about time. This week, the company said the next test version of its stripped-down Windows 10 S operating system will strip out passwords as well, by default. If you go through setup as recommended, you'll never get a password option.

But killing the password altogether will take more work and time — and the problem may get worse before it gets better.

Which is a shame. Passwords, we can surely agree, are the bane of modern digital existence. On a big-picture level, insecure passwords cause an estimated 80 percent of breaches, according to a 2017 report from Verizon.

On a human level, they're paralyzing; right when you need to access your utility bill, you can't remember if you replaced the "a" with a 4 or an @ symbol. Or when, say, a missile alert has gone out to your entire state and you can't find your password to give an all-clear.

Passwords have amassed their share of enemies. Microsoft's latest move follows pushes from Apple, Google and others to shake up the old passcode and password system with fingerprint scans, face scans or temporary codes.

There's no question passwords aren't adapting to a modern age. "It's quite clear

"This relic from the early days of computing has long outlived its usefulness ..."

— official Microsoft blog post

to us, that the era of the password is passing. Based on the significant amount of accounts that now exist, it doesn't scale as a system," William Beer, a principal at business management consultancy EY, said.

Microsoft has been waging a war on passwords for a while. Like others, it has poured effort into other types of authentication,

namely biometric scans of your face or fingerprints — it introduced facial recognition unlocking for Windows PCs in 2015. It's also built an app for your phone to provide an ever-changing code to act as your password.

"This relic from the early days of computing has long outlived its usefulness, and certainly, its ability to keep

criminals at bay," an official blog post from Microsoft said in December.

Now Microsoft's edging even closer to pushing passwords off a cliff, at least in its lighter version of Windows — though it's worth remembering that not every feature that gets tested in early versions of operating systems makes it to consumers.

But we don't have a lot of time to work on a slow revolution. The way we handle security is about to hit an even bigger test.

One reason passwords are awful is that there are so many of them. Dashlane, a password manager company, found in a survey of its own customers that they have an average of 130 accounts with passwords.

And password overload is poised to get worse before it gets better. Technology companies are doggedly pushing into more areas of our lives by giving "smarts" to any item that can accommodate a chip — from your toilet, to your car, to your bed. Securing all of those gets messy, and it's not remotely feasible to think that you could create a secure, unique password for

every home appliance. It's equally chilling to think that they are collecting very personal data, and how important it is to have that information secured.

Another big issue? Finding the perfect password is difficult, as it requires a unique balance of "easy to remember" and "hard to hack." And then, you have to find that sweet spot over and over again. In the pursuit of safety, companies often require passwords to have a complex combination of capital letters, symbols and other requirements. But those requirements can actually cause people to reuse their complex passwords or refuse to change them once they've committed them to memory. Britain's National Cyber Security Centre in 2016 actually recommended simplifying password requirements to encourage people to change them.

All of these issues point to a system that doesn't work, and it makes sense for companies and people to get on the bandwagon to replace it.

Yet while there is widespread agreement that passwords are awful, they linger

like roaches in the corners of our digital lives. Alternatives such as fingerprint scans, retinal scans, voice recognition and other technologies can be hard for companies, particularly non-tech companies, to implement well. Those solutions are also imperfect, as some pairs of twins can tell you. If something requires new costs to implement and is still flawed, many companies may stick with the devil they know. (Even Microsoft is simply proposing getting rid of passwords, and only on a light version of Windows, instead of replacing it with another security alternative.)

Plus, even when companies offer something more, it's often difficult for people to get used to a new routine, Beer said.

Changing habits will require more effort such as those from Microsoft, and a slow introduction to different methods to change people's habits. Beer said that many of the businesses he looks at are now at least combining the old username and password combination with something else: a fingerprint scan, voice print or temporary code.

Bill, Melinda Gates turn focus to poverty in U.S.

Philanthropists address criticisms of their way of giving, change tack on education

BY SALLY HO
Associated Press

KIRKLAND, Wash. — Bill and Melinda Gates, as the world's top philanthropists, are rethinking their work in America as they confront what they consider their unsatisfactory track record on schools, the country's growing inequity and a president they disagree with more than any other.

In an interview with The Associated Press, the couple said they're concerned about President Donald Trump's "America first" worldview. They've made known their differences with the president and his party on issues including foreign aid, taxes and protections for immigrant youth in the country illegally.

And they said they're now digging into the layers of U.S. poverty that they haven't been deeply involved with at the national

level, including employment, race, housing, mental health, incarceration and substance abuse.

"We are not seeing the mobility out of poverty in the same way in the United States as it used to exist," Melinda Gates said.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is studying these topics with no plans yet for any particular initiatives, though it has done related work at home in Washington state on a much smaller scale. Last year, it funded a grant for the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities to look into state and federal policies that can reduce poverty.

Once the world's richest man, Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates has marked a decade since transitioning away from the tech giant to focus on philanthropy. He said he's had two meetings with Trump, where they discussed innovation in education, energy and health — including vaccines,

which Trump has voiced skepticism about.

"I got, both times, to talk about the miracle of vaccines and how those are good things," Bill Gates said.

Melinda Gates, who left her job at Microsoft to raise their three children before turning to the foundation full time, has lately embraced her role as a public figure more boldly. She called out Trump's behavior, saying the president has a responsibility to be a good role model when he speaks and tweets, and that his verbal attacks don't belong in the public discourse.

"You just have to go look in Twitter to see the disparaging comments over and over and over again about women and minorities," Melinda Gates said. "That's just not what I believe. It's not the world that I see."

Taking a more reflective review of their work than in years past, the couple in their annual letter published Tuesday also answered 10 questions critics often ask them. They acknowledge it's unfair they have so much wealth and

influence but reject the notion they're imposing their values on other cultures.

"... These are the tough, tough questions that people are asking us, and yeah, we have to wrestle with them ourselves," Melinda Gates said in the Feb. 1 interview.

Since 2000, the Seattle-based private foundation has amassed an endowment worth over \$40 billion. The Gates Foundation has given money to programs in more than 100 countries, all 50 states and Washington, D.C.

But they've been criticized for prescribing how the money is spent and then expecting tangible proof their investments work.

About 75 percent of the foundation's resources are dedicated to global health and development. Bill Gates said they're proudest of their efforts to help eradicate polio and curb the number of child deaths.

But he concedes the same level of progress didn't happen in the U.S. with their strategy of chasing equity through education reform. U.S. education initiatives are a distant second

funding priority for the foundation, but the \$450 million the Gateses spend annually on the issue makes them the top funders of schools reform in America.

They've been major supporters of charter schools and also pushed Common Core education standards, teacher evaluation systems that factored in student test scores and a smaller schools model — highly polarizing reforms that didn't dramatically change student outcomes but made the Gateses deeply unpopular in some communities.

"It's in taking all of those lessons and saying, 'OK, but did they reach the majority of the school districts? Did they scale and change the system for low-income and minority kids writ large, at scale?' And the answer when we looked at it, it was no," Melinda Gates said.

Christopher Lubienski, an education policy expert who studies philanthropy, said he found their honesty refreshing but noted their foundation's overall approach means it will continue to systematically influen-

ce education reform.

Lubienski, who said he has not sought or received money from Gates, also noted that by turning their attention to poverty, the Gateses are tackling the "really big elephant in the room" when it comes to student achievement.

The Gateses say they're going in a less prescriptive direction by funding efforts through regional networks of schools, which will lean more heavily on educators at the local level. They also intend to support new curriculum development and charters catering to students with special needs.

The foundation will spend \$1.7 billion on education over the next five years. But the Gateses say they're looking at myriad problems that hinder children in the classroom.

"Poverty is like education, where there's not enough philanthropic resources to take on responsibility, but if you can show how to have a lot more impact, then the policies will benefit from that," Bill Gates said.

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Rachelle Faroul, right, was finally approved for a home loan in Philadelphia after her partner, Hanako Franz, left, co-signed her loan application.

Fifty years after the federal Fair Housing Act banned racial discrimination in lending, African-Americans and Latinos continue to be routinely denied conventional mortgage loans at rates far higher than their white counterparts.

This modern-day redlining persisted in 61 metro areas even when controlling for applicants' income, loan amount and neighborhood, according to millions of Home Mortgage Disclosure Act records analyzed by Reveal from The Center for Investigative Reporting.

The yearlong analysis, based on 31 million records, relied on techniques used by leading academics, the Federal Reserve and Department of Justice to identify lending disparities.

It found a pattern of troubling denials for people of color across the country, including in metropolitan areas such as Atlanta, Detroit, Philadelphia, Rockford, St. Louis and San Antonio. African-Americans faced the most resistance in Southern cities — Mobile, Ala.; Greenville, N.C.; and Gainesville, Fla. — and Latinos in Iowa City, Iowa.

No matter their location, loan applicants told similar stories, describing an uphill battle with loan officers who they said seemed to be fishing for a reason to say no.

"I had a fair amount of savings and still had so much trouble just left and right," said Rachelle Faroul, a 33-year-old black woman who was rejected twice by lenders when she tried to buy a brick row house in Philadelphia, where African-Americans were 2.7 times as likely as whites to be denied a conventional mortgage.

Redlining's ugly history

In the 1930s, surveyors with the federal Home Owners' Loan Corp. drew lines on maps and colored some neighborhoods red, deeming them "hazardous" for bank lending because of the presence of African-Americans or European immigrants, especially Jews.

Redlining has been outlawed for half a century. And for the last 40 years, banks have had a legal obligation under the Community Reinvestment Act to solicit clients — borrowers and depositors — from all segments of their communities.

But in many places, Reveal found the law hasn't made much difference. The analysis — independently reviewed and confirmed by The Associated Press — showed black applicants were turned away at significantly higher rates than whites in 48 cities, Latinos in 25, Asians in nine and Native Americans in three.

"It's not acceptable from the standpoint of what we want as a nation: to make sure that everyone shares in economic prosperity," said Thomas Curry, top bank regulator, the comptroller of the currency, from 2012 until he stepped down in May.

Modern-day redlining

Blacks and Latinos are denied home loans at higher rates than whites, data show

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Reveal's reporting shows that a modern form of redlining persists in Philadelphia.

"I was made to feel like nothing that I was contributing was of value, like I didn't matter."

— Rachelle Faroul

Yet Curry's agency was part of the problem, deeming 99 percent of banks satisfactory or outstanding based on inspections administered under the Community Reinvestment Act. And the Justice Department sued just nine financial institutions for failing to lend to people of color under the Obama administration. Curry argued that the law shares part of the blame; it needs to be updated and strengthened. "The Community Reinvestment Act has aged a lot in 40 years," he said.

Since Curry departed, the Trump administration has weakened the standards banks must meet to pass a Community Reinvestment Act exam. During President Donald Trump's first year in office, the Justice Department did not sue a single lender for racial discrimination.

A growing gap

The latest figures from the U.S. Census Bureau show the median net worth for an African-American family is now \$9,000, compared with \$132,000 for a white family. Latino families did not fare much better, at \$12,000.

Lenders and their trade organizations do not dispute the fact that they turn away people of color at rates far greater than whites. But they maintain that the disparity can be explained by two factors the industry has fought to keep hidden: the prospective borrowers' credit history and overall debt-to-income ratio.

"We are committed to fair lending and continually review our compliance programs to ensure

that all loan applicants are receiving fair treatment," Boston-based Santander Bank said in a statement.

New Jersey-based TD Bank, which denied a higher proportion of black and Latino applicants than any other major lender, said it "makes credit decisions based on each Customer's credit profile, not on factors such as race or ethnicity."

Reveal's analysis included all records publicly available under the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, covering nearly every time an American tried to buy a home with a conventional mortgage in 2015 and 2016. It controlled for nine economic and social factors, including an applicant's income, the amount of the loan, the ratio of the size of the loan to the applicant's income and the type of lender, as well as the racial makeup and median income of the neighborhood where the person wanted to buy property.

Credit scores were not included because that information is not publicly available. Lenders have deflected attempts to force them to report that data to the government.

In an April policy paper, the American Bankers Association said reporting credit scores would be expensive and "cloud any focus" the disclosure law has in identifying discrimination. America's largest bank, JPMorgan Chase & Co., has argued that the data should remain closed off even to academics, citing privacy concerns.

At the same time, studies have found proprietary credit score algorithms to have a discriminatory impact on borrowers of color.

The "decades-old credit scoring model" currently used "does not take into account consumer data on rent, utility, and cellphone bill payments," Republican Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina wrote in August, when he unveiled a bill to require the federal government to vet credit standards used for residential mortgages. "This exclusion disproportionately hurts African-Americans, Latinos, and young people who are otherwise credit-worthy."

A case study: Philadelphia

Philadelphia was one of the largest cities in America where African-Americans were disproportionately turned away when they tried to buy a home. African-Americans and non-Hispanic whites make up a similar share of the population there, but the data showed whites received 10 times as many conventional mortgage loans in 2015 and 2016.

When Faroul applied for a loan in April 2016, she thought she was an ideal candidate. She holds a degree from Northwestern University, had a good credit score and estimates she was making \$60,000 a year while teaching computer programming as a contractor for Rutgers University. Still, her initial loan application was denied by Philadelphia Mortgage Advisors, an independent broker that made nearly 90 percent of its loans to whites in 2015 and 2016.

"I'm sorry," broker Angela Tobin wrote to Faroul in an email. Faroul's contract income wasn't consistent enough, she said. So

Faroul got a full-time job at the University of Pennsylvania managing a million-dollar grant.

But that still wasn't enough. When she tried again a year later, this time at Santander Bank, a Spanish firm with U.S. headquarters in Boston, the process dragged on for months. Eventually, an unpaid \$284 electric bill appeared on Faroul's credit report. She paid the bill right away, but it still tanked her credit score, and the bank said it couldn't move forward.

Things suddenly took a turn for the better after Faroul's partner, Hanako Franz, agreed to sign onto her loan application. At the time, Franz — who is half-white, half-Japanese — was working part time for a grocery store. Her most recent pay stub showed a biweekly income of \$144.65. Faroul was paying for her health insurance.

The loan officer had "completely stopped answering Rachelle's phone calls, just ignored all of them," Franz said. "And then I called, and he answered almost immediately. And is so friendly."

A few weeks later, the couple got the loan from Santander and bought a three-bedroom fixer-upper. But Faroul remains bitter.

"It was humiliating," she said. "I was made to feel like nothing that I was contributing was of value, like I didn't matter."

'It's like a glass ceiling'

Contacted by Reveal, the lenders defended their records. Tobin, who turned down Faroul on her first application, said race played no role in the rejection.

"That's not what happened," she said and abruptly hung up. A statement followed from Philadelphia Mortgage Advisors' chief operating officer, Jill Quinn.

"We treat every applicant equally," the statement said, "and promote homeownership throughout our entire lending area."

Faroul's loan officer at Santander, Dennis McNichol, referred Reveal to the company's public affairs wing, which issued a statement: "While we are sympathetic with her situation, we are confident that the loan application was managed fairly."

But civil rights groups said Faroul's experience reflects a pattern of discrimination by banks that keeps people of color from building wealth.

"It's like a glass ceiling," said Angela McIver, CEO of the Fair Housing Rights Center in Southeastern Pennsylvania. "OK, we'll allow you to go this far, but you're not going to go any further."

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Amazon pushing medical supplies

Company signals entry into health care industry

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Amazon has been growing its medical supply business — selling gloves, syringes and other health-care sundries to dentists, doctors and hospitals — in an early sign of its efforts to enter the health care industry.

Unlike Amazon's secretive plans to shake up the prescription drug industry, or its initiative to develop technology tools to rein in health costs for its own employees, Amazon hasn't hidden this effort. In an earnings call in October, an executive mentioned hospitals first on a laundry list of institutions that it was targeting with its Amazon Business offering, along with schools, labs and government agencies.

On Tuesday, the stocks for companies that distribute medical supplies tumbled after The Wall Street Journal reported that Amazon has been holding meetings with hospital executives to learn more about the needs of the industry.

Brian Tanquilut, an equity analyst at the investment firm Jefferies, said Amazon's play to sell commodity medical supplies, such as medical gowns and masks, has been going on for some time. It is seen as a good entry point to health care because it doesn't involve complex regulatory approvals; many states don't require a license at all. Amazon has been particularly aggressive, he said, in courting dentists, setting up booths at dental conferences.

"They see health care as a very big market; it's one of the growth markets in the economy that they do not have a toehold in. They look at areas where it's relatively easy to get into without high-level government level scrutiny, and this is kind of the low-hanging fruit, in health care entry," Tanquilut said.

An Amazon spokeswoman did not answer questions about how much of its business marketplace sales include medical products, but there are 1 million users of Amazon Business across many industries and 85,000 sellers. (Jeff Bezos, the founder and chief executive of Amazon, is owner of The Washington Post.)

Phyllis McCready, chief procurement officer at Northwell Health, a large New York-based health system with 23 hospitals and more than 650 outpatient facilities, said Amazon has reached out to hospitals like hers, which isn't unusual when companies enter a new market.

McCready oversees an 850,000-square-foot medical supply distribution center for a health system that purchases \$650 million in medical and surgical supplies each year. She said Northwell contracts directly with manufacturers and, to a lesser extent, distributors. Northwell does not use Amazon Business to buy medical supplies.

The big advantage of directly negotiating with manufacturers is the full visibility McCready gets into where a product was made and where it has been — essential information for tools involved in patient care.

"The chain of custody — the pedigree of where it starts, where it ends up. Quality is number one. To have quality products, we have to make sure they're coming from the right places," McCready said.

That issue may be far less important in Amazon's consumer business, where people may be satisfied with products based largely on their prices, and may not question where a product was made or how it arrived.

For physician practices, Amazon might be able to provide faster turnaround when there is an immediate need for supplies, Tanquilut said.

Firm calls ICC action 'a case about nothing'

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27 of the citations as of last May. The ICC was unable to provide updated figures last week.

Lincoln was issued a two-year license renewal in July 2015, seven months before the ICC initiated its investigation.

While Lincoln applied for another two-year renewal in July of last year, that remains on hold and the firm is continuing to operate on its previous license pending a decision in the fitness hearing, Manko said.

At the hearing Wednesday, Perl said Lincoln towed 9,470 vehicles during the eight months under investigation, and he defended the number of citations as small in that context.

"My client has spent untold thousands of dollars in this case," Perl said. "And it's a case about nothing."

In the court of public opinion, the verdict may already be in.

Kellen Hunte, a marketing professional who lives in Chicago's Bridgeport neighborhood, is among those actively rooting for Lincoln to lose its license. He said the firm improperly towed his legally parked car in December 2016 from the Crate & Barrel parking lot on North Avenue while he was attending a wine tasting event with his wife.

"If they lose their license, I would feel vindicated," Hunte said.

The date night proved to be expensive. Not only did Hunte have to pay a \$200 charge to get his car back but he also contends Lincoln cracked the oil pan in his 2007 Volvo, costing him more than \$1,000 in repairs.

A Washington, D.C., native who moved to Chicago for work several years ago, Hunte discovered the damage during a drive the morning after the tow, when an oil warning light flashed on his dashboard. He called his wife and asked her to check the garage for any signs of an oil leak.

"That's when we discover that basically all of the oil that was in my car was on the (floor) of my garage," Hunte said. "My car was not leaking oil before that."

Hunte filed a complaint with the ICC, but he was told to take up the car damage directly with Lincoln, he said. He submitted a claim to the towing firm, but it denied responsibility, and he ended up paying the bill himself.

Relieved that his engine was not damaged, Hunte decided to put the incident — and the ICC complaint — behind him.

"Once we realized that my car was fine, for the sake of our emotions and sanity, we just decided not to pursue anything," he said.



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Lincoln Towing's North Side lot is seen in 2016. The company says it towed 9,470 vehicles in the eight-month period under scrutiny and citations against it are comparatively rare.

Hunte's is just one of dozens of tales of Lincoln's alleged misdeeds.

Rogers Park native Steve Friedrichs, of Minneapolis, had a run-in with the firm that led to one of its 180 citations during the investigation period.

Friedrichs was helping his daughter move into a Wrigleyville apartment in July 2015 when he parked his rental van in a nearby lot for 15 minutes and returned to find it gone. He told the Tribune last year that there was no sign indicating it

was a private lot.

While he paid the \$520 towing charge, Friedrichs also filed a complaint with the ICC, which led the agency to issue Lincoln Towing a citation for improper signage. When he showed up to testify at a hearing in September 2016, the firm offered to refund his towing fee, which he accepted and the citation was dismissed.

In September 2015, two Lincoln employees were charged with felony aggravated battery for allegedly

knocking a worker off a 16-foot ladder and breaking his leg as they towed his truck. The pair pleaded guilty in May.

Lincoln Towing was founded by Ross Cascio and became notorious for its allegedly ruthless tactics.

Cascio was owner of the firm from 1960 to 1981. He died in 1987, but the firm's reputation lives on. Despite the investigation, its track record hasn't improved. Last year, Lincoln was issued 181 citations, the ICC said.

Perl plans to call Lincoln General Manager Robert Munyon to testify next month, and he may also call the firm's current owner, Chris Dennis. After Lincoln rests its case, an ICC administrative law judge will issue a proposed order, which then goes to the five ICC commissioners for a final vote.

Lincoln has recourse to challenge the ICC's final order in circuit court.

If Lincoln does lose its license, there are plenty of other towing services waiting in the wings.

The ICC regulates 56 towing firms in the Chicago area, and Lincoln is not the only one to leave a trail of citations and upset drivers in its wake.

In March 2016, the commission began a similar probe of Bridgeport-based Rendered Services, the state's second-largest relocation towing company, which is scheduled for a status hearing next month.

In launching its investigation of Rendered Services, the ICC noted the firm had been issued 373 citations since 2012. An attorney for the firm said at the time that the citations represented a small fraction of the more than 100,000 vehicles it towed during that four-year period.

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Melamed modernized Chicago trading

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those price fluctuations.

Being a trader was the furthest thing from Melamed's mind in 1952, when he was a student at John Marshall Law School and searching for a part-time job. A friend mentioned an opening at Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Beane. Any title with so many names had to be a law firm, Melamed assumed.

He was quickly dissuaded of that notion upon being hired as a "runner" for the investment house's trading team at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. His job, which paid \$25 per week, was literally running the firm's orders to a trading clerk and back. For many young people, being a runner was the first step toward a trading and finance career.

At the time a membership organization with a few hundred people, the Merc specialized in offering contracts for eggs, butter and other agricultural goods. It used large blackboards to tally up pricing. Some floor traders stood on wooden crates to see the numbers and survey the action.

"I fell in love," Melamed said. "By the time I graduated (from law school), I had a membership in the Merc. I knew I was going to be a trader."

He worked at the Merc half time while also hanging out a shingle to practice law with a partner for six years. His firm handled basic legal fodder including



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The CME Group was formed in 2007 when the Leo Melamed-led Mercantile Exchange and the Board of Trade merged.

divorces, bankruptcies and personal injury cases. It was a nice living, enough to buy that flashy Corvette.

I asked Melamed what compelled him to leave law, where an attorney is trained to limit risk when making agreements, and leap full-time into futures contracts, where fortunes are often won or lost in less than a day. Wasn't he worried?

"Risk was really a part of my being," said Melamed, who links that trait to his family's flight from the Nazis and the Russians during World War II.

Melamed, along with his mother and father, were forced to flee their home in Poland — his mother was beaten by the Gestapo, who had come looking for his father, he recounted. But they outfoxed the Nazis

and the Russians by embarking on a hazardous and daunting escape plan that took two years and spanned three continents. In 1941, the family came to the U.S., eventually arriving in the Chicago area.

For Melamed, the Mercantile Exchange also became his home. By the late 1960s, the membership elected him chairman, and he's been in a leadership role ever since.

Like many Chicago-based institutions, the Mercantile Exchange has endured significant change, including merging in 2007 with its longtime futures rival, the Chicago Board of Trade, to form CME Group.

Melamed, however, will probably be best remembered for his significant, albeit disruptive, crusade to replace the exchange's raucous "open outcry" system with the sterile silence of computer-based trading.

Chances are you've seen video of the open outcry world — a frenzy where hulking and aggressive traders are scattered about a large floor in various "pits." They scream, shove and wildly gesture with myriad hand signals to execute trades. It's a show of testosterone worthy of an NFL locker room, and the din of open outcry could match the crowd noise of a large sporting event.

Merc purists, which for decades included Melamed, saw open outcry as the embodiment of the free market in action.

Yet around 1986, Melamed recognized time and technology were rapidly changing and that computers could make trades at a faster, less expensive and more efficient pace than the people working in the pits. Thus began his nearly 15-year trek to fundamentally change the Merc's trading system.

As you'd expect, this was not a universally popular move with the membership, particularly those who feared the switch would destroy their livelihoods. At one point, Melamed told me, there were death threats that required him to have police protection.

"It was the hardest thing I've ever done in my life," Melamed recalled. "But if we didn't do it, the Merc would have died."

When asked if he felt responsible for the brokers, traders and staffers who did lose their livelihood because of the push into new technology, Melamed responded with an answer that echoed the free market philosophy of his hero and friend Milton Friedman, the famed University of Chicago economist and Nobel Prize winner for economic sciences. (Friedman died in 2006.)

"I don't worry about what it replaces. The world makes the decision ... all you have to do is give the world a choice," Melamed said.

Yet I believe the demise of the 150-year open outcry method is also bittersweet for Melamed.

In a documentary called

"Futures Past" that was directed by his son Jordan, a former trader, Melamed is shown on the trading floor during the last day of open outcry in mid-2015. He walks, talks, laughs and reminisces with longtime comrades-in-arms. One trader says it's the closing of the "House of Leo."

(Throughout the film, the Melamed family cat makes guest appearances.)

"Without Leo, we would not have the modern-day CME," Terry Savage, a local business journalist who is also a veteran member of the exchange's board of directors, told me.

As I mentioned, CME remains an obscurity for many people. The Economist magazine once described it as the "biggest financial exchange you never heard of."

Yet the CME is an international trading force with a market capitalization of \$55 billion. It is a futures and derivatives dynamo handling over 3 billion contracts annually, worth a whopping \$1 quadrillion, according to CME, and employs about 2,700 workers in Chicago and elsewhere.

Melamed was quick to point out during our conversation that fellow board member Jack Sandner, who has been a dominant presence at the exchange for 45 years, has been crucial to the CME's success. In May, retired chairman Sandner is also leaving the CME board.

Both will be company consultants, and neither is departing the CME empty-handed.

For example, Melamed, who retains the title of chairman emeritus, will get \$1.3 million annually for the first two years of retirement and \$300,000 a year afterward, according to a Securities and Exchange Commission filing.

Sandner gets \$1 million for his first two years of retirement, according to the SEC.

As our conversation was wrapping up, I asked Melamed his thoughts about retirement but didn't quite get a direct answer.

Instead, he mentioned he'd continue to trade and advise the CME while working on an assortment of academic and industry linked projects.

He's already written a number of books, including a science fiction tome ("The Tenth Planet"), so maybe another such project is in the wings. He's also a pretty good bridge player.

"I got emails that said, 'You're too young to retire,'" he said.

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Google to expand Chicago workforce

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Google will expand its workforce in Chicago, as part of the company's plan to add thousands of U.S. employees this year, CEO Sundar Pichai said in a blog post Friday.

But it's unclear exactly how many of those new jobs will be in Chicago. Pichai's post, which followed a groundbreaking for a Google data center in Tennessee, said the company plans to invest in new or expanded offices in nine states, including Illinois.

"Having talented people from different places, bringing diverse perspectives and backgrounds to work, is essential to the development of our products," Pichai wrote. "In these locations, there will be jobs for thousands of people in a variety of roles — engineering, operations, sales and more."

A Google spokeswoman declined to comment beyond Pichai's statement. A spokesman for Mayor Rahm Emanuel said the Illinois expansion will happen in Chicago but did not

have other details.

"Google is a global company that has defined the digital age and continues to lead at the cutting edge of the tech economy," Emanuel said in a statement. "The decision to grow in Chicago is a vote of confidence in our city's future and a testament to our position as a thriving hub for talent and innovation."

Mountain View, Calif.-based Google currently has more than 800 workers, mostly in sales, at its Midwest headquarters in Chicago's Fulton Market district. The office is in 1K Fulton, a 10-story former cold storage building at 1000 W. Fulton Market.

It's unclear whether Google's planned expansion would be limited to that building.

Google's expansion plans come as Chicago tries to lead the planned second headquarters of Amazon. The Chicago area is one of 20 locations in contention for Amazon's HQ2, where it plans to hire as many as 50,000 highly paid workers.

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Trump budget: Varied effects on drug prices

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their own money. That's because the budget proposes a change in how Medicare accounts for manufacturer discounts received by patients whose total bills range between \$3,750 and \$8,418. They could wind up paying about \$1,000 more.

A senior Senate Democrat said the Trump plan missed the mark.

"Instead of picking winners and losers and leaving big pharma unscathed, the president should follow through on his promise to lower high drug prices by getting Republicans in Congress to work with Democrats on behalf of Americans who are getting clobbered at the pharmacy counter," Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said in a statement.

Wyden is the ranking Democrat on the Finance

Committee, which oversees Medicare.

"The package reduces costs for some but increases costs for others, and the effect on premiums is not clear," said Tricia Neuman, a Medicare expert with the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation.

Also unclear is how the Trump plan interacts with changes to the Medicare prescription plan enacted by Congress last week.

"While the new proposal caps total out-of-pocket spending, it adds potentially thousands of dollars to what patients will have to spend to get to the cap, relative to what they spend today," said Peter Bach, director of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center's Health Policy and Outcomes.

Bach said he expects many more Medicare beneficiaries would be losers under the plan.

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Alphabet Inc C	1094.80	+59.07
Alphabet Inc A	1095.50	+52.97
Altria Group	65.46	+1.52
Amazon.com Inc	1448.69	+13.66
Amgen	183.55	+11.71
Apple Inc	172.43	+16.49
Bank of America	31.97	+1.64
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Disney	106.53	+3.44
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Exxon Mobil Corp	76.54	+7.6
Facebook Inc	177.36	+1.66
Gen Electric	15.05	+1.10
Home Depot	186.97	+2.85
Intel Corp	45.56	+1.72
IBM	156.18	+6.67
JPMorgan Chase & Co	112.68	+4.66
Johnson & Johnson	133.15	+3.62
MasterCard Inc	175.65	+10.45
McDonalds Corp	157.79	-2.89
Merck & Co	56.29	+1.44
Microsoft Corp	92.00	+4.48
Netflix Inc	278.52	+29.55
Nvidia Corporation	243.84	+12.68
Oracle Corp	50.71	+3.01
PepsiCo	111.06	+2.0
Pfizer Inc	36.26	+2.12
Philip Morris Intl	104.31	+4.47
Procter & Gamble	82.60	+2.70
Royal BK Cda	79.98	+1.37
Source Cap	41.31	+1.17
3M Company	236.67	+12.82
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Verizon Comm	50.15	+3.0
Visa Inc	121.85	+5.74
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Wells Fargo & Co	59.95	+3.85

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Based on Total assets			
FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR
	IN \$	IN \$	%RTN
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American Funds AmrcnBaA m	27.26	+6.0	+12.3
American Funds AmrcnMutA m	41.35	+1.42	+14.7
American Funds BdfAmrcA m	12.61	-0.4	+7.0
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	52.80	+2.46	+22.4
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American Funds EuroPacGrA m	58.02	+2.84	+27.4
American Funds FdmTlnsA m	63.89	+2.74	+20.1
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	52.18	+2.37	+24.3
American Funds InvAmrcA m	23.37	+5.8	+9.9
American Funds InvAmrcA m	41.62	+1.64	+17.8
American Funds NwPrcpvtA m	45.14	+2.15	+26.4
American Funds SmpCpWldA m	57.22	+2.41	+21.7
American Funds TheNewEcoA m	47.63	+2.46	+32.9
American Funds WAMTlnsA m	46.51	+1.66	+18.0
Baird AggregateBdInstl	10.63	-0.2	+1.6
Baird CorPlusBdInstl	10.99	-0.2	+2.1
BlackRock EqDivInstl	23.13	+8.5	+14.8
BlackRock GldAllcInclnstl	20.06	+4.8	+11.1
BlackRock GldAllcInclnvA m	19.94	+4.7	+10.8
BlackRock StrIncOptns	10.00	+0.1	+4.5
DFA EmktCorEq	24.05	+1.05	+27.7
DFA EmMktsVallnstl	32.69	+1.29	+25.6
DFA FvYrGldFlns	10.78	-0.2	+8.0
DFA IntlCorEqns	14.71	+5.2	+22.1
DFA IntlSmpColnstl	21.52	+7.5	+23.2
DFA IntlSmpCpVallns	22.94	+6.6	+18.8
DFA USCorEqInstl	23.26	+9.9	+17.8
DFA USCorEqInstl	21.90	+9.2	+15.7
DFA USLgCpVallnstl	39.63	+1.61	+15.5
DFA USSMCPInstl	35.84	+1.37	+8.6
DFA USSMCPVallnstl	37.62	+1.55	+4.5
Dodge & Cox Bal	108.36	+3.05	+9.8
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.61	+0.1	+2.6
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	47.35	+1.96	+18.1
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Fidelity 500IndexPm	95.74	+4.01	+18.7
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F.H. Paschen Aviation Career Fair F.H. Paschen is hosting an Aviation Career Fair on February 23, 2018 for its Chicago Department of Aviation Passenger Security Checkpoint Expansion Project at Midway International Airport. The Career Fair will be held from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm in the Main Lobby at Daley College located at 7500 S. Pulaski Road, Chicago, Illinois 60652. Join the Construction Industry Service Corporation (CISCO) and representatives from Local 150 Operating Engineers, Local 134 Electricians, and Pipefitters Local 597 to learn more about careers in the trades. The presentation will begin at 10:00 am in room 1205. 773-444-3474

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LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCE CORPORATION
PDPF ICE ARENA LOCKER ROOM
PROJECT # 1618A
LEGAL NOTICE

The Park District of Franklin Park (owner) will receive sealed bids on a Contract for a locker room addition in an existing space in the Ice Arena. Bids shall be on a lump sum basis; segregated Bids will not be accepted.

The Work consists of two new locker rooms at the Ice Arena including demolition, architectural, structural, mechanical, plumbing, and electrical work. Project shall commence on April 10, 2018.

Bids will be received up to the hour of 2:00 p.m., March 1, 2018 at the office of the Owner, 9560 Franklin Avenue, Franklin Park, IL 60131 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the board room. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Bidding Documents, including drawings, specifications and any addenda will be issued electronically and can be obtained by contacting the Architect, Architectural Resource Corporation 708-349-1225.

A non-mandatory, but encouraged, Pre-Bid walk through is scheduled for 3:00 p.m., Friday, February 23, 2018 at the Franklin Park Ice Arena, 9711 Waveland Avenue, Franklin Park, IL.

Bid security in the amount of five percent of the Bid must accompany the Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. The successful Bidder will be required to provide a performance and payment bond in the amount of one hundred percent of the Contract amount in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Bidders may be required to provide a financial statement for review before the Contract award.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a Certificate of Eligibility to Bid certifying that the Bidder is not barred from contracting with a unit of State or local government as a result of a violation of 720 ILCS 5/33-E-3 and 33E-4 as amended or a conviction for bribing or attempting to bribe an officer or employee of the State of Illinois.

The Bidder shall comply with the provisions of the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act, 30 ILCS 570/0.01, et seq.; the Drug Free Workplace Act, 30 ILCS 580/1 et seq.; the Human Rights Act, 775 ILCS 5/1-101, et seq.; the Prevailing Wage Act, 820 ILCS 130/0.01, et seq.; and the Veterans Preference Act, 330 ILCS 55/0.01 et seq., but nothing herein shall require the application of those Acts unless required by state law. The Contractor and all subcontractors shall pay not less than the prevailing rate of wages to all laborers, workers, and mechanics performing work under the contract, as determined by the Illinois Department of Labor or by Owner. The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities, and to reject any or all Bids.

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
(RFQ) # 18-011
DOWNTOWN MAIN STREET "TRIANGLE" DEVELOPMENT

The Village of Orland Park is soliciting responses from developers who, in conjunction with their development team, are capable of developing the Downtown Main Street "Triangle" with one or more high-quality projects.

RFQ responses are due no later than 11:00 AM local time on Monday, March 19, 2018 at the Office of the Village Clerk, 14700 S. Ravinia Ave., Orland Park, Illinois 60462. RFQ responses will be opened and evaluated in private and information will be kept confidential until an award is made. The specifications are on file, available for inspection at the Office of the Village Clerk and online on BidNet Direct.

No RFQ responses shall be withdrawn after the opening of the responses without the consent of the Village for a period of ninety (90) days after the scheduled submittal deadline.

The President and Board of Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all proposals or parts thereof and to waive any informalities, technicalities and irregularities in proposing and to disregard all non-conforming, conditional or counter proposals.

The successful developer shall be required to comply with the provisions of all State of Illinois and federal laws as well as the State of Illinois Human Rights Act and the regulations of the Illinois Human Rights Commission.

By order of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Orland Park, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois:
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK, ILLINOIS

BY: JOHN C. MEHALEK
VILLAGE CLERK

LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE CLOSING OF MEDICAL PRACTICE SITE

The Chicago practice site of Dr. Susan Braithwaite for the practice known as Endocrinology Consults and Care SC will close for patient appointments after 03/23/2018. Record release forms are available upon written request if addressed by US mail to: Endocrinology Consults and Care, 3048 West Peterson, Chicago, IL 60659. After 03/23/2018 no medical services may be provided through this medical practice by Dr. Braithwaite at this site.

NOTICE TO DISADVANTAGED BUSINESSES

Williams Brothers Construction Inc., P.O. Box 1366, Peoria, IL 61654, (309) 688-0416, is seeking disadvantaged businesses capable of performing work for the FLAGG CREEK WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT, JOHN MCELWAIN WATER RECLAMATION PLANT, PHOSPHORUS REMOVAL AND EXCESS FLOW IMPROVEMENTS, VILLAGE OF BURR RIDGE, ILLINOIS, CONTRACT NO. 2017-03 in the following areas: Demolition, Concrete Work, Rebar Fabrication / Erection, Masonry, Steel Fabrication / Erection, Doors / Frames / Hardware, Glazing, Painting, Mechanical, Electrical, Excavation, Helical Piles, Site Concrete, Landscape, Utilities, Etc. All interested Disadvantaged Business Enterprises should contact, IN WRITING, Certified letter, return receipt requested, David M. Williams, to discuss the subcontracting opportunities. All negotiations must be completed prior to the bid opening date of March 23, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. CST. A true and correct copy of your current certification as a disadvantaged business enterprise must accompany any written proposal or quotation that you furnish. Award of a subcontract will be based on consideration of the following criteria: (a) responsiveness of the proposal or quotation; (b) work history demonstrating capability to perform the work; (c) price; (d) responsibility of bidder in terms of integrity, reliability and capacity to perform such as would assure good faith, timely and safe performance and completion of the work and adherence to applicable state and federal laws and regulations. Consideration will also be given to a bidder's prequalification status, if any, with Illinois governmental bodies.

NOTICE OF "REVERTER PROVISION" HEARING FOR THE SALE OF 1430 S. ASHLAND AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, pursuant to the Illinois Medical District Act (70 ILCS 915.01 et seq.), on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 2:15 p.m., a "Reverter Provision" hearing will be held by the Illinois Medical District Commission ("Commission") at 2100 West Harrison Street, Chicago, Illinois 60612-3706 in Room 106. The hearing will be held for the purpose of obtaining testimony and reviewing documentation in connection with the request by Benderson Realty Development, Inc. to waive a reverter provision required under 70 ILCS 915/6 in the conveyance documents related to the sale of the property with a common address of 1430 S. Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing.
Dated: February 15, 2018

NOTICE TO DISADVANTAGED BUSINESSES:

James McHugh Construction Co., 1737 S Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60616, 312-986-8000, is seeking qualified disadvantaged businesses for construction services for the METRA Rock Island District 47th Street Yard in Chicago, IL, IFB No. 232. Subcontracting opportunities available for new construction, additions and renovations of four buildings and the associated sitework. Specific trades/scopes and division contacts can be found on our website at http://www.mchughconstruction.com/work-with-us/bid-opportunities/. The project has a DBE project specific goal of 25%. For more information, submit your request to Brenda Stivers at bstivers@mchughconstruction.com. Information and instructions to access the documents will be emailed or faxed to you. All proposals must be submitted prior to 5:00 pm on Wednesday, February 28, 2018.

NOTICE TO DISADVANTAGES BUSINESSES

Dimeo Bros., Inc, 720 Richard Lane, Elk Grove, IL 60007, phone 847-640-2240, is seeking disadvantaged businesses for the CLCJAWA West Group Water System Expansion Bid Package No. 2 Project for subcontracting opportunities in the following areas: Landscaping, Trucking, Concrete, Paving, Traffic Control, Pavement Markings, and Laboring in the Chicago Land Area. All disadvantaged businesses should contact, IN WRITING, certified letter, return receipt requested to John Dimeo, to discuss the subcontracting opportunities. All negotiations must be completed prior to the bid opening date March 7, 2018 @ 10:00AM

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JOBS SECTION

CAREER ADVICE

Questions you should ask yourself if serious about being own boss

Not everyone is cut out to be their own boss for real. Before you quit and commit to the ideal of the boss-free lifestyle, let's look at some of the questions you should ask yourself if you're serious about making this work.

Does your personality mesh with the freelance life? Remember that once you embark on your new career as a business owner or freelance professional, it's going to be just you taking care of everything. That means your own personality is going to play a large part in whether this is truly the right choice for your career. If the answer to any of these questions is "yes" or "kinda," then you might want to reconsider making the jump right now.

- Do I need a lot of guidance in setting my own tasks—and finishing them?
- Do I need a lot of input from others before I can get started on a project?
- Do I give up quickly if a task is difficult?
- Am I hesitant to ask other people for things?
- Do I panic when things go wrong?
- Do I have trouble prioritizing projects or tasks without input?

If the answer is "yes" to all or most of these questions, there's no shame in that. And it's not a dealbreaker. It just means you're likely not ready (yet). These are all things you can work on overcoming, if your goal is to be more independent and take-charge in your work life. But when you become your own boss, you already need to have a pretty self-directed working style.

Where do you get your validation? After your personality, it's time to consider what makes you feel valued, and what motivates you, professionally. Ask yourself the following questions:

- Am I driven by my own sense of ambition or self-satisfaction?
 - Do I need positive reinforcement from others to feel like I've done a good job?
- Again, needing an external source for these things isn't a personality flaw. But if you are

someone who takes validation and feelings of success from how others see you, then you might not find the boss role very rewarding or fulfilling. Being honest about what drives you is the key element here.

What's your social style? If you're going freelance, there's a good chance that at first it'll be just you in your home office, or whatever space you've set aside for your new work life. And I can assure you that while pets are great, they're not really helpful when you need to bounce ideas or chat about last night's awards show. Here's what you need to ponder:

- Am I prepared to chug along solo for long periods of time, with no coworker chat breaks or face-to-face interactions to break up the work day?
- Am I okay with most work communication happening via email or phone?
- Do I need a lot of feedback from others throughout the day?
- Do I feel lonely if I don't have much interaction with others during the day?

And if you're the boss, it can also mean having to shut down distractions around you as well, if your new work environment has disruptions like family members, loud noises, etc. Being the boss means you'll likely have to both embrace and enforce the solitude factor as necessary to get things done.

Are you prepared for a boss-level workload? The main difference between being the boss and acting like a boss is the workload. You can fake-it-till-you-make-it on a lot of things, like confidence. But the work you do is going to be challenging when you're doing it on your own.

- Am I ready for long hours, or potentially working on weekends or holidays?
- Am I prepared to be a jack-of-all-trades if necessary, or do I prefer to stay in my lane?
- Am I prepared for the frustrations that can come with being in charge?
- Do I feel comfortable managing others?

— Sheryl Posnick, *The Job Network*

CAREER ADVICE

What to do when you hate your job — but can't quit

Here's a tricky situation that may sound familiar — you have a job that you're not exactly in love with (okay, you hate it), but for one reason or another you can't quit. The reasons for feeling as if you're stuck there can vary wildly — perhaps it's tied to money, or you feel as if this position is an important step on your career ladder, or maybe you just love the snacks in the break room too much.

Whatever your reasoning is for feeling as if you can't leave a job you despise, the effects of this situation can be significant. According to an article published by Forbes, on top of the increased levels of unhappiness you'll experience from going to work every day, hating your job can lead to unwanted weight gain; a compromised immunity and greater risk of physical and mental illness; higher levels of stress, fatigue, and irritability; and lost sleep — not a good recipe for professional fulfillment and success!

If you're feeling as if you're stuck working at in a job you hate, don't despair! There are some strategies you can take advantage of to make your situation a little more tolerable. Psychology Today recently published an article on things you can do if you find yourself in this tight spot. **Consider the following tips to make your current work life more bearable.**

See the light at the end of the tunnel. Ever hear the phrase "nothing lasts forever"? This holds true for jobs too. Although you may feel stuck in a difficult job now, try to imagine a work scenario beyond your current one in which you're happy, fulfilled, and truly satisfied professionally. You can even start some initial planning to bring you closer to this future, like updating your

resume and visiting job sites to see what's available in your industry. Sometimes, a few mental leaps like these can really help take the edge off of a tough work reality.

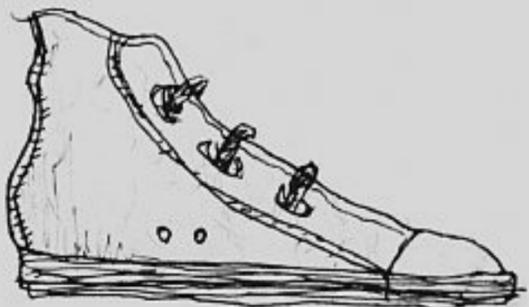
Learn what you can. Never stop obtaining new info and skills. Even in awful jobs there may be the possibility of building your knowledge, experience, and skillset — which will help set you up nicely for future job opportunities. Although you don't love your current job, make sure you take what you can from it and set yourself up to become better equipped professionally on the other side of this unhappy experience.

Grow your network. Even in the worst jobs there are often colleagues that you get along well with and opportunities to meet others in your field. Take full advantage of this possibility when you can and build your professional network — which can help make your current job a little better while also setting you up for a much easier job hunt in the future, when the time comes.

Focus on the positives. Sure, if there are things about your job that you really don't like then chances are it will have a negative effect on you for as long as you're there. But if you have to be there longer than you'd like, then try focusing a bit more on the positives, no matter how small. Maybe you really like some of your coworkers, or your desk is near a window with a nice view, or your commute is easy, or you get to leave right at 5 p.m. every day — whatever the case may be, do your best to come up with a list of things that you actually do like about your current work situation and try focusing on those.

— Eric Titner, *The Job Network*

You're certainly not alone if you don't love going to work every day. They key is never to wallow and not to let your current situation derail your entire life. Make the best of a bad gig and focus on a happier job future that's certainly to come down the line.



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IT'S TIME TO STOP OVERTHINKING YOUR JOB SEARCH

When you're hungry, you always have options. You can break out Julia Child's "Mastering the Art of French Cooking" and try whipping up some boeuf bourguignon or you can make a quick grilled cheese sandwich. While the former may appeal to your refined taste buds, the latter might be just as satisfying, and a lot easier to make. That's the state of the job search today. While technology is great, job seekers are often convinced that they'll need to take a series of intricate steps to find the right position, continually updating their network, constantly tweaking their resumes and always looking for the next big thing. Turns out the process may be simpler than that.

"We're getting to the point where we've begun overthinking the obvious," says Janet Rounder, a Miami-based career coach and former HR specialist for AT&T. "Don't misunderstand me — things like LinkedIn and digital resumes are now the norm — but that doesn't mean that everything in your job search has to be cutting-edge. You're looking for a job, not trying to get to Mars."

Rounder believes that the resume is still the foundation of any job search. "If you want to spend time or money on one aspect of your toolbox that can help you get a job, it should be the resume," she says. "And when we talk about obvious mistakes, the resume is usually the best example."

If you've been in a certain industry for a while, Rounder suggests that you stop bending to every trend and trust your instincts. "Put yourself in the HR person's position or the manager's position and list exactly what you'd want to see in a resume," Rounder says. "Keywords are important but so are the little, overlooked things that would appeal to a future employer."

Rounder says resumes from developers and programmers usually provide the best examples of incomplete summaries of experience. "You can list every program you use, every app you've created, and that might appeal to the tech person in the hiring circle, but what about the project manager who needs to put together a strong team? That's the person you need to address," says Rounder. "You did well at your previous jobs because you worked well with others and didn't shy away from interacting with peers in other departments. Obvious, right? But is that on your resume? If you think about your job and what makes you successful, you'll find the missing pieces."

Talk to people

Get beyond the usual chit-chat with your friends and family and mention that you're looking for a new job. If they don't know, they can't help.

"I looked for a job for six months in marketing, and I had three friends who worked at huge companies, and I never asked them for help," says Chicagoan Frank Santos. "A bunch of us were out to dinner one night, and the wife of one of my friends said something like, 'Is there anything at Allstate?' to her husband, who I've known for about 30 years. And he says 'I don't know. I'll check.'"

And just like that, Santos realized he'd been missing the obvious all along. "I don't think I let people know how serious I was about finding a new job so they didn't think it was important to me," he says. "There wasn't a job for me at Allstate but everyone at that table sent me their company's job listings on Monday morning, including the name of the person I should contact for the job."

Rounder says it's important to have these conversations in person. "The 'Hey, I need a job' email isn't exactly an invitation to help. There's no story, no opportunity for empathy," she says. "Besides, when someone says something to you in person, there's a personal connection. That sticks with someone much more than an email."

Get out of the shadows

There's probably a 100 percent chance that the person who might bring you in for an interview will enter your name into Google to try to get a glimpse into who you are. "Put up a website, even if it's just your resume and a small bio," says Jack Saunders, an executive coach in San Jose, California. "When you talk about obvious, there's nothing more obvious than the internet. Like it or not, that's where we all exist in some form or another."

Saunders suggests using an online template. "You could secure a URL and put up a small site for \$50 a year, probably less," he says. "That's a pretty small investment if you're looking for a job. You don't need a huge portfolio site or a bunch of animated doo-dads that show everyone what you've done. You just need a professional presence."

And remember, "If you're looking for a job and you're not on LinkedIn, you might as well be living in a hole in the center of the earth," Rounder says.

— Marco Buscaglia, Tribune Content Agency

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LOYOLA BASKETBALL TRINITY

The father figure

Coach **Porter Moser's** message is spelled out on the 'Wall'

In the middle of the Loyola basketball locker room, Aher Uguak sat quietly dressing for practice until his coach put the player on the spot.

"Shadow," Porter Moser shouted to Uguak, a transfer from New Mexico sitting out this season. "What does that mean, Aher?"

Uguak stood up, all 6 feet 7 of him, to demonstrate. First, he located the writing on Loyola's "Wall of Culture," a collection of individually painted basketball words and phrases in capital letters that serve as daily subliminal reminders, like personal Post-it notes players take pride in memorizing. **SHADOW.**

"Shadow means when the offensive player is dribbling up against a main defender guarding



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

him, and a help defender is shadowing him to make sure he doesn't get to the middle or open lane," Uguak announced, looking to Moser for approval.

Moser nodded as he elaborated, surveying the room for his next contestant. Enter junior guard Clayton Custer, a legitimate Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year

candidate for the 22-5 Ramblers, the state of Illinois' best hope for an NCAA tournament team. For Custer, who embodies everything right about Loyola basketball and averages 14.5 points per game, they are buzzwords to live by plastered all over the wall that talks.

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THREE IMAGES

Center: Porter Moser points to a wall in Loyola's locker room that is meant to remind his players of the important fundamentals.

Left: Players join Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt for a customary pregame prayer Wednesday at the Gentile Center.

Right: Senior Donte Ingram, who is averaging 11.5 points, goes up for a shot during an 80-71 victory over Valparaiso on Wednesday.

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BY LOU FOGLIA (MOSER) AND
NUCCIO DINUZZO (SCHMIDT, INGRAM)



The nun

Sister **Jean Dolores Schmidt** offers comfort, prayer — and a competitive edge — for Loyola athletes

BY SHANNON RYAN | Chicago Tribune

Twenty minutes before tipoff in a tunnel leading to the Gentile Arena basketball court, towering Loyola players formed a circle around a 98-year-old nun as she quietly prayed.

Music thumped, fans screamed and cheerleaders shook pompoms on the court in anticipation of Wednesday night's game against Valparaiso.

But in the tunnel Sister Jean Dolores

Schmidt spoke softly, holding hands with players on each side of her wheelchair.

"Dear gracious God," she started. She asked for players to remain uninjured and that they play to their potential. As it has before nearly every Loyola home game for decades, her pregame blessing morphed into advice a coach would give.

Turn to **Loyola, Page 10**

And holy smokes

(**The Ramblers** are tracking for their first NCAA tournament bid in 33 years)

BIG NUMBER

50 Loyola's RPI entering Saturday. The Ramblers (22-5, 12-3 Missouri Valley) are in first place, 1½ games ahead of Southern Illinois (11-5 in the MVC).

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He's a redeemer: U.S. figure skater Nathan Chen settles for making history by landing five clean quads. Plus: Tracking local Olympians, medal standings and Bernie Lincincome. Coverage begins on the **Back Page**

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OPENING SHOT Steve Rosenbloom

Anthony Rizzo, your table is ready. More Rosenbloom, **Page 2**



TOP OF THE SECOND



STEVE ROSENBLIOM

Hawks season a 3-star disaster

Landing on Snark Place:

The Bulls, who have spent the season trying to tank, entered the All-Star break trailing seven teams for the league's worst record.

The Blackhawks, who have spent the season trying to play for the Stanley Cup, entered the weekend trailing seven teams for the league's worst record.

Oops, eh? And so, we have reached the point in this death spiral of a Hawks season in which it's time to make the Three Star selections for those most responsible for this, well, death spiral of a season:

■ 1. The Niklas Hjalmarsson trade: The Hawks' best defensive defenseman — the guy who absorbs the most punishment a shot-blocker could imagine while shutting down top lines — was dealt for a guy who piled up healthy scratches.

■ 2. Marian Hossa's gunk disease: He carried the Hawks early last season, he would play 300 feet if the rink were that big and he would be great at that, too, and he will be the most underrated Hall of Famer the way he has been the most underrated superstar most of his career.

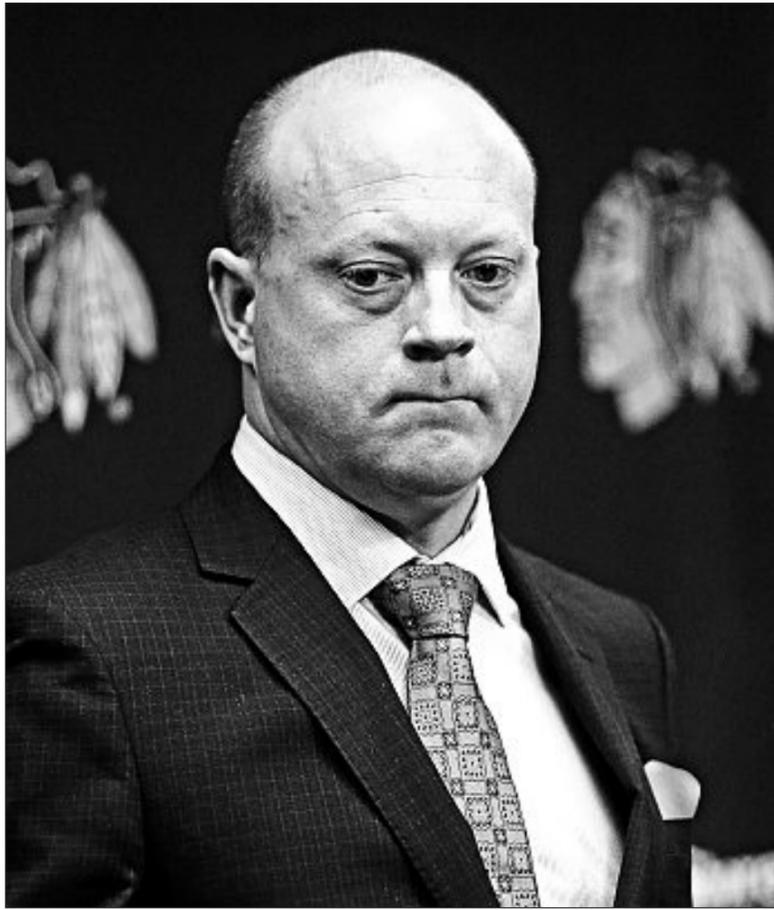
■ 3. The Artemi Panarin trade: Patrick Kane won the Ross Trophy as the points leader and the Hart Trophy as the MVP with Panarin on his line. Kane has been worse without him, and it's hard to tell whether Brandon Saad came back to make Jonathan Toews bad or vice versa, but it's the case.

And here to accept the award on behalf of the guilty, Hawks GM Stan Bowman.

Wait, we need a Four Star selection to include Corey Crawford's foggy head, which could have been mitigated if the other guy in the Panarin trade was starting caliber.

Stevie Sunshine's Weekly Power Rankings:

- 1. Luscious
- 2. Thick-cut maple-black pepper bacon with a side of regular Applewood smoked bacon.
- 3. Anthony Rizzo.
- 4. San Cristobal Elegancia churchills.
- 5. Adam Rippon.
- 6. Tara and Johnny.
- 7. Pinot noir.
- 8. Tuscany's Pollo Montecarlo.
- 9. Duncan Keith's annual goal.
- 10. Chocolate-covered strawberries.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Stan Bowman has that "lost" look. His Blackhawks have had the look almost all season.

Just guessing Brian Urlacher eliminated Phil Emery from his list of possible Hall of Fame presenters.

Although, when you play it out, Emery's handling of the situation landed Urlacher in this year's class because it hastened retirement to start the clock.

Cubs manager Joe Maddon's theme for 2018 is to "put the art back into the game" because, yeah, Van Gogh had a terrific watercolors above replacement.

Shaun White settled a sexual harassment lawsuit and was unprepared to answer questions about it after winning an Olympic medal. Dude, you and your handlers — the U.S. Olympic committee, the snowboarding association, everybody — really ought to put the bong down for a minute.

Tweet from Lions guard T.J. Lang: "Someone fill me in on this sorcery where figure skates don't get dizzy."

What's up, Cristobal Huet?

THE LINEUP

He won't back down



LeBron James says he will not stick to sports.

The Cavaliers superstar reiterated his determination to speak out on social issues and the nation's political climate Saturday during his media availability for the NBA All-Star Game in Los Angeles.

"I will not just shut up and dribble," James said. "I get to sit up here and talk about what's really important."

James spoke publicly after Fox News host Laura Ingraham last week criticized the three-time NBA champion for his recent comments about social issues.

"We will definitely not shut up and dribble," James said. "I will definitely not do that. I mean too much to society. I mean too much to the youth. I mean too much to so many kids that feel like they don't have a way out and they need someone to help lead them out of the situation they're in."

James made the initial public comments during a recent video segment on Uninterrupted, a platform he co-founded. James and Kevin Durant were critical of President Donald Trump and the nation's racial climate. **AP**

Feeling the LA love



A few minutes after **Paul George** sat down at NBA All-Star media day, a robust chant of "We want Paul!" broke out among the fans sitting in bleachers.

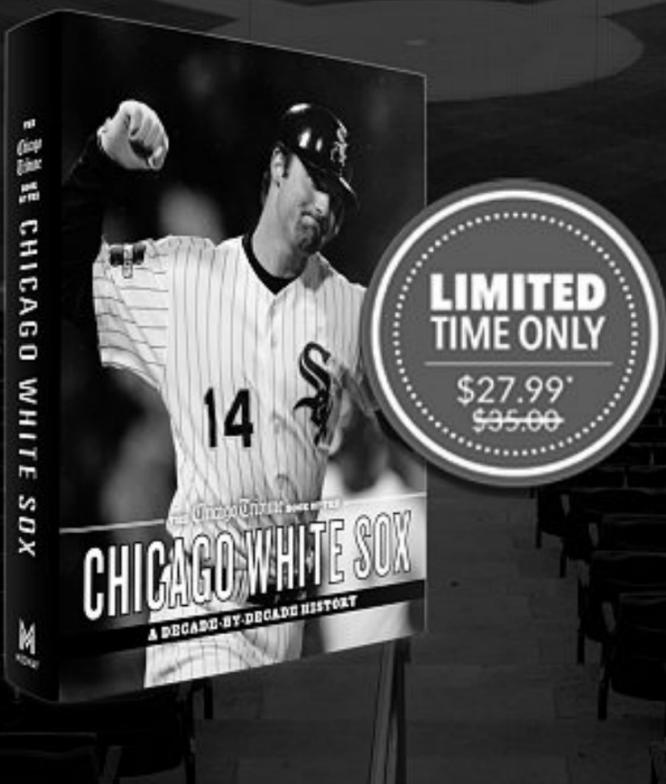
"It makes you feel great," the Thunder All-Star said. "I felt the energy. I know where the love is."

George grew up in Palmdale, Calif., about 65 miles from the Staples Center, where the All-Star Game will be played Sunday. Fans, of course, want George — who will be a free agent after the season — to join the Lakers. Asked if he knows what he's going to do this summer, he said: "I don't. I know what I feel is best but it's a long way until the end of the season." **AP**

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NBA ALL-STAR BREAK

Five not-so-easy pieces

The Bulls have 25 games left to see if Dunn-Markkanen-LaVine era will turn into a winning combination



K.C. JOHNSON
On the Bulls

Unless the Bulls go 1-24 down the stretch, they're going to make the over on the Las Vegas odds for victories.

Several prominent sports books placed the Bulls' over/under at 21½, projected to be the league's worst team.

The Bulls are on pace for 28.8 victories. But they're also on pace to play Cameron Payne and Cristiano Felicio, so, you know, it may be time to slow their roll.

Even without the traded Nikola Mirotic, the Bulls aren't the league's worst team. One hot night from Zach LaVine, Kris Dunn or Lauri Markkanen can show that.

But with the youth movement that's coming, and likely reduced roles for Robin Lopez and Justin Holiday, victories will be harder to achieve. In lieu of those, here's what to look for in the remaining 25 games:

Core chemistry

LaVine, Dunn and Markkanen have played just four games together. In all four, one of them — LaVine three times and Dunn once — has been on a 20-minute limit.

LaVine, who has played 14 games in his return from left ACL rehab, is off that. Dunn, who missed 11 games after a concussion, said he expects to be after the All-Star break.

Beyond the fact these three players represent the Bulls' future, they need to learn each other's strengths and weaknesses, particularly since Dunn is in a different, more prominent role than when he played with LaVine for the Timberwolves. To wit: They only shared the court for 531 minutes last season.

"We definitely have to try to find the chemistry," Dunn said. "When you find a nice groove and everyone knows each other, things are a lot easier. It's going to take some time. Zach and I both like to attack the basket (and) Lauri creates space with his ability to shoot. It's going to be fun."

Growing Paynes

Ready or not, Payne, Felicio, Paul Zipser and Noah Vonleh are going to play. Of these, the most intriguing are Payne and Vonleh.

Zipser has shot the ball from 3-point range since re-entering the rotation after the Mirotic trade but is pretty established as a back-of-the-rotation possibility befitting his second-round status. After signing a four-year, \$32 million deal in free agency, Felicio has regressed.

But Payne hasn't played yet this season after September foot surgery, and the Bulls are hoping a fresh start in an offensive system more tailored to his skill set could unlock some of his potential. Payne's 11-game stint last season was disastrous. In a comment that raised eyebrows last spring, Hoiberg said Payne had success imitating Isaiah Thomas on the scout team in playoff practice prep.

When the Thunder used the final lottery pick on him in 2015, Payne's ability to penetrate and play downhill were cited. But his chances are running out.

Vonleh, the former ninth overall pick of the Hornets, started two playoff games for the Trail Blazers last season. He has displayed decent rebounding prowess in his first three seasons.



Lauri Markkanen finished runner-up to the Nets' Spencer Dinwiddie in the Skills Challenge.

Markkanen second in Skills Challenge

By K.C. JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

Lauri Markkanen said he practiced this week in advance of his appearance in Saturday's Skills Challenge at All-Star weekend in Los Angeles.

It showed. Capping an eventful weekend, Markkanen finished second to former Bulls guard Spencer Dinwiddie of the Nets in the final.

"It was so much fun going against those guys," Markkanen told reporters in Los Angeles.

Markkanen knocked off fellow big men Andre Drummond of the Pistons and Joel Embiid of the 76ers in the first two rounds to face Dinwiddie, who beat Buddy Hield of the Kings and Jamal Murray of the Nuggets.

The course calls for players to dribble through cones and complete a chest pass through a small circle before dribbling the length of the court to make a layup and back down the court for a 3-pointer.

In both his victories, Markkanen sank his 3-pointer on his first attempt. He never even attempted a 3-pointer in the final against Dinwiddie, who completed his chest pass on his first attempt and opened a huge lead.

Markkanen was trying to become the second Bulls rookie to win the event. Derrick Rose prevailed in 2009 in Phoenix.

■ Devin Booker of the Suns won the 3-Point Contest with a record 28 points in the final round. Donovan Mitchell of the Jazz edged Larry Nance Jr. in the Slam Dunk Contest final.

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Closing time

Similar to the core chemistry that needs to be developed, closing roles need to be as well. Before LaVine, Dunn made great strides in that department during his strong December. Hoiberg has cited Dunn as the team's main closer.

But LaVine, by past performance and pedigree as the centerpiece of the Jimmy Butler trade, will be in line to command a huge payday this summer. Typically, such status lends itself to last-shot responsibilities.

And then there's Markkanen, who has displayed both skill and a short memory, unfazed by failure and able to produce in big moments.

"I'm really looking forward to that dynamic with Kris, Zach, Lauri and whoever we decide to have out there with them and how that whole thing works and who'll be the guy who emerges as the go-to player late in games," Hoiberg said. "It can absolutely be by committee and by who has the hot hand."

That's what Dunn thinks too. And the Bulls have been an unselfish bunch all season.

"Anybody can be the closer at any given time," Dunn said. "Whoever has it rolling, the coach is going to call the play for him and try to execute."

Bombs away

Don't look now, but the Bulls are just 24 3-pointers made away from tying the franchise record set in Hoiberg's first season in 2015-16. This season's team already has attempted 10 more 3s than that season with 25 games remaining.

It's a welcome sign that the Bulls finally are putting Hoiberg's offensive vision to work with a roster built on pace-and-space and in doing so are joining the way today's game is played. The Bulls entered the All-Star break seventh in 3-point attempts per game at 30.9 and tied for ninth in made 3-pointers per game at 11.

Follow the leader

Lopez and Holiday have been rocks, professionalism personified. But if the rebuild returns the Bulls to championship contention, eventually LaVine, Dunn and Markkanen have to assert themselves in the leadership department.

That's why it's good to hear one of Dunn's goals for the stretch run.

"Be a better leader," he said. "The first half, I kind of stepped back because we had so many veterans — RoLo, Justin — to be the leader. I was just doing that with action. But now I'm going to start trying to be more of a vocal leader to carry on to the summer and the next season."

While this season has been a success in terms of getting LaVine a half-season of play after left ACL rehab and the development of Dunn, Markkanen and Bobby Portis, it may not bear fruit in terms of ping-pong balls. The May draft lottery will bring greater clarity to next season, but these final 25 games will play a role in setting the tone. Just don't expect the Bulls to go 1-24.

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From left: Kris Dunn, Lauri Markkanen and Zach LaVine are the cornerstones of the Bulls' rebuilding project.

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Format, matchups add intrigue to All-Star Game

BY DAN WOIKE
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — The first miss of the 2018 All-Star Game happened long before any of the players took the court for 48 minutes of long-range shooting, high-flying dunks and mimed "defense."

Sunday at the Staples Center, the NBA will unveil a change of format to the game, pitting two teams drafted by the leading vote-getters in each conference — the Warriors' Stephen

Curry and Cavaliers' LeBron James — against one another.

It's a fun twist to a game that critics decry as too much of an exhibition.

The NBA and the players fired up a brick, though, by failing to televise the draft, instead holding it in secret because of a combination of factors. They didn't want the last pick to be embarrassed.

The change in format does help create the possibility of memorable moments, including:

Durant vs. the Warriors: One of the key intents of moving away from the traditional East-vs.-West concept had to have been situations exactly like this — Kevin Durant on one team with Curry, Draymond Green and Klay Thompson on the other. It's almost like it's 2016 again.

That's when Durant's Thunder lost to the Warriors in the Western Conference finals, starting a chain of events that led to Durant joining the best team in the NBA.

Beard and the Buck: One of the best parts of the current NBA product is the variety in the styles of the game's stars. On Team Curry, two of the most unorthodox players in the NBA — James Harden and Giannis Antetokounmpo — team up.

Harden uses some of the NBA's best footwork to create space and some of the league's strongest hands to draw fouls. Antetokounmpo owns the NBA's best combination of skill, size, strength and potential.

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Twin towers: There was a time when some old-school NBA pundits lamented the lack of centers.

Team Curry will have two centers who are among the most exciting young players: the Timberwolves' Karl-Anthony Towns and 76ers' Joel Embiid. Both are supremely talented with skills well beyond traditional centers.

MVP fight: The NBA MVP race between Russell Westbrook and Harden was riveting for essentially the entire 2016-17 season. Westbrook pulled away and won it, and Sunday the two native Angelenos battle again.

Thanks to the draft, the two aren't teammates — they'll go up against one another with Westbrook on Team LeBron and Harden on Team Stephen.

Harden leads the league in scoring at 31.3 points per game. Westbrook is eighth at 25.4.

BLACKHAWKS 7, CAPITALS 1

BLACKHAWKS NOTES

Four fans ejected for racial taunting

BY PAUL SKRBINA | Chicago Tribune

Four fans were ejected from the United Center during Saturday night's game for directing racist comments at the Capitals' **Devante Smith-Pelly** while he was in the penalty box.

According to the Washington Post, citing a Capitals spokesman, fans next to the penalty box chanted "basketball, basketball, basketball" to Smith-Pelly, who is black, while he was in the box.

"I think it's disgusting. There's no place for it," Capitals coach **Barry Trotz** said. "The athletes in our country don't deserve that. It just shows ignorance."

After the game, the Hawks released a statement about the ejections.

"We were made aware of an incident at tonight's game involving a small group of attendees who made harmful comments directed at Washington Capitals player Devante Smith-Pelly," the statement read. "The fans were immediately removed and we apologize to Smith-Pelly and the Washington Capitals organization. We are committed to providing an inclusive environment for everyone who attends our games and these actions will never be tolerated."

No showcase: An argument could be made that **Tommy Wingels** and **Lance Bouma** both deserved their recent promotions to the Blackhawks' top two lines, if for no other reason than the impending unrestricted free agents have played hard during the team's struggles.

An argument also could be made that the Hawks are trying to showcase two of their more tradable players, neither of whom is traditionally a top-six forward, ahead of the Feb. 26 deadline.

Coach **Joel Quenneville** said he hasn't had any conversations about the latter scenario with general manager **Stan Bowman**.

"No, we have not," Quenneville said Saturday before his team faced the Capitals at the United Center. "Every organization has a different timeline, but right now we haven't had that discussion. We're trying to win games."

Quenneville conceded, for the second straight day, that the reality of missing the playoffs for the first time in 10 seasons has begun to settle in.

"The pressure shouldn't be worrying that (a) playoff spot is on the line tonight, like it was the first 45 games or so," Quenneville said. "But you have to play your game. ... You have to have a purpose and play with some ... passion."

Wingels, who was dealt from the Sharks to the Senators midseason last year, replied with a simple "No" when asked whether the trade deadline was on his mind.

Plenty of solid prospects on defense to keep eye on

BY PAUL SKRBINA | Chicago Tribune



The Blackhawks' odds of having the No. 1 pick in the draft lottery were 6.7 percent as of Saturday — more than 11 times greater than their odds of making the playoffs for the 10th straight season (0.6 percent).

Entering their night game against the Capitals, the Hawks had lost eight in a row and earned just one point during that span. They had scored two goals or fewer in 13 of their last 16 games and were 12 points and four teams out of the second wild-card spot in the Western Conference.

So what better time to look ahead to the NHL draft?

There is an abundance of defenseman prospects, a position at which the Hawks could use help. The team has drafted 36 defensemen since 2006, but only four have played more than 10 NHL games.

Yes, the Hawks have many needs. Yes, defensemen typically take longer to reach the NHL. But here are a few who might be able to help the Hawks in the years to come.

WITH 2017-18 ALL BUT DONE, SOME 17- AND 18-YEAR-OLD DEFENSEMEN TO KEEP AN EYE ON

17 Rasmus Dahlin: The 6-foot-2, 181-pounder seems like a pipe dream, but he is pretty much the consensus No. 1 pick. Should the Hawks win the lottery, Dahlin would fulfill a desperate need. He has offensive skills too with six goals and 11 assists for Frolunda HC of the Swedish Hockey League.

18 Quinn Hughes: The 5-foot-9, 168-pound freshman at Michigan has speed and skills that make teams drool. He has three goals and 16 assists in 28 games this season.

17 Adam Boqvist: The 5-foot-11, 170-pounder has the makings of a potential superstar of the future, complete with skills on the offensive end.

18 Ty Smith: The 5-foot-11, 176-pound two-way player was the first pick in the 2015 WHL draft.

18 Evan Bouchard: He is 6-foot-2, 181 pounds, can handle the puck and is good on the power play. He has 20 goals and 50 assists for the London Knights of the OHL this season.

Others to watch: Noah Dobson, Ryan Merkley, Bode Wilde



Blackhawks left wing Brandon Saad celebrates after scoring in the first period Saturday night against the Capitals.

Floodgates open

Goal-starved Hawks score 6 in 1st 2 period, put end to 8-game slide

BY PAUL SKRBINA | Chicago Tribune

PAUL SKRBINA'S THREE STARS

- Jonathan Toews, Blackhawks:** Goal, two assists for first three-point game since Nov. 25.
- Patrick Kane, Blackhawks:** Second goal in 13 games; also recorded 500th career assist.
- Vinnie Hinostroza, Blackhawks:** Two assists.

Up next: Vs. Kings, 7:30 p.m. Monday; WGN-9, WGN-AM 720.

THE SUMMARY

Washington	1	0	0-1
BLACKHAWKS	3	3	1-7

FIRST PERIOD: 1. BLACKHAWKS, Toews 16 (Saad), 6:19. **2. Washington,** Wilson 10 (Niskanen), 10:03. **3. BLACKHAWKS,** Saad 15 (Hinostroza, Toews), 12:47. **4. BLACKHAWKS,** Schmaltz 16 (Seabrook, Dahlstrom), 19:58. **Penalties:** Saad, HAWKS, (hooking), 14:13.

SECOND PERIOD: 5. BLACKHAWKS, Kane 22 (Toews), 16:22. **6. BLACKHAWKS,** Hartman 8 (Kempry), 17:32. **7. BLACKHAWKS,** Anisimov 15 (Hinostroza, Kane), 18:29 (pp). **Penalties:** Beagle, WSH, (tripping), 5:49; Hinostroza, HAWKS, (tripping), 7:53; Ovechkin, WSH, (slashing), 8:37; Djoo, WSH, (delay of game), 17:41.

THIRD PERIOD: 8. BLACKHAWKS, DeBrincat 22 (Sharp, Hartman), 8:22. **Penalties:** Smith-Pelly, WSH, Major (fighting), 8:36; Murphy, HAWKS, Major (fighting), 8:36; Ovechkin, WSH, (slashing), 10:02; Hartman, HAWKS, (roughing), 16:04; Wilson, WSH, Misconduct (misconduct), 16:04; Wilson, WSH, served by Chasson, (roughing), 16:04.

Washington	6	6	8-20	0-2
BLACKHAWKS	21	12	11-44	1-4

Goalies: Washington, Holby 28-10-4 (33 shots-27 saves), Grubauer 5-7-3 (11-10). **BLACKHAWKS,** Forsberg 5-11-3 (20-19). **Referees:** Steve Kozari, Justin St. Pierre. **Linesmen:** Darren Gibbs, Mark Wheler. T: 2:25. A: 22,066.

Forget the "One Goal" mantra. The Blackhawks were desperate for one win Saturday night over the Capitals.

They scored seven times, which ended losing streaks of eight overall and seven at home during a 7-1 victory.

It took the Hawks 19 minutes, 59.2 seconds to score three goals, something they hadn't done in their previous six games. That helped propel them to their first win in February and first at the United Center since Jan. 12.

"(It) certainly feels 100 times better than coming in and trying to explain how we had a lead and were unable to sustain it," Hawks coach Joel Quenneville said after his team topped two goals for just the fourth time in 17 games and the first in the last seven.

Jonathan Toews' "why not?" shot 6:19 into the game accidentally made its way past Braden Holtby from the right side for Hawks' first score. Toews' second goal in 17 games put his team ahead 1-0, which has been dangerous territory for the Hawks.

All they had to show for the last 10 times they had scored first was a 2-6-2 record.

"First goal of the game was just throwing it on the net, at his feet from sharp angles," Toews said. "Those go in once in a while. That was a nice way for us to start."

A little more than six minutes and a tying goal from the Capitals' Tom Wilson later, Brandon Saad socked away his second goal in two games after going 16 games without one. Seconds after Tommy Wingels' shot at

an open net was deflected by Dmitry Orlov, Nick Schmaltz pisted one past Holtby with 0.8 seconds left in the period to make it 3-1.

"(That) kind of kicks teams when they're down," Toews said of Schmaltz's goal.

Not even Patrick Kane had been immune from the team's scoring allergies. He had just one goal in his last 13 games — a span in which the Hawks went 2-9-2 — and none in his previous five going into Saturday.

That changed when Kane deposited a rebound of Toews' shot late in the second period to put the Hawks up 4-1. He later collected his 500th

career assist on Artem Anisimov's goal in the second to become the eighth American-born player to reach that number as well as 300 goals.

"I don't think you're really thinking about numbers too much," Kane said. "When you cross certain numbers, it's always a pretty cool feeling. If you play long enough (and) you play with good enough players, those things are inevitable."

For good measure, Ryan Hartman added his first goal since Dec. 29 near the end of the second period. Anisimov netted his second in 19 games to give the Hawks three goals in a 2:07 span.

Alex DeBrincat made it 7-1 in the third with his 22nd of the season. He retreated to the locker room shortly after he was hit by Wilson, who received a 10-minute misconduct penalty, with just under four minutes left.

Quenneville said DeBrincat was fine. The mood of the Hawks, who received a standing ovation from the season-high crowd of 22,066, was finer.

"Let's see how we respond to this because there's a lot of hockey left," Quenneville said.

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Entering reconstruction zone

As free agency nears, Bears must make call on some previous buys



BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears

The Bears are nearly six weeks removed from hiring coach Matt Nagy and the calendar is moving quickly for them to put into place plans for the rebuild of the rebuild.

The NFL scouting combine begins Feb. 28 in Indianapolis and unlike last year, it doesn't lead directly into the "legal tampering" period that precedes free agency. A year ago when agents and teams were huddling in Indianapolis, there was almost no window between the end of the combine — where deals are hatched annually — and the period when actual contract negotiating turned legal.

This year the negotiating window opens March 12 and the new league year arrives March 14. The Bears again are flush with salary-cap space.

The team was in excellent cap health when general manager Ryan Pace took over in January 2015 and has remained that way. But gobs of cap space year after year hasn't necessarily turned into victories in free agency. The Bears will hope for a better return on their investments this time around. Remember, as tidy as it would be, it's impossible to scapegoat departed coach John Fox and his offensive staff for every free agent that turned a short Bears career into a lottery haul without providing much in return. Some flat out stunk. Some were injured and stunk.

Key dates ahead

Tuesday: This is the first date the NFL clubs can put the franchise or transition tag in place on players and there is a 15-day window that closes at 3 p.m. March 6. Cornerback Kyle Fuller is a potential candidate for the tag, which Pace has used previously on wide receiver Alshon Jeffery.



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March 9: This is the final day for the Bears to pick up the \$8 million 2018 option in the contract of left guard Josh Sitton to keep him from becoming an unrestricted free agent.

March 12: The negotiating window for agents and teams opens at 11 a.m. While sides can discuss all parameters of a contract, nothing is binding in this period.

March 14: New league year begins at 3 p.m. when contracts can be finalized and trades can be executed.

March 16: The Bears are in a position where they have to make financial decisions on some of their most ineffective or injured buys in free agency. That can't be an easy process. Yes, they will pay the \$3 million roster bonus defensive end Akiem Hicks is due March 16, the third day of the new league year, which is a trigger date for either payments or guarantees for a handful of players.

You certainly expect them to pay the \$5 million roster bonus that is due right guard Kyle Long that day.

Beyond those three, decisions for other players on March 16 fall somewhere between a maybe and a hard no. It's reflective of the team's struggles in free agency in some cases.

■ Tight end Dion Sims has a \$6 million base salary for 2018 and \$4 million of it becomes fully guaranteed if he's on the roster that day. So the Bears are either in or out with Sims after a season in which he produced only 15 receptions for 180 yards and one touchdown in 14 games.

■ Cornerback Marcus Cooper has a \$5 million base salary for 2018 and \$2 million of it becomes fully guaranteed if he's on the roster that day. You would imagine the same thing goes for Cooper. If the Bears pay him \$2 million, they're unlikely to cut him. He was a major disappointment for \$6 million in 2017 and the team will have to ask itself if they can count on him for productivity?

■ Outside linebacker Willie Young enters the final year of his contract with a \$1 million roster bonus due. Young, who missed 12 games with a torn triceps, has a base salary of \$3.5 million.

■ Safety Quintin Demps has a \$500,000 roster bonus due. He turns 33 in June and missed 13 games with a fractured left forearm while Adrian Amos enjoyed his finest season. Amos' base salary is \$3 million.

■ Quarterback Mike Glennon has a fully guaranteed \$2.5 million roster bonus due March 16. His contract includes offset language, however, so it's possible the Bears don't end up eating any of this or at least just a portion.

Timing is such that the Bears potentially could replace one or more of these players in free agency before releasing them.

It's certainly possible the team views some moves as addition by subtraction. In total, there are \$19 million in base salary guarantees and roster bonuses for eight of the 51 players under contract right now that are triggered on March 16 making it an interesting day to watch.

As the Bears prepare to find help in free agency, they have to make calls on a handful of previous additions.



The Bears likely will pay roster bonuses to Akiem Hicks, from left, Kyle Long and Bobby Massie. Whether they franchise tag Kyle Fuller, top, is another matter.

And chances are good the team will pay the \$1 million roster bonus due for right tackle Bobby Massie.

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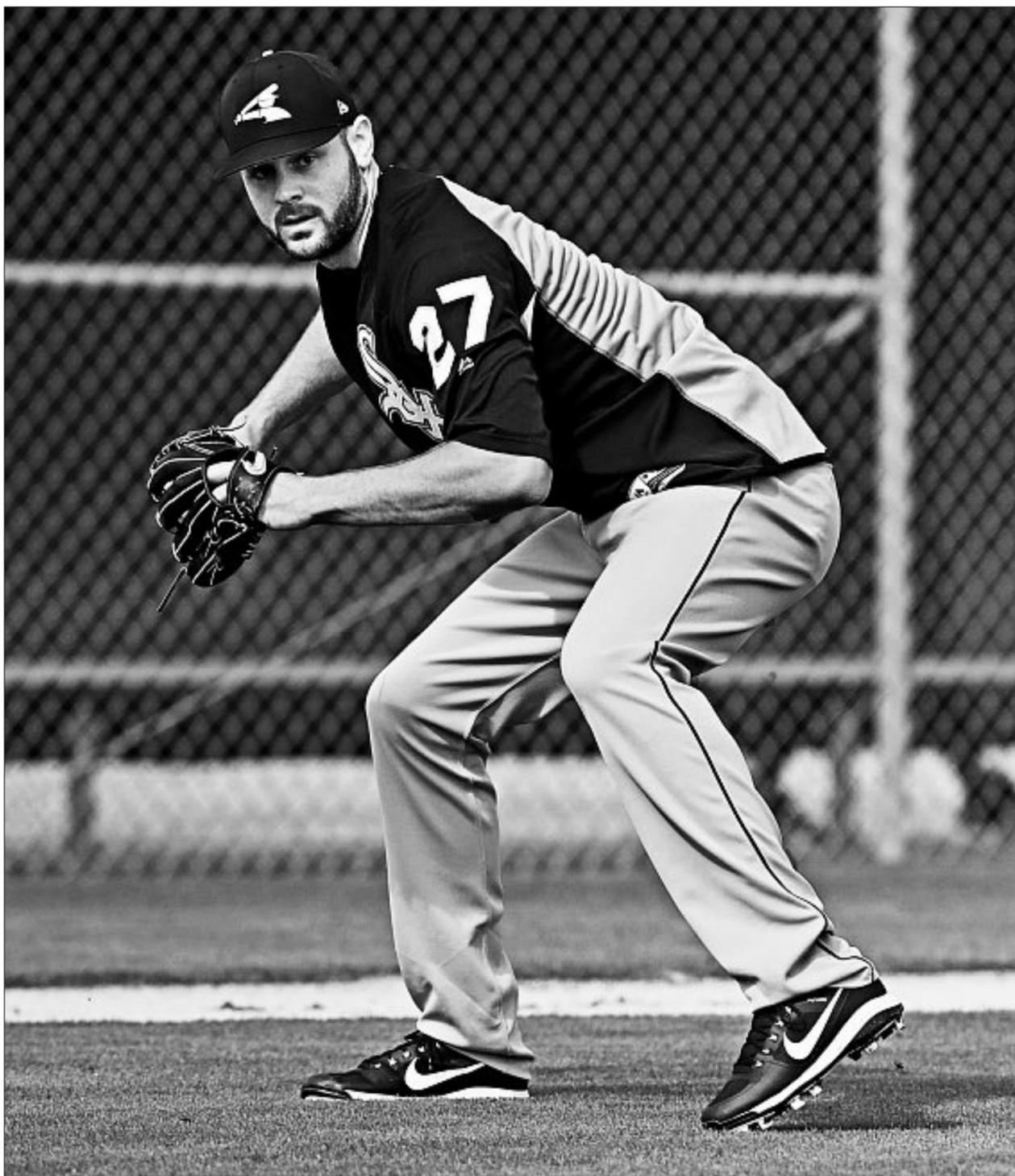
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WHITE SOX



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Lucas Giolito, participating in a drill Saturday in Glendale, Ariz., went 3-3 with a 2.38 ERA in seven starts with the White Sox late last season.

In his comfort zone

A more confident Giolito wants to pick up where '17 left off

By CHRIS KUC
Chicago Tribune

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Lucas Giolito was getting ready to head out of the clubhouse at Camelback Ranch to hit the links with some White Sox teammates when he was asked his golf handicap.

"I don't even have one," Giolito said with a shrug. "I'm that bad."

Like everything else Giolito does athletically, the 23-year-old is in tune with his golfing abilities (and he was right — he said he didn't break 100 at TPC Scottsdale).

As gifted as Giolito is with a right arm that can dazzle hitters and holds much of the Sox's future in it, it is the awareness of his surroundings and ability and willingness to make adjustments at such a young age that potentially make him the ace of the staff as early as this season.

"Lucas' understanding of the game and understanding of himself has served him extremely well," general manager Rick Hahn said during Sox spring training. "Fifty weeks ago (when) we were in camp, he was scuffling. (But) he understood a lot of what was going wrong and how to self-correct and that's an ability that's going to serve him very well over the extended career ahead of him."

At 6-foot-6, Giolito is an imposing figure physically. And after a few minutes of hearing him talk about pitching, it's clear he is equally towering with his knowledge of what he needs to do to improve upon a 2017 season during which he went 3-3 with a 2.38 ERA in seven starts down the stretch for the Sox.

"I'm working especially on commanding the fastball to my extension side and dropping the curveball for a strike," Giolito said. "I want the curveball to be more of a weapon than it was for me last year."

"I was throwing a lot of change-ups and I'll continue to do that. I want to be able to put guys away a little bit better, use the curveball down in the zone and the fastball up in the zone and just feel comfortable hitting all the spots."

"I really worked hard in the gym this offseason to develop a

WHITE SOX NOTES

Moncada relaxed, ready

By CHRIS KUC
Chicago Tribune



Moncada

GLENDALE, Ariz. — A relaxed **Yoan Moncada** kidded with teammates in the White Sox clubhouse before smashing line drives all over a back field at Camelback Ranch on Saturday.

The 22-year-old entered spring training with the knowledge that the second-base job is his. Thanks to his 54-game stint with the Sox last season, Moncada heads into 2018 brimming with confidence.

"Last year when the team called me (up), I thought they just were going to give me a few chances to play second base," Moncada said through a team interpreter. "But they gave me the opportunity to play every day and it was a really good experience for me."

"This year, knowing that I'm going to be at second base every day, I'm going to feel more comfortable."

After some early struggles following his July 19 recall from Triple-A Charlotte, Moncada put together a strong September and finished the season with a .231/.338/.412 slash line, eight home runs, 31 runs and 22 RBIs. He credited being more patient at the plate for the late-season success.

"At the beginning it was a little difficult for me to adjust to the way the pitchers pitched here, but ... I got used to it, and

little bit more athleticism, get into my hips more, get into my legs more. I'm looking forward to building off of last year and being able to get a little bit more power behind the ball."

After the Sox acquired him from the Nationals — who had selected him with the 16th pick in the 2016 draft — along with Reynaldo Lopez and Dane Dunning in exchange for Adam Eaton on Dec. 7, 2016, Giolito didn't exactly blow away hitters at Triple-A Charlotte, going 6-10 with a 4.48 ERA while struggling to find his command.

by the end of the season I did good," Moncada said. "I think all those adjustments I made the last part of the season I can carry to this season."

Tough times: Wednesday's mass shooting in Parkland, Fla., hit close to home for Sox prospect **Zack Collins**, who attended high school about 10 miles from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High, where a gunman killed 17.

Collins, the Sox's top pick (10th overall) in the 2014 draft, is from Pembroke Pines, Fla. and went to American Heritage High School in Plantation. On Saturday, he was still reeling from the news.

"That's a team I played (against) throughout high school," Collins, 23, said. "I had a bunch of friends who went to that school and some (who) still do. It's just tough knowing that some of the families lost their loved ones in that way."

Collins said he checked in with his family and everyone is OK but still a bit shaken.

Extra innings: **Jose Abreu** arrived in camp and took batting practice. ... Top prospects **Eloy Jimenez** and **Luis Robert** are expected to arrive Sunday. ... After a day off, left-hander **Carlos Rodon**, who is still recovering from shoulder surgery, threw from flat ground Saturday.

"High-profile guys coming out of the draft want to live up to those expectations so badly with the organization that showed faith in (them) and then ... when you wind up getting traded, you want to prove that you were worth it to the new organization," Hahn said. "So Lucas had a lot of those things working in between his ears at times."

"He's a bright enough kid that he understood some of that was perhaps getting in the way and that helped him unlock a little bit over the course of the season."

It unlocked when Giolito de-

ON THE CLOCK

5 Days until the Sox's spring opener (2:05 p.m. Friday at Dodgers).

decided to trust his stuff on game day.

"I started buying into that later in the year in Triple A — just going out and competing with whatever I had that day," he said. "That's kind of where it all began and then I went up to the big leagues with that same mentality."

"When you are not able to get the curveball over, you're going to have to throw more changeups that day or more sliders. You're going to have to throw pitches you're not used to throwing in certain counts more often."

"You try things you haven't tried before, but that's part of being a pitcher."

Giolito is enough of a pitcher that his name has been written in ink for a spot in the Sox's starting rotation to begin the season, likely along with fellow young guns Lopez and Carson Fulmer plus veterans James Shields and Miguel Gonzalez.

Giolito is a year removed from that rocky spring and the Santa Monica, Calif., native said this time around he has a different feeling.

"I'm a little more relaxed," Giolito said. "Last year I showed up to spring training and was a little bit nervous trying to meet everybody and make a good impression, (so I) put a little bit too much pressure on myself."

"This year I'm here and I know what I did last year in the big leagues."

Giolito said his main goal in '18 is to pitch 200 innings after combining for 173 between Charlotte and the Sox last season. When he does take the mound, it will be with confidence that soars beyond his experience.

"If you want to be successful in the big leagues, you have to feel (as if) you belong in the big leagues," Giolito said. "It took me a little while to figure that out, but now I feel a lot better about that."

"Any starting pitcher in the big leagues wants to have that mentality — 'When I have the ball and it's my day to pitch, I'm the ace on the mound and I'm going to throw up as many zeroes as possible to give the team the best chance to win.'"

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CUBS



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Shortstop Addison Russell takes a break after running drills during spring training at Sloan Park in Mesa, Ariz.

Russell relieved he's still a Cub

Maddon: Shortstop won't be switching positions with Baez

By MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — After the Cubs' 2017 season ended in October with a National League Championship Series loss to the Dodgers, team President Theo Epstein raised the possibility of needing to trade one of his young players to acquire starting pitching.

That never materialized. And shortstop Addison Russell, for one, is glad he's staying.

"There was a lot of trade talk," Russell said Saturday morning. "My initial thoughts were, 'I hope it doesn't happen. But wherever I go, I'll try to bring to the table what I bring here.'"

"It's a good thing it doesn't have to be that way. I'm happy being in a Cubs uniform. I want to be in a Cubs uniform."

Not only is his uniform staying the same, his position is too. Manager Joe Maddon quelled speculation about Russell moving to second base and switching Javier Baez to short.

"I know there's always this controversy about the middle infield," Maddon said. "But I really like him when he's well because he's so athletic, so gifted, and as a shortstop, he's so fundamentally sound."

"It's all going to come together for him."

Russell expressed that same optimism based on his healed right foot and shoulder. He missed 41 games with plantar fasciitis in August and September and allowed the sore shoulder that plagued him for much of the year to rest before starting his throwing program.

"I really want to see what I can do as far as helping the team if I can stay healthy for a full season," said Russell, who played in 110 games in 2017.

Russell said he uses a foam roller and golf ball under his right foot to help avoid a recurrence of the injury. He will use orthotic insoles based on which cleats he wears.

"If I stay on the field, I'm going to produce," said Russell, who hit .239 with 12 home runs and 43 RBIs in 352 at-bats in 2017 after going for .238, 21 and 95 in 525 at-bats the previous season.

Russell appears more relaxed this spring, acknowledging the stress of off-the-field issues that included social media posts alleging domestic abuse, which he denied.

"It was tough, but I got through the year," Russell said. "This year is looking better."

Added Maddon: "This is his year to really blossom. ... Last year was a little difficult ... but I thought he got it together toward the end. The big thing is making sure his arm strength is good."

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CUBS

Finally, some daylight

Twists, turns lead Morrow to closer role with Cubs

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — Replacing near-flawless Wade Davis despite a lack of recent closer experience doesn't faze Brandon Morrow.

"I don't think mentally it will be too big for me," Morrow said at spring training Wednesday in a calm but direct tone. "I think I have come a long way."

Considering his array of health issues that stunted his development and prevented him from fulfilling once-great expectations, Morrow's perseverance was instrumental in an amazing 2017 season with the Dodgers that convinced the Cubs to sign him to a two-year, \$21 million contract at 33, even though he had earned only two saves since 2009, both last season.

"It never was a matter of stuff," said Dan Hubbs, Morrow's pitching coach at Cal who discovered him before his junior season at Rancho Cotate High School as the last pitcher auditioning for a spot on the NorCal Baseball Club.

For Morrow, growing up in Rohnert Park, Calif., didn't present him with top-notch competition. And being diagnosed with Diabetes 1 created doubt among some scouts, according to Rob Bruno, general manager of Nor-Cal, which is a youth baseball program designed to help players advance to the college and professional levels.

But Morrow persisted and the Mariners picked him fifth overall in the 2006 draft, ahead of Andrew Miller, Clayton Kershaw, Tim Lincecum and Max Scherzer.

He came up to the majors in 2007, and in his first two seasons all but five of his 105 appearances were in relief.

As time went on, injuries and the lack of a stable role impeded his development.

"I never thought I was on the edge of falling off," Morrow said. "Maybe it looked that way, but I never felt like that. Maybe after the surgery when I had Valley fever (a fungal infection suffered while recovering from shoulder surgery in 2015) was a low spot for me, and trying to work my way back that year. But I was able to get myself up in the Padres bullpen (in 2016).

"After that, you see yourself differently."

Bruno remembers only Hubbs and NorCal assistant GM Tony Crivello watching a 6-foot-1, 165-pounder throw 90 mph with a smooth delivery at Bruno's three-day event, which attracted 70 college coaches to Ohlone Junior College in Fremont, Calif., in August 2001.

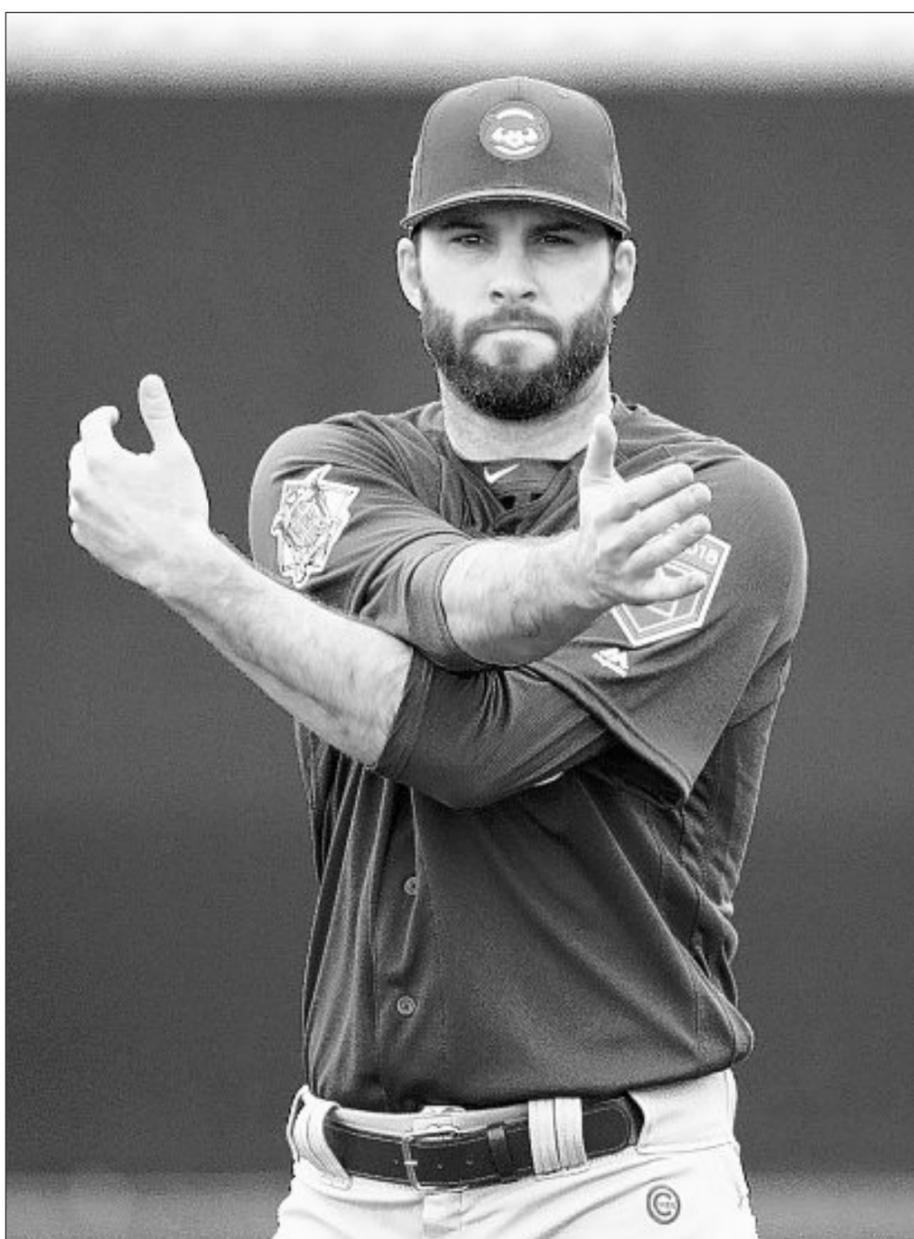
"What do we have here?" Bruno recalled.

Said Morrow: "It opened a lot of eyes. It was that first step onto a baseball stage."

Morrow spent the next summer pitching for the NorCal program that has produced major-leaguers such as Pat Burrell, Jimmy Rollins, Dustin Pedroia, Brandon Crawford, Tyson Ross and Joc Pederson. But during his senior year at Rancho Cotate, Morrow often became dehydrated.

He already had signed a letter of intent to Cal, but any hopes of being drafted high were quelled by the diagnosis of diabetes, which caused Morrow to lose 15 pounds and dropped him to the 40th round of the 2003 draft when the Angels picked him.

Bruno believes Morrow would have been a first-rounder if he hadn't lost weight because of his ailment, but Morrow's father, John, was thankful his son would continue his education and baseball career only 50 miles away.



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"We were lucky he was diagnosed when he was," John said. "His mother (Sharon) jumped in there."

At Cal, Morrow's health was monitored closely while his career regained momentum under Hubbs.

"(Hubbs) helped me the most out of anyone in my career, taking me from a high school kid who threw 90 (mph) to three years later touching 100 and helping me refine that," Morrow said. "He was like a father figure."

Because of the diabetes, Morrow's stamina was under scrutiny. But he overcame that quickly after he allowed no hits while striking out 12 in 6 1/3 innings in the first start of his junior year against UC Irvine in 2006 before nearly 100 scouts.

"What I saw at that game is what I saw last season (with the Dodgers)," said one scout, who scoffed at opposing scouts who were skeptical because of Morrow's diabetes.

"I would still take him where the Mariners did."

Morrow, who said he wears an insulin pump to help regulate his blood sugar levels, reached the

major less than a year after signing but shuttled between starting and relieving until he was traded after the 2009 season to the Blue Jays, for whom he became a full-time starter. He validated the trade when he pitched 8 2/3 innings of no-hit ball in a 12-strikeout, complete-game win over Joe Maddon's Rays in 2010.

"He probably pitched maybe the best game I've ever seen," Maddon recalled.

Two years later, Morrow threw a two-hit shutout against the White Sox that lowered his ERA to 2.90 after 12 starts and prompted Bruno to send Morrow a text message.

"I wrote, 'This is your year,'" Bruno recalled in a telephone interview last month.

But Morrow suffered an oblique strain in his next start and missed six weeks as well as a shot at being named to the American League All-Star team.

"That's the last time I sent a text message to a player during a season," Bruno said.

John Morrow, a recently retired contractor, said his son has been "itching all the way along.

"He probably pitched maybe the best game I've ever seen."

— Joe Maddon on Brandon Morrow

But it (was) frustrating with the injuries that have derailed him."

Lingering shoulder injuries caused the Blue Jays to decline the option on his 2015 contract and Morrow signed with the Padres, only to be sidelined with the shoulder injury that subsequently required surgery to repair an impingement. He started five games for the Padres that year, throwing 33 innings.

After rebounding to post a 1.69 ERA in 18 appearances over the final two months of 2016, Morrow thought he at least would get a major-league offer. However, he had to settle for a minor-league contract with the Dodgers for 2017.

"You have to continually prove yourself, and everything ended up working out for me," Morrow said.

His prospects soared once he was recalled in late May and he eventually struck out 50 batters while not allowing a home run in 43 2/3 innings.

Morrow answered questions about his durability when he pitched in all seven World Series games, and his high velocity and pinpoint control convinced the Cubs he was worthy of a two-year deal with a mutual option.

"He wanted to be in the big spot," said Hubbs, now in his sixth season as head coach at USC. "He's not a bombastic person or one to stick his chest out."

"(His is) a pretty fun story. His parents are great people. It couldn't happen to a better guy."

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PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

Disorder at the top of order

It's early, but search still on for leadoff man

MESA, Ariz. — In the grand scheme of things, the endless debate over who will lead off for the Cubs this season is meaningless.

But because Joe Maddon's lineup machinations always are part of the daily discussion, what he will do with the top spot remains a topic du jour at the opening of Cubs camp.

Kyle Schwarber redux? Old reliable Ben Zobrist? A new leadoff man with little experience in the role?

Who knows?

Maddon said he will try different things after handing the spot to Schwarber last year and watching the move blow up in his face. Schwarber flopped and eventually was demoted to Triple-A Iowa to get his mojo back.

Maddon has said he wouldn't hesitate to use him there again, inviting criticism if it turned into a rerun.

In the long run it may not matter. The Cubs were fourth in the majors in runs scored in 2017 without a prototypical leadoff man, so it wasn't as though the Schwarber experiment haunted them.

Maddon tried 11 players there last year and the Cubs wound up ranking 24th in the majors with a .246 average from the leadoff spot while finishing 18th in on-base percentage at .324. It was a sharp drop-off from 2016, when they were ranked 17th in average (.267) and first in OBP (.381).

Losing Dexter Fowler to free agency obviously made a difference. Everyone remembers Fowler's leadoff home run off Corey Kluber in Game 7 of the 2016 World Series setting the stage for the end of the Cubs' championship drought.

No one provided a spark in the National League Championship Series against the Dodgers, where leadoff men went a combined 2-for-19 in the five-game loss that ended the season. The departed Jon Jay went 1-for-7 in the first two games, while Zobrist was 0-for-4 and Albert Almora Jr. 1-for-8.

The Cubs had a chance to obtain a leadoff man in the offseason. The Marlins' Dee Gordon was available to everyone, but the Mariners wound up acquiring the speedster and will move him from second base to center field.

President Theo Epstein decided to go with the status quo, downplaying the importance of a bona fide leadoff guy. So who's up for the job?

Kris Bryant led off on occasion in college at San Diego and said at the Cubs Convention he would "love to" do it again.

Nice try, Kris.

Maddon obviously figures to leave Bryant and Anthony Rizzo in the 2-3 holes, where the two most important members of the lineup are most comfortable.

The obvious go-to man is Zobrist, who's coming off a subpar season but figures to improve on his slash line of .249/.336/.737 against right-handers. Against left-handers, the best option probably would be Almora, who hit .342 against them with a .411 OBP.

"I'll do whatever they tell me to do," Almora said. "I have enough confidence in myself that I can hit anywhere or play anywhere. I'm just going to put my head down and play."

Almora facetiously pointed out "we have the best leadoff guy in the game with Rizzo." In fact, Almora said Rizzo mentioned that "fact" to him Tuesday while at their lockers.

"I promise (he did)," Almora said. "I was like, 'Hey, I might lead off this year. You have to teach me.' He said, 'I am the best leadoff hitter in the world.'"

Rizzo issued an immediate denial, though he later conceded he might have said it. Rizzo had a 1.053 OPS and five home runs in 50 at-bats leading off.

So is his hat in the ring?

"I'm not a leadoff hitter," Rizzo said. "I'm a first baseman."

We will find out soon enough what Maddon has up his sleeve.

But the guessing game already has begun.

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CLOSER AROUSEL

If all goes well for Brandon Morrow, the Cubs will have their fourth closer in four seasons pitching in big games down the stretch and into the postseason. Here's a look at the Cubs' closer position (with saves and chances) since 2015.

With saves-save chances

2015 HECTOR RONDON
30-34
(2-FOR-2 IN POSTSEASON)

Acquired in the 2012 Rule 5 draft, became a full-time closer in 2014

	G	IP	SO	WHIP	ERA
2015	72	70	69	1.00	1.67
Playoffs	5	5	4	1.20	3.60

Rondon was great, posting a sub-2.00 ERA and blowing only four saves. He put up zeroes in both postseason save chances. He had a 2.2 WAR.

2016 AROLDIS CHAPMAN
16-18
(4-FOR-7 IN POSTSEASON)

Acquired in a July 25 trade from the Yankees for Adam Warren, Gleyber Torres, two others

	As a Cub	G	IP	SO	WHIP	ERA
2016		28	26 2/3	46	0.82	1.01
Playoffs		13	15 2/3	21	1.13	3.45

Chapman brought it all: baggage and plenty of heat. Joe Maddon leaned on him in the playoffs, and Chapman got the Cubs over the line — barely.

2017 WADE DAVIS
32-33
(4-FOR-4 IN POSTSEASON)

Acquired in an offseason trade from the Royals for Jorge Soler

	G	IP	SO	WHIP	ERA
2017	59	58 2/3	79	1.14	2.30
Playoffs	5	6 1/3	8	1.74	4.26

Davis, dealt in December 2016, converted his first 30 save chances before finally blowing two one-run leads in a Sept. 23 game against the Brewers.

2018 BRANDON MORROW
?-?
(POSTSEASON, HOPEFULLY)

Signed a two-year, \$21 million deal during the winter meetings

	G	IP	SO	WHIP	ERA
2018					
Playoffs					

In 299 career appearances (113 starts), Morrow has had only 26 save chances, converting 18. He had a 2.06 ERA as a setup man for the Dodgers in 2017.

DAYTONA 500

Generational rivalry revs up

NASCAR hopes battle between young, veteran drivers boosts interest



GEORGE DIAZ
On auto racing

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — William Byron, despite the baby-face look, is quite adept at driving a stock car at crazy speeds. But life comes at you fast in other ways. Byron went to an Outback Steakhouse just outside Daytona International Speedway last week and took a seat at the bar. He figured he would blend right in, another race fan incognito among the masses.

Wrong. A number of fans recognized him. An older lady offered to buy Byron a drink, which would have been unlawful in Florida because he's only 20. He ate quickly and then scrambled back to the safety of his motorcoach. "Something like that is really neat and special because I'm not used to that," Byron said. Byron needs to recalibrate a lot of things in his racing career — as do his fellow millennials leading the charge — as an influx of young talent blends into Sunday's Daytona 500 for the start of the 2018 Monster Energy Cup season.

There's Alex Bowman, 24, Byron's teammate at Hendrick Motorsports and the pole-sitter for the Great American Race. There's Bubba Wallace, 24, banging on his drums as a side gig to driving the iconic No. 43 for Richard Petty Motorsports. There's Ryan Blaney, 24, Wallace's wing man who drives for Cup rival Team Penske. At 27, Joey Logano, Blaney's Penske teammate, must feel like an old man.

Check out the starting lineup of the top 10 qualifiers for the Daytona 500. It includes Bowman, Blaney, Wallace, Chase Elliott



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Driving for Hendrick Motorsports, Alex Bowman, 24, earned the pole position for the Daytona 500.

(22) and Erik Jones (21).

The 20-somethings are the Cool Kids. The 40-somethings are the Get Off My Lawn crowd.

This isn't a coincidence. Much of this dynamic is money-driven.

Sponsorships are drying up, and so is the money. Owners can't afford seven-figure contracts, which is why a talented veteran and past champion such as Matt Kenseth will be watching the Daytona 500 like the rest of us.

Jones took his slot in Joe Gibbs Racing. The shake-up is even more dramatic at Hendrick Motorsports, which now includes Byron, Bowman and Elliott.

Gone are veterans Jeff Gordon, who retired after the 2015 season, and Dale Earnhardt Jr., who retired after last season. Kasey Kahne was bounced in November and replaced by Byron.

"My idea this year was, 'Let's let them learn in the stuff they're going to be driving for a long time,'" team owner Rick Hendrick said. "It's fun, and that's what I need at this point in my life."

But based on the starting grid, these aren't charity rides. These guys have great potential and no one is giving them hand-me-down engines. In a results-driven industry, age doesn't matter as much as reaching victory lane.

"What the fans are looking for are up-and-coming drivers who can win races," Fox Sports analyst Larry McReynolds said. "They're waiting to see who the next superstar is going to be. ... Everybody can only promote these kids for so long. ... They've got to win races. And no one knows that more than they do."

Understandably this has caused some rumblings in the garage as veterans look around and wonder if they're next on the hit list. Cue outrage, with a side of jealousy.

"It is bothersome," 2015 season champion Kyle Busch said last month during the NASCAR media tour. "We've paid our dues and our sponsors have, and all (they're) doing is advertising all these younger guys for fans to choose as their favorite driver."

"I think it's stupid, but I'm not

the marketing genius behind this deal. I just do what I can do."

Actually this could work out well for everybody. Let drivers embrace their differences. Rivalries drive every sport. Now NASCAR can have rival gangs, like the Sharks and Jets, only with restrictor plates.

NASCAR's search for more eyeballs on weekends depends on the viability of the young guys to have something going for them besides a little eye candy. Wallace, for example, is the first full-time African-American driver in the Cup series since Wendell Scott in 1971 and the first to drive in the Daytona 500 since 1969.

"Everybody's scenario is different," said Brad Keselowski, 34, the 2012 season champ. "I know we like the young-gun/old-veteran feel to it, but we just all have different stories."

Fair enough. Here's a toast to the new generation of NASCAR drivers. Just make sure Byron sticks to iced tea or water.

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THE LINEUP
1:30 p.m. Sunday, FOX-32

Row 1	88	Alex Bowman	Chevrolet
Row 2	11	Denny Hamlin	Toyota
Row 3	12	Ryan Blaney	Ford
Row 4	9	Chase Elliott	Chevrolet
Row 5	22	Joey Logano	Ford
Row 6	4	Kevin Harvick	Ford
Row 7	43	Darrell Wallace Jr.	Chevrolet
Row 8	20	Erik Jones	Toyota
Row 9	17	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	Ford
Row 10	14	Clint Bowyer	Ford
Row 11	41	Kurt Busch	Ford
Row 12	18	Kyle Busch	Toyota
Row 13	31	Ryan Newman	Chevrolet
Row 14	3	Austin Dillon	Chevrolet
Row 15	38	David Ragan	Ford
Row 16	21	Paul Menard	Ford
Row 17	19	Daniel Suarez	Toyota
Row 18	6	Trevor Bayne	Ford
Row 19	1	Jamie McMurray	Chevrolet
Row 20	47	AJ Allmendinger	Chevrolet
Row 21	37	Chris Buescher	Chevrolet
Row 22	34	Michael McDowell	Ford
Row 23	13	Ty Dillon	Chevrolet
Row 24	78	Martin Truex Jr.	Toyota
Row 25	62	Brendan Gaughan	Chevrolet
Row 26	95	Kasey Kahne	Chevrolet
Row 27	00	Jeffrey Earnhardt	Chevrolet
Row 28	7	Danica Patrick	Chevrolet
Row 29	51	Justin Marks	Chevrolet
Row 30	96	DJ Kennington	Toyota
Row 31	2	Brad Keselowski	Ford
Row 32	72	Corey LaJoie	Chevrolet
Row 33	24	William Byron	Chevrolet
Row 34	23	Gray Gaulding	Toyota
Row 35	48	Jimmie Johnson	Chevrolet
Row 36	32	Matt DiBenedetto	Ford
Row 37	10	Aric Almirola	Ford
Row 38	42	Kyle Larson	Chevrolet
Row 39	92	David Gilliland	Ford
Row 40	66	Mark Thompson	Ford

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL



MICHIGAN STATE 65, NORTHWESTERN 60

Woulda, coulda: NU just half-bad

Cats blow 27-point lead as they tire, fall apart against No. 2 Spartans

BY SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

The timing, it seemed, couldn't have been worse.

Northwestern had only eight scholarship players available Saturday because of injuries to senior captain Bryant McIntosh (shoulder) and junior guard Jordan Ash (knee).

The Wildcats were coming off a loss to lowly Rutgers and now had to face the No. 2 team in the nation, a team that appeared to have 75 percent of the crowd of 12,114 supporting it at NU's temporary home at Allstate Arenas.

Still, in front of all those green-and-white clad Michigan State fans, the Wildcats came out on fire. Then, as they built an improbable 27-point lead, people wondered when, if ever, the Wildcats had staged an upset of this magnitude. Maybe fate would give the Wildcats a rose in an otherwise thorny season.

Then the second half happened.

As the Wildcats missed 17 shots in a row, upset hopes dissolved like melting snow on a sunny day as Northwestern dropped its third straight game, 65-60.

"There's no question this one stings," NU coach Chris Collins said. "The game is there for you to be had, you have to try to dig down and find a way to win and we didn't do it."

After hitting 60 percent of their first-half shots to build a 49-27 halftime lead, the Wildcats (15-13, 6-9 Big Ten) shot 3-for-26 in the second half.

Michigan State (26-3, 14-2) churned out a 24-0 run that was capped by Jaren Jackson's 3-point play that gave the Spartans their first lead, 56-53 with 5 minutes, 26 seconds to play.

Northwestern's Vic Law scored 18 points in the first half but made 1 of 8 second-half shots to finish with a game-high 21.

With 9 seconds left and Northwestern down 63-60, Anthony Gaines was called for a foul when he attempted to tie up Miles Bridges. The Spartans star made both free throws for a five-point lead.

Collins said he did not have a good view of the play but questioned whether Gaines should



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Scottie Lindsey, top, celebrates a 3-pointer as everything is going NU's way in the first half. In the second half, MSU's Joshua Langford passes around Lindsey, and Cassius Winston gets hugged by Miles Bridges.

have been called for a foul. "It was our arrow," Collins said. "We would have had the ball to win the game."

Spartans fans roared, "Go State!" in the closing seconds. More than a half hour after the game, they cheered in the hallways as players made their way to the team bus.

Collins said his short-handed team tired down the stretch and several players were thrust into unfamiliar roles. He said McIntosh is day to day with the injury he suffered against Rutgers.

In the first half, the Wildcats played with an edge they have

lacked most of the season. Collins said he wasn't focused on how that kind of effort would have benefited them throughout this season.

"I'm beyond that what if," he said. "I'm about trying to finish strong with our guys. So much has been talked about and rightfully so about what we have or haven't done this year, where we could have been or what we should have done. You can waste a lot of energy going through all that."

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VILLANOVA 95, XAVIER 79

No. 3 Wildcats still beasts of Big East

Bridges, 3-point attack prove to be too much for No. 4 Musketeers

BY JOE KAY
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — With the Big East's bragging rights at stake, Villanova showed it's not ready to relinquish its reign.

Mikal Bridges led an early 3-point shooting spurt that put Villanova in control, and the third-ranked Wildcats beat No. 4 Xavier 95-79 on Saturday in a showdown for control of the Big East.

As it has nearly every time, this one went to 'Nova.

The Wildcats (24-3, 11-3) have won all four regular-season titles since the Big East was reconfigured. Xavier (24-4, 12-3) had a chance to take control of the race, but simply wasn't up to the Wildcats' level in the biggest game of the season.

Now, Xavier's lead is down to a half-game and Villanova has swept the head-to-head series.

"We wanted to send ourselves a message, not necessarily about the title race but about playing Villanova basketball," said Dante DiVincenzo, who scored 21 points. "We knew we weren't playing Villanova basketball."

Bridges scored 25 in a balanced attack that got the best of a matchup between the Big East's top offenses. Trevon Bluiett had 26 points for Xavier, which had its nine-game winning streak snapped. Villanova made a season-high 16 3-pointers, the most ever by a Xavier opponent.

"They hit a lot of tough 3s, but we've just got to play tougher," said Xavier's Naji Marshall, who had 11 points. "When you play elite teams, there's little margin for error."

The Wildcats ended their three-game shooting slump by making 11 3s in the first half, when they grabbed a 19-point lead and silenced a raucous crowd at the Cintas Center, where Xavier had been undefeated this season.

"We came out together and played harder than we usually do," Bridges said. "We've got to keep that up. We can't settle. We can't relax."

Bluiett led a second-half surge that cut it to 64-61 with 11 minutes left before Bridges' basket blunted the comeback. Xavier had a pair of turnovers, and DiVincenzo hit back-to-back 3s as the Wildcats rebuilt their lead to double digits and pulled away.

"When they shoot the ball the way they did today, it will take a monumental effort to beat them," Xavier coach Chris Mack said.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Farrell's career-high 37 lift Notre Dame over BC

Tribune news services

Matt Farrell scored 26 of his career-high 37 points in the first half and made a personal-best 10 3-pointers to help Notre Dame defeat Boston College 84-67 on Saturday in Boston.

Farrell nearly matched his previous career high of 28 points set Feb. 10 against Florida State in the first period. He made all eight of his first-half 3s and finished 10 for 23, eclipsing his high of six made 3s against the Seminoles.

"It's one of the great performances in a Notre Dame uniform," Fighting Irish coach Mike Brey said.

TJ Gibbs finished with 15 points and Martin Geben added 12 as Notre Dame (16-11, 6-8 ACC) won for the third time in four games.

Jerome Robinson scored 29, Nik Popovic had 15 points and 11 rebounds and Ky Bowman added 13 points to lead Boston College (16-11, 6-8). B.C.'s last win against Notre Dame came on Feb. 4, 2004, when both teams were members of the Big East.

Indiana 84, Iowa 82: Robert Johnson scored a career-high 29 points, including nine 3-pointers, and the Hoosiers (16-12, 9-7 Big Ten) rallied from an early 13-point deficit and then held off the Hawkeyes (12-17, 3-13) in Iowa City. It was Indiana's fourth straight victory.

Maryland 61, Rutgers 51: Bruno Fernando had 18 points and a career-high 16 rebounds, and the Terrapins (18-11, 7-9 Big Ten) kept the Scarlet Knights (13-16, 3-13) winless on the road.

In their four seasons in the Big Ten, the Scarlet Knights are 1-34 in conference road games.

State: Malik Yarbrough converted five straight free throws in the final minute to allow Illinois State (15-13, 9-7 MVC) to hold off a late rally by Northern Iowa (13-15, 5-11) and post a 79-75 victory in Normal, Ill. ... Sean Lloyd Jr. scored with 14.6 seconds left in regulation to force overtime, then hit a clutch 3-pointer in the extra session to help Southern

Illinois (19-10, 11-5 MVC) pull out a 76-72 win over Indiana State (11-17, 6-10) in Terre Haute, Ind. ...

Markus Golder scored 16 to lead host Valparaiso (14-15, 5-11 MVC) to a 77-64 win over Bradley (18-11, 8-8). ... Eugene German scored 21 of his 31 points in the second half and Northern Illinois (12-15, 5-9 MAC) dominated in the second half to post a 75-67 victory over Western Michigan (15-12, 7-7) in DeKalb, Ill. ... Mike Daum scored 30 to hit the 30-point plateau for the 10th time this season and South Dakota State (23-6, 11-1 Summit) won its 14th straight home game, beating Western Illinois 82-62 in Brookings, S.D. WIU fell to 11-14, 2-10. ... Montell Goodwin made five 3-pointers and scored 18 to lead Eastern Illinois (10-17, 6-10 OVC) to a 64-57 victory over host Tennessee-Martin (9-20, 4-12).

Baylor 59, Texas Tech 57: Terry Maston scored 24 and the Bears (17-10, 7-7 Big 12) beat the No. 7 Red Raiders (22-5, 10-4) in Waco, Texas, ending Tech's seven-game winning streak. Texas Tech lost top scorer Keenan Evans to a foot injury in the first half.

S. Carolina 84, Auburn 75: Frank Booker scored 19, and South Carolina built a 26-point lead before holding on to defeat the No. 10 Tigers and snap a six-game losing streak.

Auburn (23-4, 11-3 SEC) had won seven of its last eight and was expected to keep its momentum going going at South Carolina (14-13, 5-9). Instead, the Gamecocks used a 21-1 run in the first half on the way to a 37-11 lead.

Auburn played most of the game without starting forward Anfernee McLemore, who suffered a dislocated left left ankle, fractured tibia and torn ligaments when he landed hard while playing defense at the end of the first half.

Kansas 77, West Virginia 69: Udoka Azubuike scored 21 points and Devonte' Graham added 15 to help the No. 13 Jayhawks (20-7, 10-4 Big 12) hold off the No. 20 Mountaineers (19-8, 8-6) in Lawrence, Kan.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL



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Loyola's Wall of Culture has been an important source of inspiration to the school's basketball players.

Moser's message lifts up Ramblers

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GET OUT OF THE MUD. "After a defensive rebound, the bigs have to win the battle in the first three steps and beat the other big guys down the floor," Custer said without hesitation.

THROUGH YOU TO THE RIM. "If a guy picks up his dribble in the post, don't jump for a shot fake — he has to go through you to get to the rim," Custer said.

NEVER BE THREE IN A ROW. "You have to move to create a passing lane between me, you and the defender — don't be three in a row," Custer said.

He paused, checking to see if Moser was out of earshot.

"It's amazing the way he has gotten us all to believe in his vision for us," Custer said. "The big thing this year is the buy-in to his style of play. We're selfless."

This was the cultural impact Moser hoped for when he came up with the idea for the wall shortly after arriving at Loyola in 2011. Four seasons on the staff of late coach Rick Majerus at St. Louis taught Moser to fixate on fundamentals. Majerus could have written a dissertation on a jump shot.

"When I got the job and was writing down all these things I wanted to do philosophically, all these details from notes when I worked for Rick, I was like, 'Let's just put it up there so they see it every day and buy in,'" said Moser, 49. "This was a blank wall when I got here."

Now, Moser's team wins big games by doing the little things.

Now, every term triggers a memory.

REACH FOR THE LIGHTS. "It's the verticality rule, when you're defending a shot, reach for the lights like Ben Richardson did against Indiana State and his guy missed a key layup and we won (75-71)," Moser said.

NEVER QUIT ON A PLAY. "We're up two in a game with 30 seconds left and Lucas (Williamson) sprinted from half-court and blocked a shot from behind on a wide-open layup because the kid hesitated," Moser said. "We won because Lucas never quit."

The same type of perseverance carried Moser, a former player at Creighton, through the most difficult part of his coaching career. The Naperville native became a rising star in the profession at the age of 31 when he took over at Arkansas-Little Rock, where he went 54-34. Illinois State lured Moser closer to home but went through three athletic directors in Moser's four seasons and fired him with three years left on his contract and a 51-67 record.

Texas A&M Corpus Christi appeared poised to offer Porter a chance to stay a Division I head coach when Majerus called out of blue. The two had met only once before; when Moser was a 25-year-old Texas A&M assistant at the Maui Classics exchanging VHS game tapes with Majerus, then the Utah coach.

"I go down to exchange at the hotel pool at 2:15 in the morning



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"It's amazing the way he has gotten us all to believe in his vision for us."

— Loyola junior guard Clayton Custer on coach Porter Moser, above

and, lo and behold, it was Rick Majerus in flip-flops and a T-shirt," Moser recalled. "And he grilled me, asking 100 questions, like 'How did they guard the ball screen?'"

Majerus filed the experience away, accessing it more than a decade later as the new St. Louis coach when three different coaches recommended Moser to his staff. The initial phone call to Moser lasted 90 minutes. The impression Majerus made will last a lifetime.

"To get over that bitterness from Illinois State, I remember talking to my wife (Megan) and saying I could go do this over again with a rebuild in Corpus Christi or I could go work for one of the best coaches in the country," Moser said.

It was Majerus who urged Moser, the only associate head coach he ever appointed, to return to the Chicago area when Loyola's job opened seven years ago. The father of four still considers that a calling, and Majerus' influence can be seen from the Wall of Culture to Loyola's teaching room with theater seats to the hands-on coaching style Moser copied from his mentor.

"I was meant to be here," Moser said.

The challenge remains making everyone else view Loyola as a basketball destination. The MVC's best team has the league's worst home attendance, averaging 2,222 at the Gentile Arena. Before a game at Valparaiso, Moser sent a letter to the Loyola student body offering to pay for their tickets and ride. Enough responded to fill two busloads.

Rest assured, Loyola opponents are getting the word too. The Ramblers routinely now get everybody's best shot from teams eager to knock off a program enjoying its best season in 33 years. One of only nine Division I teams ranked No. 1 in their conference in both offensive and defensive efficiency, Loyola still likely has to win the MVC tournament to celebrate Selection Sunday. Not that Moser worries about controlling what he can't.

"Our guys have a great mentality," Moser said. "We don't have a Missouri Valley Conference banner. Sometimes success can breed a lackadaisical mentality, like we've arrived. But we haven't. We're still chasing."

STILL CHASING. You can bet every Rambler knows what that means.

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Sister Jean gives Loyola big boost

Loyola, from Page 1

"Don't worry about the opponents' height," the 5-foot nun told the Ramblers. "We need your win."

Sister Jean, as seemingly everyone on campus knows her, has served as the team chaplain since 1994. She provides the Ramblers with prayer, comfort and — believe it or not — scouting reports.

"She's like another coach," senior guard Donte Ingram said. "The first game (as a freshman), it caught me off guard. I thought she was just going to pray. She prayed, but then she starts saying, 'You've got to box out and watch out for 23.'"

"She knows her stuff. She's on it. She's not just here to clap, but she also lifts you up. There's times I didn't play up to my abilities, and Sister Jean will be like, 'You'll get them next time, Donte.'"

Sister Jean missed nine home games this season after breaking her hip by falling off a curb, but she has returned for the last three as the first-place Ramblers (22-5, 12-3) aim for their first Missouri Valley Conference championship and first NCAA tournament invitation since 1985.

"It's great to be back with all of these young people who have so much energy," said Sister Jean, who last year was inducted into the university's Athletics Hall of Fame and had a bobblehead made in her likeness.

Since her fall, she watches games in a wheelchair from a tunnel near the team bench, wearing her Loyola letterman's jacket, a long maroon-and-gold scarf and a pair of Nikes, quietly clapping and nodding when the Ramblers hit a shot. Before each game she also leads the fans in prayer, asking God to help the referees call fouls "justly" and asking that the scoreboard "at the end indicates a Ramblers win."

Before Wednesday's game Sister Jean rarely had a moment to herself. Cheerleaders waved to her. The dance team director gave her red roses and chocolates for Valentine's Day. A woman in the stands approached for a selfie, proclaiming, "I'm a huge fan of yours."

As the players headed toward the locker room after pregame warmups, everyone ran by and gently shook her hand or rested his hand on her shoulder. Some stooped for a hug. In the final moments of the game, former Loyola star and current Nets guard Milton Doyle stopped to chat.

"This is my NBA guy," Sister Jean said proudly.

"She's a rock star," said Bill Behrens, the school's sports information director.

Sister Jean was born in 1919 in San Francisco to a family of sports fans. In high school from 1933 to '37, she played on the girls basketball team. For girls at that time, the court was divided into three sections, and only the forwards could shoot.

"I was a very short girl, so I didn't shoot," she said.

In 1939, Sister Jean said, the rules changed to allow girls to play half-court. So when she became a teacher and coach "at noon, during lunch on the playground, I would have the boys play the girls. I told them, 'I know you have to hold back because you play full court, but we need to make our girls strong.' And they did make them strong."

In third grade, inspired by her teacher, Sister Jean knew she wanted to become a nun. After high school, she left for Iowa to join the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary convent. In 1941 she returned to teach in California, where her students included Bob Hope's children.

In 1961 she accepted a teaching job at Mundelein College, an all-women's school near Loyola that focused on preparing women to teach in Chicago schools. She attended athletic events at both schools and drove some Mundelein teams to competitions.

Mundelein merged with Loyola in 1991, and Sister Jean retired from the education department not long after. She said she served as a "booster shooter," checking up on athletes' studies but not acting as an adviser.

"When the chaplain of the men's (basketball) team retired, one of the Jesuits said, 'How would you like to be the chaplain?'" she recalled. "I said, 'Well, I've never done it, but that would be fine.'"

"I wanted to be their friend first of all and be sure to encourage them. They know they can talk to me any time they want. We can pray together. I don't try to take (coach Porter Moser's) job, but we talk about people we need



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"I thought she was just going to pray. She prayed, but then she starts saying, 'You've got to box out and watch out for 23.'"

— Senior guard Donte Ingram on Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt

to watch on the other side."

Moser found a manila envelope on his desk when he was hired in 2011. Sister Jean had left pages of detailed notes on the strengths and weaknesses of each returning player.

"She's knowledgeable," Moser said. "She watches the game closely."

After every game, Sister Jean emails Moser and the players "whether it's good news or bad news."

"When you win, sometimes you get 100 texts," Moser said. "When you lose, it's just (my family). Then you get an email from Sister Jean. It's so refreshing. It's comforting: 'Next game. We'll get them next game.'"

After the 80-71 victory Wednesday, Sister Jean's email to players said: "I must admit that I was a little nervous during parts of the game and you probably were also. But each of you stepped up and we won a game we needed to win to keep ahead of (Southern Illinois). We need to win over Evansville as well. Go Ramblers."

Usually, she includes a personal note to each player. After Loyola beat Drake 72-57 on Feb. 7, she wrote to Ingram: "Donte, keep getting those rebounds; that action helps to add more points to the game; keep making those threes as you did last night even though those Bulldogs were always on your back."

Her message to guard Clayton Custer after that game read: "They were certainly out to get you. However, your fantastic plays outwitted them and made them nervous. Keep up your great work and don't get injured."

She ended the email after Wednesday's victory with "God bless you and keep winning."

When she was sidelined with her hip injury, she kept up with the Ramblers by watching live play-by-play on a website because the hospital television didn't offer the station broadcasting their games. She recorded her traditional pregame prayer for the crowd to be played over the Gentile Arena loudspeaker.

"She's part of us whether she's with us or not," Moser said.

Sister Jean doesn't travel to road games. "They would just worry about me," she said. "They just need to worry about getting that ball in the basket."

She undergoes physical therapy several days a week. She has an office in the student center with a door that's always open and a student usually chatting with her. She lives in a freshman dorm where students pop in to talk about their personal and spiritual growth.

She attends Mass and women's basketball, soccer and volleyball games too.

Asked if she rested before the 7 p.m. tipoff against Valparaiso, she said, "No time for naps." Her competitive spirit, she said, has helped her fight back from injury.

Before a friend pushed her wheelchair back to her room, Sister Jean was asked about Loyola's chances to make the NCAA tournament. She thought for a moment.

"We have to win these games to get there," she said. "It's one game at a time for us."

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7 p.m.	Stanford at California		ESPNU

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

11 a.m.	Wake Forest at N.C. State	ESPNU
11 a.m.	South Florida at Central Florida	CBSNS
Noon	Maryland at Minnesota	BTN
Noon	Purdue at Ohio State	ESPN2
1 p.m.	Tennessee at Missouri	ESPN
1 p.m.	Temple at Connecticut	CBSNS
2 p.m.	Villanova at DePaul	FS1
2 p.m.	Tulane at Memphis	ESPN2
3 p.m.	Missouri State at Valparaiso	NBCSN
4 p.m.	Texas A&M at Mississippi State	ESPN2

BOWLING

Noon	PBA 60th Anniversary Classic	ESPN
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GOLF

Noon	PGA Genesis Open	Golf (more, 2 p.m., CBS-2)
2 p.m.	Champions Chubb Classic	Golf Channel

NHL

11 a.m.	Flyers at Rangers	NBC-5
7 p.m.	Stars at Sharks	NBCSCH

AHL

3 p.m.	Monsters at Wolves	WPWR-50
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CANADIAN HOCKEY LEAGUE

2 p.m.	Moose Jaw vs. Regina	NHLN
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COLLEGE HOCKEY

4:30 p.m.	Notre Dame at Michigan	BTN
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MARTIAL ARTS

6 p.m.	UFC Fight Night prelims	FS1
8 p.m.	Donald Cerrone vs. Yancy Medeiros	FS1

MOTORSPORTS

1:30 p.m.	Daytona 500	FOX-32
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WINTER OLYMPICS

6 a.m.	Men's hockey: Canada vs. South Korea	USA
6:10 a.m.	Men's hockey: Sweden vs. Finland	NBCSN
6:10 a.m.	Bobsled, speedskating, figure skating	NBC-5
7 p.m.	Figure skating	NBCSN
10:10 p.m.	Women's hockey semifinal	NBCSN

BUNDESLIGA SOCCER

8:20 a.m.	Stuttgart at Augsburg	FS2
10:50 a.m.	Borussia Dortmund at Monchengladbach	FS2

FA CUP SOCCER

10 a.m.	Tottenham at Rochdale	FS1
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TENNIS

8:30 a.m.	ATP Rotterdam final	Tennis Channel
2 p.m.	ATP New York final	Tennis Channel

TRACK AND FIELD

4 p.m.	U.S. Indoor Championships	NBCSN
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GOLF

PGA GENESIS OPEN	Tom Hoge 67-73-71	LPGA	
3rd of 4 rds; at Riviera CC; Los Angeles; 7:32yds, Par 71	Tom Hoge 68-71-72	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	
212 (110)	Jamie Lovemark 68-70-73	3rd of 4 rds; at Kooyonga GC; Adelaide, Australia; 6,599 yds, Par 72	
204 (-9)	John Huh 70-72-70	205 (111)	
Patrick Cantlay 66-69-69	Peter Uihlein 70-73-69	209 (117)	
205 (-8)	Bryce DeChambeau 71-69-72	210 (-6)	
Cameron Smith 72-68-65	Lee List 72-71-69	211 (-5)	
Kevin Na 68-70-67	R. Cabrera Bello 72-67-73	212 (-4)	
Tom Finau 66-71-68	Jim Young Ko 65-69-71	213 (-3)	
McDonald 69-66-70	Hamalt Green 69-74-66	214 (-2)	
206 (7)	Hyeyin Choi 69-71-70	215 (-1)	
Derek Fathauer 68-70-68	Sun Young Yoo 68-70-72	216 (0)	
207 (-6)	Jiyai Shin 67-71-74	217 (+1)	
Justin Thomas 69-71-67	Minjee Lee 72-70-69	218 (+2)	
Aaron Baddeley 72-68-67	Nasa Hataoka 67-72-67	219 (+3)	
Dustin Johnson 74-69-64	So Yeon Ryu 69-75-68	220 (+4)	
Scott Stallons 71-68-68	Karinie Icher 70-72-70	221 (+5)	
Ryan Moore 68-68-71	Chella Choi 69-73-70	222 (+6)	
208 (-5)	Angel Jimenez 64-68	223 (+7)	
Anirban Lahiri 72-69-67	Tiffany Joh 73-71-69	224 (+8)	
Phil Mickelson 70-71-67	Charley Hull 74-69-70	225 (+9)	
Sam Saunders 67-69-72	Marina Alex 71-72-70	226 (+10)	
209 (-4)	Scott McCarron 66-68	227 (+11)	
Xan Schauffele 71-70-68	K. Dambaugh 71-72-70	228 (+12)	
Martin Laird 68-73-68	Lydia Ko 68-74-71	229 (+13)	
James Hahn 70-69-70	Araya Jutanugarn 69-72-72	230 (+14)	
Jason Kokrak 68-72-69	Emma Talley 68-69-76	231 (+15)	
210 (-3)		232 (+16)	
Zion Bixt 71-71-68		233 (+17)	
Vaughn Taylor 72-70-68		234 (+18)	
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Talor Gooch 73-70-67		236 (+20)	
Kevin Chappell 69-71-70		237 (+21)	
Adam Hadwin 70-74-66		238 (+22)	
211 (-2)		239 (+23)	
Bud Cauley 70-72-69		240 (+24)	
Sung Kang 70-72-69		241 (+25)	
Hao Tونغ Li 71-71-69		242 (+26)	
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AUTO RACING

XFINTY-POWERSHARES QQQ 300	34. 3 Joey Logano	F 121-a	0
At Daytona International Speedway ; Daytona Beach, Fla. ; lap: 2.50 miles	35. 12 Aric Almirola	F 121-a	0
59 DRIVER	36. 28 Brandon Brown	C 121-a	1
1. 9 Tyler Reddick	37. 7 Michael Annett	C 106-a	5
2. 11 Elliott Sadler	38. 5 Gray Gaulding	T 82-a	0
3. 15 Ryan Reed	39. 13 Chris Brann	T 11-a	1
4. 27 Kaz Grala	40. 10 Austin Cindric	F 10-a	1
5. 25 Garrett Smithley	a=accident; M=Make; C=Chevrolet; F=Ford; T=Toyota		
6. 4 Spencer Gallagher	Winner's average speed: 119.07 mph.		
7. 6 Ryan Truex	Time: 3:06. Margin: 0.000.		
8. 17 Daniel Suarez	Caution flags: 12 for 49 laps.		
9. 23 Ross Chastain	Lead changes: 19 among 11 drivers.		
10. 18 Brandon Jones	Lap leaders: D.Henric 1-2; K.Larson 3; D.Henric 4-8; K.Larson 9-32; G.Smithley 33; E.Sadler 34-35; K.Larson 36-46; C.Elliott 47-63; G.Smithley 64; A.Almirola 65-68; J.Logano 69-74; K.Larson 75-80; J.Logano 81; K.Larson 105-121; D.Suarez 122-126; R.Reed 127-129; R.Trux 130-132; T.Reddick 133-143		
11. 31 Jeff Green	Times led, laps led: K.Larson, 6 times for 55 laps; J.Logano, 3 times for 25 laps; C.Elliott, 1 time for 16 laps; T.Reddick, 1 time for 10 laps; D.Henric, 2 times for 5 laps; E.Sadler, 1 time for 1 lap; G.Smithley, 2 times for 0 laps.		
12. 8 Chase Elliott	Wins: T.Reddick, 1.		
13. 30 Caesar Bacarella	NASCAR XFINITY SERIES POINTS:		
14. 14 Cole Custer	33: K. Grala		
15. 35 Jeremy Leicht	41: E. Sadler		
16. 24 Stephen Clements	39: S. Gallagher		
17. 32 David Starr	27: B. Jones		
18. 37 J.J. Yeley	26: J. Green		
19. 39 Matt Tifft			
20. 26 Vinnie Miller			
21. 21 Ryan Sieg			
22. 40 Josh Williams			
23. 16 Joe Nemechek			
24. 12 Alex Labbe			
25. 34 Spencer Boyd			
26. 31 Daniel Henric			
27. 20 Dylan Lupton			
28. 36 Chad Finchem			
29. 2 Kyle Larson			
30. 29 Ryan Ellis			
31. 5 Justin Algaier			
32. 38 Austin Dillon			
33. 19 Joey Gase			

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL	Charlotte (AHL).
AMERICAN LEAGUE	New Jersey: Recalled LW Blake Pietila from Birmingham (AHL).
Cleveland:	Agreed to terms with OF Rajai Davis on a minor league contract.
Minnesota:	Agreed to terms with OF Chris Heisey on a minor league contract.
Seattle:	Agreed to terms with OF Junior Lake on a minor league contract.
NATIONAL LEAGUE	
San Diego:	Claimed RHP Rowan Wick off waivers from St. Louis.
HOCKEY	
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE	
Calgary:	Placed LW Marek Hrivik on injured reserve. Recalled F Morgan Klimov from Stockton (AHL).
Carolina:	Reassigned F Patrick Brown to AHL.
COLLEGE	
St. John's:	Announced sophomore men's basketball G Marcus Lovett is leaving school.
Harford:	Signed G Drew Fielding to a professional tryout agreement.
ECHL:	Suspended RW Bryan Moore and Idaho C Jefferson Dahl one game.

LATEST LINE

COLLEGE BASKETBALL	SUNDAY
Duke	1 at Clemson
at Seton Hall	10% DePaul
at Michigan	3% Ohio State
UCConn	6% at East Carolina
at Tulsa	13% South Florida
Nebraska	1% at Illinois
Houston	1% at Temple
Loyola	5% at Evansville
at Missouri St	1% Drake
at Cincinnati	6% Wichita St
at Florida St	21% Pittsburgh
at Purdue	4% Penn St
at Stanford	6% at California

NHL

SUNDAY	
at NY Rangers	Philadelphia off
at Colorado	off Edmonton
at Carolina	off New Jersey
at Columbus	off Pittsburgh
at Detroit	

2018 WINTER OLYMPICS

Games' big event just not sport

Figure skating popular but really more a performance



BERNIE LINCICOME

The obligation weighs heavily upon those of us who appreciate the leaps and lifts and spins, who enjoy some of the music when it can be heard over the gasps and groans of the commentators, to

point out that figure skating is not a sport.

This is a quadrennial duty, like a colonoscopy or a presidential election, neither anticipated nor considered at all without reminders.

And so, here they are again, the spangled darlings, urging debate over whether what they do is sport or show.

It should not matter, yet it does. What it is can be valued for what it is, a competition, a performance, a wonder and certainly the centerpiece of a festival where real sports are sideshows.

The rest really don't matter. The ski jumpers and the downhillers and the speedskaters. Mere bubble wrap.

Not included in this comparison would be the lugers who come at us crotch first proving nothing more than gravity works.

It makes little difference if figure skating is a sport or a spectacle because there could be no Winter Olympics without it. Everything else is just spin class.

Watching figure skating is like going to a Cubs game for the seventh-inning stretch, watching the Super Bowl for the commercials, although there is a culture where such things are much valued.

Turning in the air is highly regarded in figure skating circles. Appreciation of this all has happened faster than you can say quadruple toe loop, quadruple salchow.

Still, figure skating is the Bichon Frise of dogs.

Figure skating is to sports what pro wrestling is to debate, not to say there isn't athleticism required, not to say there isn't competition. The competition is between rehearsal and performance, not one skater against another.

A figure skater puts together five minutes of business, does it over and over, and then is judged on whether she did it better this time than the last time. Not unlike relief pitchers and punters in that respect, I guess.

Or comedians. Figure skating is Amy Schumer.

Figure skating is not a sport where anything can happen. Anything cannot happen. It better not happen. There are no variables. There is only how well the performance matches the preparation.

If Anthony Rizzo could see the same pitch in the same place every time, he would be expected to hit it over the same wall every time. He would even do it to music.

Or, say, LeBron James could dribble unmolested for a dunk, then what we would have is an exhibition and not a contest. Figure skating is the skills competition at the NBA All-Star Game.

In another way, figure skating is not unlike golf, where the ball does not move but at least the real estate changes. Driving the ball would be the long program, putting the short.

From time to time, when it is profitable, corporate America embraces figure skating. Of more importance, so does television. Figure skating is conveniently colorful and compact.

You can't tell a skier until she rips off her goggles at the bottom of the hill, or whether a snowboarder dressed in the dark or raided a thrift shop.

The Pyeongchang Games will build to the coronation of Evgenia Medvedeva, the Russian innocent who all by herself shamed the IOC into letting other Olympic Athletes from Russia (OARs) play with the rest of the world in Korea.

Without her, these Olympics never could be authenticated. They would be a Westminster dog show without a Bichon Frise.

Figure skating is equal parts lusty melodrama, overwrought theatrics and shameless sentiment. Real sports have locker rooms; figure skating has Kiss and Cry.

Exploiting intimacy may be the necessary fuel for a diversion that has no other substance, a game that was, after all, not established until one ice skater tried to take another one out at the knees.

And speaking of that, I once was urged by the Tribune's former and formidable Olympics reporter, Phil Hersh, to go to Detroit for the figure skating competition between Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan. I declined.

"I cannot think of anything that could happen there that would be of interest," I told Hersh.

So, I could be wrong.

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'The hardest year'

Nine months after the death of Steven Holcomb, the U.S. bobsledders dearly miss their mentor

BY TIM REYNOLDS | Associated Press

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — The memories are impossible to ignore. Justin Olsen sees him in the start house. Elana Meyers Taylor hears him on the track. Mentions of his name bring some members of the team to tears, and others still can't fully open up about how difficult moving on has been.

It has been nine months since Steven Holcomb died. USA Bobsled is not over it, not by any stretch.

Holcomb was the best bobsledder in U.S. history and was supposed to be at the Pyeongchang Olympics for what likely would have been the final races of his career. Instead, the Americans headed to the start house at the Alpensia Sliding Center on Sunday for the first bobsled races of these Games, and faced the nearly impossible task of doing as well as he would have done.

"It is very sad," said Olsen, who now drives but was a push teammate of Holcomb's when the U.S. won four-man gold in Vancouver eight years ago. "But it's not going to be a crutch for this team."

This season has been one struggle after another for the Americans. Nerves have been frayed all year. Results have been far from what the U.S. wanted or envisioned. Getting a third men's sled to Pyeongchang was a challenge until the final possible moment, something that certainly would not have been the case if Holcomb were still driving.

"It has been the hardest year," U.S. coach Brian Shimer said. "The hardest year, without a doubt."

The grieving process, they thought, would end at the memorial services that followed Holcomb's death, or perhaps when they got back on the ice this fall.

They were wrong. It's ongoing, with no end in sight.

"We're all suffering together," U.S. pilot Nick Cunningham said. "And the best way to honor that legacy is to carry it on, to always be that threat on the hill, always put in that work and honor him by what we're doing behind the scenes. Because that's how he was good. (It) was the work that he put into it away from the track."

It is not lost on the Americans that Holcomb's final race was in Pyeongchang.

The World Cup season ended on this track a year ago, the test event for these Games. Holcomb spent time with just about everyone on the team during those few days in South Korea, sharing ideas with some, offering advice to others. He was both an athlete and a coach, the driver of USA-1 on the ice and a person who would try to groom others to

eventually take that seat.

He left Pyeongchang last spring convinced that good things would happen at these Olympics. He had been to three Olympics, won three medals and thought the Americans were well on their way to winning more this year.

Not even two months later, he was gone.

Holcomb died May 6 in his room at the Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid, N.Y. Tests later revealed he was intoxicated and had taken a sleeping aid on the night that he died.

U.S. push athlete Chris Fogt got a reminder this fall of how influential Holcomb was on this team. Holcomb's input was sought by those who make the ice at the Mount Van Hoevenberg track that the team calls home in Lake Placid. He'd look at the ice each fall, the way it coated every curve, and tell the icemakers a little more here, a little less there.

It doesn't seem like much, but that recommendation was invaluable.

"I crashed there this fall," Fogt said. "Never crashed in Lake Placid before. Holcomb even made the ice better."

Olympic rookie Sam McGuffie tells the story of how if it wasn't for Holcomb, he probably wouldn't be in Pyeongchang. Holcomb pulled him onto USA-1 a couple of years ago, which means McGuffie got a stipend that made it possible for him to stay in sliding.

Steven Langton, the most decorated push athlete in U.S. Olympic history, says he still believes Holcomb was the best driver in the world.

Meyers Taylor, a gold-medal contender, knows he raised her game.

"One of my last track walks here was with him, and we weren't even talking about the track," Meyers Taylor said. "We were talking about so many other things. We were both pretty comfortable, just talking and shooting the breeze. So I'll always have that in my memory."

Olsen, Cunningham and Olympic rookie Codie Bascue all are accomplished drivers. None of them can be Holcomb, and none of them is trying to be.

Here's what they are doing: taking the example he set and applying it to their own driving and approach to these Olympics.

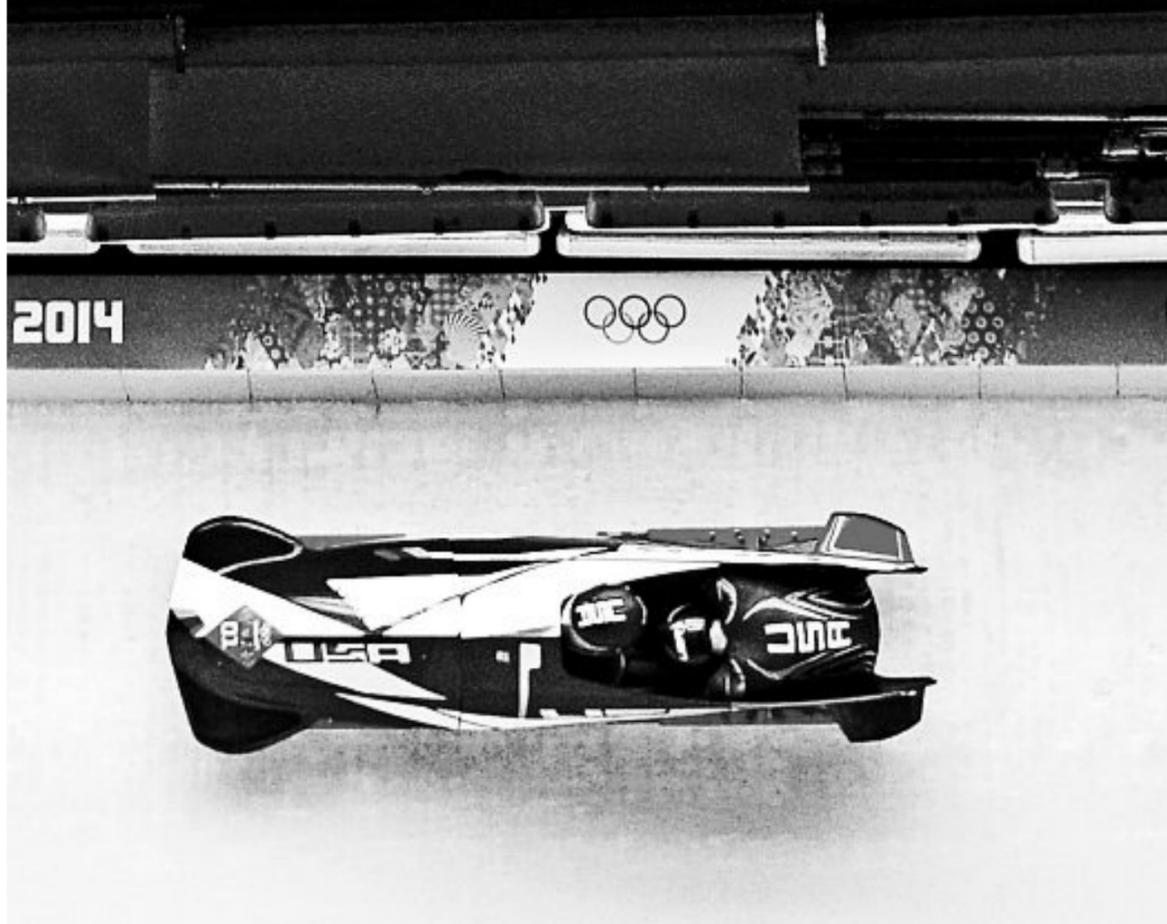
The way they see it, that's the only appropriate tribute left.

"A year ago when we were here, we had four pilots here," Olsen said. "And three of us are here now. But I think Steve lives on in a beneficial way in my life, and it's the same with the other pilots and the brakemen."

"And as he should. He was influential to everybody. There's no sense in being sad. That's not going to help. We've got to go on."

Steven Holcomb (before the 2014 Olympics, above) races in the two-man bobsled with Steven Langton in Sochi. They took third, but the Russian winners were later disqualified.

LIONEL BONAVENTURE/GETTY-AFP (BELOW); SCOTT HALLERAN/GETTY (TOP)



WHAT TO WATCH SUNDAY

Maia and Alex Shibutani have a chance at a medal as ice dance opens with the short program. Maddie Bowman begins defense of her gold medal in the freestyle halfpipe. And the U.S. women take on Finland in the hockey semifinals.

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2018 WINTER OLYMPICS

MEN'S HOCKEY

U.S. hopes hang by thread

Shutout loss to Russians leaves Americans in fight to survive qualification game

BY HELENE ELLIOTT
Los Angeles Times

GANGNEUNG, South Korea — Coach Tony Granato insisted the U.S. men's 4-0 loss to the Olympic Athletes from Russia on Saturday wasn't as bad as the score suggested.

He said the Americans had played well but were unlucky that they couldn't put away their many scoring chances, especially in the second period of a chippy game.

"I thought it was a great game," Granato said. "I don't think it was a 4-0 game, though that's what the scoreboard says. It went back and forth at a pretty good pace. It was an NHL pace.

"I'd like to play this team again sometime. I think they realize they were in a fight out there."

But now it's the Americans who are in a fight, and it's for tournament survival.

The loss dropped the U.S. to third place after Group B preliminary-round play and consigned the Americans to a single-elimination playoff qualification game Tuesday.

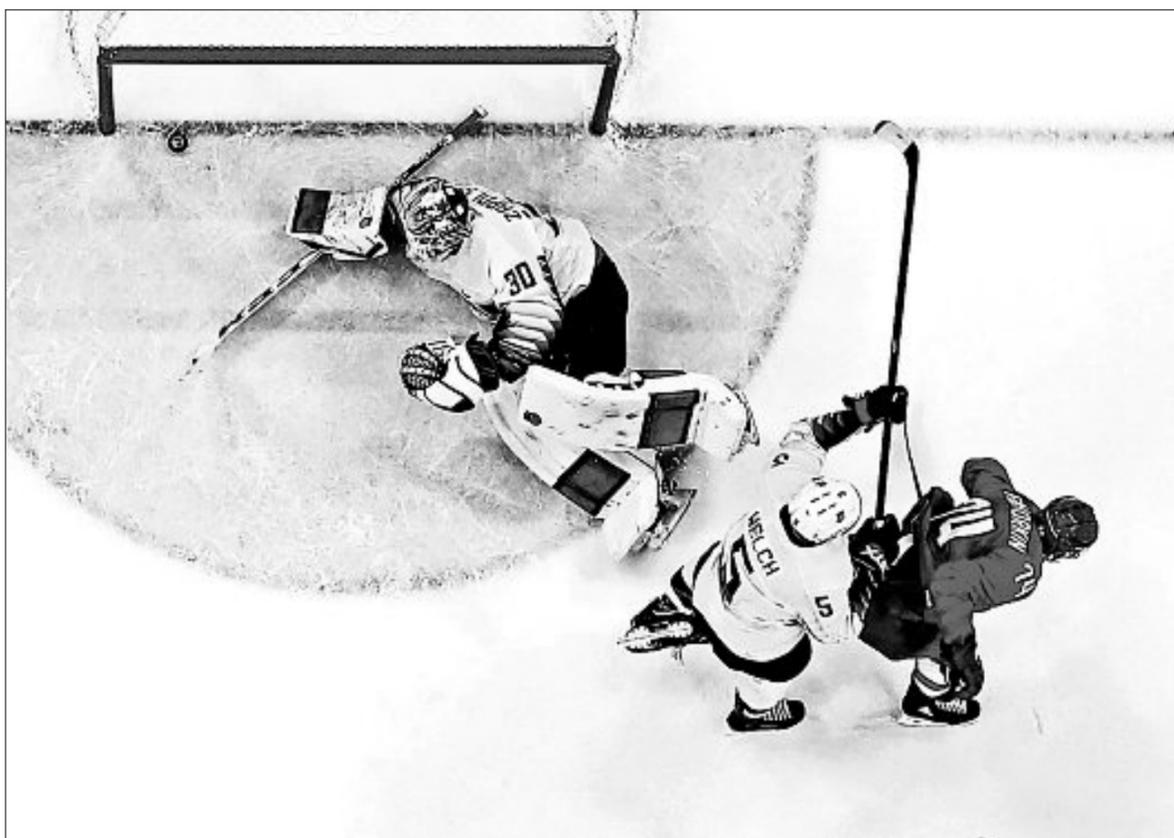
Their opponent will be determined by the final preliminary-round games involving Groups A and C on Sunday. The Olympic Athletes from Russia, the two other group winners and the team with the best second-place record will advance directly to the quarterfinals.

"When your back's against the wall, I hope we're going to show our best," U.S. goaltender Ryan Zapolski said. "We've done a lot of good things the first three games. We just haven't found a way to score enough goals. It's going to come with time, so we just have to find a way to buckle down now."

They couldn't find a way to beat Russian goalie Vassili Koshechkin, who made 29 saves. Their chances in the second period included a four-on-three power play and a breakaway by Brian Gionta, but the Russians held them off and then deflated them by taking a 3-0 lead with two-tenths of a second left in the period on a blistering shot from the right circle by former NHL 50-goal scorer Ilya Kovalchuk.

"I still have left some gas in my tank," said Kovalchuk, who will turn 35 in April but might return to the NHL next season after his Russian contract expires.

Players from SKA St. Petersburg and CSKA Moscow own all but two spots on the



BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY

Nikolai Prokhorin, right, scores in the first period against the U.S. in the Olympic Athletes from Russia's 4-0 pool-play victory Saturday.

Russian roster, creating cohesiveness that can be important in a tournament like this.

"I think their chemistry is hard to match," said Ryan Donato, one of four college players on the U.S. team. "They always know where each other are."

Granato was angry when Russian coach Oleg Znarok sent out his big guns for a late power play while holding a 4-0 lead, but it wasn't completely outlandish because goal differential can be crucial in determining playoff seeding.

The best way for the U.S. to have avoided that would have been to not fall so far behind.

Defenseman Jon Blum acknowledged the goal late in the second period was a tough blow and said the Americans needed to be more persistent and capitalize on rebounds around the net. They still believe they can skate with Russia.

"I don't think we should hang our heads

low about that effort," Blum said. "We played pretty hard, but they scored on their chances and we didn't."

That's what the scoreboard said. What the scoreboard says after their next game will be even more important.

But the Americans weren't the only ones who came up short Saturday. The Czech Republic rallied twice to hand the Canadian team its first Olympic loss in eight years, riding goaltender Pavel Francouz to a 3-2 victory in a shootout.

Canada had won 11 consecutive games at the Olympics, the first 10 with NHL players, dating to a loss to the U.S. in pool play in Vancouver in 2010. Canada opened these Games with a comfortable 5-1 victory over the Swiss that confirmed its status as one of the favorites in the tournament.

Still, Russia, the U.S. and now Canada have all lost in the preliminary round.

Mason Raymond and Rene Bourque

scored first-period goals for Canada, which wraps up preliminary-round play Sunday night against South Korea. But Dominik Kubalik and Michal Jordan answered for the Czechs.

Canada outshot the Czechs 33-20 through overtime, but Francouz stood tall — particularly in the extra session.

The three-on-three overtime on the big ice was frantic entertainment with quality scoring chances.

Wojtek Wolski scored for Canada in the shootout. Petr Koukal and Jan Kouvar scored for the Czechs.

Canada came into the game 13-13-1 against the Czech Republic in Olympic and world championship play but had won the last five meetings and eight of the last 10.

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DIMITAR DILKOFF/GETTY-AFP

Lindsey Vonn reacts in clear distress after crossing the finish line in her super-G run.

ALPINE SKIING

Vonn falls from 'I got this' to 'Baaaaad' in super-G

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
Associated Press

JEONGSEON, South Korea — Lindsey Vonn's first Olympic race in eight years included one obvious late mistake that she was sure cost her a medal.

Truth is, the American generally considered the greatest female ski racer in history also botched things in the upper half of the super-G course Saturday, so she wound up tied for sixth place, 0.38 seconds behind surprise champion Ester Ledecka of the Czech Republic.

Vonn's take on her run? "Really good. Really good. Really good. Baaaaad."

At Vancouver in 2010, she took bronze in the super-G and gold in the downhill. She sat out the Sochi Games four years ago after tearing ligaments in her right knee. So it was a thrill to be back for what Vonn, 33, has said will be her final Olympics.

The four-time overall World Cup champion focused on a particular miscue in what she called "the last critical section," about six seconds from the end of a race that took the winner 1 minute, 21.11 seconds to complete.

Entering a jump-turn combination, Vonn allowed one ski to lift off the snow too much and swept several feet wide of the proper path, barely clearing a gate.

"I misjudged how I came in there," Vonn acknowledged.

If Vonn hadn't done that, she said: "I think I would be on the podium, at bare minimum. I mean, that mistake was really big, and I'm only a couple tenths out of first. So I would estimate yes."

Before that portion: "I mean, I felt really good. I was like, 'Yes! I got this. I got this.' And I knew I had to focus all the way to the finish because of that turn."

Just as consequential, perhaps, was that she also lost quite a bit of time earlier. Vonn reached the halfway point of the race with only the 16th-best time, more than a half-second slower in that section than bronze medalist Tina Weirather of Liechtenstein, for example.

Vonn made up for some of that by being the fastest over the next quarter of the course before the final error eliminated any chance at a medal. Weirather noticed the early problems, saying Vonn "lost a whole bunch at the top."

Now Vonn will get a few days to gather herself and begin preparing for her best event, the downhill, which is Wednesday.

"In general, this season I feel like I've been much better in downhill than super-G," she said. "And this hill suits me really well for downhill. I'm confident for the downhill."

ROUNDUP

Krueger ends U.S. short-track drought with silver in 1,000

News services

John-Henry Krueger won silver in the 1,000-meter short-track race Saturday to give the U.S. its first speedskating medal of the Pyeongchang Games.

In fact, Krueger became the first American man to win an individual short-track medal since Vancouver in 2010.

Krueger nearly didn't escape his quarterfinal heat. A Dutch skater bumped him, sending him spinning out of the pack and seemingly out of contention. He finished fourth. He needed third. But then the judges called a penalty on the Dutch skater, moving Krueger to third and into the semifinals.

"The most important part of short-track is just keeping your composure and your calm," Krueger said.

Samuel Girard of Canada won gold.

Chasing records: Marit Bjoergen moved into a tie for the most career Winter Olympic medals with 13 after helping the Norwegian women to a first-place finish in the cross-country ski relay.

Bjoergen tied male biathlete and fellow Norwegian Ole Einar Bjoerndalen and can take sole possession of the record with a medal in either of the last two women's events — the team sprint relay or the mass start.

"I don't think about that now," Bjoergen said. "I'm just focused on each race."

Electric run: Switzerland's Sarah Hoefflin edged teammate Mathilde Gremaud for gold in the freestyle skiing slopestyle event by posting a score of 91.20 in her final run.

"I was so relaxed because I knew what the (wind) speed was, and usually if I know the speed I know the tricks," Hoefflin said. Isabel Atkin of Britain took bronze.

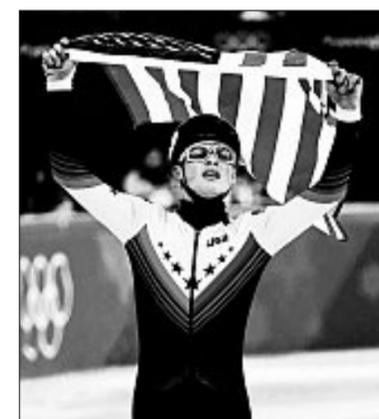
Finding gold: Anastasiya Kuzmina of Slovakia hit 19 of 20 targets and won the women's biathlon 12.5-kilometer mass start for her sixth career medal and third gold.

Her two previous career gold medals came in the 7.5-kilometer sprint.

Favored Laura Dahlmeier of Germany, already a two-time gold medalist in Pyeongchang, finished 16th.

A rout in skeleton: Lizzy Yarnold won her second consecutive Olympic women's skeleton gold medal, leaving no doubt by setting a track record in the final heat to beat Germany's Jacqueline Loelling by nearly a half-second.

Yarnold's four-run time was 3 minutes, 27.28 seconds to Loelling's 3:27.73.



JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY

John-Henry Krueger lets the American flag fly after winning the silver medal in 1,000-meter short-track speedskating.

BY THE NUMBERS

MEDAL COUNT	G	S	B	TOT
NORWAY	7	8	7	22
GERMANY	9	4	17	
CANADA	5	5	15	
NETHERLANDS	6	2	13	
U.S.	5	2	9	
AUSTRIA	3	2	9	
JAPAN	1	3	9	
OA RUSSIA	0	2	9	
FINLAND	4	0	7	
FRANCE	3	2	7	
SWITZERLAND	2	1	7	
ITALY	2	1	6	
SOUTH KOREA	3	0	5	
CZECH REPUBLIC	1	2	5	
CHINA	0	4	5	
BRITAIN	1	0	4	
SLOVAKIA	1	2	3	
AUSTRALIA	0	1	3	
FINLAND	0	3	3	
BELARUS	1	1	2	
SPAIN	0	0	2	
POLAND	1	0	1	
SLOVENIA	0	0	1	
KAZAKHSTAN	0	1	1	
LIECHTENSTEIN	0	1	1	

Through 55 medal events

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

ALPINE SKI Women's Super G
 G Ester Ledecka, Czech Rep., 1:21.11
 S Anna Veith, Austria, 1:21.12
 B T. Weirather, Liechtenstein, 1:21.22
 6. (1) Lindsey Vonn, U.S., 1:21.49
 14. (28) Breezy Johnson, U.S., 1:22.14
 15. (12) Laurence Ross, U.S., 1:22.17
 16. (27) Alice McKennis, U.S., 1:22.20

WOMEN'S CURLING
 U.S., 7, OA Russia 6
 Canada 11, U.S. 3

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI
 Women's 4X5km Relay
 G Norway, 51:24.3
 S Sweden, 51:26.3
 B OA Russia, 52:07.6
 5. U.S., 52:44.8

BIATHLON
 Women's 12.5km Mass Start
 G Ana Kuzmina, Slovakia, 35:23.0 (1)
 S Darya Domracheva, Belarus, 35:41.8 (2)
 B Tiril Eckhoff, Norway, 35:50.7 (2)
MEN'S FIGURE SKATING
 G Yuzuru Hanyu, Japan, 317.8
 S Shoma Uno, Japan, 306.90
 B Javier Fernandez, Spain, 305.24
 5. Nathan Chen, U.S., 297.35
 6. Vincent Zhou, U.S., 276.69
 10. Adam Rippon, U.S., 259.36

FREESTYLE SKI
 Women's Slopestyle
 G Sarah Hoefflin, Switz., 91.20
 S Mathilde Gremaud, Switz., 88.00
 B Isabel Atkin, Britain, 84.60
 4. Maggie Voisin, U.S., 81.20
 5. Li Jinru, China, 72.75
SHORT TRACK SPEEDSKATING
 Men's 1,000
 G Samuel Girard, Canada, 1:24.650
 S John H. Krueger, U.S., 1:24.864
 B Seo Yira, South Korea, 1:31.619
 Women's 1,500
 G Choi Minjeong, S. Korea, 2:24.948
 S Li Jinru, China, 2:25.703
 B Kim Boutin, Canada, 2:25.834
WOMEN'S SKELETON
 G Elizabeth Yarnold, Britain, 3:27.28
 S Jacqueline Loelling, Ger., 3:27.73
 B Laura Deas, Britain, 3:27.90
 13. Katie Uhlaender, U.S., 3:29.61
 17. Kendall Wesenberg, U.S., 3:30.92

SKI JUMPING
 G Kamill Stoch, Poland, 285.70
 S Andreas Wellinger, Ger., 282.30
 B Robert Johansson, Norway, 275.30
 20. Kevin Bickner, U.S., 235.40

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY
 Czech Republic 3, Canada 2, 50
 Switzerland 8, South Korea 2, 50
 Slovenia 3, Slovakia 2, 50
 Russia 4, U.S. 0
WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY
 Quarterfinals
 OA Russia 6, Switzerland 2
 Finland 7, Sweden 2

Yarnold's margin of difference over the field was the largest in women's Olympic skeleton history.

He won't let go: Defending champ Kamil Stoch won ski jumping's large hill event.

The 30-year-old Polish jumper beat normal hill gold medalist Andreas Wellinger of Germany, who took silver. Robert Johansson of Norway won bronze.

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MEN'S FIGURE SKATING

Chen settles for history

Out of medal chase, American becomes 1st to land 5 clean quads

BY DYLAN HERNANDEZ
Los Angeles Times

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — Don't be deceived by the warm smile and understated sense of humor. There's a fighter inside Nathan Chen.

That part of Chen emerged in furious and spectacular fashion in the free skate segment of the men's figure skating competition Saturday, a day after a disastrous short program had eliminated him from medal contention. The enraged 18-year-old U.S. champion decided that if he couldn't win gold, silver or bronze, he would at least make history.

And he did, becoming the first competitor ever to cleanly land five quadruple jumps at the Olympics. He attempted and landed a sixth but had to place both hands on the ice to prevent a fall.

He earned 215.08 points for the program, the highest score of these, or any, Olympics. He leaped from 17th to fifth.

Japan's Yuzuru Hanyu became the first man to repeat since American Dick Button in 1952. Countryman Shoma Uno was second, followed by Spain's Javier Fernandez.

American Vincent Zhou, just 17, finished sixth. Adam Rippon was 10th.

After Chen's stupendous long program, he immediately recognized the magnitude of what he had accomplished.

"There was just a mix of emotions," he said. "Just happy that I did what I did, and kind of upset that I did what I did with such a bad short program and it won't balance out."

The experience could prove transformative for Chen and U.S. figure skating. He learned his boundaries weren't really boundaries, that his 5-foot-6 frame had more in it than he had imagined, that he has to be bold and not cautious, and, perhaps most important, that he can recover from crushing disappointment.

"I'm glad I was able to show myself and show everyone else that I can bounce back from a bad performance," Chen said.

If he was prematurely designated a

gold-medal contender for these Games because of his jumping ability, what Chen gained should make him a legitimate threat at the 2022 Beijing Games.

Once a medal factory, the U.S. men's program has produced only two podium finishes in the last seven Olympics: in 2010, when Evan Lysacek claimed gold, and in 2002, when Timothy Goebel won bronze.

The fact Chen won the free skate and failed to medal only underscored how terribly he skated in the short program. He fell on an attempted triple axel and scored only 82.27 points. Previously undefeated this season, he was 17th in a field of 30.

"I tried to think of it as any other competition," he said. "As much as I tried to tell myself that, that's not really the truth. It's so much bigger than that."

"There's a lot of stigma around it being the one competition that you're dreaming your whole life to go to. And it really is that. I think that really added a lot of pressure to me."

The decision to attempt six quadruple jumps in the long program was made after the earlier disaster.

"It was sort of an anger thing," Chen said. "Screw it, I'm going to try it."

He slept on the idea, then woke up still determined to make history.

The program started with a quadruple lutz, which was followed by a quadruple lutz and double toe loop combination.

Chen nearly fell on his next jump, a quadruple flip. He kept himself upright by placing his hands flat on the ice.

But he was dominant for the rest of the program, landing three more quadruple jumps. History was made.

"Being in such a low placement going into the longs allowed (me) to completely forget about expectations and allow (me) to be myself," he said.

Right away he started looking forward to the Beijing Games.

"Who knows what will happen in four years?" Chen said. "It would be cool to be able to go to that Olympics. My mom was born in Beijing, so it would be really cool to have her there."

Even cooler will be to see how what Chen learned Saturday will appear on the ice in four years.

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Nathan Chen elevates during the free skate, in which he landed five clean quadruple jumps and finished fifth.

HOME TEAM

Tracking local Olympians competing in Pyeongchang



Kevin Bickner
Ski jumping/Wauconda

Bickner attended Wauconda High School until moving to Park City, Utah, to train. He began jumping at 10. Bickner is one of three Olympians from the Norge Ski Club in Fox River Grove. He finished 18th in the normal hill competition and took 20th in the large hill event Saturday.

Next: Team large hill, Monday



Michael Glasder
Ski jumping/Cary

Glasder, who at 28 is nearly six years older than any of his rivals, is a 2008 Cary-Grove graduate and trains at the Norge Ski Club. On Saturday, he did not advance to the large hill final.

Next: Team large hill, Monday



Casey Larson
Ski jumping/Barrington

Larson, 19, first tried ski jumping at 6 at the Norge Ski Club. By high school he was gunning for the Olympics and training on the U.S. developmental team. He failed to qualify for the large hill competition.

Next: Team large hill, Monday



Tony Granato
Hockey/Downers Grove

Granato, who coaches the U.S. men's team, graduated from Downers Grove North in 1982. The U.S. lost 4-0 Saturday to the Russians, finishing pool play with a 1-2 record.

Next: Qualification round, Tuesday



Lana Gehring
Short-track speedskating/Glenview

The 27-year-old earned a bronze medal at the 2010 Vancouver Games in the 3,000-meter relay less than a year after graduating from Glenbrook South. On Saturday, she failed to advance beyond the qualifying heats of the 1,500 meters.

Next: 1,000 meters, Tuesday

MEDAL WINNERS

- **Bronze:** Alexa Scimeca Knierim (Addison) for team figure skating
- **Bronze:** Bradie Tennell (Carpentersville) for team figure skating

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Quirky skater Rippon lacks results — but not panache

BY JAKE SEINER
Associated Press

GANGNEUNG, South Korea — Adam Rippon put his hands over his face and let the cheers wash over him. He waved and smiled, and when the crowd kept clapping, he swung his arms to egg them on.

Ever the showman, and with his trademark grace and flair, Rippon took his final skate of the Olympics on Saturday. He finished 10th, respectable for a 28-year-old not expected to medal against a field populated by younger, higher-flying competition.

The self-proclaimed "icon" didn't need that hardware to leave his mark on these Games — or for the Olympics to leave its mark on him.

"They usually say that, like, after the Olympic Games, somebody's life changes forever," Rippon said. "A lot of times it's the gold medalist, but I have a feeling that my life has changed forever."

Rippon and skier Gus Kenworthy are America's only two openly gay male athletes, and they've flaunted their LGBT pride on social media throughout the Olympics.

Rippon helped the Americans win a bronze medal in the team event, then skated cleanly twice in the individual competition.



Rippon

All the while, he charmed interviewers with his ease and wit. His personality cemented his Olympic stardom. Those around him say the buzzy one-liners aren't an act. Fellow American skater Ashley Wagner said "he's like this 24/7. It's exhausting."

A taste of Rippon's best work just from Saturday:

■ On his plans for the rest of the Olympics: "I'm probably going to have like a stiff drink later."

■ On the Olympic spotlight: "Sometimes I just get attention, and I really don't know how it happens."

■ On his legacy: "You know, I'm not like a gay icon or America's gay sweetheart. I'm just America's sweetheart, and I'm just an icon."

Certainly, this month has opened doors for Rippon. He wouldn't say for sure Saturday that he's ready to retire, but his age dictates that he seems unlikely to go on much longer.

He'd be a hit on TV — perhaps following in the footsteps of fellow American star Johnny Weir, now an NBC personality. Rippon has given the world a taste of himself — and the world probably will want more.

"I think I've shown the world that I'm a fierce competitor," he said. "But I think I've shown them that I'm also a fierce human being."

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Why David Bowie the unknowable endures

By **GREG KOT** | Chicago Tribune

Though David Bowie died more than two years ago, his media franchise churns on, as vibrant as ever.

Since his death, a half-dozen books have been published, from Dylan Jones' oral history, "David Bowie: A Life" to "Starman: A Coloring Book." Two major installments in an ongoing series of box sets that have been released offer a comprehensive, archive-plumbing overview of specific, artistically rich eras: "Who

Can I Be Now? (1974-1976)" and "A New Career in a New Town (1977-1982)" (both on Parlophone). And HBO is airing a recent documentary directed by Francis Whately, "The Last Five Years," which looks at the singer's final burst of creativity, in which he produced two studio albums, "The Next Day" (2013) and "Blackstar" (2016), and a play, "Lazarus."

There's also a tribute tour, "Celebrating David Bow-Turn to Bowie," [Page 3](#)



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Chuck E. Cheese's robotic band will soon be just a memory.

The day the robots' music died (almost)

By **CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI**
 Chicago Tribune

Munch's Make Believe Band has been together for four decades. Longer than Green Day. Longer than Public Enemy. Madonna first performed as Madonna in 1982. But Munch's played its first show in 1977, at a San Jose, Calif., pizza parlor,

and from day one the band was news, the main attraction, more popular than the pizza, heralded as a pioneer and impossible to ignore. Despite being a fabricated pop act, Munch's proved durable, tireless, performing seven days a week, night and day. And now, after 41 years of playing mostly children's birthday parties, the band is breaking up. It

will be a slow goodbye, show by show, venue by venue. Elton John recently announced a three-year-long farewell tour; Munch's could take much longer. As its members collapse onstage, they may or may not be replaced — the people pulling the strings are being cagey about Munch's future.

But farewell is inevitable.

Daniel Day-Lewis just said farewell to acting. Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Chris Hedges' upcoming book promises "America: The Farewell Tour." Paul Simon, the balding bard of Queens, announced his own farewell to performing. Even in decline, Munch's Make

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'Chicago P.D.' filming is insensitive? You're missing the point



CHRIS JONES

The NBC police drama "Chicago P.D." was "slammed," the Tribune reported in a Wednesday headline, for filming too close to the Thompson Center in the Loop, where Chicago police Cmdr. Paul Bauer had been fatally shot just one day before.

How close was too close for our sensibilities? Five hundred yards? Three blocks? Two miles?

Does not, in fact, "Chicago P.D." or another of the so-called Dick Wolf public-service "procedurals" ("Chicago Fire," "Chicago Med") set up in the aftermath of a shooting most every day they are filming in this city?

Given that there were 2,785 shooting incidents and 3,457 shooting victims in Chicago in 2017, and that those shootings blanketed the city they were cursing, does not simple logic make that so?

Are we expecting the producers of that show to pore over this newspaper's oft-devastating reports of overnight gun violence and decide to stay far away?

Impossible as it is to grasp, incredible as this statement may be, unfathomable that it may be tolerated, the reality is that it would be impossible to do so and still film in Chicago. Most every day.

This is not to imply that the social media outrage is hard to understand. On the contrary. The murder of so fine a public servant has been an unspeakable agony for this city. Nerves were frayed to begin with; now it feels like our collective body politic has hit a new low.

Yet even as that controversial location shoot was taking place on Wednesday, a young man named Nikolas Cruz was entering his former high school in Florida, a semiautomatic AR-15 rifle in his hands, murder on his mind.



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A "Chicago P.D." crew was criticized for filming across from the Thompson Center a day after a Chicago police officer was killed near there.

You could base the same excellent argument of insensitivity based on time just as easily on geography. In today's gun-riven America, a fictional enterprise such as "Chicago P.D." has to worry just as much about the *where* of its shooting schedule as the *when*. If you define a mass shooting as being of four or more people, there are, in an average recent year, more of these shootings in this nation than there are days. So by that logic, there would be no day for the cameras to safely roll.

It is all a matter of degree. Of unacceptable degree. Our parsing of these absurdities is just one more unacceptable thing about modern life among so many guns.

These multiple dramas based on the public servants of Chicago have been here now for more than five years. It is a rare Chicagoan who has not encoun-

tered a location shoot for one of these shows and not had their heart race down into their stomach in worry that some tragedy has just occurred; the consequences of guns, after all, constantly drive the narratives of "Chicago P.D." and "Chicago Med," and they often impact "Chicago Fire." And the same is true, of course, of Showtime's "The Chi," which has its own location shoots and plotting designed to expose how shootings create cycles of revenge and retribution, plotting that requires those cascading causalities to be simulated as realistically as possible. All in this very city. As verisimilitude demands.

If, like me, you've encountered the flashing lights and chaos on your way home from work, maybe even on the same block as the one where you live, you're acutely aware of the worry this causes, even though the produc-

tion companies usually post signs telling citizens not to be alarmed, that they merely have encountered the active creation of a fictional enterprise. The problem is, you usually see the lights and hear the sirens before you see the signs. And the brevity of the concern does not belie its intensity.

None of this is the fault of the people working on these shows; they merely are creating dramatic stories based on what they perceive to be the realities of our lives, as is their right if not their duty. Guns are easy devices for the raising of dramatic stakes and have been a part of our storytelling ever since Smith met Wesson.

That said, there is a causal relationship between the popularity of these works of fiction and the city of their creation: Given Chicago's reputation, it is easier to get a producer to

understand the logic of a work based on violent crime being set here than a work, say, based on coffee-shop ennui. "Portlandia" is not "The Chi." There is a good business reason why Wolf added the word "Chicago" as his uber-adjective. The reality has served him well. Sure, it's all part of our history. You might say it ever was thus. But supporting the presence of the shows does not require comfort with that causality.

In the final analysis, the whereabouts of "Chicago P.D." is a distraction — a painful one on Wednesday, as at so many other times, but a distraction, nonetheless. It is the reality that should be getting slammed out of existence.

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The HBO documentary "David Bowie: The Last Five Years" looks at the singer's final burst of creativity, in which he produced two studio albums, "The Next Day" and "Blackstar."

Bowie's mystique endures

Bowie, from Page 1

ie," in which some of the singer's longest-running sidemen and collaborators — including keyboardist Mike Garson, guitarist Earl Slick and bassist Carmine Rojas — join forces to play a career-spanning set of Bowie songs (it arrives in Chicago on Feb. 23 at the Vic Theatre).

Bowie's effect is still being felt in the postmodern pop world he helped prefigure, even if the generations that emerged since his heyday may have only a tenuous grasp of just how revolutionary his shifting personas, gender fluidity, and genre-blurring multimedia mixes of music, art, theater and video actually were.

Much of the recent media explosion has been at least in part inspired by how Bowie died — shrouded in mystery, just as much of his life and career were. In many ways, he was as unknowable in death as he was in life, and his final public act — the release of his final studio album, "Blackstar," on his 69th birthday and two days before his death on Jan. 10, 2016 — only added to the mystique.

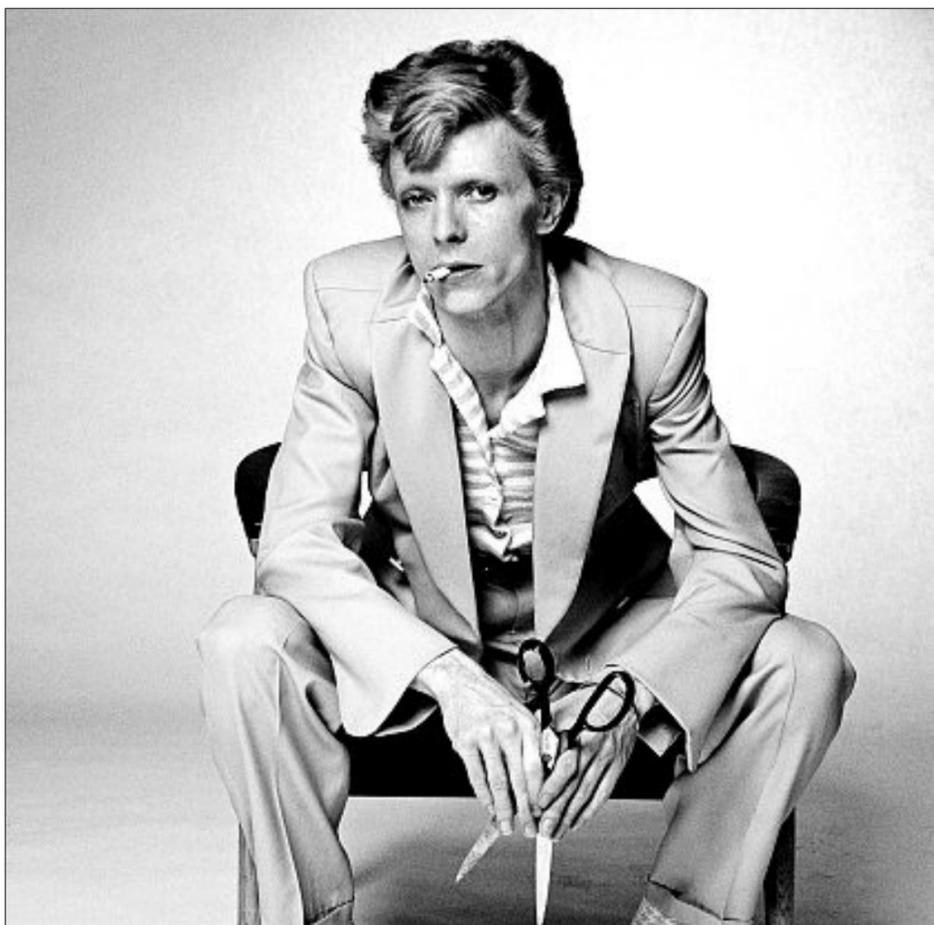
As he was completing work on "Blackstar" and "Lazarus," which debuted in New York in late 2015, he was weakened by cancer. But he kept both the work and his health issues a secret outside of a tight circle of friends and collaborators. And so the dense, haunted, jazz-inflected "Blackstar" arrived as not just a late-career album by a still-vital artist, but a carefully conceived and moving farewell. It's likely not a coincidence that its title also happens to be the name of an obscure song Elvis Presley recorded in 1960. Presley, with whom Bowie shares a birthday, asks his "Black Star" to grant him a longer life, but knows his time is running out: "Every man has a black star/ A black star over his shoulder/ And when a man sees his black star/ He knows his time, his time has come."

According to Garson, one of Bowie's most trusted accomplices since the '70s, Bowie had a notion of how his life would end decades earlier.

"I haven't shared this with anyone, but touring on a bus with him in the mid-'90s, David said to me, 'I saw a psychic at the end of the '70s and he told me I'd die around age 69, 70,'" Garson says. "He believed the guy. He designed his own life around that communication. He said it to me as casually as we're talking on the phone right now. It was a personal thing, but he believed it. So as he was approaching his 69th birthday, David literally wrote an album like a Verdi requiem. 'Blackstar' came together in the months before he died, but he knew the overview many years earlier."

Bowie's final rush of creativity came after a lengthy hiatus. He cut short the longest tour of his career in 2004 after a concert in Germany, which he left in an ambulance. He was treated at a Hamburg hospital for a heart attack. The band was abruptly told to go home. The tour was over. Slick was onstage with Bowie that night and didn't hear from him for eight years, as secret sessions for "The Next Day" were underway in New York.

"He looked fine. He was himself, like, oh, here we are, as if we were picking up where we left



TERRY O'NEILL/HULTON ARCHIVE

Bowie, shown circa 1974, blurred lines of genre, gender and generation as though they didn't matter.



MIGUEL VASCONCELLOS PHOTO

"Every player he hired, he knew what he wanted from them, and that's why he didn't interfere. Of all the people I worked with, he gave me the most space to be creative."

— David Bowie collaborator Mike Garson, left

off," Slick says. "I do remember once or twice, there were moments when you thought he was stepping back into it. I finished my solo on '(You Will) Set the World on Fire' and he says, 'Christ, that would be great live.' I said, 'Really?' And then he said, 'Don't even think about it.' I knew that day the chances of him going out like we used to were over. He just didn't want to do it anymore. I think he had this whole 'Lazarus' thing in his head. Since I'd known him in the '70s, he'd always talked about doing some kind of Broadway production and now it's like he knew it was time. When we were doing things, as we were finishing, he was already thinking about what's next — not that he told anybody."

Though Slick was a significant contributor to "The Next Day," Bowie quietly parted ways with him after that. The revolving door of sidemen "was how David worked," Slick says. "It's like all along you were working with an artist who was very diverse, very spur-of-the-moment, very experimental, and he would put together a band that would do best by whatever music he was making at the time. It wasn't disrespectful or malicious. It was just his operating system, which is not the operating system of most people."

Garson was Bowie's most frequent collaborator, in large part because of the keyboardist's ability to play in many different styles. When Bowie found musicians he liked, he gave them wide latitude, as most famously illustrated by Garson's maniacal keyboard solo on the title track of the 1973 "Aladdin Sane" album.

"I didn't want to ruin his financial career," Garson says with a laugh. "But he knew how to frame that avant-garde solo with solid bass, drums and guitar, and that discipline allowed me that freedom. He never micromanaged, he gave you an overall vision. He was the ultimate casting director. Every player he hired, he knew what he wanted from them, and that's why he didn't interfere. Of all the people I worked with, he gave me the most space to be creative."

"Casting director" — it's a great choice of words, in that it explains not only how Bowie orchestrated his albums, but most aspects of his career. Bowie's ability to create a pop context for the esoteric, to find mainstream acceptance for musical subcultures and unlikely juxtapositions, was enhanced by his ability to create roles, including plenty of his own. The Bowie who flitted across projects and personas was a creation too, and contributed to his

essential elusiveness both as an artist and a human being who couldn't be pinned down. Even Garson once went nearly two decades between Bowie projects without hearing from the singer. "In the '70s, he told me he wanted to work with me for 20 years, and then he calls me 18 years later," Garson says. "When I finally heard from him, I said, 'Was that a grammatical error?'"

Along the way, Bowie became a star who bridged the worlds of music, art, theater and fashion. He became a hero to the LGBTQ community, outsiders and misfits, even as he sold out arenas. In "The Last Five Years" documentary, producer Tony Visconti asserts that fame was just a vehicle for Bowie, a means of giving him the resources to do whatever he wanted to do artistically. But that line of thinking was contradicted by Bowie himself in an interview with the Tribune after he scrapped his band Tin Machine in the mid-'90s.

"My vanity won't let me work to houses with 20 or 30 people," he said. "I did try it with Tin Machine. A small room packed with people is a cool thing, but it's not economical. I was paying for that band to work, and I was gradually going through all my bread, and it became time to stop. I had to build my audience back

up again."

Contradictions abounded throughout his career. For an artist so obsessed with the future, "The Next Day" struck many as a work steeped in memories of the past. "I never expect him to look back," Visconti says in the documentary. "This is a new thing for him."

Leave it to Bowie to make a glance backward feel new. He didn't give interviews in his final years, as if to leave the true motives behind "The Next Day" intentionally vague. It underlines the notion that searching for some consistency that would tie together Bowie's career is a fool's game. When asked in the documentary how he'd like to be remembered, he answers with a quip: "I'd love people to believe that I really had great haircuts." Elsewhere, he acknowledges that "I'm not an original, I'm a synthesizer." Bowie detractors seize upon a career built on appropriations as somehow less authentic or artistically meaningful. But Bowie created plenty of new meanings by blurring lines of genre, gender and generation as though they didn't matter, and the world is proving him prescient.

"Chopin took from Bach, Ravel took from Liszt. No one is an original," Garson says. "But if you do it properly you end up with your own voice. Yeah, he'd steal, but every rock artist that I've ever worked with — Billy Corgan, Trent Reznor, Gwen Stefani — they all stole from him. So did Madonna, Lorde and Lady Gaga. They saw originality there, and they became themselves. That's how art works. If you create something with no connection to anything, you'd be appreciated by three people."

With "Blackstar," Bowie used saxophonist Danny McCaslin's jazz combo as a backing band. Though it broke ground for Bowie yet again in terms of how he presented his music to the public, it was hardly the first time he had collaborated with jazz musicians. Garson was a jazz-scene mainstay in New York when he first auditioned for Bowie in the '70s, and trumpeter Lester Bowie of the Art Ensemble of Chicago and Count Basie alum Chico O'Farrill played prominent roles on the 1993 Bowie album "Black Tie, White Noise."

Visconti comments in "The Last Five Years" that in the studio he and Bowie would often discuss "how can we make one person sound like many?" On the mesmerizing 10-minute "Blackstar" title track, a multitude of Bowie voices swirl through the song. They accompany an arresting series of images in the video, including Bowie blinded by a button-eyed mask and twitching as though possessed by some unseen force. The disturbing scene cuts to an image of a bejeweled skeleton inside an astronaut suit, at rest on some dark planet, a reference to Bowie's first major character — Major Tom, the doomed narrator in "Space Oddity," the singer's breakthrough song. Major Tom has finally come home, but the music in the video — and in Bowie's farewell — continues in an infinite, restless fade.

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Lula Paxson, of Chicago, hugs a member of Munch's Make Believe Band at a Chuck E. Cheese in Chicago. The chain's CEO says the band is seen more as "nostalgia than entertainment."

Robot band era on the ropes

Robots, from Page 1

Believe Band will not be outdone: Depending on where you see the band, its fur may also be patchy. Everything falls apart. Age catches up, and joints creak, backs crack and, little by little, for even the sturdiest of entertainers, the times change.

I recently attended a show by Munch's, in a strip mall on Fullerton Avenue. It's the house band at a Chuck E. Cheese there — actually, it's the house band at most Chuck E. Cheese amusement centers around the country. Most, because in some Chuck E. Cheese's, Munch's has already been downsized or fired. Perhaps you've heard: Last summer, the Texas-based Chuck E. Cheese chain, which operates 512 locations (including 17 in the Chicago area), announced that the animatronic group of musicians that perform as Munch's were being shown the door. Though the band was once the reason that anyone even bothered to visit Chuck E. Cheese, now it is being replaced, with larger dance floors and live employees in animal costumes.

It was a quirky little news item, quickly forgotten.

But lost in the chuckles was this: Seeing the Chuck E. Cheese band had been many Americans' first brush with social robotics. However modestly, Munch's was a precursor to our future, one already partly arrived, in which you work alongside robots, invite droids into your home, grow comfortable with having robot companions. Silly as it sounds, Munch's marked a rudimentary, evolutionary step in mainstreaming that idea.

Said Garner Holt, a pioneer of animatronic creations who developed the Chuck E. Cheese band (as well as many robotic characters for Disney and Universal theme parks): "We built 500 of them for the restaurants and from an attendance standpoint, the number of Americans who saw that band exceeds the number who went to Disney parks. So, yes, in a strange way, yes: The (Chuck E. Cheese) band were forerunners. They prepped a lot of people to get ready for a society clearly moving in the direction of robots who'll attend to their daily needs. In this case, it's entertainment — but for robotics to be integrated into society, to some extent they will need to show off their personalities."

Out of historical necessity then, before their limbs grind to a halt and heads are decommissioned, it seemed important to visit the Chuck E. Cheese band on its long goodbye. I was one of those people who were once wowed by Munch's, who found it difficult to comprehend at first that there were no puppet masters present, that C-3PO came wrapped in fur, articulating fluid gestures. They weren't sentient. Or even utilitarian. But they were robots. So lately, whenever I was in the neighborhood of a Chuck E. Cheese, I stopped by to watch Munch's perform again, to say my farewells.

Often I was the audience, the only human in attendance.

At the Fullerton location, the band stood in the dark much of the time, waiting to perform. Chuck, with his lifeless green eyes, on vocals. Helen Henny the hen on backup vocals. Jasper T. Jowls the cowboy dog on guitars. Mr. Munch, the hunched dinosaur keyboardist. Pasqually P. Pieplate, an Italian stereotype with a Jheri curl, barely playing drums. Like a progressive rock band, they got through about four songs an hour. The rest of the time, they waited before long empty rows of chairs, swiveling their heads, clacking their eyelids, opening their mouths to sing, but saying nothing, as if it didn't really matter anymore if they played or not — *who were they playing to anyway?*

A small child toddled over.

The band started up. Pasqually said it



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Rock-a-fire Explosion, formerly of ShowBiz Pizza Place and now at Odyssey Fun World, was the Rolling Stones to Munch's Beatles.



CHRIS CAFFEE/NBC

Special effects icon Stan Winston, creator of the T. rex in "Jurassic Park," was far more impressed with Disney's animatronics than Chuck E. Cheese's, his son said.

was his favorite time of the year! He began a song about wanting to celebrate Halloween! And Christmas! And every holiday! All at once! The band watched him uncertainly and asked him to *stop, stop*, but you know Pasqually — can't stop, won't stop. It was part of the shtick. But joyless, the band, once able to swivel and wave and strum with ease, groaned hydraulically. The child, whose face never brightened or revealed the smallest spark of curiosity, eventually turned around and walked away, looking bored. She walked back to her parents. They pulled out a toy for the child to play with, a blue elephant with animatronic ears, which did everything Munch's did and more. And unlike Jasper T. Jowls, its jowls were clean.

The Chuck E. Cheese on Kedzie Avenue in Gage Park has the musty smell of a basement. It's next to a Chinatown Buffet, in a strip mall that wouldn't be out of place in a

zombie apocalypse. Munch's stage is larger and more colorful here than at other locations I visited; their wardrobes are a lot less soiled. But Jasper's eyes are so misaligned you can see the metal plate in his head, and whenever Pasqually attempts to drum, the pistons in his blood sigh and gasp — *sigh, gasp, sigh, gasp* — then his head lolls so far back you expect a John Carpenter monster to claw its way out of his neck. Kellie Wyatt, 25, of Chicago, had been riding her bike through the neighborhood and stopped in, more out of nostalgia than excitement. She watched with a mounting horror:

"It's like they just gave up."

"The restaurant?"

"The band — it's like they don't want to be here anymore."

Indeed, Munch's members had wide, alarmed eyes that shifted back and forth in their furry heads, like scared university cheerleaders trapped inside mascot costumes, unable to escape. "Such a bummer,"

Wyatt said. "I used to be so impressed with this. And it's still kind of cool. ... But it's not the way I remember. I just feel bad for them."

The truth is, as ambitious as it was for a restaurant to host a robotic house band in the '70s and '80s, even then Munch's wasn't considered Grade-A animatronics by many animatronic creators. Matt Winston, co-founder of the Stan Winston School of Character Arts, said his legendary father, the school's namesake and creator of the T. rex in "Jurassic Park" and the robot assassin in James Cameron's original 1984 "Terminator" movie, was far more impressed with the animatronics at Disney's theme parks: "Chuck E. Cheese animatronics were animatronics as its cheapest, most stripped down." Even Holt said Munch's "could have been more sophisticated 30 years ago, but (the restaurant) wanted a certain level of animatronic — it wasn't Disney-level even then."

Talk to animatronics creators, and Disney comes up often.

Depending on the definition, animatronics — that is, the smooth, induced movements of artificial creations, intending to mimic the free-flowing movement of real life — dates back centuries, some say to the mechanical animals built by da Vinci in the 16th century, some say to the mechanical musicians popular among 18th-century French elite. But the term "animatronics" is itself a Disney invention, used to describe its early experiments in drawing lifelike movement from inanimate objects. The timeline of animatronic breakthroughs is relatively brief — Disney's Hall of Presidents, "Jurassic Park," Jabba the Hutt — but the cornerstone is always Disneyland's Enchanted Tiki Room, which starred four animatronic macaws and debuted in the theme park in 1963.

"I got into this business because of that," Holt said. "I had a mechanical mind and was enamored at 13 with Disney and the concept of simulating an illusion of life. People take it for granted that robots are machines and computers, that it's a challenge to turn all of that into a character — one that you subconsciously understand should not be alive."



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A Museum of Science and Industry exhibit features Disney items. Disney's Hall of Presidents is considered upper-level animatronics.

“Before human beings can get comfortable in the presence of robots, they are going to need us to care about them.”

— Matt Winston, special effects expert

That said, for Robert Veach of Naperville, the original Chuck E. Cheese band — and later, homegrown variations, often the work of amateur animatronic tinkerers — was a revelation, the suburbanization of animatronics, however flawed. Veach is a retired electrical engineer from Bell Labs, known in the west suburbs of Chicago for his elaborate homemade animatronic Halloween displays. He said: “People forget, if you couldn’t get to Disney for its Hall of Presidents, there was always a Chuck E. Cheese.”

Still, as any student of pop music will remind you, every band has a dark tale.

Munch’s, along with the Chuck E. Cheese chain itself, was a creation of Nolan Bushnell, founder of Atari. He was enamored of the Tiki Room at Disneyland, but he also wanted a showcase for Atari’s arcade games. The combo was such a hit that, within a few years, he had a competitor, ShowBiz Pizza Place, which had its own animatronic house band. To connoisseurs of animatronics, Rock-afire Explosion was



ED BAILEY/AP

Toys such as the Furby showcased the best-known developments in animatronics.

the Rolling Stones to Munch’s Beatles, edgier, and to many fans, savvier and hipper. Its creator was Aaron Fechter, an engineer who both developed a fuel-efficient car and invented the arcade classic Whac-A-Mole. To make a convoluted business story short: ShowBiz bought Chuck E. Cheese, and, according to Fechter, “animatronics were set back decades.” He said he had been working on next-generation robot musicians (who would play instruments, rather than pantomime to recorded tracks), but by the ’90s, Rock-afire’s Stones were literally torn to pieces, to provide parts for Munch’s milder Beatles.

“Today, (Munch’s) is just window dress-

ing,” Fechter said. “Without heart or soul.”

To be fair, Munch’s and Rock-afire both created a comfort with animatronics that demanded even better animatronics. About 20 years ago, Veach started an Illinois-based animatronics studio, he said, which never took off because “what people don’t understand is as you scale this stuff upward, it’s so much harder to make anything move believably. But toys — they’re small, they’re easier.” Indeed, as Hollywood fell in love with relatively cheaper and less labor-intensive computer-generated special effects, some of the best-known developments in animatronics went into toys — think of Teddy Ruxpin, and the Furby, a blockbuster for (now-defunct) Tiger Electronics of Vernon Hills.

Remember their grace, their eeriness.

Before Stan Winston died in 2008, he worked with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s Personal Robots Group on developing Leonardo, a charming, lifelike robot with computer-based artificial intelligence capabilities. Today, 16 years since he debuted, Leo resembles a toy. Or a Gremlin. He shrugs, reaches for things, gets excited, shy. You can believe, if for an instant, a robot can want. The Stan Winston School that Matt Winston started a decade ago teaches character creation in many forms — felt puppets, CGI — but he pictures the future of animatronics as ubiquitous, applied to sociable robots like Leonardo. “There’s major crossover in the skills it takes to create characters for entertainment and the aesthetically approachable robots of the

future.” It will mean more than window dressing. “(Munch’s) didn’t have to pass muster with anyone but 5-year-olds, but they get one thing right — before human beings can get comfortable in the presence of robots, they are going to need us to care about them.”

However inadvertently, it’s hard to not relate these days to the house band at Chuck E. Cheese. Depending where you see the musicians, they look either exhausted or simply terrible, worn down, overworked, hustling nonstop for ever-smaller crowds of the unimpressed.

Their bosses, included.

“If you go back to the ’70s and ’80s, (Munch’s) was largely there to entertain parents while their kids played (video games),” said Tom Leverton, Chuck E. Cheese CEO. “But today, parents look at them more like nostalgia than entertainment. Which can date us.” Not even the kids pay attention, he said. The plan is to remove the physical band gradually, to remodel, adding muted tones and more wooden surfaces and more open kitchens. Munch’s, in other words, will become a victim of gentrification.

Not surprisingly, after the company announced the band’s fate, superfans comforted themselves. On the online Retro Pizza Zone forum, one said that though the outcome is certain, “we should cherish the remaining time we have with them.” Ryan Thomas Colla, a former Chicago-area Chuck E. Cheese manager and major fan, told me: “From a business standpoint, I get it. But as a fan, there aren’t many things that haven’t changed since you were a kid — except the Chuck E. Cheese band, which hasn’t changed at all.”

Actually, like many arena acts, Munch’s show is augmented with screens now; sometimes, a screen sits onstage, like a sixth member. Which really it is: The band performs in sync with music videos starring their puppet doppelgangers. And yet, as is the fate of many bands that refuse to die, they play reduced circumstances — not county fairs, but storefronts, alongside dentist offices and Panda Express. Their hydraulics sigh and gasp loudly over the din of their instruments, and their fur is often ripped in places. One manager told me that she dreads weekends, when the kids punch band members and steal their shoes.

So, good news, robocalypse-wise:

Humans: 1

Animatronic bands: 0

The bad news is, if you want to remember the musicians of Munch’s Make Believe Band the way you did when you were child, don’t go see them now. Don’t look into their eyes. They will never know the future that they themselves had a hand in creating. The playing is mechanical and lifeless. They’re going through the motions, waiting for the replacements.

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Angela Alise, left, and Aurora Real de Asua, cast members of "The Wolves," practice for the Goodman Theatre play.



"The Wolves" director Vanessa Stalling, second from left, confers with some of the cast during a recent soccer training session at CIBC Fire Pitch. The play, written by Sarah DeLappe, is about the trials and tribulations of a soccer team.



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Some actors in the cast of "The Wolves" had played soccer, but the on-field practice and drills were designed to enhance authenticity. The play opens Tuesday in its Chicago premiere.

Play needs actors with game

BY MORGAN GREENE | Chicago Tribune

On a chilly January morning, a team takes the turf field at the CIBC Fire Pitch facility in Chicago. The group of women, wearing a mix of cleats and sneakers, practice high knees under the white air dome. Two of the women bump into each other. "Oh, sorry," they say. One woman lifts up her leg and grimaces. "Oh, god," she says. Another woman, with her hands on her hips, is just trying to catch her breath.

The women are not professional soccer players.

Some played in high school or on a travel team. Others gave up the sport to pursue theater. Now they're working on becoming a different kind of triple threat: actors who look, talk and play like a suburban soccer team. Most of the women will make their Goodman Theatre debuts as "The Wolves," the fictional team at the center of Sarah DeLappe's 2017 Pulitzer Prize finalist and

off-Broadway hit, opening Tuesday in its Chicago premiere.

In rehearsal, the actors move from grapevines to butt kicks to a drill that involves two women running forward, side shuffling and knocking shoulders. "We're already getting warm!" shouts Katie Berkopec, a coach with Loyola University Chicago's women's soccer team and the professional

player on-site for the day. "Yeah, coordination!" yells Vanessa Stalling, the production's director and the only woman on the field not wearing gym clothes. In auditions, the actors had to demonstrate a basic first touch and pass. For now, the goal is to raise heart rates and improve the on-stage exercises.

Throughout "The Wolves," the audience never actually watches a match; each scene is a warmup before a game, creating a 90-minute uptalk sparring match. Over squats, stretches and drills, the players share secrets and colds, period jokes and the proper pronunciation of the Khmer Rouge. Vapid chatter erupts into conversations about ambition, fear and loss. "The Wolves" is only about soccer as much as the movie "I, Tonya" is only about figure skating; it's a sports play that's as much about existing in the world as a young woman as it is about the game.

In one corner of the Fire Pitch turf, which has six pitches for rent in all, a new team, men in red and blue, begin a match, releasing howls that fill the dome. Another men's team, in green and yellow, takes the adjacent field. "Stay with it man!" screams one of the green dudes. The women, now in a circle, are focused and mostly silent; a few giggle in between lunges.

Earlier in the day, in a couch-filled break room at Fire Pitch, Stalling and Berkopec talk about high school girls and soccer.

"We have these women warming up and their conversations are informed by how they've been socialized, which is, don't take up space, don't be aggressive, things are your fault," says

"This is a play that celebrates women and the presence of women."

— Director Vanessa Stalling

Stalling. "But the juxtaposition is they're warming up for a game that asks them to do exactly the opposite, where they must be aggressive, they must take up space, they must be loud."

Stalling leans forward and talks about her own high school experience as a self-described late bloomer, unaware of the cliques and the cool kids. At her high school in Peoria, soccer was sparse. "This is a play that celebrates women and the presence of women," she says. "But also it's an examination of who gets these opportunities."

The fictional girls on the Wolves, identified in the play only by their jersey numbers, cover a range of high school labels — overachiever, over everything, stoner, new girl — but they're always a jump ahead of being typecast. At times, there's a glaring honesty in their lack of self-awareness and the airing of their first-world problems. "We don't do genocides 'til senior year," one of the girls says early in the play. In the second scene, another announces she's "talking about Mexican children in cages." She's knitting scarves for them.

But within the swarm of likes, literally, omigods and casual racism are hidden insecurities and quiet intelligence, the creeping inevitability of having to grow up, a fluorescent world ready to shatter.

"If you're thinking, oh, these are just young women, having young-women conversations, then you

won't see the depth of it," says Stalling.

In "The Wolves," the field is as much an auto-clave as it is a bubble. "Rewind probably 10 years ago, you weren't recruited 'til maybe junior, senior year," says Berkopec. "But nowadays we're recruiting seventh, eighth, ninth, 10th graders. ... It just seems like there's so much more pressure on these high schoolers."

And when women do succeed, what comes next? There's still only one woman among the world's 100 highest-paid athletes — Serena Williams. And only in the 2012 Olympic Games in London did every country have at least one female athlete among its delegation for the first time. In 2015, President Barack Obama honored the World Cup-winning U.S. women's soccer team at the White House. "They've inspired millions of girls to dream bigger, and by the way, inspired millions of boys to look at girls differently, which is just as important," he said. Just months later, five of the champion players filed a complaint against the U.S. Soccer Federation, alleging discriminatory wage practices, which resulted in their favor last year. (For their World Cup win, the women made \$2 million; the men's team made \$9 million for their 2014 World Cup loss.)

"Playing like a girl means being the best," Obama had said. "That's what American women do. That's what American girls do."

Stalling talks about stress and success, the need for women to prove themselves and assert their worth in competitive and underrepresented fields right out of the gate. For men, failure is "par for the course," she says. "That's like part of growing up. It's like, hey, that CEO ran that business into the ground, but let's invest in his next one, because he's learned!"

Aside from being a woman on the field, wanting to win, hoping for a college scholarship, there's also still the pressure of just, like, getting a bad grade in social studies, finding the perfect selfie filter and talking to that AP English crush.

Back in rehearsal, Berkopec corrects a few shoulder bumps while the stage managers measure between the Twister of field markers. The women form a circle and start to put some of the exercises together. Near noon, soccer balls finally appear on the field. There are spider drills, diagonal passes and Beyonce, playing softly in the background.

"Force has to hit force," Berkopec says, with a slow-motion kick to a ball.

As the women work on striking, one of the red-and-blue guys, wearing candy apple-red cleats, pauses on his way out and looks at the women huddled on the field. He launches a gob of spit on to the turf and wipes away a little dribble.

None of the women seem to notice. One of the actors kicks a ball and it flies toward the goal.

"You're starting to look like a soccer player," Berkopec says.

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Holly Robinson Peete and Rodney Peete

"Meet the Peetes" (9 p.m., Hallmark): Actress Holly Robinson Peete and her husband, former NFL quarterback Rodney Peete, star in this new unscripted series revolving around their family and their work running their nonprofit foundation HollyRod. If that seems familiar to some fans, it's probably because the Peetes previously had a similarly themed show called "For Peete's Sake" on the Oprah Winfrey Network. The first episode of this new show re-introduces the family, which also includes offspring Ryan, Robinson, Roman and Rodney Jr., as well as Holly's mom, Dolores, age 81.

"Celebrity Family Feud" (7 p.m., ABC): The teams definitely come from specific backgrounds in this episode. The first contest pits veterans of "The Bachelor" and "The Bachelorette" — including Ben Higgins and Andi Dorfman — against each other, while the second pits Indy-car drivers (such as Helio Castroneves and James Hinchcliff) opposite a team of Sports Illustrated models (Nina Agdal and Hannah Ferguson among them).

"S.W.A.T." (8 p.m., CBS): A 1970s action series gets a modern sheen with this reboot starring "Criminal Minds" alum Shemar Moore as Daniel "Hondo" Harrelson, the leader of an elite Los Angeles police squad that uses special weapons and tactics to combat crime. He's often conflicted as he deals with cases on the streets where he grew up.

"Worst Cooks in America" (8 p.m., Food): For the initial challenge in the new episode "Sausage Party," each team is given a "scrambled" recipe, which requires the cooks to figure out the correct order of the steps, then follow them to make the recipe. In the main dish challenge, the cooks learn about how sausage is made. Given that the tasting is in the form of a potluck dinner, the recruits must please both their two chefs and fellow recruits with their sausages.

"When Calls the Heart" (8 p.m., Hallmark): As this period drama opens Season 5, Abigail and Bill (Lori Loughlin, Jack Wagner) take a trip out of town in connection with Henry's (Martin Cummins) upcoming hearing, but with different intentions: Bill plans to testify against Henry, while Abigail hopes to persuade the strict judge that he deserves a second chance. An anxious Elizabeth (Erin Krakow) gets a respite from her worries via a visit from her sister, Julie (guest star Charlotte Hegele). Kavan Smith and Pascale Hutton also star in "Believing."

"SEAL Team" (9 p.m., CBS): An assignment in Syria turns increasingly dangerous for Jason (David Boreanaz) and his colleagues in "Other Lives," as their discovery of civilians needing help proves ill-timed... as enemy troops make their moves against the would-be rescuers. Others on the SEAL team aren't sure whether to tell Ray (Neil Brown Jr.) that his wife is about to give birth. Michael Irby guest stars. Max Thieriot and A.J. Buckley also star.

"Divorce" (9 p.m., HBO): Frances and Robert (Sarah Jessica Parker, Thomas Haden Church) make another trip to their marriage counselor to set new ground rules for their kids after Robert catches Tom (Charlie Kilgore) in a compromising position in the new episode "Losing It." Meanwhile, Frances also tries to decide how serious she wants to let her new relationship with Andrew (Steven Pasquale) become, and Jackie (Becki Newton) asks Dallas (Talia Balsam) for her advice after the women run into each other at Diane's country club.

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	NBC 5	♦ (6) 2018 Winter Olympics: Figure Skating, Freestyle Skiing, Speed Skating, Bobsled, Cross-Country Skiing. (N) (Live) ©						
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	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 ©
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WJVS 62	Ever Increasing Faith		Truth of God		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Secrets	
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	ANIM	North Woods Law (N)	North Woods Law (N) ©	(9:01) Lone Star Law (N)				North-Law ♦
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	BET	A Madea Christmas (PG-13,'13) ♦ Tyler Perry, Kathy Najimy.						
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	BRAVO	Housewives/Atl. (N)	To Rome for Love (N) ©	Married to Medicine ©				Watch (N)
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	CNBC	Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		Undercover Boss ©		Boss ♦
	CNN	The Radical Story		The Radical Story (N)		The Radical Story (N)		Radical ♦
	COM	♦ (5:20) Horrible Bosses 2		(7:50) Tammy (R,'14) ♦		Melissa McCarthy, Susan Sarandon. ©		
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	DISN	Monsters University (G,'13) ♦ ♦ ♦ John Goodman ©						
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	FNC	Scandalous (N) ©						
	FOOD	Guy's Grocery Games (N)						
	FREE	♦ (5:10) The Incredibles						
	FX	Guardians of the Galaxy (PG-13,'14) ♦ ♦ ♦ Chris Pratt. ©						
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	LIFE	The Simone Biles Story: Courage to Soar (NR,'18)						
	MSNBC	Kasie DC (N) ©						
	MTV	♦ (6:30) Pitch Perfect (PG-13,'12) ♦ ♦ ♦ Anna Kendrick.						
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	HBO2	Here and Now ©						
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There are no hotels on Honeymoon Island, one of the northernmost barrier islands on Florida's Gulf Coast. It was named after a 1940s Life magazine contest for newlyweds.

SPRING BREAK ISSUE

Find your Florida beach

Anchored by St. Pete on Gulf Coast, Pinellas County offers stretch of sand for every mood

BY KATHERINE RODEGHIER
Chicago Tribune

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — As winter drags on, thoughts turn to a spring escape, a trip south for warmer weather and the beach. But which one?

A beach is just a beach, you say, a place for kids to build sandcastles, adults to spread a towel to take in a few rays and older folks to relax in a lawn chair with a good book. But beaches are more than strips of sand. Some might be virtual wildernesses with only the basic amenities, while others buzz with hotels, condos, shops and restaurants. Some are so quiet you can snooze to the sound of the surf. Others feel like party central.

Florida's Pinellas County covers the full range. More than two dozen communities populate the Gulf Coast peninsula anchored by St. Petersburg. Most are divided between what's locally known as "The Burg," meaning the city and adjacent suburbs, and "The Beach," a string of barrier islands near Tarpon Springs on the north to the Tampa Bay inlet on the south.

Low-key day

You won't find hotels on Honeymoon Island, and that's just fine with day-trippers who cross a causeway to spend a few hours in Florida's most-visited state park. Occupying one of the most northern barrier islands on the state's Gulf Coast, Honeymoon Island State Park takes its name from a Life magazine contest in the 1940s that awarded newlyweds a two-week stay in the island's thatched bungalows.

Those overnight lodgings are long gone, replaced by two modern pavilions with concession stands and bathhouses with showers for washing off the sand before the park closes at sunset. Beachcombers keen on shelling know to arrive



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Excursion boats pass Clearwater Beach on sunset cruises. It's a busy resort area.

when the park opens at 8 a.m. for the best finds. Four miles of beach include one of the few pet beaches in the county, where you can take Fido and friends to swim and chase the surf. If you bring your line and tackle along, it's also a good place to fish for snook, but you'll need a Florida fishing license to stay on the right side of the law.

On the northern end of the island, the Osprey Trail winds through pines. Take a hike, and you might spot tortoises, owls and raccoons, and the occasional eastern diamondback rattlesnake.

For even more of a wilderness experience, head over to Caladesi Island State Park, accessible by a 20-minute ferry ride from Honeymoon Island or by renting a kayak at the Dunedin Causeway. Caladesi and Honeymoon were one island until storms opened a channel called Hurricane Pass.

Caladesi ranked No. 7 on a 2017 list of best U.S. beaches rated by Dr. Beach, aka Stephen Leatherman, director

of the Laboratory for Coastal Research at Florida International University. Along with 3 miles of pristine and uncrowded beach, the island has 3 miles of nature trails. Kayak and canoe trails on the bay side dart among mangroves and into sea grass flats where blue heron perch and feed. A nice cafe serves tasty burgers and other lunch fare, and a modern pavilion has changing rooms and showers.

Bustling beach

At the other end of the spectrum, Clearwater Beach has evolved into a busy resort area. Rated in 2016 by TripAdvisor as the No. 1 beach in the nation (No. 4 in 2017), it hums with activity. High-rise condos, vacation rentals and hotels form a wall along a lengthy stretch of sand dotted with beach chairs, volleyball courts and inflatable rides for kids and kids-at-heart. A beach walk lined with palm trees stretches half a mile. Excursion boats at Clearwater Beach Marina can take you sightsee-

ing, fishing and dolphin watching.

The epicenter of activity, Pier 60, has a fishing pier at its farthest end, but closer in it becomes a craft market full of jewelry, artwork, souvenirs and trinkets. Crowds form in the hours just before sunset, when street performers appear. Live music adds to the nightly festival and ritual of watching our solar system's golden orb slowly descend behind the Gulf on the horizon.

Crowds also gather to watch the spectacle at the beachfront Frenchy's Rockaway Grill, the largest of the region's Frenchy's restaurants. Before sunset, you might wait an hour or more for a table before you can dig into its "Floribbean" cuisine. It's famous for grouper sandwiches served in three sizes and prepared five ways.

Parking, especially around Pier 60, can be hard to come by. Problem solved with the Clearwater Ferry. Park in a free lot in downtown Clearwater and ride to the marina.

Sandy middle ground

Two beach communities along the southern section of the Pinellas Peninsula seem to have found a balance between quiet island parks and highly developed beachfronts.

The town of Treasure Island has an extraordinarily wide beach with plenty of room to spread out, fly a kite and run circles around your kids. An hour before sunset on Sundays, a drumming circle sets up with bongos and bucket drums. Hula hoopers and fire dancers join in the fun.

A 2-mile paved beach trail for walking, biking and skating runs along a row of lodgings, bars and restaurants. In 2016, the 77-suite Treasure Island Beach Resort became the first luxury lodging to open on the beach in a decade; rates start around \$340 in February. Its BRGR Kitchen + Bar made a name for itself with signature burgers — 10 of them — and "burger bowl" salads.

St. Pete Beach remains an old-school vacation spot that's kept up with modern amenities. TripAdvisor ranked it No. 3 on its 2017 list of best U.S. beaches. You can go parasailing and windsurfing here and rent stand-up paddleboards.

Turn away from the surf, and you can't help but be bowled over by the "Pink Palace" that seems to stand guard near the end of the Pinellas Byway that links this barrier island to the mainland. The Moorish style Don CeSar hotel dates from 1928, and its 277 rooms (starting at \$389 in February) have been occupied by movie stars, politicians and gangsters over the years.

Al Capone had his own dining table in the hotel's King Charles Ballroom. Given his notoriety, he was probably particular about his dinner companions.

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6 of world's best beaches in U.S., survey says

BY KATHERINE RODEGHIER
Chicago Tribune

A list of "The World's 50 Best Beaches" from FlightNetwork, the largest Canada-based online travel agency, was compiled from its survey last fall of more than 600 travel journalists, editors, bloggers and agencies.

I was one of them. One of my favorites was the top-rated on U.S. soil, No. 10: Trunk Bay in Virgin Islands National Park on St.

John in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

St. John was pummeled by a pair of hurricanes in September. All of the beaches in its national park, which covers most of the Caribbean island, were back in business as of late December.

Not only does Trunk Bay have a lovely curve of sand, but it also boasts a 225-yard-long underwater trail for snorkeling, one of my favorite pastimes.

A ferry ride from St. Thomas, it scored 7 out of

10 for remoteness. It also received 10 of 10 for untouched beauty, and for sand and water quality. That's three of the five criteria used in the FlightNetwork rankings. Those plus the other two — annual days of sunshine and average annual temperature (140 days and 80.6 degrees at Trunk Bay) — resulted in a list of beaches on six continents. Sorry, Antarctica.

The top vote-getters in U.S. states and territories: ■ Trunk Bay, U.S.V.I., No.

- 10 ■ Flamenco Beach, Puerto Rico, No. 19
- Honokalani Beach, Hawaii, No. 28
- Tunnels Beach, Hawaii, No. 32
- Lanikai Beach, Hawaii, No. 41
- Cannon Beach, Oregon, No. 50

For the full list of beaches, visit flightnetwork.com/blog/worlds-50-best-beaches.

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St. John's Trunk Bay, pictured a couple of months after last year's devastating storms, was named the best U.S. beach.

Making the most of your next cruise



RICK STEVES
Tribune Content Agency

Last year I spent two weeks on a Mediterranean cruise, filming a one-hour TV show that will present an honest look at the pros and cons of cruising and will equip travelers with the knowledge they need to be smart cruisers.

You might not think of it as budget travel, but cruising can be extremely affordable. When you consider that the price includes accommodations, food and transportation to far-flung destinations, it's simply a steal. But reckless spending on a cruise can rip through a tight budget like a grenade in a dollhouse. Stay away from the casino, beware of the specialty restaurants and keep to a budget if you order any liquor.

Here are a few more tips for making the most of your next cruise.

Arriving in your port city a day or more before your cruise gives you the chance to get over jet lag, see your departure city (which is generally not part of your cruise itinerary), and avoid the potential stress of missing your cruise. When you're ready to board, make sure you're not carrying forbidden items, ranging from a clothes iron to firearms to alcohol (most cruise lines don't let you BYOB).

Unpack thoroughly and thoughtfully right away. Clutter makes a small cabin even smaller. I pack heavier

when cruising than when traveling on land (where the downside of packing heavy is much greater). So I make it a point to unpack completely, establishing a smart system for keeping my tight little cabin ship-shape. Deep-store items you won't need in your suitcase, which you can stow under your bed. Survey your storage options and use them smartly. For example, use one drawer for all things electronic, establish a pantry for all food items, and use the safe even if you don't bother locking it.

Unclutter the room by clearing out items the cruise line leaves for you (such as promotional materials). I establish one drawer for all paper material I think I'm done with. And I have a ritual of toggling from shore mode to ship mode by putting my pocket change and money belt (neither of which are of any value on board) in a drawer or the safe when I return to the ship. (By the way, many ships recommend that you generally leave your passport in your stateroom rather than take it ashore — advice I follow.)

Once you're settled, get out of your cabin and explore the ship. Study the ship's cutaway models on the signage, walk each deck, and find the many delightful little corners where you can take full advantage of your options.

To avoid crowds, participate in shipboard activities and use amenities at off times. The gym is quieter late in the evenings, when many cruisers are already in bed. Onboard restaurants are typically less crowded for the later seatings. If you're dying to try out that



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Once the ship docks, it's often better to explore on your own rather than pay for pricey cruise-company excursions.



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To avoid the worst cruise ship crowds, try to use amenities such as swimming pools, fitness rooms and rock-climbing walls during off-peak hours.

rock-climbing wall, drop by as soon as you get back on the ship in the afternoon; if you wait an hour or two, the line could get longer. Embarkation day can also work to your advantage: While other passengers are unpacking and exploring the ship, you'll have the mini-golf course to yourself.

I also recommend the

"behind-the-scenes" ship tour (usually about \$100) — while pricey, it's an amazing two-hour look at how the ship and its crew run the entire show in a parallel world that is invisible to most cruisers). Ship geeks will marvel at how these newer massive ships no longer use an old-style shaft and propeller. These days the behemoths are

nimbly maneuvered by Azipods (pods with propellers that can rotate 360 degrees and, with the help of bow thrusters, can jockey a 300-yard-long ship into any pier).

Most cruisers simply book the cruise line's shore excursions for \$100 (or more) a crack — and are generally happy they did. However, many other op-

tions open up to passengers once they step off the ship. Some travelers may opt to find a small company with a sales office in the terminal — and purchase essentially the same ship-excursion experience for about half the price. Others will book a private guide with a car or minibus in advance (teaming up with other cruisers to share the expense). And others, with a guidebook in hand, will simply hop on a public bus or hike to the train station and do their own thing. For the most reliable information, I recommend skipping the onboard excursion information desks. Instead, head to the tourist information kiosks that are set up to greet ships in each port.

Equipped with practical information, you're more likely to enjoy smooth sailing on your vacation — fully appreciating the economy, efficiency and fun that cruising offers.

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Florida theme parks ever expanding

BY GABRIELLE RUSSON
Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — In 2018, Universal's Fast & Furious: Supercharged opens, and Disney's Hollywood Studios will reveal its "Toy Story"-themed land. SeaWorld Orlando, in need of an attendance game-changer, is opening a new raft ride.

But more attention from industry observers is focused on the "Star Wars" lands opening in 2019 at Disneyland and Walt Disney World or talk of Universal developing a Nintendo-themed world.

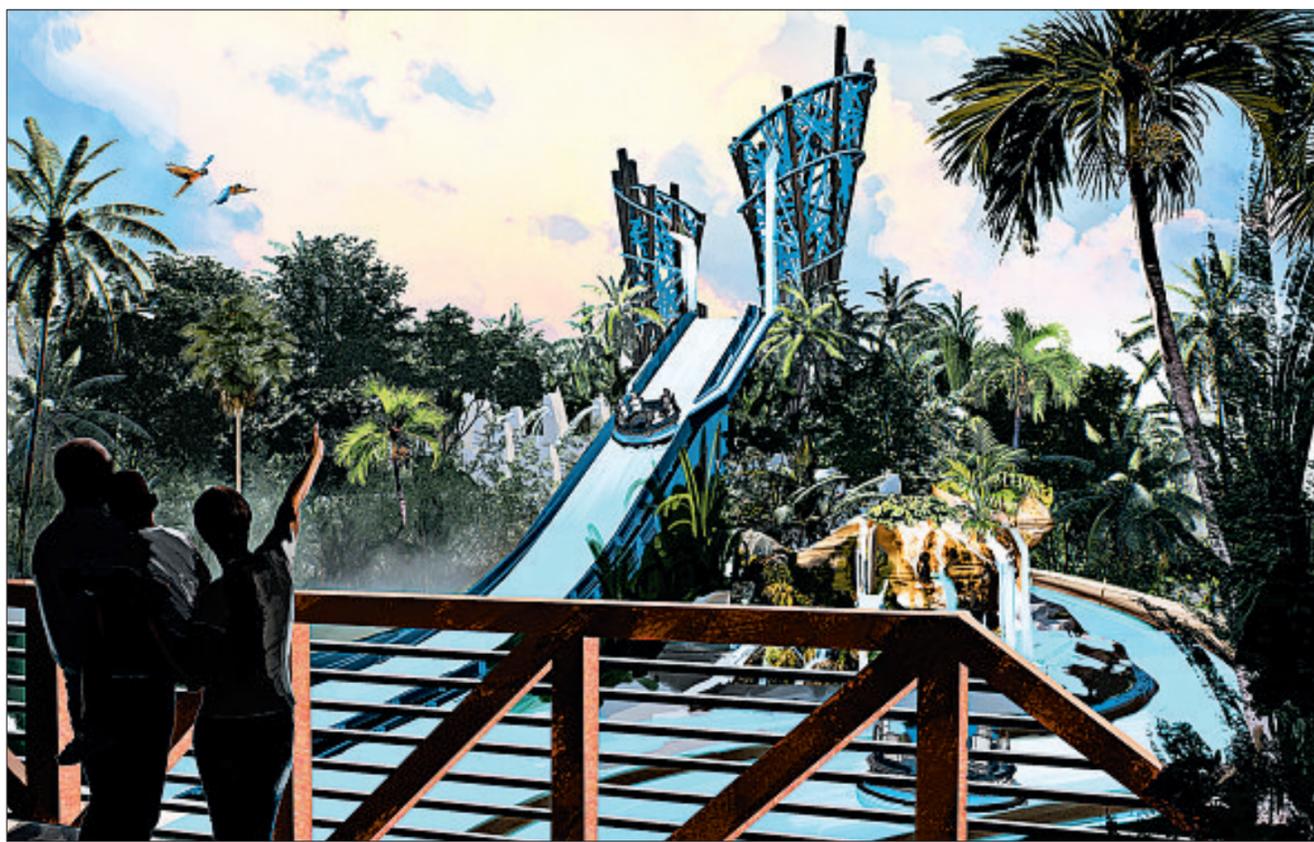
"People are going to delay their trip to Orlando because they want to see 'Star Wars,'" said Scott Smith, an Orlando native who is an assistant professor at University of South Carolina's hospitality school and studies the industry. He expects the parks to offer price incentives or sneak peeks for the much-awaited future expansions as ways to keep attendance from dipping in 2018. "With great changes come great price increases," Smith said, looking ahead to 2019.

It makes sense for the amusement parks to advertise 2018 as a good time to come before the big crowds and big ticket prices arrive, he said.

Calling 2018 a slow year says a lot about Orlando's high standards, said Robert Niles, a journalist who has covered the theme park industry for 20 years.

"An off year for Orlando is an amazing year for everybody else," said Niles, who has a popular blog, Theme Park Insider. "This looks like a smaller year simply because the bigger years have become so big."

Theme parks' biggest competitive push in recent years was the opening of the Wizarding World of Harry Potter in 2010, said Duncan Dickson, a former Disney executive who teaches at the University of Central Florida's Rosen



SEAWORLD ORLANDO

SeaWorld Orlando this year will debut a new raft ride, Infinity Falls, shown in this rendering, with intense rapids and a record-breaking 42-foot drop.



UNIVERSAL ORLANDO RESORT

Fast & Furious: Supercharged, shown in this rendering, is scheduled to open at Universal Orlando Resort this year.

College of Hospitality Management.

"Ever since Harry Potter, it woke everybody up. The game is changing, and we have to keep up," Dickson said. "You want your guests to keep coming back — you've got to create a rea-

son."

With the success of Harry Potter, Universal challenged Disney World, which did not want to give up its market share to a competitor, he said.

"It's leading to a theme-park arms race in the Or-

lando market," Dickson said.

Now the large amusement parks typically expand every year, whether it's a new multimillion-dollar roller coaster or something more low-scale, like a parade, Smith said.

This year's new rides at Disney and Universal are pulled from "powerful franchises" and could be well-received, Niles said.

Slated to debut this spring, Fast & Furious: Supercharged will take visitors on a chase in a party bus through San Francisco with characters from the movie franchise. It is in the same vein as Universal's Skull Island: Reign of Kong ride, which has 3-D, high-definition images on 360-degree screens, Niles said.

Opening this summer, Disney's Toy Story Land,

which features two attractions, including the family roller coaster Slinky Dog Dash, stands out because it's one of the rare franchises that appeals to multiple generations, Niles added.

The first film came out in 1995, and many of those who grew up watching it are having children now. "Toy Story 3" was released in 2010.

The expansion will help a relatively empty Hollywood Studios — which shut down the Great Movie Ride in 2017 and is under construction for Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge — steer some families from the more crowded Magic Kingdom, Niles said.

SeaWorld Orlando will debut a new raft ride, Infinity Falls, that features moments of intense rapids and a record-breaking 42-foot drop.

"I'm really excited for Infinity Falls," said Paul Noland, president of the Orlando-based International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions. "That will have the potential to take raft rides to a whole other level."

The ride opens during a pivotal time after 2017 brought declining attendance and dropping revenues. SeaWorld cut 350 positions in October.

"No one thing" will immediately fix the attendance struggles, said SeaWorld Vice President Brian Morrow, adding that Infinity Falls is a part of a multi-year investment in new attractions at Orlando and the company's other theme parks.

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TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Wife of dying husband wants cruise money back

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT
King Features

My husband and I planned to go on a Princess cruise this fall. He has esophageal cancer, but his last chemotherapy was at the end of 2015, and his doctor deemed him medically stable to take the trip.

Unfortunately, at the end of October, right after we paid in full for the trip, he had what we thought was a stroke. It turned out to be Bell's palsy, and at the same time they checked a tumor under his arm, which turned out to be cancer, and now we have found out that he has brain cancer.

We canceled the trip. Neither of these symptoms was pre-existing, but our insurance company is deeming them pre-existing conditions. Our insurance company claims that my husband's regular checkups are "treatment." Princess has offered us vouchers for a future cruise. Unfortunately, he has been given six weeks to live.

Keep in mind that we had a cruise agent with Princess, whom we were very upfront with, and did exactly as she advised. She knew about the previous cancer. Now our emails are being returned, because either we're blocked or she is no longer there. My husband will be gone and unable to use a voucher. We could use this money for the burial instead. Can you help us get our \$7,626 back?

— Marla Osgood, Castle Rock, Wash.

A: I am so, so sorry this is happening to you. Your travel agent should have helped you and your insurance company should have processed your claim, and if it didn't, then Princess should have refunded your cruise as a compassionate goodwill gesture. Instead, your agent left, your insurance company squirmed out of its obligation and the cruise line offered you a voucher it knew you couldn't use.

On a personal level, I'm saddened by your circumstances. For you and your husband, this literally was a bucket-list cruise, a final vacation together. To have it end like this is really heartbreaking.

You did everything you could to protect yourself. You worked with someone you believed to be a reputable travel consultant,

bought insurance that you thought would cover you and booked a cruise through a company with an excellent reputation.

It's not clear what happened to your travel agent, but you obviously were not dealing with a competent one. If you were, then the insurance you purchased would have covered your husband's medical condition. Also, the agent wouldn't have left you high and dry. Consider working with an accredited travel adviser. The American Society of Travel Agents has an agent finder on its site: web.asta.org/imis/ /Travelista.

When it looked as if you would lose your cruise, you also could have reached out to one of the executive contacts at Princess. I publish the names, numbers and email addresses of

Princess customer-service managers on my website: www.elliott.org/company-contacts/princess.

Although Princess was under no obligation to refund your cruise, I asked it to review your case one more time. The cruise line agreed to refund the full amount of your vacation on compassionate grounds and in the interest of good customer service. I'm grateful for the company's reversal, and hope this will bring you some peace during a difficult time.

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CELEBRITY TRAVELER JULIA MARINO

Olympian loves New Zealand's varied fun

BY JAE-HA KIM
Tribune Content Agency

The Pyeongchang 2018 Winter Olympics marks Julia Marino's debut as an Olympian. A gold medalist at the 2017 X Games, the 20-year-old snowboarder from Westport, Conn., specializes in slopestyle and big air.

An edited version of our conversation follows.

Q: You competed in Yabuli, China. What was it like there?

A: I didn't get to sight-see much. There wasn't a whole lot going on at the time. The Club Med was pretty nice, but I could tell they were going to use the time between now and the 2022 Winter Olympics (in Beijing) to really make it into a great Olympic venue and hopefully a cool resort for people after the Olympics.

Q: Where was the first place that you competed?

A: For my first competition, my coach, Raschid Joyce, said there was a slopestyle competition. I didn't know if he meant I should compete or I should watch! I competed and came in second and liked it. I wound up going to nationals that year at Copper Mountain (in Colorado) and podiumed there. It's been a pretty cool journey ever since!

Q: What area has the best place for snowboarding?

A: I'd say Vail (in Colorado) for variety and great tree runs and just pure wildness in the back bowls.



MOUNTAIN DEW

Q: What untapped destination should people know about?

A: Most places I've been to are not secrets, but I'd say New Zealand was as far off the beaten path as I've gotten. Long trip, but stunningly beautiful and lots of cool, adventurous outdoor activities. You can do warm weather stuff and snowboard on the same trip.

Q: What was the first trip you took as a child?

A: The first trip I can remember was when I was 4. I went to Amsterdam with my parents. My mom had to go there for work, and my dad and I walked all over the city for a few days, went on boat rides, visited windmills, played in playgrounds with local kids and went to Vondelpark, which is like their Central Park. I loved it. My parents bought me wooden shoes, which I wore constantly until I outgrew them.

Q: What's the most important thing you've learned from your travels?

A: It is a great idea to travel and experience the world outside of your own town. Seeing how people live their lives in completely different settings and doing things differently, but still being the same underneath is an awesome learning experience and it is fun! I feel fortunate that what I do allows me to do that. I also love the fact that it teaches me how to be self-sufficient and to figure out stuff on my own, even if I don't speak the language.

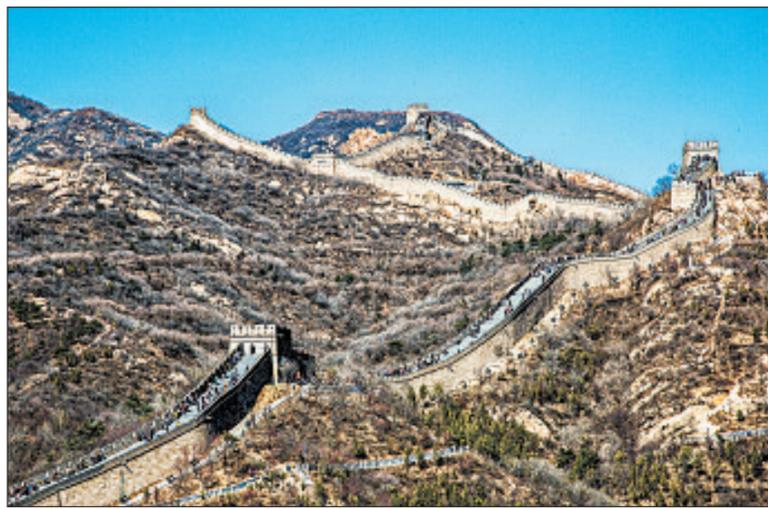
Q: What are your five favorite cities?

A: Innsbruck, Munich, Prague, Montreal, New York City. I can elaborate, but it would be a long answer!

Q: Where would you like to go that you have never been to before?

A: Believe it or not, I haven't been to Whistler, Canada. I'm hoping to go there and ride purely for the fun of it at the end of the season.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.



PHIL MARTY/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A visit to the Great Wall is part of the Taste of China package from Friendly Planet Travel.

TIPS, TRIPS & DEALS

Save money on spring break

By PHIL MARTY | Chicago Tribune

Families, couples and singles looking for a spring break getaway without breaking the bank should take a look at online tour companies offering packages that often include airfare. Friendly Planet Travel is a good example, selling tours and packages internationally (but not in North America) at a good price and with international air. Packages are geared to a variety of travel lifestyles — escorted tours, family travel or independent travel — and custom tours are available too. Families that want to explore exotic cultures should look at the 10-day Taste of China package that includes round-trip air from Los Angeles. When we checked, a March 1-10 package was \$2,099 per person, double occupancy. Friendly Planet is constantly running special offers, so the price could drop. Travel dates in March, of course, may sell out because of school vacations that month. Couples or singles who like to strike out on their own might enjoy the seven-day Captivating Costa Rica tour. It includes round-trip air from Miami, transportation to various sites and lots of free time to explore on your own. We found an April 3-9 package that was discounted \$300 from the normal price of \$1,799 per person, double occupancy. Single occupancy would add \$399. Friendly Planet also can arrange air from other cities at a higher rate. Info: 800-555-5765 www.friendlyplanet.com

Kick back in Colorado

The Home Ranch, an all-inclusive luxury guest ranch in Clark, Colo., is offering a Spring Break Vacation from March 1-24. Guests can enjoy cross-country skiing, snow tubing, winter horseback riding and snowshoeing or take the shuttle to the nearby Steamboat Springs downhill ski area. The ranch, which is in the upper Elk River Valley at an elevation of 7,200 feet, has eight private cabins that, depending on the cabin, can sleep two to six people. Cabins have private hot tubs and wood-burning stoves, and all meals are included. A two-night minimum stay is required, and rates are as low as \$765 a night for two people. Taxes are extra. Info: 970-879-1780. tinyurl.com/y88z23c4

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Must-see sights

Parents who want to keep the kids busy during spring break without traveling too far should look at the list of 50 Must-See Attractions in Every U.S. State (and Close Seconds) at FamilyVacationCritic.com. Some of the picks won't be a surprise, like the Illinois entry for The Bean in Chicago. But then, in Florida, where you'd expect the honors to go to Disney World (it's the runner-up), the pick was the relatively unknown Dry Tortugas National Park. Check out the top 50 and runners-up at tinyurl.com/ya7bhmd7.

NEWS TO USE

By PHIL MARTY
Chicago Tribune

Here are some of the more interesting events, deals, websites and other travel tidbits that have come across our desk recently:

■ The Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids, Mich., will be alive with color during the annual "Fred and Dorothy Fichter Butterflies Are Blooming" exhibition. March 1 to April 30, the tropical conservatory will be filled with 50

species of butterflies and moths from around the world. In the Butterfly Bungalow, visitors can see the winged creatures emerging from their cocoons. tinyurl.com/p33ff78
 ■ The McHenry County Historical Society & Museum will hold an Antique Appraisal Day on Saturday at the museum in Union, Ill. This is the sixth year for the event, which allows up to three appraisals per person, with a cost of \$7 per appraisal. Advance registration is advised by

calling 815-923-2267. tinyurl.com/y8cuoxb2
 ■ As winter starts to wind down and there are thoughts of spring, it's time to start tapping the maple trees and boiling up some maple syrup. In Indiana, the Parke County Maple Fair is set for Feb. 24-25 and March 3-4. The festival headquarters is 1 mile north of Rockville, but maple syrup camps throughout the county will be showing how syrup is made and offering sweet treats. tinyurl.com/yccmwb4q
 ■ Coinciding with the peak of the sandhill crane migration, the Marsh Madness

Sandhill Crane Festival will be March 2-3 at Goose Pond Fish and Wildlife Area in Greene County, Ind. Headquarters is in Linton, and there will be tours, a birds of prey display, lectures about the birds and mammals of the area and more. tinyurl.com/y8xx38v5
 ■ The 11 wineries of the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail in southern Illinois will hold a food and wine pairing weekend March 3-4 with a focus on cheese. Participants will purchase tickets in advance and pick up a tasting glass at their first winery. tinyurl.com/jos5lkx

■ The 66th annual Autorama, billed as America's Greatest Hot Rod Show, will be March 2-4 at the Cobo Center in Detroit. More than 800 custom cars, trucks and motorcycles will be on display, and activities include special appearances by Dale Earnhardt Jr. and others. tinyurl.com/zoxpv4h
 ■ You can order a visitor guide for the Kenosha area or view it online at www.visitkenosha.com.
 ■ The 73rd Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, billed as one of the largest and oldest in the country, will be March 9-11 in Santa Barbara, Calif. www.sb

orchidshow.com
 Deals and websites listed here have been checked for availability as of press time. Listings are not endorsements. Send tips at least a month in advance to ChicagoTribTravel@gmail.com.
 Phil Marty is a freelancer.

GEOQUIZ ANSWER
Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York. The northern shore is bordered by the Canadian province of Ontario.

GEAR BOX

Gadget eases pet travel

By JUDI DASH
Los Angeles Times

When traveling with Shayna May, my dog, I usually loaded myself up with a water bottle, waste bags, cellphone, cash and more.

I'm a lot more streamlined these days thanks to the Popware for Pets BottlePocket.

Using a stretchy neoprene bottle holder as a base, the designers sewed on a cellphone-size mesh pouch with a Velcro tab closure. Onto that they sewed a zippered neoprene pocket big enough for credit cards, keys, waste bags and treats for both of you. A collapsible polypropylene bowl clips to the bottle holder's toggle closure with a detachable carabiner.

The BottlePocket can be worn on a belt or pack, or carried by hand using the adjustable grab strap.

Cost, info: Popware for Pets BottlePocket with Collapsible Travel Cup costs \$19.99 in pink, green or blue; lat.ms/popwareforpets.



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NEED TO KNOW

Kentucky bourbon tourism is booming

Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Bourbon distilleries in Kentucky are reporting a record number of visitors.

The Kentucky Distillers' Association reports that nearly 1.2 million people visited distilleries along the Kentucky Bourbon Trail and Kentucky Bourbon Trail Craft Tour last year. That comes on the heels of a milestone in 2016, when visitors made more than 1 million stops at distilleries. Officials say along with



BRUCE SCHREINER/AP

Stops on the Kentucky Bourbon Trail include Jim Beam in Clermont, Ky. Bourbon tourism hit a record high in 2017.

the upswing in visitors, the number of participating distilleries is also increasing with three more added last year and more expected this summer.

Kentucky Distillers' Association President Eric Gregory said it's reflecting a nine-year trend and predicts another banner year in 2018.



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A boy enjoys the lazy river of Splashtopia at Omni Rancho Las Palmas Resort & Spa in Rancho Mirage, Calif., which will host the Tennis With the Stars pro-am exhibition on March 6.

At court with tennis royalty in California

See the stars, enjoy desert charms on Palm Springs-area pilgrimage

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY ALEX PULASKI
The Washington Post

Complications ensue when Roger Federer interrupts your vacation plans.

After a long weekend of watching and playing tennis in the Southern California sun, we figured on a quiet dinner and turning in before an early flight home.

But that was before we spied the words “FEDERER 7 P.M.” on a practice court at the BNP Paribas Open, which every March draws nearly a half-million visitors to the Palm Springs area.

We’d come here for the tennis, the desert, the food and some serious pool time. Outside the four majors, this event has no rivals; there are ample opportunities to rub elbows with the pros and an oasis of experiences waiting off the courts.

Federer’s appearance meant canceling dinner for two and staying up late with a few thousand others bent on capturing the near-equivalent of a sporting eclipse. As Wall Street Journal sports columnist Jason Gay has described it: “Seeing Federer has become a sport’s obsessive pilgrimage, like seeing a religious icon, or the Grateful Dead.”

So there we found ourselves — the Fed-heads, so to speak — crowded six deep around a practice court, peering over shoulders and through the slats of a chain-link fence for a glimpse of tennis’s greatest champion.

After 20 minutes of waiting, the practice match was moved to a larger stadium court to accommodate the crowd. Federer crushed shots from the baseline, his one-handed backhands neutralizing his opponent.

“I love you, Roger,” a woman sang out, speaking for all of us.

A century ago, Palm Springs remained an unincorporated village of a few thousand residents. The automobile’s advent helped establish it as a way station between Los Angeles and points east, from Phoenix to El Paso and beyond.

The Hollywood crowd discovered the city in the 1920s and 1930s, seeking a getaway near enough to film lots to meet studio demands. Golf courses sprouted, as did palm-lined boulevards. The surrounding communities expanded

as well, with soothing names such as Desert Hot Springs, Cathedral City and Indian Wells (where the BNP Paribas Open is played).

By 1947, as the post-World War II economy sizzled, the Rat Pack made Palm Springs party central. Frank Sinatra wanted a Colonial revival house there in 1947, but architect E. Stewart Williams talked him into an avant-garde style of clean lines and simplicity that Palm Springs has since become synonymous with: mid-century modern.

The desert never feels very far away, even amid the battalions of palm trees standing sentinel over the urban area, and we ventured there twice.

We spent most of a day on our own exploring Joshua Tree National Park, where the twisted trees and jumbled piles of sand-colored boulders compete for attention.

The next morning, we piled into an open-air Jeep for a guided tour of the San Andreas Fault. Guide Les Rude conjured the desert to life in small ways: rooting in the sand to find the small shells demonstrating that this was long ago a seabed.

After dark, two very different sides of Palm Springs come out to play: One endearingly rooted in the area’s 1950s heyday, and another quickly evolving for a younger crowd.

One of our guides described one of the timeless haunts, the Casablanca Lounge at Melvyn’s, this way: “There’s a ferocious singles scene there for the over-80 set, and it peaks about 8 p.m.”

With that in mind, my wife and I braved a Sunday-night drink there. Between the low lighting, the tiny tables and mirrored walls I could almost see the vestiges of cigarette smoke circling toward the ceiling. When “Smoke Gets in Your Eyes” escaped from the grand piano, the illusion of decades past became complete.

On another evening, the hip side of Palm Springs came through courtesy of a quick drink at Seymour’s, a cozy bar where mezcal shines in bartender Kevin Carlow’s inventive cocktails, such as “La Rubia” and “Oaxacan Brunch.” Later we joined a mostly 30-something crowd at



Roger Federer has cemented his position as one of the biggest crowd draws in sports.



Emerging star Taylor Fritz signs autographs after a practice session in Indian Wells, Calif.

Workshop Kitchen + Bar, a paean to freshness and complementary flavors.

Just as the desert seems inescapable, during the tournament’s two-week run, the game’s stars are easy to spot in and around town. About the time desert arrived at the Adobe Grill, we spied Lindsay Davenport — a former top player who now is an announcer and coach — at a neighboring table.

Want to interact with the stars? At the Taste of Tennis Indian Wells, we rubbed elbows with 2004

U.S. Open winner Svetlana Kuznetsova and top-10-ranked Johanna Konta over small bites from local celebrity chefs.

Want to play with the pros? At Tennis With the Stars, a celebrity pro-am benefit, I took the court — briefly — with and against Wimbledon 2014 finalist Eugenie Bouchard and others. It was difficult not to notice that emerging star Taylor Fritz had been hitting the ball a whole lot harder during a tournament practice session earlier that day. Just about the

time my awe began to fade, Madison Keys restored it with a seemingly impossible cross-court screamer past me.

The exhibition is held at the Omni Rancho Las Palmas Resort & Spa, an ideal tennis home base with its spa-treatment recoveries from preceding evenings, arranged matches on the 25 on-site courts, and tuneup lessons and clinics with a pro from Cliff Drysdale Tennis.

We drove to the Indian Wells Tennis Garden, the newly renovated complex

Game on

BNP Paribas Open: At the Indian Wells Tennis Garden, 800-999-1585, www.bnpparibasopen.com. Dates for this premier tennis tournament this year are March 5-18. On both the men’s and women’s sides, tickets become scarce and pricey from the quarter-finals on. Consider visiting early in the tournament instead, as the first two days of qualifying are free. After that, tickets run from \$20 to \$950.

Citi Taste of Tennis Indian Wells: At the Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa, 760-776-1234, www.tasteoftennis.com/iw. The annual evening mixer features tastings from local star chefs and the opportunity to mingle with tennis celebrities. The event is scheduled for March 5. Tickets start at \$200.

Tennis with the Stars: At the Omni Rancho Las Palmas Resort & Spa in Rancho Mirage, 760-568-2727, www.tenniswithstars.com. This March 6 event draws a handful of up-and-coming and established tennis stars for a pro-am exhibition benefiting the nonprofit organization ACEing Autism. Tickets start at \$50.

of stadiums, greenery, restaurants and practice courts where the tournament is played. As huge as it is — 54 landscaped acres and the world’s second-largest tennis stadium — the event site invites an intimacy in the early rounds that is reminiscent of baseball’s spring training.

Entry is free for the first two days of qualifying rounds, and crowds are pretty sparse. We grabbed courtside seats and saw Spaniard Sara Sorribes Tormo trade deuces with American Grace Min and mutter “vamos, vamos” (let’s go, let’s go) on her way to set point and the win.

We listened as former world No. 1 Caroline Wozniacki, who returned to the top ranking after winning the Australian Open in January, got on-court tips from her father and coach, Piotr, in Polish. And we waited, with these other bright lights blotted from the firmament, for one player to arrive.

We love you, Roger.

Alex Pulaski is a freelance writer.

FORK IN THE ROAD



VISIT TUCSON PHOTOS

At Downtown Kitchen + Cocktails, calamari with mango, candied ginger, Spanish peanuts, watercress and green chile vinaigrette is served alongside a Cuban Sunset cocktail.

Tucson's seed-to-salsa cuisine

UNESCO honors cross-cultural culinary tradition that sprang from southern Arizona desert

BY ELAINE GLUSAC
Chicago Tribune

TUCSON, Ariz. — Barrio Bread posts its 2 p.m. Saturday closing time on the door and on the internet. Yet by noon one Saturday in November, owner and baker Don Guerra was locking up to the moans of acolytes still streaming toward the bakery.

"But I've waited six months for the jalapeno cheddar," pleaded one snowbird newly returned to town.

Alas, she should have known. It's an open secret that Guerra can't keep bread on the shelves past noon. He's already made and sold 700 loaves using locally grown heritage flour today and won't expand for fear of sacrificing quality. Ergo, sellouts by midday.

"Happens every week," he shrugged, kindly offering to set aside a loaf for the jalapeno-cheddar fan on the next business day.

The farms that supply wheat for Guerra's Desert Durum, Einkorn and Khorasan loaves lie within roughly 15 miles and extend an agricultural tradition in Tucson, the oldest continually farmed landscape in North America, dating back 4,000 years. That legacy, concurrent with a 300-year tradition of cross-cultural culinary pollination mixing Native American, Mexican and European influences, formed the bedrock of Tucson's bid as the nation's first UNESCO City of Gastronomy.

American cities from Portland, Maine, to Portland, Ore., proudly wear the foodie badge. But Tucson was the first to get the official medal from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in 2015 through UNESCO's Creative Cities Network program that encourages members to make creativity and sustainability a centerpiece of economic development. (In November, San Antonio was named the nation's second City of Gastronomy).

"Tucson is the heart of agriculture in the U.S.," said Jonathan Mabry, lead author of the UNESCO application and president of the nonprofit Tucson City of Gastronomy. "What's interesting is that crops that were cultivated more than 4,000 years ago and wild desert foods that have been foraged for many more millennia back in time are

all still part of our contemporary cuisine."

Chefs across the city regularly raid the indigenous larder, using heritage ingredients like squash, corn and tepary beans with fluency. They pepper the menus at longstanding restaurants like Downtown Kitchen + Cocktails, where celebrity chef Janos Wilder does scarlet runner beans with pickled cholla buds and chicken with habanero pepita pesto. At the trendy newcomer Welcome Diner, lodged in a 1964 futuristic Google landmark, the waitress steered me past the biscuit eggs Benedict to roast veggies with eggs and corn tortillas, describing the dish as, "Tastes like Tucson."

And it's not just local food that makes Tucson tasty. Mabry points to a cultural stew that continues to brew.

"When the first Americans arrived, they introduced crops and food traditions from back east and California," Mabry said. "And then waves of later-arriving cultural groups contributed to this diversity of food cultures and this culturally layered, distinctive cuisine."

He recommends the folklife festival Tucson Meet Yourself, a three-day event held each October, that features food from more than 40 different ethnic groups, including Native American Tohono O'odham, Peruvian, Filipino and Russian, as well as music, lowrider cars, Huichol bead artists at work, Yaqui painters and spoken-word performers.

UNESCO similarly takes a broader-than-restaurants view of gastronomy to highlight food artisans, seed banks and conservation programs that make a gastronomic tour of Tucson both intellectually and physically satisfying.

As a starter, savor the Mission Garden Project, which grows heritage foods from the pre-contact Hohokam people to the post-contact O'odham, Chinese and African-American farmers on a plot near the city's landmark Sentinel Peak, aka "A" Mountain, that's been cultivated for 4,000 years.

Brace yourself for zone 9 envy when browsing the racks of the Native Seeds/SEARCH shop. The seed bank has cataloged, propagated and conserved ancient vegetable varieties



Mission Garden grows heirloom Sonoran Desert-adapted produce, honoring the area's 4,000 years of agriculture.



Cookbooks and locally made salsas are a few of the products on the shelves at the Native Seeds/SEARCH shop.

from rare chiles to umpteen varieties of tepary beans. Bait for green thumbs, the retail shop also deals heritage staples like foraged herbal tea blends, cookbooks, Native American horsehair baskets and locally made salsas.

Chefs regularly stock up on the shop's unique ingredients. During my visit, Devon Sanner, executive chef of the Carriage House, an event space and cooking school owned by James Beard award winner Janos Wilder, interrupted his own shopping to patiently explain how to use beans — the creamy Mayocoba and the sturdy brown lentil-resembling tepary — that I picked blindly from the

shelves. "It's not hard," he encouraged me. "And you get to play with some fun flavors."

It could be a function of size (Tucson's population is about half a million) or foodie enthusiasm, but gastro-nauts may have little trouble meeting the local heroes. At the family-owned Rincon Market, I found butcher Ben Forbes of Forbes Meat Co. — whose sausages appear on menus from Charro Steak to Ermanos Craft Beer & Wine Bar and Downtown Kitchen + Cocktails — breaking down venison and confirming tightknit culinary circles.

"As a community and a



Tucson's Charro Steak restaurant celebrates Mexican influences on the area's cuisine.

culture, we support each other," he said.

Tucson's foraging tradition, another pillar of its UNESCO application, is alive, well and highly quaffable at Iron John's Brewing Co., a worth-the-search microbrewery known for small-batch experiments using local ingredients. (Trust Google Maps to find its location in an office park.)

When I stopped in, owner John Adkisson, a former accountant and dedicated home brewer who once set himself the task of making every beer style that exists, poured me a glass of girly-pink prickly pear gosse made with local goat yogurt and seasonal

cactus fruit smacking of tart watermelon rind.

"Our philosophy is, let's make it our own and make it unique and delicious and distinct to this area of the U.S.," Adkisson said as he took me on a tour of his fridge, where spruce tips, creosote flowers and spent grain from Barrio Bread awaited future brews.

History may be the foundation of Tucson's City of Gastronomy, but its resident culinary artists champion innovation in appetizing ways.

As the brewer put it, "This is my lab and my playground."

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Heidi Stevens is grateful for the people who step up when a tragedy occurs

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Think everything's been written about Lincoln? Think again.

Garden

Terrariums back in style, and you can create one yourself

Candid Candace

Black Creativity Gala celebrates African-American art and innovation



Mia Brenner, 17, from left, Jessica Schwartz, Dave Schwartz, and Max Brenner, 11, video chat with Dave's daughter, Ella Schwartz, 13

Making blended families work

How to tackle issues facing parents and kids



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ask amy

By AMY DICKINSON

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Her cat at root of this couple's issues

Dear Amy: I've started to realize that I should probably rehome my cat. I adopted her four years ago when she was a kitten, and she helped me adjust to living on my own in a new city.

My fiancé is allergic and "not a cat person." My cat is very rambunctious, gets into everything and likes to test authority. Having my fiancé in the household has seemed to increase my cat's anxiety, and the tension has been the source of almost every fight. On top of that, my cat had a bumpy recovery after surgery, and her anxiety since has been really difficult for me to manage. She gets upset if I even leave a room she is in.

I am gone 12 hours a day. I totally fail to give her the attention and care that she needs.

Several months ago my fiancé told me that ultimately I would have to find a new home for her. I didn't want to admit to him that I had already seriously considered rehoming her. I know it's petty, but I want to give conditions before I agree. My conditions are that he has to get rid of his saltwater fish; if we ever consider getting pets, I want the final say. The guilt of giving up this cat is crushing me. Even if I find a better home for her, saying goodbye to my cat will rip me into pieces.

How do I navigate this?

— *Always a Cat Lady*

Dear Cat Lady: According to you, you have not provided this cat with the home she deserves to have. You are gone for 12 hours a day and have not successfully dealt with the cat's extreme anxiety. These conditions are reason enough to find a different home for this cat.

If your fiancé is allergic, I don't see how you could place the blame so squarely on him for not wanting to live with a very high-maintenance, unhappy, dander-producing animal. His allergy is not his fault.

Do your fiancé's fish give you hives, get into everything or yowl whenever they are alone? If so, then the cat and the fish are somewhat equivalent. Otherwise, not so much.

Your fiancé should be understanding and kind toward you and should help you find a better home for your cat. If your motivation to get rid of these fish is to force your fiancé to give up his pets be-

cause you are giving up yours, then you might not be ready for marriage. Marriage is about respectful compromise. Compromise doesn't mean demanding that your partner must lose if you are losing.

You should not have the last (or only) say when choosing your next pet with your partner. You two should decide together and should share the responsibility of animal stewardship as evenly as you can.

Dear Amy: You asked readers what they call a gift that the gift-giver likes but the recipient does not want, need or like. In my family this kind of gift is known as a "sidesaddle." An example might be if a father gives his infant daughter a big-screen television. The story is my great-grandmother gave her husband a sidesaddle for Christmas. Of course, he could not use it, but she wanted it. And she got it!

— *Faithful Reader*

Dear Reader: Your great-grandfather could have used the saddle, of course, but it might not have complemented his outfit. I called this phenomenon an "Aunt Betty," but I far prefer the "sidesaddle."

Let it ever be thus.

Dear Amy: You are answering lots of questions about DNA testing lately. DNA testing is becoming more accessible and popular, and it is creating problems because people can be contacted by DNA matches. Please point out that it is possible to "opt out" of this option and keep your DNA results private.

— *DNA Tested*

Dear Tested: There are several different companies offering DNA testing, and each seems to offer a different way of handling client privacy. In one, users are offered an option to "opt out," in another, opting out is the default setting, so users must choose to "opt in."

Regardless, it is possible that DNA matches can find one another through social media if they are connected with a match who has not chosen a privacy option, leading to other family members.

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balancing act

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After Florida school shooting, a reminder

Many offer help in wake of tragedy

I'm trying to settle into an emotion after the school shooting in Florida.

Shock isn't quite right. We're not really shocked anymore, are we? We're a country awash in guns. I don't know if it's honest to say mass shootings are shocking anymore.

They've happened in churches and movie theaters, military bases and college campuses. A nightclub, a giant outdoor concert. So, so many schools.

Numb isn't right either. Growing numb to a tragedy this profound and far-reaching is to admit defeat — not just in the fight to curb mass shootings, but in the fight to believe we should try to. The fight to believe that human lives are sacred and miraculous and worthy of our best efforts.

Fear? I feel plenty of fear. Every single morning that I drop my kids at school, I feel fear. Most parents whom I know do. That doesn't subside when we go a few weeks between shootings.

But fear is paralyzing and rarely useful. And I want to settle into an emotion that's honest but also guides me toward some action or mission. Some way to *be*, in the wake of these all-too-common tragedies.

Outrage, certainly. It's the thing I feel first and longest when I read about lives cut short by guns. And outrage is, arguably, the spark that most often ignites us to action, inspires us to push like mad for change.

But I'm going to sit for a while, right now, with gratitude. Gratitude for the people — and they are legion — who swoop in during a tragedy and offer help and hope and humanity.

I have a front-row seat this week.

The parents who showed up at my kids' school, the school Chicago police Cmdr. Paul Bauer's



MARK WILSON/GETTY

Kristi Gilroy, right, hugs a young woman Thursday at a police checkpoint near Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida, where 17 people were killed by a gunman Wednesday. In the mix of emotions that follows these tragedies, it's OK to be grateful to those who offer help and hope.

daughter attends, to tie blue ribbons around every tree.

The ad hoc committee of parents and school staffers who've been working around-the-clock, since Paul was killed, to rally and organize support for his family.

The people who never met him who've emailed me to say: Can I help with hospitality or coffee at his wake? Can you please send his family this quote from my grandfather's headstone? ("The world is a better place because this man lived.") Where can I donate?

The dear friend who lost her

own husband in 2012, far too young, far too suddenly, and is determined to help Paul's widow find a path toward some kind of healing.

For every one of the gestures I've witnessed, I know there are dozens I haven't. And I know the same thing is happening in Florida.

I know the 17 families whose lives were forever shattered Wednesday are feeling the embrace of a grieving but devoted community. The meals dropped by. The funds donated. The vigils

planned.

It's not enough. It doesn't bring back loved ones. It doesn't prevent more families from experiencing a similar loss next week, next month, next year.

But it's also not nothing.

It's a power we all have, in the face of a scourge many of us feel powerless to end: the power to help someone heal. The power to bring a tiny bit of light into the dark.

It's a reminder that good isn't extinguished by evil; it's ignited. We rise up and take care of one

another.

I see it all the time. When I write about people who've lost children, when I write about people who've lost partners, when I write about people who are struggling through some of the worst sort of adversity: People want to help. They find ways to help. They're tireless in their desire to help.

It's not everything. But it's something. And I'm grateful for it.

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Jessica Schwartz, second from left, formed her own stepfamily five years ago when she remarried. "We have a lot of communication," she said. "There's no his and no yours."

How blended families work

BY DANIELLE BRAFF
Chicago Tribune

Communication is key, parents should treat kids equally and it helps to create new traditions — but don't expect instant results

When two people decide to become a family, it's tricky blending lifestyles, finances and personalities.

But when you add in unrelated children to create a blended family, chances are high that there will be a few issues before the family jells.

Still, more and more families are trying to make stepfamilies work today.

In 1960, only 13 percent of married adults were in a second marriage, but by 2013, about 40 percent of

new marriages included a partner who had been married before, according to the Pew Research Center.

And 63 percent of women who remarry come into blended families, with half of those involving stepchildren who live with the new couple, according to the National Center for Family & Marriage Research.

Jessica Schwartz, an

infant massage educator in Chicago, formed her own stepfamily five years ago when she remarried, bringing her two children together with her husband's singleton.

Today, their three children are between the ages of 11 and 17, and two of the children live with them full-time, while the middle child lives in a different state for most of the year.

For the two families to

blend well, Schwartz, said, the key is communication.

"We have a lot of communication, and we never treat any of the kids differently," she said. "There's no his and no yours."

A challenge for them was helping the middle child (her stepdaughter) feel she belongs, as she only lives with them over the summer and during some major holidays, so they make sure to FaceTime frequently.

"We moved recently, but she wasn't with us for the move, so we did FaceTime with her when we were packing to see what she wanted donated, and we did FaceTime with her to ask her where she wanted her things put," Schwartz said.

Communication is key, especially among the adults, who need a unified front for the children, said Deborah Gilboa, author of

"Get the Behavior you Want Without Being the Parent you Hate."

She said that while all the children should be treated equally, they shouldn't be treated equally by both parents.

"Your biological parent is the parent, and while you should be respectful of the other parent, they can't punish you," Gilboa said.

If an older child moves into a home with a new adult, you can't just add water and become an instant family, she said, explaining that stepfamilies simply work differently



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A challenge for the Schwartzes has been helping their middle child, who lives out of state, feel like she belongs. They make sure to Facetime frequently.

than traditional families, and these blended families take time to function.

If your goal is a complete blend, you may be setting yourself up for failure, however, said Patricia Papernow, a Massachusetts-based author of “Surviving and Thriving in Stepfamily Relationships.”

In a traditional family, a couple will get to know each other before they have children, so everything happens very gradually.

But in a stepfamily, the longer, more established system is the parent-child relationship, while the couple is much newer, which makes the relationships very different.

“The first thing to know is that the adult couple will be stuck insiders: They are more connected to their kids and partners and ex-partners, and they have to connect to them all,” Papernow said.

The stepparents are on the outside. At the same time, the kids need much more time to adjust than the grown-ups do, and typically, this adjustment takes more time for them after separation or divorce.

“Change piles up for kids,” Papernow said.

Children also feel loyalty bonds: If I care about my stepmother, I’m being disloyal to my mother, Papernow said.

To combat these blended family issues, Papernow suggested giving

the children time to adjust, in addition to spending plenty of one-on-one time with each child, honoring every relationship that’s being formed.

Blended families could also create new holidays to celebrate together.

Papernow also suggests celebrating a virgin holiday: a regular holiday that your family didn’t already celebrate together, such as Memorial Day or Valentine’s Day.

Go all-out for this big blended family celebration, and make this a new annual tradition, Papernow said.

But don’t create new traditions too quickly, warns Ron Deal, director of Little Rock, Ark.-based FamilyLife Blended, and author of “The Smart Stepfamily.”

“When first moving in together, try not to make a lot of changes in daily routines, traditions or rules,” he said. “The family merger is a huge change; don’t add more unnecessary ones on top of it.”

Deal advocated keeping the same chores, visitation schedules, decor, bedtimes and even birthday traditions.

“Every change says, ‘Your family is gone,’” Deal said. “This creates insecurity in a child and makes accepting the new family more difficult.”

The key throughout the entire process should be to take everything slowly and not to get frazzled if every-

thing doesn’t go the way you expect it to go, said Christina Roach, a Tampa, Fla.-based stepfamily coach and psychotherapist.

“Think of it as bringing together two separate corporations,” Roach said. “Each has their own protocols and ways of doing things.”

Both families coming into the blended family need to compromise, be flexible and have a lot of patience to facilitate an environment where everyone feels heard and is open to trying new things, Roach said.

“Loyalty bonds plus outside variables that are out of your control create a very complex dynamic that each person involved is trying to figure out simultaneously,” Roach said. “If that doesn’t sound difficult, I don’t know what does.”

But Schwartz, who is five years into her blended family, said that it can work.

“Overall, it was really smooth for us,” she said.

Schwartz said they had more problems as the kids got older, especially because they had to figure out how to make her stepdaughter feel she was getting enough attention, despite living in another state — but not too much attention that the other two would get jealous.

They’ve been working on solving that issue by doing one-on-one time with each child.

Schwartz said they have also been talking about the family rules, making sure everyone has clear expectations and appropriate consequences, even if they don’t live in the home full-time.

“My biggest thing was that I never wanted anyone to feel like they didn’t belong or that they weren’t getting the full treatment,” she said.

It’s a balancing act, but when they get it right, the blend is perfect.

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After getting divorced at 28, Kate Lerman built her business, Chicago Vintage Weddings, which provides wedding planning and vintage items for couples to use in decorating.

Getting divorced in your 20s: Why it’s different

By ALISON BOWEN
Chicago Tribune

After a divorce, it can be helpful to talk about the experience with a friend who has gone through a marital split. But for those in their 20s, peers might not yet be married, much less divorced.

This is just one unique challenge of getting divorced while young.

Newly single, many say being a young ex feels isolating. Some mentioned the discomfort of sharing a status update that includes divorce shortly after sharing the excitement of being a newlywed.

Kate Lerman, 30, said she grew up with her ex-husband. They’d been high school sweethearts and together for about eight years when they wed, which she said “just seemed like the thing to do.” Soon after the wedding, however, both realized things felt off, she said. They each felt they weren’t the same people they’d been when they got married, she said. “It just started falling apart.”

They separated the next year, and the divorce was finalized in 2015, when Lerman was 28.

“It really sucks,” she said. “No one’s expecting it, and there’s no real support for it from anyone in your social network, because you’re so young.”

Lerman threw herself into building her business, Chicago Vintage Weddings, where she provides wedding planning services and vintage furniture rentals for events. She said she’s relieved they took action when they realized it wasn’t working. “I’m really, really glad that that happened when it did, because it was before shared assets; it was before children.”

Divorce attorney Andrew Vaughn said divorces among millennials have challenges but also opportunities for an easier separation, at least legally.

These splits are typically more straightforward from a financial perspective, said Vaughn, founder of divorce firm NuVorce. Millennials are more likely to have a prenup, he said. Plus, without being coupled too many years, spouses do not have a huge discrepancy in income. Similarly, they rarely have children or shared property.

He commonly sees

people divorced by the second anniversary or closer to year five. “You’re hitting the stage where you often have couples who have gone in different directions — maybe someone’s very career-driven, someone’s not very career-driven. They just go in different directions.” Disagreements on having children also play a role, he said.

For those going through a divorce in their 20s, Greensboro, N.C.-based marriage and family therapist Carolina Castanos recommends spending time to take stock. “Processing means learning from it,” she said.

Many feel they missed out on time as a young person dating, she said. “There’s a big social stigma, and we feel that we have failed if we get divorced. We interpret it as a failure.”

Instead, consider it an opportunity to grow and learn. She noted, “I cannot change what happened to me, but right now, right here, and what I do in this moment is creating my future.”

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A week of things to do with the kids

BY WEB BEHRENS | Chicago Tribune

Monday

CHICAGO AUTO SHOW FAMILY DAY

Junior mechanics and pint-size drivers didn't need an official day to check out the Chicago Auto Show, but in case you haven't gone yet, Presidents Day is geared for families. Kids will find games and safety-awareness activities, while a wide range of other businesses (from Medieval Times to Raging Waves to the White Sox) show up with giveaways and more. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at McCormick Place, 2301 S. Lake Shore Drive. \$13, \$7 for kids ages 7-12, free for kids 6 and under. tinyurl.com/yc7pzsl8

SLEDDING AT PALMISANO PARK

A former quarry, this 27-acre city park on the South Side boasts an impressive hill, also known as "Mount Bridgeport." Before zooming back down, enjoy the view from the top of this Chicago Park District gem — just one of many Chicago-area parks where you can enjoy sledding on this holiday (weather permitting). Palmisano Park, 2700 S. Halsted St. Free. tinyurl.com/y9qbawwx

PULLING TAFFY

Touring a farmhouse from the 1890s doesn't thrill most kids — but making taffy from molasses, which you can take home to eat? Now we're talking. This program for kids age 7 and up (with an adult present unless you're 12 or older) is Monday and Saturday at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. at Kline Creek Farm, 1N600 County Farm Road, West Chicago. \$5. tinyurl.com/y7ulyl25

ADLER FREE DAY: 'WHAT IS A PLANET?'

Kids under 12 weren't even born when the International Astronomical Union demoted Pluto, but they still ask Adler Planetarium astronomers about the dwarf planet. Those questions partly inspired this returning exhibit, which debuted in 2016. It provides a great overview of how human notions of what makes a planet evolved over the centuries. Daily through Oct. 21 at the Adler, 1300 S. Lake Shore Drive. Free admission for Illinois residents Monday through Wednesday, with extended hours Monday (open till 6 p.m.). tinyurl.com/y7bj5lss

MEET 'BLACK PANTHER' BOOK AUTHOR RONALD L. SMITH

Timing couldn't be better for this "Black Panther" book event, considering that the blockbuster movie just opened to



CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE FOUNDATION

Who wants to build their own skyscraper? That's one of several fun family challenges during this annual two-day fest, hosted by the Chicago Architecture Foundation. Drop in on five hours of activities, including meeting architects, learning about design and (weather permitting) taking a mini-tour outside to examine Chicago's skyscrapers. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the CAF headquarters, on the first floor of the Railway Exchange Building, 224 S. Michigan Ave. Free. tinyurl.com/y7hhalno

nearly universal acclaim. Beyond his roots in Marvel comic books, the hero is also featured in a new YA book, "Black Panther: The Young Prince." Meet author Ronald L. Smith at 7 p.m. at Anderson's Bookshop, 123 W. Jefferson Ave., Naperville. Free to attend; \$17 for "Black Panther: The Young Prince." tinyurl.com/y9k6vqut

Tuesday

'FRINDLE'

What happens when a prank-loving student clashes with his fifth-grade teacher over the evolution of language? Chicago-based Griffin Theatre lays it all out for you in this comedy (based on the book by Andrew Clements) for a four-day run. 9:45 and 11:30 a.m. Tuesday through Friday at Metropolis Performing Arts Centre, 111 W. Campbell St., Arlington Heights. \$14, \$12 for kids 12 and under. tinyurl.com/ydye364e

'STROLLER GROOVES': Q BROTHERS

Parents and caregivers have a new mid-

week activity to lure them and their toddlers out of the home. Stroller Grooves, a live music series sponsored by Navy Pier and the Chicago Children's Museum, takes place every Tuesday through the end of March. This week, catch Chicago's hip-hop/theater wizards the Q Brothers. (They'll be back at the Pier on March 13.) Noon to 1 p.m. at the Crystal Gardens inside Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave. Free. tinyurl.com/y78blb8l

Friday

'RED KITE TREASURE ADVENTURE'

Chinatown during the annual New Year's celebration, complete with lanterns and dragon puppets, is the setting for "Treasure Adventure," Chicago Children's Theatre's latest entry in its Red Kite program. Developed for children on the autism spectrum, the interactive shows keep audiences small — only 10 kids plus caregivers (with limited room for siblings) — which means many performances sell out quickly. Catch it Fridays and Saturdays

through March 4 at The Station, 100 S. Racine Ave. \$10. tinyurl.com/y8gshnha

Saturday

'THE SELFISH GIANT'

An Oscar Wilde story turned into a kid-friendly puppet musical? Yes indeed. Originally a collaboration with Chicago Children's Theatre, this Blair Thomas & Co. show concerns itself with a giant who banishes children from his garden, only to learn some tough lessons. The 45-minute show returns for one performance only, courtesy of the Arlington Heights Memorial Library; register in advance. 11 a.m. at Windsor Elementary School, 1315 E. Miner St., Arlington Heights. Free. tinyurl.com/y73p2c8u

POLAR ADVENTURE DAY

This annual Northerly Island tradition is happy to remind you about the joys of this season of snow and cold. Stroll the prairie with a cup of hot cocoa and, weather willing, snowshoes, or enjoy crafts and storytelling inside. You can meet birds of prey, Siberian huskies and wolves. Nearby parking (\$3, cash only) is limited, so plan ahead. Noon to 4 p.m. at Northerly Island, 1521 S. Linn White Drive. Free. tinyurl.com/y7zrjz19

GLOBAL CONNECTIONS: CHINESE NEW YEAR

Navy Pier's wintertime Neighborhoods of the World isn't returning this year in its weekly format. But in its place comes a series of three globally minded events. The second edition celebrates the Year of the Dog, the Lunar New Year according to the Chinese calendar. Expect music, dance and Chinese cuisine (available for purchase). The event runs from 1 to 5 p.m. inside Aon Grand Ballroom, at the eastern end of Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave. Free. tinyurl.com/ybhj496l

Sunday

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD HIKE

Black History Month is winding down, but it's not too late to teach kids a little history while enjoying the brisk outdoors. Families can learn about the Underground Railroad inside this nature center and take an interactive hike along an actual route used to escape from slavery in the mid-1800s. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Sand Ridge Nature Center, 15891 S. Paxton Ave., South Holland. Free. tinyurl.com/y9ymqae5

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Huffington's tips to set tech boundaries

Phones and media should enrich, not consume, she says

BY ARIANNA HUFFINGTON
Chicago Tribune

Last year was a pivotal year for our relationship with technology. That was the year we woke up and began to see what the technology we're swimming in has been doing to us.

Yes, it allows us to do amazing things, but it's also accelerated the speed of our lives beyond our capacity to keep up. We all feel it — and it's getting worse.

We're being controlled by something we should be controlling. And it consumes our attention and cripples our ability to think, to focus, to be present and to connect with ourselves.

But 2018 is poised to be the year when we begin to take control of that relationship and set boundaries with the technology in our lives.

More people are realizing that how we're living and working is unsustainable. They want technology that enhances life instead of consuming it, but it's not easy to set boundaries in an environment that's constantly breaking them down. Yes, the culture is shifting to value a healthier relationship with technology.

While that's happening, here are some steps I'll take this year to set boundaries in my own life:

I'll start with sleep, which underpins all other aspects of our well-being. So a key part of that is not charging my phone in my bedroom. Our phones are repositories of everything we need to put away to allow us to sleep — our to-do lists, our inboxes, our worries and anxieties, not to mention the gateway to connecting with everyone and everything in the world.

So putting my phone to bed outside my bedroom as a regular part of my bedtime



THRIVE GLOBAL

Arianna Huffington, founder and CEO of Thrive Global, shares ways to take short breaks from technology in 2018.

ritual makes me more likely to wake up as fully charged as my phone.

I'll do the flip side of that in the morning. Instead of reaching for my phone right when I wake up, I'll take 10 minutes to set my intention for the day — not just for what I want to get done for the day, but also for what kind of day I want to have. This affects the rest of my day.

Mornings and nights are the most valuable times to connect with ourselves — for many people the only

times they can — so it's here that boundary-setting can start.

I'll try to take at least one device-free vacation. Or one largely device-free vacation. A few years ago, I decided to do a weeklong unplugging challenge while on a Christmas vacation in Hawaii with my daughters. It was definitely not easy at first. But by the end of the week, it became easier to ignore the urge to take photos of the amazing sunsets, or selfies at the beaches, or Instagrams at

dinner, and just be in the moment.

This had a powerful effect not just on me, but also on my daughters, who didn't even participate. I felt more connected to them, which meant they felt more connected to me. It was a powerful reminder that the benefits of setting boundaries with technology aren't limited to us, but also extend to the people we're then able to connect more deeply with. It was such a memorable vacation — even though I didn't memorialize it digitally — that I

want to reprise it.

I'll try to "lose" my phone regularly. We've all had that moment of panic when we've misplaced our phone — left it in a restaurant or in a cab or lost it outright. But once the panic is over, for the day or so until the phone is returned or we replace it, it's actually kind of nice.

So why not re-create that brief phone holiday without the administrative hassle of getting it back? We can "lose it" by leaving it at work while we go for lunch.

By leaving it at home for a walk. By not taking it out with us when we go out to meet friends.

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Abraham Lincoln, who was assassinated in 1865, has long been a popular subject for writers. The president's life, inside and outside politics, has been dissected in several recent books.

Another Lincoln biography?

Fresh perspectives offer illuminating look at a fascinating historical figure

BY PATRICK T. REARDON
Chicago Tribune

The other day, in passing, a friend of mine asked me, "Why would someone write yet another biography of Abraham Lincoln? Aren't there enough already?"

I was dumbfounded and mumbled some half-answer. It seemed akin to asking me why people breathe.

Throughout my life, I've read dozens of biographies of Lincoln and scores of books about the Civil War and his role in the conflict. I've reviewed Lincoln books and written essays on the 16th U.S. president, and, for several years, I served on the advisory board of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in

Springfield.

For me, the study of Lincoln is fascinating and never-ending. Yet, my friend, a well-read guy, was really confused.

At the root of his question was the thought that each of us has one life story. So, once it's told, there's no need for it to be told again, right? I suspect he's not alone in such thinking.

He's right, sort of, if the life story is in the form of a resume. The bullet points about schooling and jobs that were on my resume in 1981 were still true a few years ago when I put together a new resume. I could have just added new bullet points from the intervening three decades.

Yet, what I actually did was prepare a much different resume, stressing my more

recent work and eliminating the bullet points about schooling entirely. So, I did a new miniature life story because I had new data and different goals that I was aiming to achieve.

New information is one reason for doing a new biography of someone. This is obvious when it comes to living people still active on the world stage, such as Donald Trump.

A book about him, written in, say, 2007, would be missing a huge part of his life story. This isn't to say the earlier book would now be useless. Not at all. In fact, it becomes an even more important — and richer — reading experience since it captures not just facts about Trump but also how he was seen before he turned Ameri-

can politics on its ear. It gives a look at him undistorted by the knowledge of what was to come in the future.

The need to incorporate new information also comes into play with historical figures, even someone like Lincoln who's been dead for more than a century and a half.

For example, since the late 20th century, scholars have been gathering and making available to researchers electronically nearly 100,000 documents from Lincoln's quarter-century legal career in the federal, state and county court systems. These records provide a vast new resource to examine the Illinois rail-splitter's life and work. One recent result: "Prairie Defender: The Murder Trials of Abraham Lincoln" by

George R. Dekle Sr., published in May by Southern Illinois Press.

This sort of painstaking examination of historical minutiae is being done for many major world figures of the past, such as Napoleon, England's Queen Elizabeth I and Jesus.

Akin to this is the research into archives that turns up diaries, books and documents that have been long overlooked or ignored. And then there's always the possibility of the discovery of never-before-seen material, such as the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Lest anyone think that there is a statute of limitations on such discoveries, the Dead Sea Scrolls are a lesson in never giving up hope. These 900 documents, hidden away only a few decades after the death of Jesus, were discovered in the late 1940s near Jericho, in caves just west of the Dead Sea, and they provide a never-before-available window into the era when Christianity was just starting and Judaism was undergoing a major evolution.

Yet biographies based on such discoveries, whether mined in archives or found in a cave, are written much less often than those which are based on a new perspective that the author brings to the subject.

An example of this was David McCullough's 1992 "Truman," which resurrected the reputation of Harry S. Truman — which was in dire need of resuscitation. Indeed, at one point in his presidency, Truman had a 22 percent approval rating, lower than even Richard Nixon's on the eve of his resignation of the presidency.

When it comes to Lincoln, millions of Americans are hungry to understand him, and generations of authors have sought to feed that craving.

For instance, during a recent two-month period, books about the Great Emancipator, in addition to the one on his murder trials, included "Lincoln: The Man Who Saved America" by David J. Kent (Fall River Press); "Lincoln and the Abolitionists: John Quincy Adams, Slavery, and the Civil War" by Fred Kaplan (Harper); "Becoming Abraham Lincoln: The Coming of Age of Our Greatest President" by Richard Kigel (Skyhorse Publishing); and "Wrestling With His Angel: The Political Life of Abraham Lincoln Vol. II,

1849-1856" by Sidney Blumenthal (Simon & Schuster).

Blumenthal's book fits into a growing subgenre that examines Lincoln the politician, a role that during the first century after his assassination was often downplayed. The Kaplan work is similarly part of a new, more nuanced examination of Lincoln's relationship to slavery. And, like Kigel's book, many modern authors are delving deeply into his childhood and early adulthood.

It's understandable that, given the cataclysmic rhetoric of some politicians today, readers want to know about the man who "saved America" during an earlier crisis. Like Elizabeth I and like Jesus,

Lincoln is a tantalizing mystery. People know him as the man who "freed the slaves" or "saved the Union," but, while those characterizations are true, the facts of the matter are much more complex.

Assassinated just as the Civil War was ending, Lincoln is a national martyr — but he was also a bare-knuckles politician, devious and, in his way, kin to generations of Tammany Hall and Chicago Machine ward-healers. He was a man who joked about his own ugliness and was caricatured as a gorilla for his lanky gangliness. Yet he was among the greatest writers America has ever produced.

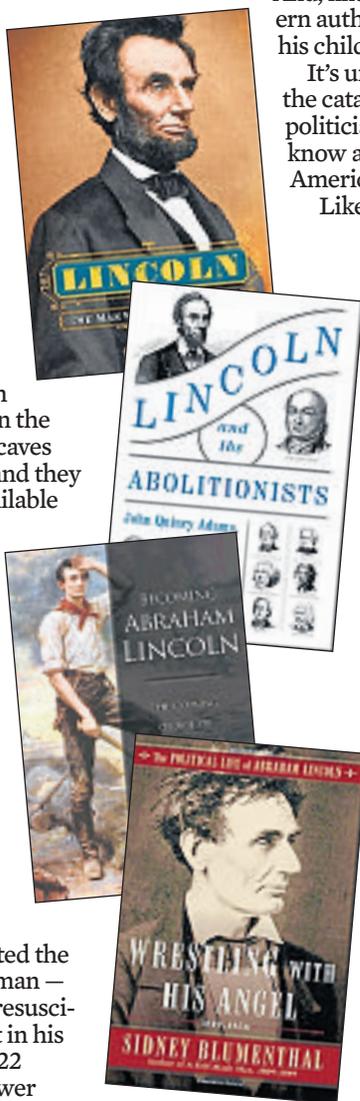
With his complexity of character, thought and action, Lincoln can't be pinned down. Nonetheless, historians and other writers — consider George Saunders' fictional work "Lincoln in the Bardo" — try. Not only

do they lust to understand him, but they use Lincoln as a mirror in which to examine their generation's particular anxieties and debates.

It's the same person, the same 56 years of life. But the stories we tell change over time as more fine details and better-understood nuances emerge — and, even more, as we as a people change over time.

As long as the United States exists, we will be fascinated by the nation's 16th president. And there will always be another Lincoln biography to come.

Patrick T. Reardon is the author of eight books, including "Requiem for David," a poetry collection.



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In "Leadership," due out in September, author Doris Kearns Goodwin focuses on four presidents she's written about before: Abraham Lincoln, Lyndon Johnson and both Roosevelts.

In next book, Goodwin aims to 'hold up a mirror'

BY HILLEL ITALIE | Associated Press

NEW YORK — Doris Kearns Goodwin hopes her new book will remind readers that career politicians can become great presidents.

"Abraham Lincoln and Teddy Roosevelt had been in politics a long time," Goodwin said during a recent telephone interview as she discussed her upcoming book, "Leadership," which comes out in September. Simon & Schuster told The Associated Press on Tuesday that the book will focus on four presidents that Goodwin has written about before: Lincoln, Roosevelt, Lyndon Johnson and Franklin Roosevelt.

"Donald Trump's election was unprecedented because of his lack of experience. And it reflected the mood of the country because people were frustrated by the broken political system. But I wanted to write about a time when experience in politics was valued," she said.

One of the country's most popular historians, Goodwin has spent much of her life writing about politics and participating in them. She is married to former Johnson speechwriter Richard Goodwin and was a White House aide to Johnson.

Her previous books include "Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream," "Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln" and the Pulitzer Prize-winning "No Ordinary Time: Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front in World War II." While she began working on "Leadership" well before Trump's rise,

she says the book wasn't changed because of him; she focuses on historical patterns that she believes will help make sense of the present.

"I'm trying to hold up a mirror," she said.

Goodwin, 75, said that young people often come up to her and express awe about Lincoln and the Roosevelts and wonder how they could relate to those presidents. In "Leadership," Goodwin will track not just the triumphs of her four subjects, but also their early struggles and how they adapted. The presidents she's writing about — "my guys," she calls them — all endured political defeats and personal hardship, such as Franklin Roosevelt's polio, or Theodore Roosevelt losing his wife and mother on the same day. "Some people just have a determination to go forward," she said.

Goodwin didn't read just political books for "Leadership," but also such popular business authors as Jim Collins and Stephen Covey. She liked the idea of drawing upon different disciplines for her book and contrasting the lives and approaches of presidents she thought she knew well. She also promises to make "Leadership" relatively short, under 400 pages.

"A woman wrote to me about 'The Bully Pulpit,'" she said, referring to her 900-page book about politics in the early 20th century.

"She told me that she was reading the book in bed and that she fell asleep and the book broke her nose. This won't happen with the new one."



Theodore Roosevelt endured personal loss.

The grass is always greener when you're reading Erma Bombeck

BY JOHN WARNER
Chicago Tribune

We are in a particularly fruitful era for funny female essayists. Jenny Lawson, Sloane Crosley, Samantha Irby, Lindy West, among others, are all doing brilliant work illuminating the world with acute analysis filtered through the lenses of their own experience.

Reading these women put me to mind of a pioneer in this space, a writer whom I hope we never forget: Erma Bombeck.

I came to her work at the tail end of the 1970s and early 1980s, when she was at the height of her popularity, producing a weekly syndicated column for better than 900 newspapers by 1985 and reliably publishing collected volumes of her humor, including “The Grass is Always Greener Over the Septic Tank” and, my personal favorite, “If Life is a Bowl of Cherries, What Am I Doing in the Pits?”

Perhaps it is strange that 10-year-old me considered Mrs. Bombeck one of his favorite writers, but it didn't seem so at the time. I just thought she was really funny.

Her subjects were family and motherhood, adopting a tone of quiet suffering at the hands of the husband and children who seemed determined to vex her at every turn. Her name evoked a “character” (in every sense of the word), and reading her work as a young person was like cozying up to an adult friend who was willing to let you in on how grown-ups really thought.

Recently, as I picked up my well-worn copy of “If Life Is a Bowl of Cherries ...,” not having visited it in at least a dozen years, I was worried the writing wouldn't hold up, that my fond memories of my youthful reading experiences would be tainted by my adult perspective.

I shouldn't have worried. Bombeck's writing remains hilarious. Her comedic timing is rivaled only by Jerry Seinfeld. You can almost pick any paragraph and find an expertly turned joke, like this one from “If Life is a Bowl of Cherries ...”:

A child develops individuality long before he develops taste. I have seen my kid straggle into the kitchen in the morning with outfits that need only one accessory: an empty gin bottle.

It is a perfect little nugget of setup and punchline with astounding precision in her language. The use of “straggle” as a



LACY ATKINS/AP

Erma Bombeck, who wrote a column syndicated to more than 900 newspapers and was grand marshal of the 1986 Rose Parade, died in 1996 — but her writing lives on.

verb, unexpected and unusual, but also perfect, had me admiring Bombeck's craft in ways I wouldn't have fully appreciated as a 10-year-old. The way the joke allows the audience to conjure their own specific image of a little kid dressed like a skid row bum is akin to the work of Bob Newhart in his famous “Bus Driver's School” bit.

There are clear differences between Bombeck's work and that of more contemporary essayists. Bombeck's style is more comic, as opposed to “humorous,” likely a factor of her publishing in shorter forms and in newspapers.

Bombeck was also writing to a hegemonic white, suburban majority, of which I was a junior member. Her hu-

mor was not apolitical — Bombeck was a supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment — and it could be biting, but it came from a common, safe perspective.

Lawson writes very funny essays about difficult and (for some) taboo subjects, such as mental illness. Irby and West put their feminist identities out front to powerful effect, where Bombeck kept that part of her self in subtext.

Times change, and the writers we respond to change with them, but for me Erma Bombeck is eternal.

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. “Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith” by Kathleen Norris
2. “The Detective Stories of Edgar Allan Poe” by Edgar Allan Poe
3. “When Things Fall Apart: Heart Advice for Difficult Times” by Pema Chodron
4. “The Chilbury Ladies Choir” by Jennifer Ryan
5. “Shall We Not Revenge” by D.M. Pirrone
— Pat P., *Crest Hill*
I have just the thing for Pat: a little Barbara Pym — “Excellent Women.”

1. “The Silent Land” by Graham Joyce
2. “The Burning Girl” by Claire Messud
3. “Homegoing” by Yaa Gyasi
4. “My Private Property” by Mary Ruefle
5. “A Gentleman in Moscow” by Amor Towles
— Terry L., *Minneapolis*
This list makes me think that Terry might be agreeable to something a little less usual, a little off the beaten path, which leads me to “Duplex” by Kathryn Davis.

1. “The Crusades through Arab Eyes” by Amin Maalouf
2. “1453: The Holy War for Constantinople and the Clash of Islam and the West” by Roger Crowley
3. “Ninja: 1,000 Years of the Shadow Warrior” by John Man
4. “Tribe: On Homecoming and Belonging” by Sebastian Junger
5. “War” by Sebastian Junger
— Michelle, *Seattle*

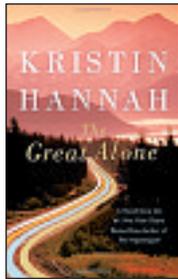
So Michelle says she never reads fiction, which makes me overwhelmingly tempted to recommend a work of fiction, but I will not give in to this contrary streak. The Biblioracle is a public service, not my own personal playground. To go with the war theme, a little bit of a lighter but still fascinating look at the subject — Michelle should read “Grunt: The Curious Science of Humans at War” by Mary Roach.

Get a reading from the Biblioracle

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HARDCOVER FICTION



1. **"The Great Alone: A Novel"** by Kristin Hannah (Holtzbrinck, \$28.99) *Last week: —*
2. **"The Woman in the Window: A Novel"** by A.J. Finn (William Morrow, \$26.99)

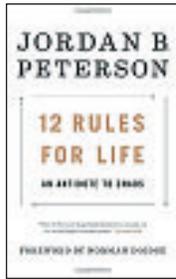
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3. **"Dark in Death: An Eve Dallas Novel"** by J.D. Robb (St. Martin's, \$27.99) *Last week: 1*
4. **"Still Me: A Novel"** by Jojo Moyes (Dorman, \$27) *Last week: 2*
5. **"Look for Me: A D.D. Warren Novel"** by Lisa Gardner (Dutton, \$27) *Last week: —*
6. **"The Masterpiece"** by Francine Rivers (Tyndale, \$25.99) *Last week: —*
7. **"Fall From Grace: A Novel"** by Danielle Steel (Delacorte, \$28.99) *Last week: 4*
8. **"An American Marriage: A Novel"** by Tayari Jones (Algonquin, \$26.95) *Last week: —*
9. **"Little Fires Everywhere"** by Celeste Ng (Penguin, \$27) *Last week: 5*
10. **"Origin: A Novel"** by Dan Brown (Doubleday, \$29.95) *Last week: 6*

For the week ended Feb. 11, compiled from data from independent and chain bookstores, book wholesalers and independent distributors nationwide.

— Publishers Weekly

HARDCOVER NONFICTION



1. **"12 Rules for Life: An Antidote to Chaos"** by Jordan B. Peterson (Random House Canada, \$25.95) *Last week: 3*
2. **"Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House"** by Michael Wolff (Henry Holt, \$30) *Last week: 1*
3. **"Obama: An Intimate Portrait"** by Pete Souza (Little, Brown, \$50) *Last week: —*
4. **"Girl, Wash Your Face: Stop Believing the Lies About Who You Are so You Can Become Who You Were Meant to Be"** by Rachel Hollis (Nelson, \$22.99) *Last week: —*
5. **"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*
6. **"The Healing Self: A Revolutionary New Plan to Supercharge Your Immunity and Stay Well for Life"** by Deepak Chopra and Rudolph E. Tanzi (Harmony, \$26) *Last week: 6*
7. **"Crushing It!: How Great Entrepreneurs Build Their Business and Influence — and How You Can, Too"** by Gary Vaynerchuk (HarperBusiness, \$29.99) *Last week: 2*
8. **"Directorate S: The C.I.A. and America's Secret Wars in Afghanistan and Pakistan"** by Steve Coll (Penguin, \$35) *Last week: —*
9. **"Strength in Stillness: The Power of Transcendental Meditation"** by Bob Roth (Simon & Schuster, \$24) *Last week: —*
10. **"The Whole30 Fast & Easy Cookbook: 150 Simply Delicious Everyday Recipes for Your Whole30"** by Melissa Hartwig (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$30) *Last week: 8*

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www.thebookstall.com

Please join The Book Stall and Chicago writer ERICA O'ROURKE for a celebration of the book release of "No One Can Know," her second Stillwater General Mystery. Written under the pen name LUCY KERR that Ms. O'Rourke uses when she writes adult mysteries, this riveting new thriller once again features ER nurse Frankie Stapleton.

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JOANNE LIPMAN

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Monday, February 26 at 7 pm
Anderson's Bookshop
123 W. Jefferson Ave. Naperville
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Anderson's Bookshop in Naperville presents veteran journalist and USA Today's former Editor-in-Chief Joanne Lipman sharing her timely book on workplace gender issues: **That's What She Said**. This event is free and open to the public. To join the booksigning line, please purchase the author's featured book at Anderson's Bookshop.

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A COMMON GROUND talk with Jerrol Leitner
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Dixon Chapel, 2nd floor
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Jesus and Buddha are among the most influential persons in history. Join us as Jerry addresses their messages, missions, struggles, achievements, and their lasting impact. \$10 fee payable to Common Ground. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

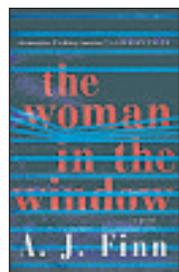
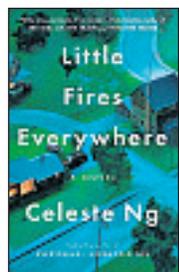
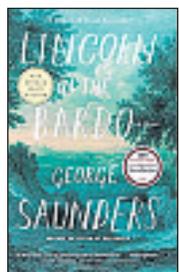
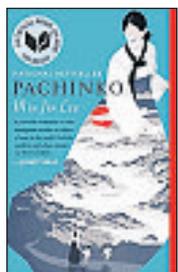
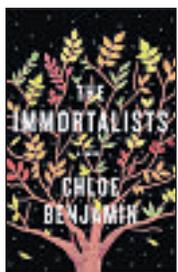


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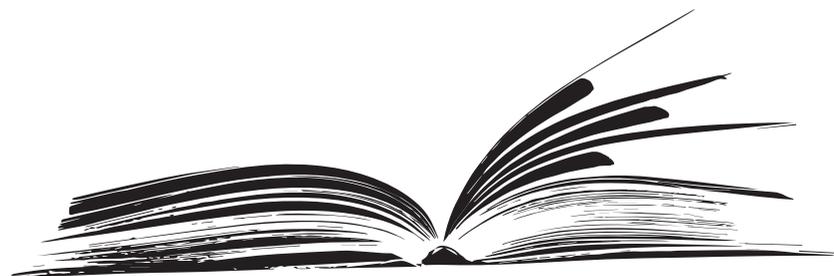
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2. **"Pachinko"** by Min Jin Lee (Grand Central, \$15.99)
3. **"Lincoln in the Bardo: A Novel"** by George Saunders (Random House, \$17)
4. **"Little Fires Everywhere"** by Celeste Ng (Penguin, \$27)
5. **"The Woman in the Window: A Novel"** by A.J. Finn (William Morrow, \$26.99)

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Neighbors' loud sex keeps you up?

BY CHRISTEN A. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Q: You can't fall asleep at night because your neighbors frequently have loud sex. How do you tell them to quiet down?

If this happens on occasion, putting up with the noise might be the solution. However, if your sleep is disrupted regularly, talk to your neighbors in person — no one likes to find a note taped to their door.

Explain that the noises from their home keep you up and you'd like them to be mindful of their nighttime volume. They likely don't realize how loud they're being, and will keep things quiet.

If they refuse to address the issue, you have a few options. If you rent an apartment, you're entitled

to "quiet enjoyment" of your home, and your landlord is required to intervene. If you aren't a renter, you're a bit stuck. Though you could call the police, local noise ordinances often don't apply to "unamplified human voices." In other words, if they aren't using their sound system to broadcast the sounds of their coupling, you're out of luck.

— Allison Bean, editorial director of home website *The Spruce*

One night, on a vacation with our friends, my husband and I felt a bit frisky. Unbeknownst to us, the headboard was banging against the wall, making quite the raucous.

The next morning, our friends opened the conversation with a hilarious joke about the racket — it made us all laugh out loud. There

was no shaming or pointing fingers, just a bit of poking fun.

There is no better way to address an uncomfortable situation than with good wit. The next time you run into your neighbors, flash a smile, and couple it with a lighthearted comment that addresses the issue.

Something like, "You two seem to have quite the healthy sex life! How do you have the energy?" They'll get the point, and you'll have saved face in the process.

— Lisa Gache, author of *"Beverly Hills Manners: Golden Rules From the World's Most Glamorous ZIP Code"*

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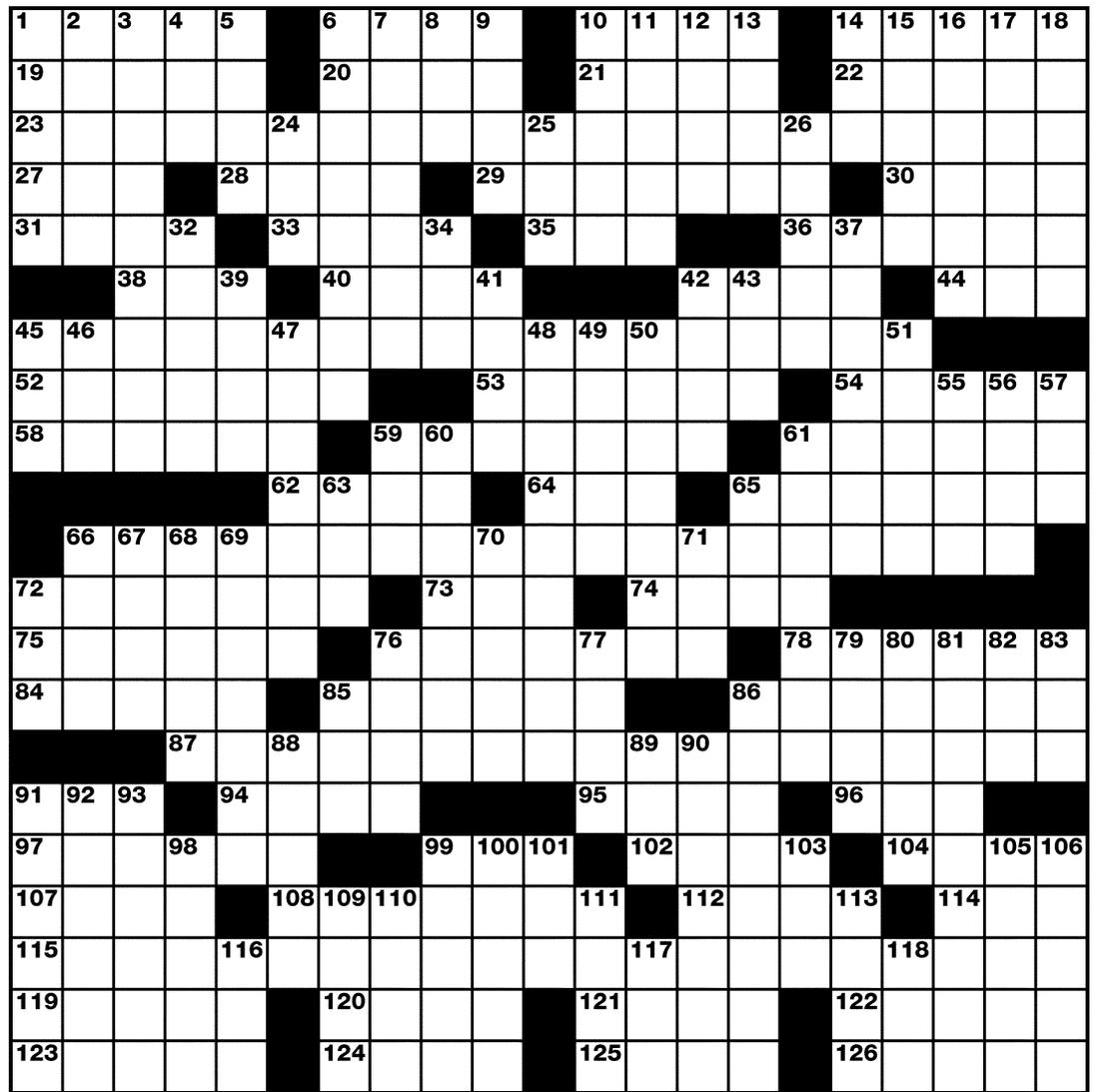
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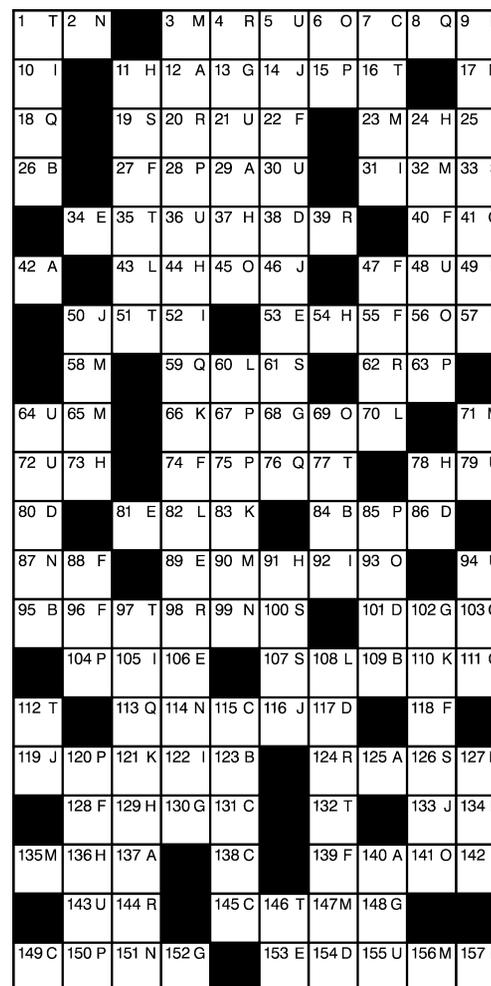
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1. Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
2. Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
3. When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

Clues

- Words**
- A. Ensnared
29 125 12 137 140 42
- B. Head Hun
109 123 26 134 95 84
- C. Bring back to life
115 7 145 138 149 131
- D. Acting style
154 80 38 117 101 86
- E. Church tower
153 89 81 53 34 9 106
- F. 'Speak Now' singer
27 40 88 128 96 55 74 47 118 139 22
- G. Pacific islands
13 148 68 130 152 102
- H. Other-worldly
78 91 37 44 54 136 73 129 11 24
- I. Humbert Humbert's obsession
122 10 92 31 105 52 142
- J. Eviscerated
133 14 116 50 46 119

- K. Watch over
66 83 110 121
- L. Oriental tobacco pipe
57 60 43 70 108 82
- M. Podcaster of 'Girl on Guy'
71 58 3 90 135 23 65 156 32 147
- N. Horse shackle
2 151 114 87 17 99 127
- O. Collapsed
56 45 69 93 141 111 6
- P. Affluent: 3 wds.
120 85 104 75 150 15 67 28 63 49
- Q. Sun's farthest planet
8 18 59 103 76 41 113
- R. Fresh, vigorous
39 144 4 98 20 124 62 157
- S. Gently stroked
107 33 61 19 126 100
- T. 'C'est Si Bon' singer
146 25 35 97 51 132
- U. Starlet in 'Easy A'
155 64 48 72 5 21
- 94 30 79 36 143



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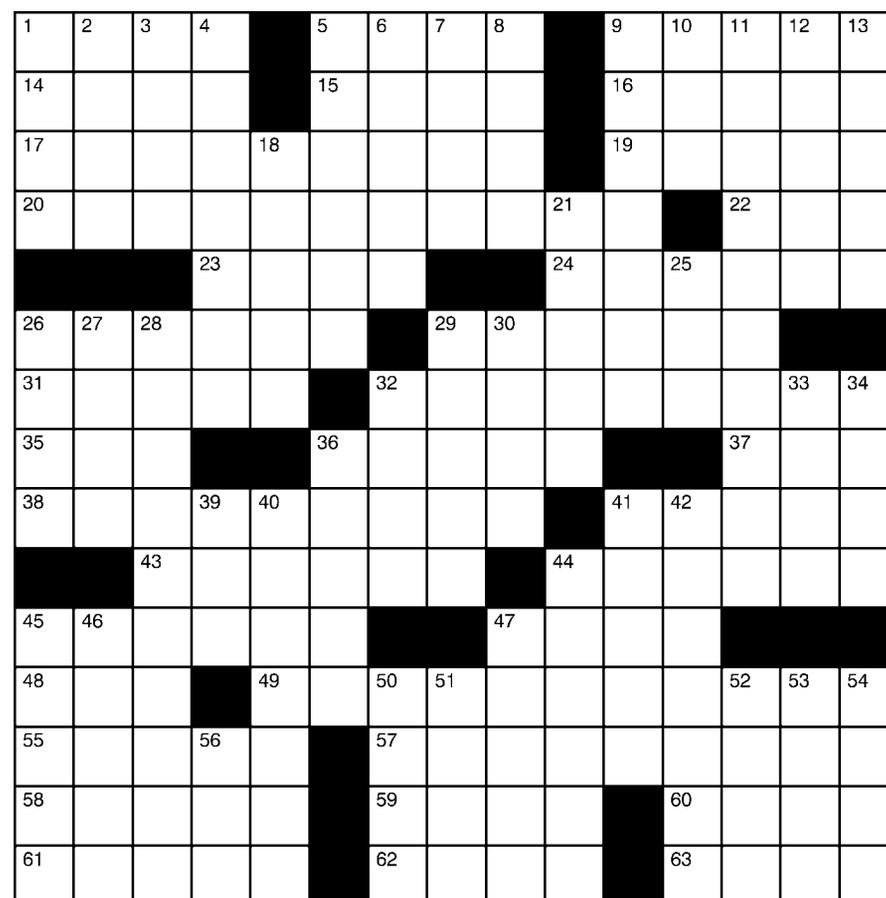
- 1 Homophone for a duo
5 Close attention
9 Clarify
14 Genuine
15 Spindle
16 ND's Fighting ___
17 Thais, *et al.*
19 ___ Barbara
20 Seneca and Cayuga
22 Scram, in Dogpatch
23 ___ it!
24 Vergil hero
26 Esteem
29 Johnny or Mabel
31 Iris family members
32 Came in again
35 Sesame
36 *King Solomon's* ___
37 Big Ten sch.
38 Insurgent
41 Fountain orders
43 Coquettes
44 Hole puncher
45 Customer
47 NYC culture spot
48 Novelist Deighton

- 49 Brown, of baseball's Hall of Fame
55 Slant
57 Substitute
58 Scoff
59 Landing place
60 NC college
61 Firebugs, for short
62 Salts
63 *Atlas Shrugged* author

Down

- 1 Campus figure, briefly
2 Form preceder
3 Maugham story
4 Pastoral
5 Antipathy
6 Glorify
7 Queen of scat
8 Lectern
9 Analyze
10 Historic period
11 Magic's basketball move
12 Ancient port of Rome
13 Mountain passes
18 Silents star

- 21 Merits
25 Born
26 Mil. rookies
27 Soprano Mills
28 James Bond film
29 Cartes
30 Shoe widths
32 Read the ___ act
33 Town near Padua
34 Perform a household chore
36 Amusement
39 ___ *de France*
40 Colorists
41 Norse giant
42 In ___ of speaking
44 Office doormats?
45 Fastener
46 Hoffman flick
47 ___ maid
50 Preoccupied
51 Kazan
52 Blowout
53 Kind of collar
54 Wrest from
56 MGM's mane character



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Brussels sprouts are roasted with bacon and tossed with a sweet-and-sour vinaigrette.

Buttery Brussels



LEAH ESKIN
Home on the Range

He's not a fan of vegetables, she confided via encrypted email. Too mushy, he claims. Could I help?

I didn't know her. I didn't know him. But it sounded serious. Sometimes a cook has to step out of her kitchen and stare down trouble. I took the case.

I packed my tools: knives, aprons, scale; I packed my technique: high heat. At the airport, I picked them out of the crowd with ease: pale, low on greens.

Back at their place, we worked through pastry, pasta, pan sauce. The room fell silent. I leveled with the guy: You don't like vegetables. He threw his wife a desperate look. She had turned him in.

Don't worry, I said. We'll make 'em crisp. We gutted a pound of Brussels sprouts and splayed them flat onto the sheet pan. I gave it to

Crisp sprouts

Prep: 15 minutes **Cook:** 20 minutes

Makes: 2 cups, serves 3

- 1 pound fresh Brussels sprouts
 - 2 tablespoons olive oil
 - 1 teaspoon kosher salt
 - 3 strips bacon, cut crosswise into thin strips
- Vinaigrette, recipe follows

1 Slice: Trim root end of sprouts. Halve sprouts north to south. Heap sprouts onto a baking sheet. Drizzle with oil. Toss with salt. Scatter on bacon. Spread out sprouts, cut sides down.

2 Crisp: Roast at 450 degrees, tossing once or twice, until dark and crisp, about 20 minutes.

3 Serve: You can simply sprinkle with a bit of red wine vinegar. Better yet, toss with the sweet/sour vinaigrette. Scrape onto a serving platter. Enjoy.

Sweet/sour vinaigrette: Let 2 tablespoons chopped red onion mellow in 1 1/2 tablespoons red wine vinegar. After 20 minutes, whisk with 1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil, 3/4 teaspoon sugar, 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes and a little garlic mashed with salt.

him straight: 450 degrees. He looked skeptical but turned the oven up and slid the pan in. He talked about his father, who survived the war on sprouts and never downed another. I turned a cold shoulder and pulled out the hot pan.

The compact cabbages bristled deep brown — brittle outside and buttery

within. We speared and bit. She smiled. He smiled. If only his dad could have met the enemy in peacetime.

My work there was done. I packed my knives, but not my vigilance. The cook never knows when trouble may strike. Again.

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Put down the cocktail shaker: Some rums made for sipping

BY DAVID HAMMOND
Chicago Tribune

Rum, especially when mixed with fruit or juice, can be a sweet sip. Better rums are less sweet and best taken straight, perhaps with a little ice.

That was the case with many of the rums at mid-January's Rum & Food Festival in St. Lucia, where local spirits starred, including popular Chairman's Reserve and 1931, both rated among the festival's top three rums. Chairman's Reserve is the most widely distributed St. Lucian rum in the United States.

"Chairman's Reserve is right on the edge of rum you can mix or take neat," says Steven Shaw, a festival judge and publisher of Caribbean Journal. With an almost whiskeylike edge, it has notes of tobacco and chocolate.

1931, named in honor of the 83rd anniversary of rum production in St. Lucia, is mellower than Chairman's Reserve. It shares tobacco and chocolate notes, characteristic of

St. Lucian rums, as well as citrus and raisin flavors.

Admiral Rodney, named after the British naval officer who defeated the French in 1782, is a fave of Patrick Williams, national beverage director at Punch Bowl Social. "The rums within this blend are an average of 12 years old," Williams explains. "That much time in oak provides complexity: dynamic yet very balanced."

Plantation Rum, sometimes aged 15 years or more, is slightly fruity and super mellow; you wouldn't want to blur the complexity by mixing it in a cocktail. "It's full-bodied with hints of caramelized banana, cinnamon and cloves," says Paul McGee, partner at Chicago's Lost Lake and beverage director at Land & Sea Department.

The taste of any given rum depends upon the materials used (molasses or sugar cane), yeasts, distillation (column or pot still, the latter yielding more complexity) and spices. Rums are some-

times perked up with nutmeg, cinnamon and other aromatics; Chairman's Reserve, for instance, comes in a spiced version, and St. Lucians frequently infuse jugs of rum with local spices.

Straight from the still, rum is not very sweet. So why are some rums sweeter than others? Sugar.

"Some rums are sweet simply because sugar has been added to mask bitter flavors," says Ian John, distillery manager at St. Lucia Distillers.

OK, you've got your rum, maybe on ice — what are you having with that? When pairing with food, the old rule applies: What grows together, goes together. Rum works well with Caribbean salt fish preparations, grilled meat and other dishes of the region.

"Snack on fried plantains and rum," Williams advises, "and you'll feel like you're on the beach under a palm tree."

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Household superheroes

The uncommon powers of 13 common items

BY ELISABETH LEAMY

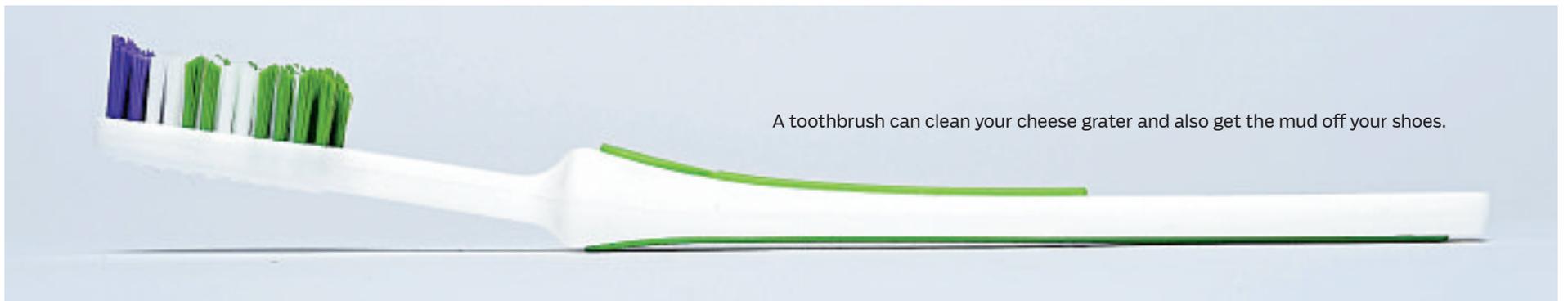
The Washington Post

Which household products have the most — and most useful — alternative uses of all? To find out, I searched for articles and blogs about amazing alternative uses for common household items. Then I searched further to see which of those items were the subject of the most articles or longest lists. And I instituted a “get real” rule: The alternative uses had to be tasteful and not too taxing. No flower bouquets made out of egg cartons. No photo projectors made out of shoe boxes. I then curated the tips to share only the best for each product. Here, in alphabetical order, are the 13 most useful household products in our homes, according to the internet and me:

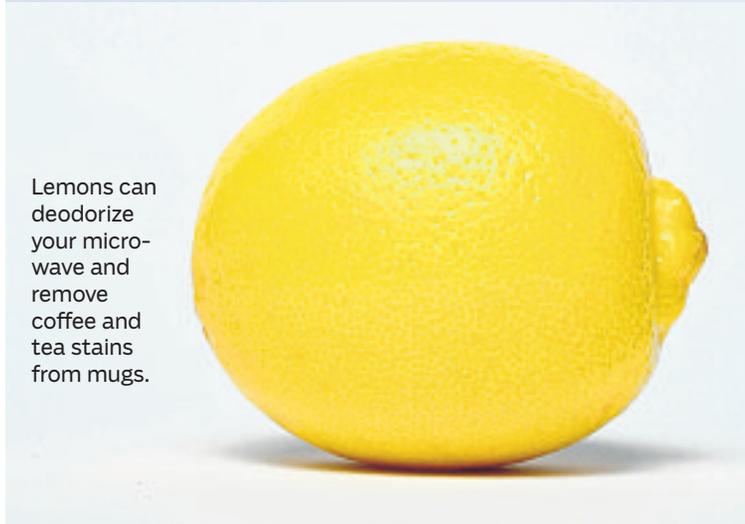
Some common household items, from drinking straws to lemons to clear nail polish, have multiple uses.

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WASHINGTON POST
PHOTOS





A toothbrush can clean your cheese grater and also get the mud off your shoes.



Lemons can deodorize your microwave and remove coffee and tea stains from mugs.



Rubber bands can help keep clothes on hangers.

Baby powder

- Sprinkle it on tangled jewelry to get knots out.
- Put talc on your hairbrush and brush into your roots as a dry shampoo.
- Dust into stale-smelling books to freshen their scent.
- Leave around doors or windows to repel ants.

Clear nail polish

- Women have been using it to stop runs in their stockings for years, but it also works to keep buttons from unraveling. Just dab a tiny drop onto the loose thread at the center of the button.
- Paint over inexpensive jewelry so that it won't turn your skin green.
- Give handwritten labels a coating to make them smudge-proof.

Coconut oil

- Remove price tag residue by rubbing a 50-50 mixture of coconut oil and baking soda on the problem spot.
- Season cast-iron pans. Its thick consistency is easy to work with and holds up well.
- Try it as a cheap, natural moisturizer. Bonus: Some people love the smell.

Emery board

- Use emery boards to sharpen small things like utility knife blades, tweezers and sewing machine needles.
- Remove stains on suede shoes, clothing and more by very gently buffing them with an emery board.
- If your sweaters are pilling, try running an emery board over the little bumps to remove them.

Lemons

- We all know running a lemon rind through your garbage disposal will freshen the smell, but did you know that lemons can also deodorize your microwave? Zap a bowl of water and half a lemon for five minutes.
- The acid in lemon juice is also effective for cutting through soap scum on shower doors and other bathroom spots.
- Remove coffee and tea stains from mugs by filling them with lemon peel and warm water and letting them soak.

Mayonnaise

- If you have water rings on your wood furniture, home

improvement guru Bob Vila himself says a legitimate way to tackle them is by dabbing on a little mayonnaise, letting it sit for an hour, then wiping with a soft cloth. Repeat if necessary.

- This slippery condiment is also effective for removing gum from your hair.
- Some swear by mayonnaise, which is rich in oils, for healing hangnails.

Newspaper

- Yeah, yeah, we in the newspaper business know about the birdcage liners ... but did you know you can shine dark shoes by balling up newspaper and briskly rubbing them with it?
- Make newspaper balls, spray them with water and stuff them in your refrigerator to soak up bad smells.
- The Oregon State University Extension Service says that wrapping green tomatoes in newspaper helps them ripen faster. Just be sure to wash before eating — and be sure to finish reading this article before wrapping.

Pennies

- Dropping a pre-1982 penny and

a pinch of sugar into a vase helps cut flowers last longer because the copper acts as a fungicide. (In 1982 the composition of pennies was changed from mostly copper to mostly zinc.)

- Check your tire tread depth by sticking Lincoln headfirst into the tread. If his entire head is still showing, you need new tires.
- Pennies can stabilize tippy tables and other furniture too. I have a small fountain in my yard, and the installer stuck a couple of pennies between the basin and base to level it.

Rubber bands

- If a screw gets stripped as you're trying to remove it, stick a section of rubber band into the stripped area and it gives you just enough grip to get the job done.
- Stick rubber bands over the ends of hangers for a cheap but effective way of keeping strappy tops and slinky sweaters from slipping off.
- Stretch a rubber band from the bottom of a can of paint up over the open top and use it to wipe your brush to remove excess paint and prevent drips.

Rubber gloves

- Use them to get a better grip on tough-to-open jars.
- Put them on to pull poison oak or ivy and emerge unscathed. (You should probably dispose of them afterward.)
- Don the gloves, dampen them slightly and run your hands over your upholstered furniture to remove pet hair.

Drinking straws

- String chain necklaces through drinking straws to keep them from getting tangled while in storage.
- Use straws to support delicate flower stems when you make a homemade bouquet.
- When storing food in a zipper bag, close all but a quarter of an inch, then stick a straw in and suck the air out of the bag before closing all the way. This should prevent freezer burn.

Toothbrushes

- We've all probably used an old toothbrush to clean around faucets or scrub grout, but it's also the perfect tool to clean mud out of the treads of your shoes.
- You can use an extra toothbrush to clean your cheese grater without grating your fingers.
- Try using a toothbrush to remove silk from corn.

Vinegar

- The acetic acid in vinegar can kill weeds, although expert gardeners suggest using it just on those in the cracks of your pavement because it can also kill your plants.
- I can vouch for apple cider vinegar as a great clarifier that removes product buildup from your hair.
- Some swear that a teaspoon of apple cider vinegar will stop the hiccups.

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Petite, pretty and DIY: Terrariums are back in style

BY TRACEE
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At a crowded, downtown Boston bar one recent Saturday night, the lights were dim, hip-hop music played and most everyone had a drink in hand.

The bar itself was covered with succulents, and the tabletops with accouterments like paintbrushes, plastic spoons and planters of potting soil. The crowd was here to learn the craft of terrarium building.

"Now, these succulents are very hard to kill, I promise," said Lindsay Webber, the effervescent 28-year-old instructor of the class on terrariums. "You'll only have to water them once every two weeks or so, and they only need a squirt or two of water."

The two-hour lesson, called Plant Nite, was part of a program that started in Boston in 2015 and has spread to 32 states and Canada. It's operated by a company called Paint Nite that capitalizes on the do-it-yourself movement and a clientele willing to pay for an experience — such as a primer on building terrariums.

These miniature landscapes are encapsulated in containers made of blown glass, ornate clay pots or a variety of other materials.

"I started getting into gardening a few years ago, and that's when I saw these things (terrariums) getting popular," said Diandra Escamilla, a 28-year-old Boston resident who attended Plant Nite. "I was seeing them everywhere,



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Terrariums are miniature landscapes that feature succulents encapsulated in containers made of blown glass, ornate clay pots or a variety of other materials.

"Terrariums remind us of the larger wonder of the planet we live on."

— Maria Colletti, teacher of terrarium-building classes

on social media — my friends started having them, so I started to get interested."

Terrariums are hot. Many major retailers — not just gardening stores like Home Depot — are selling them. Some Ikea and West Elm stores, for instance, have offered build-your-own kits full of electric-colored rocks, tiny animal

figurines, moss and popular succulents — hearty plants adapted to live with little light or watering. Likewise, terrariums have a devoted following on many social media websites, such as Pinterest, Twitter and Facebook, where plant lovers exchange pictures, ideas and opinions of the miniature glass gardens.

The latest terrarium trend took off in the beginning of the decade, according to Maria Colletti, author of "Terrariums — Gardens Under Glass: Designing, Creating, and Planting Modern Indoor Gardens" (Cool Springs Press, 2015).

"Everyone thought it would be a phase and even drizzle away," Colletti said.

That wasn't the case.

Colletti, who teaches classes on terrarium build-



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Terrariums are enjoying a lengthy moment in the spotlight. They have a devoted following on many social media platforms, such as Pinterest, Twitter and Facebook.

ing through the New York Botanical Garden, said terrariums' portability and low maintenance make them greenery mainstays that are here for the long haul.

"What could be better for an office or home to have a bit of nature where we view our miniature green world every day of our lives?" she said. "As our electronic digital world's requirements increase, terrariums remind us of the larger wonder of the planet we live on, Earth."

Terrariums date at least to the early 19th century.

They enjoyed a pop culture moment in the 1970s, said Megan George, author of "Modern Terrarium Studio: Design and Build Custom Landscapes with Succulents, Air Plants and More" (Fons and Porter, 2015).

George and her mother own a Durham, N.C., plant shop called Zen Succulent, where customers can partake in a DIY terrarium bar. Today's terrariums are different, she said.

"The terrariums in the 1970s were in large globes that sat on the floor — they might have a large base to it," George said. "People are living in smaller spaces now, and they want something that fits on the tabletop; something that also functions as decor."

For Swetha Ramachandran, 28, of Boston, who attended Plant Nite, a terrarium's appeal is simple.

"They're cute," she said, matter-of-factly. "And I like the containers they come in."



MORTON ARBORETUM

Magnolias are among the early spring-flowering trees and shrubs whose branches can be forced into flower indoors when it's still cold, gray and a bit dreary outside.

Itching for spring flowers? You can force blooms now

BY BETH BOTTS
Chicago Tribune

Tired of cold, gray days outside the window? Catch a little springtime and bring it indoors by forcing branches from spring-flowering shrubs into bloom.

If you're pruning shrubs for shape or size at this time of year, branches for forcing can be a bonus, said Doris Taylor, manager of the plant clinic at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle. You can enjoy fuzzy pussy willows or big pink magnolia blooms on stems you otherwise would discard.

Why would a bush bloom indoors? Shrubs that bloom in early spring already have their flower buds. Toward the end of winter, those buds begin to swell and get ready to open, waiting for the signals of longer, warmer days and spring rains. When you bring a branch with buds into a heated room and place it in water, you trick the buds into reacting as though spring were further along than it really is.

"Don't try it too early," Taylor said. The shrubs need to spend at least six weeks outdoors in cold winter weather before they will undergo the chemical processes that lead to blooming. By early February, most have met that requirement.

The best plants for forcing include forsythia, flowering quince, cherry, plum, magnolia, pussy willow, crab apple, Cornelian-cherry dogwood, redbud, serviceberry and witch hazel, Taylor said. Shrubs that flower later in the year, such as butterfly bush, won't have any flower buds yet, so forcing them won't work.

If you are planning to force branches, don't get carried away with your pruning and remove too many.

"You still want flowers in your garden in March and April," she said. Leave the shrub looking balanced and shapely, with plenty of flower buds.

Indoors, make a fresh cut at an angle at the bottom of each branch, and

place it in water immediately. That will prevent sap from sealing over the cut end, which would keep the branch from absorbing water. The angled cut will create greater surface area to absorb more water.

Place the vase in indirect light. Change the water every couple of days, as you would for cut flowers.

"It may take seven to 10 days for the buds to open," depending on the plant, Taylor said.

If a few buds fail to bloom, they may have been damaged by a harsh freeze or dried out from cold winds. The flowers will last longer if the branches are kept in a cool room.

Gray winter isn't over, but a vase full of blooms can make it brighter.

For tree and plant advice, contact the arboretum's plant clinic (630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org).

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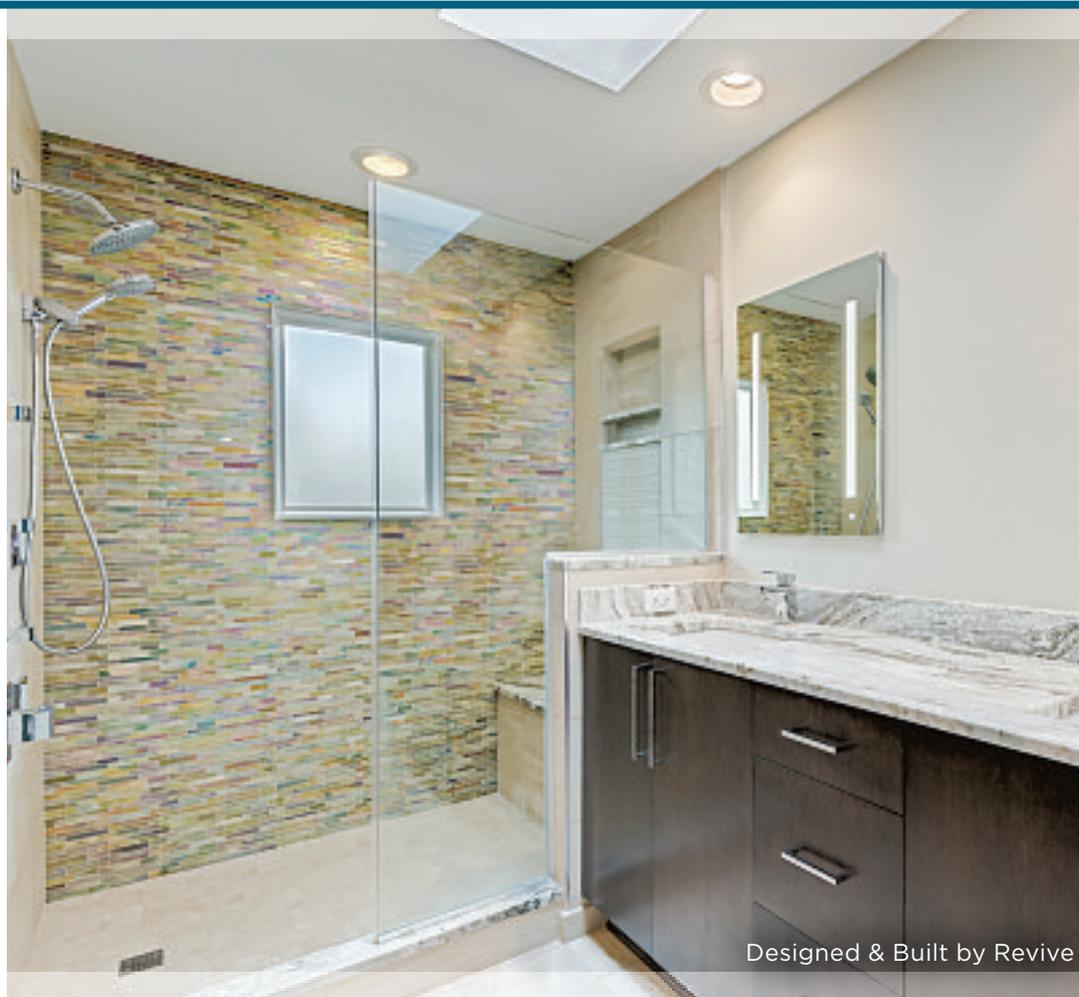
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Fashion and home design celebrate Year of the Dog

BY KT HAWBAKER

Chicago Tribune

Loyalty, a little bit of shedding, a big hit of style — maybe that's what the upcoming Year of the Dog has in store for you. Feb. 16 marks the beginning of the Chinese New Year, the lunar astrological calendar, which rotates in a new animal each January or February and is believed to set a precedent for folks born under that sign.

To celebrate this canine takeover, we've herded together puppy-themed picks from our favorite designers and shops — it all barks style, with just a little bit of bite.

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Cozy up with your boxer — or other beloved pooch — on a West Elm pillow custom monogrammed in his or her honor, \$19, westelm.com.

Gucci is celebrating the Chinese New Year with a line of accessories that features illustrations of Bosco and Orso, Gucci Creative Director Alessandro Michele's own Boston terriers. Gucci GG Supreme iPhone 7/8 case with Bosco, \$350, gucci.com.



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Mignonne Gavigan hand-beaded Labrador retriever and Scottish terrier brooches are just two of the 26 dog breeds that make up the collection, \$125, mignonnegavigan.com.

Kate Spade's applique leather Year of the Dog Dumpling Coin Pouch is the perfect mix of teddy bear and canine, \$98, katespade.com.

KATE SPADE



Tips for tying that bow blouse like a pro



ELLEN WARREN
Answer Angel

Dear Answer Angel Ellen:

I bought a “pussy bow” blouse (at a consignment store, natch), and now I’m trying to figure out how to tie the bow. What I’m doing now is just tying the two pieces of fabric attached to the blouse that are intended for a bow as you would tie a shoelace with the bow in the center of my neck. It looks kind of dowdy. Do you have a better technique?

— Kara E.

Dear Kara: Try tightening the fabric strips at the neck and tying the bow to the side, close to your face. But beware: Many of these blouses have skimpy, narrow fabric to use for the bow, and you’re not going to get a high-fashion look out of it. The wider and thicker the bow fabric is, the more noteworthy the bow will be. Youtube has a helpful video created by FredSilk on “How to Tie the Perfect Pussy Bow.”

One more tip: Take a look at the photo here of Ivanka Trump at a World Bank meeting in a maroon blouse with a pink jacket. Her one-loop variation on the pussy bow is outstanding.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen:

Do you have any tips and tricks for keeping the collars of my winter coats clean from makeup? Wearing scarves doesn’t help. In the cold and wind, we need to zip our coats up around our face, and this is when makeup gets into the collars. I’ve tried spot cleaning, scarves etc., but nothing has worked. Any ideas will be greatly appreciated.

— Mary F.



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Ivanka Trump, wearing a maroon blouse with a pink jacket at the World Bank meeting in Washington, D.C., in October, shows she’s mastered the bow blouse with a one-loop style.

Dear Mary: You’ve probably seen scenes on television with people sitting in a makeup chair with Kleenex tucked into the neck of whatever they’re wearing, like a circular bib or a clown collar. That would do the trick, but you might get a few strange looks! Actually, I have precisely the same makeup-on-coat-collar problem. Any garment that rubs against your face is going to get makeup on it. Period. When you write “nothing has worked,” I say, “Amen, sister.”

The only solution I have is for you to buy a large scarf with a busy design (say, leopard) and drape it over the collar *before* you zip your coat around your face. Yes, your makeup will rub off on the scarf. But it won’t show nearly as much on the scarf as it would on a dark coat. And if you buy a

washable scarf, you’re in business. Readers, if you have a better idea, I want to hear about it.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen:

My Tweezerman tweezers get dull. I’m crazy about this product and its free sharpening policy. What can I do instead of sending them back for sharpening (which I’ve done twice — with the hassle of going to the post office and all that)? That process leaves me without my tweezers for four to six weeks. I should buy a second pair, but they’re expensive. Do you know a way to “sharpen” the tweezers at home?

— Meggi A.

Dear Meggi: Yes. But first a shoutout to the only tweezers I ever use. I, too, am crazy about Tweezerman and the free sharpening policy. Back to your ques-

tion: Give the tweezer edges a couple of swipes with an emery board, and see whether they’ll grasp those fine hairs the way they used to.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen:

I don’t like the sprayed velvet hangers that are effective in keeping thin-strapped items on the hanger instead of the floor. Ever since one set of such hangers started flaking black crud all over my clothes, I won’t go near them. But how to keep skimpy garments and spaghetti straps from falling off the hanger?

— Lilyanne

Dear Lilyanne: Try wrapping rubber bands at the ends of regular wire hangers. That cheap, simple hack should keep your clothes off the closet floor. Don’t try this if you’ve got a

“No wire hangers” fanatic who thinks like Joan Crawford in the house. Meanwhile, I’ve bought flocked black hangers at Target with no flaking problems.

Angelic readers

For Deb S., who complained of her underpants riding up, Catherine J. says, “Three words: Soma’s Vanishing Edge (www.soma.com, \$16 and up). Seriously, the Vanishing Edge is amazing. Not only does that invisible edge stay in place, it also means there’s no panty line. Soma runs sales frequently. Buying three and getting two pairs free makes them about 12 bucks a pair — that’s not bad.” Lucy D. and Patti P. recommend them too.

When her favorite Jockey underwear was discontinued, Marilyn B. found Bali Comfort Revolu-

tion Seamless Hipsters are a good no-slip substitute. Lynn J., responding to my suggestion that Deb S. buy a larger size, writes, “She should try men’s no-fly-front bikini underwear. Hanes makes ‘em, and they sell them at Kohl’s at a reasonable price. Manufacturers put real elastic in men’s underwear, not that delicate (read useless) elastic they put in women’s. It actually holds down the material that covers your cheeks. It’s all I’ve worn since I started borrowing them from my boyfriend, and yes, he married me anyway.”

Reader rave

(Reader rave is a new, occasional feature, suggested by reader Mary C. to give readers a place to highlight hints and products that they think are the best.)

Sharon F. had a chronic itchy back and thought she’d tried everything until she found Olive & Marula Baby Wash Head-to-Toe Wash & Shampoo by Shea Moisture (Amazon, \$10.99; and some drugstores in the baby section): “It smells fabulous, makes skin truly soft, and miracle of miracles, my back no longer itches when I use it.”

From Jane F.: “My teeth are so shiny from the baking soda solution that you recommended in your column. I just tried it once this morning, and what a huge difference! Teeth feel just like they do after an expensive cleaning and look so shiny.”

Now it’s your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangelellen@gmail.com.

Ellen Warren is a freelance writer.

The final dying days of the power suit

BY ROBIN GIVHAN

The Washington Post

Douglas Heye wears suits. Like a lot of men, he gives a fair amount of consideration to the way those suits are styled. Unlike a lot of men, he is willing and able to break down those considerations into specifics.

"I like a pocket square, but I generally don't wear one with a tie," says Heye, a former Republican strategist, now a CNN contributor. "If I'm wearing a tie, three out of four times it's blue. I like blue, and I've been told it works for me. ... If I'm wearing a jacket and no tie, I always like a pocket square. I think it's a little bit more dressy. It shows a little bit of effort."

Effort is important. The whole reason for wearing the suit, he says, is to set a tone. He recently attended a meeting where he knew everyone else would be casual. But he couldn't bring himself to show up in khakis and a golf shirt. A suit, he reasoned, signaled a certain seriousness.

"But I don't know," he says. "Maybe it means something to me and not the viewer."

What exactly does the business suit mean today? For many men, it is formality and propriety. When cut with skill, it celebrates the beauty of a well-proportioned physique and camouflages the imperfections of a decidedly human one. A suit announces that a man has grown-up intentions — even if he is wholly immature. It's an expression of personal aesthetics.

But in the world of men's tailoring — retailers, designers, shoppers — the suit no longer represents power. The power suit is dead.

Slipping on a suit is no longer a requirement for moving into the executive suite. It does not automatically imbue its wearer with authority. The most important person in the room is probably not wearing a suit. The president wears something that can only loosely be called a suit; it is more of a sack.

The "suits" may still be the rule-makers. But what are the rules worth these days?

"Today, the suit of armor has a



SUITSUPPLY

Suitsupply, headquartered in Amsterdam, pushes style, panache and flexibility over power with its suits.

different meaning and a different purpose," says Tom Kalenderian, a 38-year veteran of Barneys New York and the store executive in charge of menswear.

The power suit did not die a quick, painless death. It was not slaughtered with one brisk pen stroke on a designer's sketchpad. Its demise was slow and anguished.

Decades ago, Casual Friday tried to kill the power suit. The effort only frustrated powerful men who didn't have the time or the wherewithal to figure out a dignified alternative to chalk-stripes and peak lapels. Casual Friday gave men Dockers, and men deserved better than that. The power suit survived.

Then the entrepreneurs of Silicon Valley rebelled against the business suit. They wore hoodies and jeans while they built their brands, and they continued wearing these informal clothes after they became tycoons. They

chipped away at the aesthetic template of power. Designer sneakers and sweatshirts gained favor and clout.

Still, when Wall Street demanded discipline and focus from these 21st-century companies, the youthful wizards brought in suit-wearing business veterans to corral the chaos.

But then fashion began to muck around with suits. Thom Browne made them in gray flannel and shrank them for maximum stylistic effect. J. Crew, Zara and others took the downsized "Mad Men" silhouette to the mass market. The runways disassembled suits. Stylists paired \$3,000 designer suits with limited-edition sneakers.

In 2016, the classic Italian menswear house Brioni hired a former street-style star in a bid to boost sales. Justin O'Shea, a lean, tattooed Australian whose main retail experience was as fashion director of a women's e-com-

merce site, sought to radically remake the 72-year-old brand in his own rebel image. He created a collection of angular, hypersexy suits. On the runway, models wore them with chinchilla overcoats. O'Shea aimed to woo customers with an advertising campaign featuring the heavy-metal band Metallica photographed in shadowy, gothic glamour.

It was all too much, and O'Shea was out of a job in six months. But no matter. His time at Brioni might have been short and his vision extreme, but it was in keeping with the new reality. Suits had become fully integrated into the fashion ecosystem. Indeed, for his spring 2018 show, the avant-garde designer Rick Owens, who called suits "a classic symbol of civilization," incorporated them into his menswear collection alongside his bulbous bags, tiny shorts and vinyl trousers.

Suits were no longer about power. They were about style.

"The suit is in a really interesting place. It's come off very bad times," says Mark-Evan Blackman, a menswear specialist at the Fashion Institute of Technology. "Suits are no longer thought of as a vehicle for work. Younger people are much more comfortable looking at the individual components (of a suit) and how they fit into their lifestyle."

Blackman has not completely given up on suits as an expression of power, but he emphasizes that they now represent so much more. Power is overshadowed by a kind of sex appeal that goes far beyond old-fashioned, James Bond allure.

Musicians now wear business suits during performances — not the bedazzled blazers and leather pants expected of rock stars, but Wall Street suits, gloriously tailored Tom Ford suits.

In 2013, Justin Timberlake recorded an ode to such tailoring with "Suit & Tie," and he wore Ford's suits on his subsequent world tour. That same year, Jay-Z rapped an homage to Ford.

By 2017, Gucci was churning out eccentric suits that blurred the line between business and pleasure, serious tailoring and silly costume.

Today, suits are fashionable. Or they are just a habit. Capitol Hill still loves suits. So do lawyers and TV anchors, whether on MSNBC or Fox. Is that power or stasis?

"To me, it's like putting on a uniform," Heye says. "I don't look at it as power."

What motivates a man to purchase a suit? "I think it's more of a confidence thing," says Nish de Gruiter, vice president of Suitsupply USA. "Younger customers see (a suit) as a reflection of their personality." They wear a suit with hiking boots. They choose knit jersey blazers that feel like sweatshirts.

"They don't have to buy a suit; they just like how they look in a suit," Kalenderian says. "They like how they feel and what people say about how they look."

Suits have emerged as a form of vanity, in the peacock tradition, breaking free of the mold of master of the universe. What suits have lost in power, they have gained in style.

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The average cost of an engagement ring in 2016 was \$6,163, a study by The Knot found.

Popping the question? Get the ring insured

BY BETH BUCZYNSKI
Nerd Wallet

If you recently got engaged, the first person you might want to tell about your beautiful ring is an insurance agent.

Engagement ring insurance isn't exactly romantic, but it's a relatively inexpensive way to make sure you can repair or replace your ring if something happens to it.

Two ways to insure your engagement ring

■ Buy extra "scheduled" coverage — often called a rider, floater or endorsement — through your homeowners or renters insurance company. Standard homeowners insurance and renters insurance includes some coverage for jewelry, but theft coverage is often limited to \$1,500.

■ Buy a stand-alone policy from a company that specializes in jewelry insurance. You'll generally get

reimbursed for the full value if your ring is stolen, lost or damaged.

Your insurer might require an appraisal to finalize your policy. The National Association of Jewelry Appraisers website has a list of appraisers in each state.

Don't assume a jewelry warranty will cover you. Those apply only to defects.

Cost of a jewelry rider

The cost of a jewelry rider depends on how much coverage you need. A stand-alone engagement ring insurance policy typically costs \$1 or \$2 for every \$100 in value. A study by The Knot, a wedding planning website, found the average cost of an engagement ring in 2016 was \$6,163. That puts the annual premium for insurance at around \$60 to \$120.

You could earn a dis-

count on your policy by:

- Having a monitored home-security system.
- Storing your ring in a safe at home or in a bank.
- Using a gem identification registry such as Gemprint.

Make sure your policy covers the following common ring claims:

Theft: This would pay out if your ring were stolen — during a home burglary, for example.

Mysterious disappearance: This would pay out if you lost the ring.

Damage: This would pay out if your ring were damaged or destroyed, for example in a house fire.

If you buy engagement ring insurance before you pop the question, your soon-to-be fiancée must be named and covered by the policy, especially if you don't already live together. Otherwise the policy could be voided as soon as you give the ring away.



Gov. Bruce Rauner, from left, Crystal Northern and David Northern Sr.



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Michelle and Cedric Thurman, and Yvette and Shawn Henry

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Candid Candace

BY CANDACE JORDAN
Chicago Tribune



Focus on art, innovation at Black Creativity Gala

The 35th annual Black Creativity Gala was held Jan. 27 at the Museum of Science and Industry to celebrate the culture, heritage and scientific contributions of African-Americans. The event attracted more than 800 guests and raised funds to motivate young people in the fields of science, technology, engineering, art and medicine.

The evening began with a reception in the Juried Art Exhibition in the West Pavilion. Attendees enjoyed more than 100 original works of art from professional and amateur African-American artists from across the country, including 32 contributions from teen artists.

WGN-TV meteorologist Demetrius Ivory was master of ceremonies. He said, "The MSI is dedicated to advancing young people, letting them know that, though you can be president, you can also be a physicist, engineer or chemist. ... All our efforts tonight will help these young folks open their creative and intellectual minds."

David Mosena, MSI's president and CEO, acknowledged political figures in the crowd, including Gov. Bruce Rauner, former Gov. Pat Quinn, state Sen. Kwame Raoul, 34th Ward Ald. Carrie Austin, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and state Reps. Juliana Stratton and Mattie Hunter.

Co-chair Cheryl Harris (senior vice president of sourcing and procurement solutions at Allstate Insurance) spoke about MSI's impact. "Chicago is where ideas come in all shapes and sizes, and they flourish here because we are home to people with pluck and institutions that encourage them. Chief among these institutions is this one right here, the MSI. The spirit of adventure and innovation is part of its DNA."

Live musical entertainment was provided by the Englewood Neighborhood Choir, DJ Nick "Nonstop" Nicholson and NBC's "The Voice" contestant Meagan McNeal. The event raised \$429,000 to further MSI's Black Creativity STEM programming.

Freelance writer Candace Jordan is involved with many local organizations, including some whose events she covers.

More online

Find more photos and video of this event at www.chicagotribune.com/candidcandace

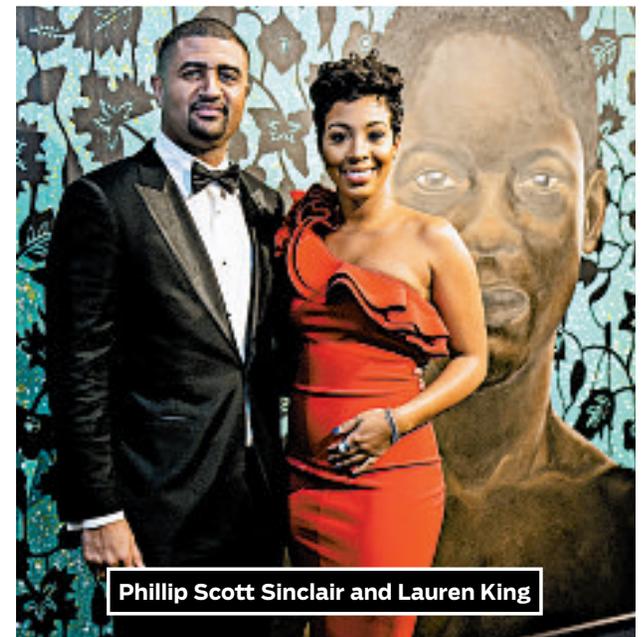
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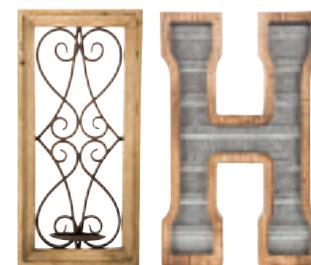
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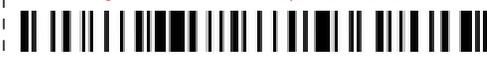
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Lenders who prey on vets cost us all



KENNETH R. HARNEY
The Nation's Housing

Could predatory lending practices affecting veterans also be inflating interest rates paid by thousands of unsuspecting homebuyers using Federal Housing Administration loans?

The answer appears to be yes — and the underlying abuses in home loans to veterans are prompting action by federal authorities and legislation on Capitol Hill.

Here's what's happening: According to officials, some lenders active in the Department of Veterans Affairs home-mortgage program have been inducing borrowers to refinance their loans frequently in order to generate fat fees for the lenders themselves, rather than benefiting veterans with lower costs or better loan terms.

The lenders use baiting tactics reminiscent of the housing-boom era — “teaser rates,” promises of zero payments for one or two months, refunds of escrows, switches from long-term fixed rates to short-term floating rates, and a grab bag of bogus claims about saving money. In fact, many veterans have ended up paying more for their loans after the predatory refinancings, and some have found themselves left with little or no equity in their homes. Officials estimate that anywhere from 12,000

Many veterans have ended up paying more for their loans after the predatory refinancings.

to 20,000 veterans have been affected by these marketing tactics during recent years.

All this may sound horrible, but it gets worse: Abuses in the VA mortgage-lending arena have spilled over onto borrowers in the much larger FHA market, which primarily serves first-time home purchasers and others who lack significant cash for a down payment.

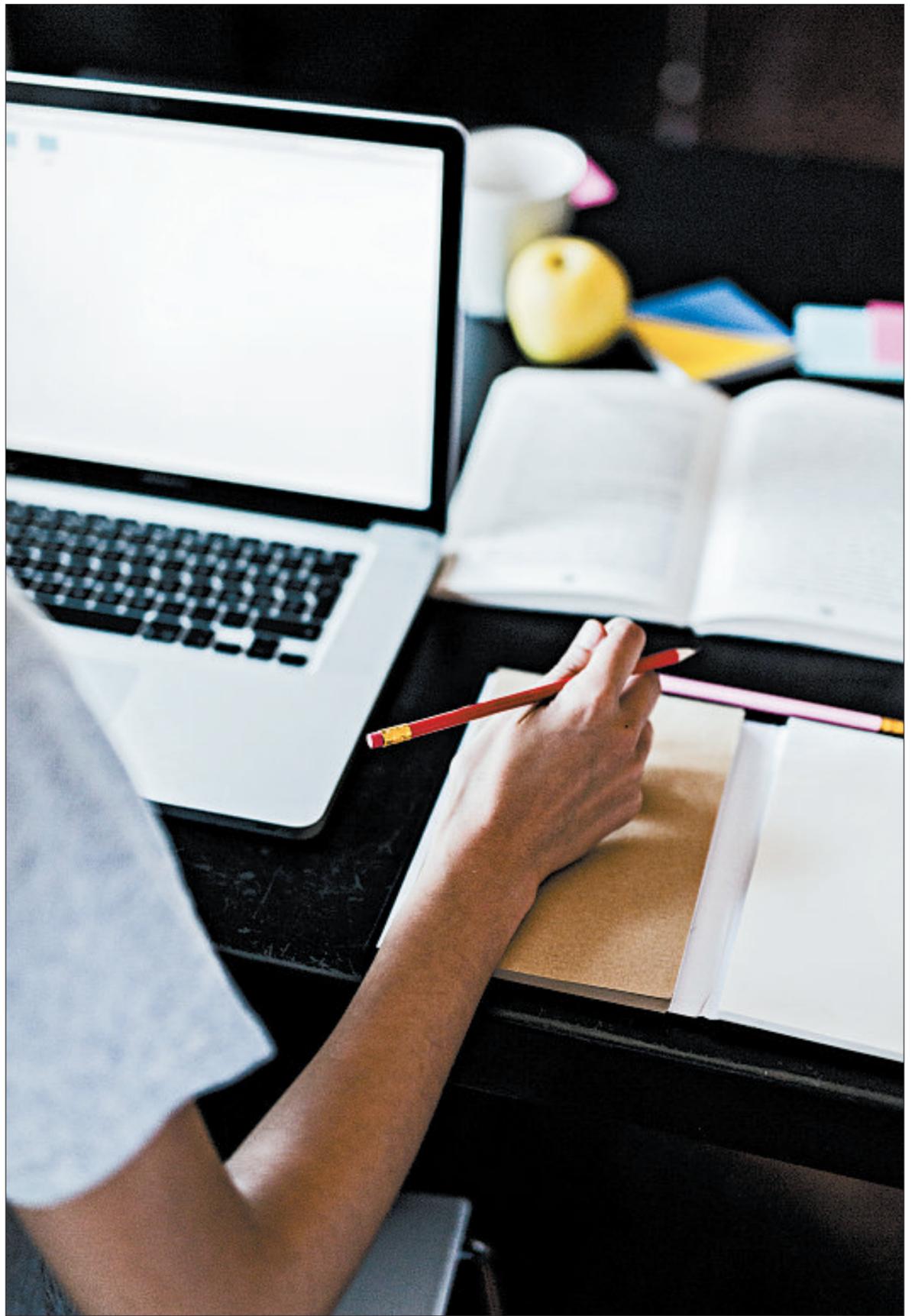
The linkage is via a little-publicized but exceptionally important

agency, the Government National Mortgage Association, or Ginnie Mae. Ginnie connects individual homebuyers and refiners using federal mortgage programs with deep-pocket investors around the world — giant pension funds and banks, among others. Ginnie pools VA, FHA and U.S. Department of Agriculture rural housing loans into mortgage bonds, and provides a federal guarantee of timely payments to investors.

The inevitable result of the VA lenders' predatory activities is an unusually high number of refinancings within the pools, which disrupts the expected long-term payment flows to investors. That, in turn, prompts investors to lower what they'll pay for the bonds, and has the side effect of raising lenders' interest-rate quotes to VA, FHA and rural homebuyers and refiners.

Michael Fratantoni, chief economist for the Mortgage Bankers Association, said “it absolutely impacts interest rates” adversely when in-

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Freelancers face high hurdle on home loan

Self-employed must document net income, keep good credit score

BY DANIELLE BRAFF
Chicago Tribune

When millions of Americans look in the mirror, their manager is staring back. Last year, about 41 million people ages 21 and above were self-employed in the United States, according to a 2017 report by MBO Partners, a company offering business services and tools to independent workers.

But as the independent workforce continues to grow, self-employed Americans may face a harsh reality if they apply for a mortgage. In fact, many will be rejected simply because they freelance or work for themselves.

When Michelle Taylor, 34, a self-employed public relations consultant, and her husband sought to buy a five-bedroom home in Evanston late last year, their mortgage lender wouldn't factor her income into the home loan equation because it was deemed unstable, she said.

“We basically had to get a loan based on my husband's income,” said Taylor, whose spouse works in insurance and risk management.

The couple had built significant equity in the Chicago condo they were selling to buy their new home, but since the lender wouldn't count Taylor's income, and the pair weren't eligible for a bridge loan (a riskier, high-interest short-term loan used to bridge the gap when immediate cash flow is needed), they were in for a more taxing move.

They sold their condo and were briefly homeless for a couple of hours as they put the money from the sale plus a portion of

their savings toward the new house.

“We had to close on both properties the same day,” Taylor said. “It was super stressful.”

The mortgage industry doesn't appear to have caught up with the needs of the growing number of self-employed workers, said tax accountant David Steiner, owner and president of Zebulon Tax Advisory in Springfield, N.J., which helps freelancers secure home loans from mortgage brokers.

“The main reason freelancers have trouble is that the mortgage industry is still operating (as if we're) in a 1955 environment, where everybody has full-time jobs and works for a large company,” Steiner said, except now it's 2018 and scores of people participate in the gig economy or work as contractors or freelancers.

One needn't look far back to figure out the source of lenders' hesitation about

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You're unlikely to recoup the full cost of replacing your kitchen cabinets and drawers when you sell your home.

Are home renovations worth the cost to sellers?

By **CAITLIN MCCABE**
The Philadelphia Inquirer

When it came to real estate in 2017, the residential housing market had, in many ways, a banner year: Home prices across the nation surged to prerecession levels, mortgage interest rates remained low and the number of residential sales picked back up after years of sluggish growth.

Overall, that meant the 2017 market was largely a boon for sellers, who often were able to sell their properties quickly — and above asking price — as low supply and high demand sent buyers into a frenzy. Going into 2018, the housing market will largely be the same, observers and economists agree, with sellers having the upper hand again for much of the year.

Which likely has homeowners wondering, as they head into the busy spring real estate market, what kind of renovations should be undertaken now to get the home in shape for a potential sale.

Real estate agents, market observers and appraisal experts who were asked what renovations were most worth homeowners' time and money agreed on

this: When undertaking a renovation, less means more.

It's important, they said, to avoid "over-improving" a home — changing a house so much that it might not fit a buyer's taste — or spending money on a major renovation just for the purpose of selling. Rarely, data show, do renovators make back the money they spend on a project.

According to a 2018 study by Remodeling magazine, the average payback on 20 remodeling projects last year was just 56.8 cents of every dollar spent. Meanwhile, in the Middle Atlantic region — Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey — homeowners recouped even less: just 51.3 cents of every dollar spent, on average.

"Cost does not usually equal value," said Jim Murrett, the president of the Appraisal Institute, the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers. "But that's one of those decisions someone has to make. Do I do a renovation in the short term because I want to sell the house? Is it going to make the house more sellable and attractive?"

When it comes to

kitchen renovations, minor projects often yield a better return on investment, according to Remodeling magazine. Massive renovations that include removing and replacing cabinets and drawers, for example, tend to require expensive labor and materials, making it much harder to recoup the full cost.

For the most part, the Remodeling study found, focusing on less-expensive projects typically can yield a higher return on investment, while bigger, more exciting projects — a major kitchen renovation or a bathroom remodel — tend to cost more and receive far less return.

In Philadelphia, for example, a smaller undertaking such as installing manufactured stone veneer on the outside of a home to replace vinyl siding allowed homeowners to recoup almost 99 percent of the average \$8,420 spent on the renovation.

In contrast, completing a full-scale kitchen remodel with "upscale products" — such as top-of-the-line custom white cabinets or stone countertops — yielded only 59 cents on every dollar spent in Philadelphia.

Is it legal for association to make us keep lights on?



BENNY L. KASS
Housing Counsel

Q: I live in a 109-unit town home association. Recently the association purchased and installed replacement carriage light fixtures for the garages and porches of all units. This action was much needed and appreciated. The new light fixtures have a dusk-to-dawn photocell and 100-watt LED light bulbs.

The association board informed us that we are now required to leave the light switch, which is inside our unit, in the on position 24/7. This was not the case for the old fixtures. Yes, leaving the lights on at night increases security; however, our neighborhood is now so bright at night that you could read this column outside without squinting — and all that light now pours through our windows all night long. This is bothersome in the summer when one wishes to keep windows open for fresh air.

I question the legality of this new requirement as the light switch is inside my town home and therefore is not under the association's control. I'll also mention that even though the electricity cost will be minimal, I now do not have a choice in managing my energy usage and bills. This stinks of Big Brother governance. My question is, does the association have a legal right to make us leave our lights on?

A: Didn't you know about Big Brother before you bought into your



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KANSAS CITY STAR

Bright lights might be bothersome, particularly at night, but since the town home association board has the legal authority to manage and control common elements, owners have to abide by its rules.

condo? As I often write, condominium living is democracy at its best and at its worst.

You admit that security is important, and every condominium board has the legal authority — and the obligation — to assure the neighborhood is safe. There is an old California case in which the board turned off common area lights, presumably to save money, and the evening they were turned off a resident was assaulted. She won her case, hands down.

The lights are clearly disturbing, but since the board has the legal authority to manage and control common elements, you have to abide by its rules. You cannot opt out.

Most association boards are protected by what is known as the business judgment rule; namely, a court will not second-guess a board decision — even if it is wrong — unless

that decision was somehow against public policy or was totally illegal.

I discussed this question with some association attorneys from around the country. One attorney told me that her association did the same thing as yours; however, they put some kind of umbrella over the lights so the beams point down.

If you can't reach some kind of resolution with your board, you really have only two choices: Sell your unit and move out or buy window blinds, assuming, of course, this is permitted in your association.

Q: Did the new tax law change the up-to-\$500,000 exclusion of gain? We are selling a home and were not able to finalize the sale before the end of last year.

A: Kudos to the National Association of Realtors for its extensive lobbying of Congress on behalf of U.S. homeowners. Although earlier versions of the tax bill would have changed the "two out of five"-year residency rule to five out of eight years, there is no change in the final tax bill that the president signed.

Accordingly, if you have owned and lived in the house for two out of the five years before it is sold, you can exclude up to \$500,000 if you file a joint tax return or up to \$250,000 if you file a single tax return. These are known as the ownership and use tests.

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Should I tap my home equity to pay off debt?

With credit card rates averaging over 16% and the national average for 30-year mortgages running in the mid 4% range, it's easy to see why homeowners consider tapping home equity to pay off other, costlier debt. But it's a risky maneuver that shouldn't be taken lightly, and in some cases, should be avoided altogether.

First, it's important to realize that paying off credit cards or any other debt with home equity doesn't actually pay anything off. It only shifts your debt around.

Also, the move is unwise if it'll drop your home equity below 80%, as you'll then be hit with expensive private mortgage insurance, which would erase any gains you're aiming for by refinancing.

You'll also need to weigh the closing costs you'll be charged. And recognize that although your expensive debt will move to a significantly lower rate, you'll now be stretching it over 15 or more years. That means you

may actually pay even more for those credit card expenses in the end.

The risk to your home is another serious consideration. Unlike card debt, mortgages and home equity loans are secured with your home as collateral. Default on your mortgage and your house could be in jeopardy. So it's critical you can reliably afford the new monthly payment, as there is no "minimum payment" fallback on mortgages.

If you can get a lower mortgage rate or shorter term than you currently have, then "cash-out" refinancing to pay off debt can work. But it's a much more dubious play if your rate or term will increase.

In that case, you're better off adding a home equity loan that's dedicated to paying off your expensive debt. Or, just keeping the card debt as is, but with a new vengeance to pay it off as aggressively as you can.



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Predatory lending practices hurting veterans — abuses prompting action by legislation on Capitol Hill — have spilled over onto borrowers in the larger FHA market.

Refinancing abuses force loan rates up

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vestors cut the prices they'll pay for Ginnie Mae bonds.

It sounds complicated, but the simple fact is this: If pension funds or banks are less enthusiastic about Ginnie's bonds, individual borrowers sitting across from loan officers or making applications online end up paying higher interest rates on their government-backed loans.

Michael R. Bright, executive vice president and chief operations officer of Ginnie Mae, estimated in an interview that the abuses in VA refinancings have caused interest rates on FHA, VA and rural housing loans recently to be one-quarter of a percent to one-half of a percent higher than they otherwise would have been.

What does that mean in dollar terms to applicants? Steve Stamets, senior loan officer for The Mortgage Link in Rockville, Md., said that on a \$300,000 FHA loan, a half a percentage point rate increase could add more than \$1,000 a year to a homebuyer's payments.

"It's heinous," said Ted Tozer, immediate past president of Ginnie Mae. "People don't realize this affects all borrowers who are getting a (government-backed) home loan."

Given the fact that FHA alone insured 882,000 new

single-family home purchase loans in fiscal year 2017, you can begin to grasp how many borrowers may have been overcharged on their mortgage interest.

What's being done to end this scandal? Last week, Ginnie Mae announced that it has notified a small group of lenders who allegedly have been abusing veterans on refinancings that they face potential exclusion from Ginnie's principal bond program if they don't stop what they've been doing. That would effectively cut them off from their main source of institutional funding for loans — a severe penalty. The agency did not identify specific lenders, but Bright said the first penalties could be imposed as early as next month.

Meanwhile, a bipartisan group of senators has introduced legislation that would block lenders from foisting rotten refi deals on VA borrowers. The Protecting Veterans from Predatory Lending Act is co-sponsored by Sens. Thom Tillis, R-N.C., and Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass. The legislation would require lenders to produce a "net tangible benefits" analysis — demonstrating real savings to borrowers before initiating a refinancing and guaranteeing decreases in interest rates.

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ADDRESS: 3903 N. Leavitt St. in Chicago
ASKING PRICE: \$1,279,000
 Listed Feb. 6

This newly constructed brick-and-limestone home in the Bell School attendance area has five bedrooms and 3½ bathrooms. Three large bedrooms, two baths with heated floors and a laundry room are on the second floor. The first floor has a formal living and dining room, along with a great room with a fireplace, mudroom with built-in lockers, and professional kitchen with high-end, stainless appliances. Radiant heated floors in lower level and in stone bathrooms. Large family room in lower level with full wet bar. Covered front and back porches, yard with paver patio and two-car garage.
 Agent: John Mangan of Northside Properties, 773-883-1200



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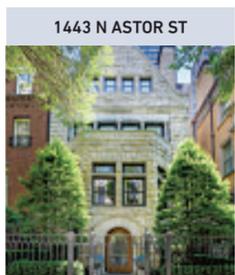
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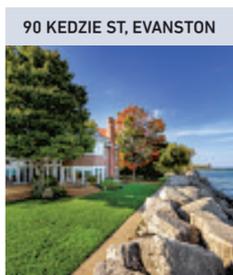
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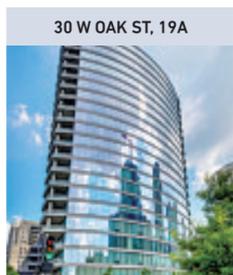
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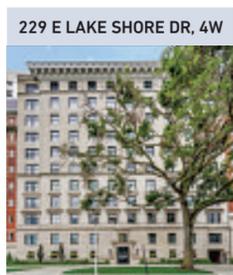
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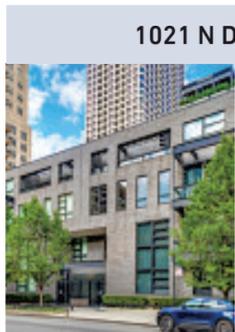
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One-of-a-kind, front-unit townhome that lives like a single family home (without the maintenance!) High end finishes compliment perfect living spaces about in this 5,800+sf four story home. The expansive living and dining room is filled w/ sunlight & features a wraparound balcony. Dream chef's kitchen w/ Poggenpohl cabinetry, high-end stainless appliances, granite countertops and a butler's pantry. Full-floor master suite w/ a separate sitting room, an enormous closet/dressing room and a luxe bath. The top level features 3 ensuite beds, a media room w/ wet bar & a grand terrace. Guest bed & bath on main level + direct access to attached 2-car gar. Elevator to all levels.

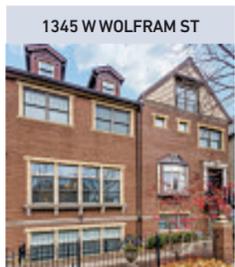


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This classically designed home is in a superb Gold Coast building w/ premier locale. The residence offers over 5,200sf of expansive living spaces w/ luxurious finishes. Oversized DeGulio kitchen w/ beautiful wood cabinetry, Wolf & SubZero appliances, & a custom walk-in pantry + a butler's pantry w/ wet bar & Bigger Juell flooring. Perfect for entertaining, the formal living space spans 25' and is adjacent to the formal dining room. The master is a true retreat, w/ a spa-quality bath, separate sitting room & west-facing terrace. East end of the home includes a home office, laundry/mudroom & a library/family room with second terrace w/ views of Lake Michigan. 2-car parking spaces included.



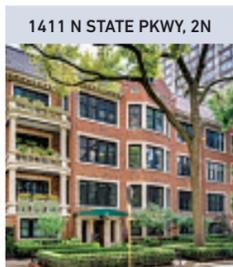
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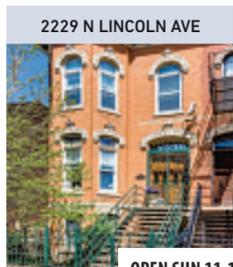
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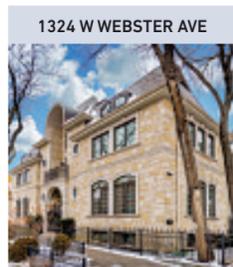
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Lender needs to see income without W-2

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self-employed workers. "During the go-go days of the housing boom" in the early 2000s, "lenders were not doing a good job of validating income," says Greg McBride, senior vice president and chief financial analyst with Bankrate.com. Homebuyers "are now held under much tighter scrutiny — we don't want to go back to the Wild, Wild West again."

Independent workers who have a spouse or significant other with a stable, sizable income may be able to buy a home based on their partner's income alone, but the process gets trickier when couples need two incomes to qualify for a mortgage.

Chicagoan Kate Rockwood's freelance income was essential when she and her wife, Rebekah — who works a steady, 9-to-5 salaried job as strategy director at a health insurance company — wanted to buy a home in 2016. Rockwood, now 35, said her work as a writer was profitable, but she'd only been self-employed for 18 months.

"We were told we'd have to wait until I had two full tax returns as a freelancer, and then the mortgage company would basically average the two years' income and count that," Rockwood said. That news was disappointing, she noted, "because we were so ready to move out of our small apartment ... but I understand where the lenders are coming from."

Averaging a couple of years' worth of income is an option that some mortgage brokers offer their clients, especially those who depend on that in-

come to snag a loan, said Stephen Adamo, head of home loans at Boston-based Santander Bank.

But that method doesn't always work.

While freelancers can apply for a mortgage at any time, it's up to banks to decide if they've proved their stability.

Steiner, the tax accountant, advises his self-employed clients to set up payroll for themselves, so they receive a weekly salary.

"The mortgage companies like this because it fits their 1955 model of consistent paychecks," he said.

Self-employed workers can start this practice at any time, but the longer they do this before applying for a mortgage, the better, Steiner said.

For example, if you've been a freelancer for 10 years and started paying yourself a salary at the beginning of the year, or a few years ago, that's good. If you've been a freelancer for 10 years and started paying yourself a salary a few months ago, this gives you less leverage when applying for a mortgage, Steiner said.

"It all boils down to proof of income," McBride said. But even if net income is high enough to afford the mortgage, there's another caveat.

"An important piece of advice is to be mindful of your write-offs," said Tim Manni, home mortgage expert at San Francisco-based personal finance website NerdWallet.

Typically, self-employed tax filers write off many expenses that traditional W-2 employees can't, so their net income (after the write-offs are taken into account) can be signifi-



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Kate Rockwood, left, sits with wife Rebekah and kids Levi, 3, and Esther, 4, in their Logan Square neighborhood home. Kate Rockwood's self-employed income delayed their move.



Kate Rockwood said lenders wanted to see two full years of her tax returns as a freelancer before she and her wife could get a mortgage to buy their home in Logan Square.

cantly lower, Manni said. This can make it more difficult to qualify for a mortgage, because lenders focus on net income.

"The trick is to show a net income, after write-offs, that meets the debt-to-income ratio that lenders prefer, usually ranging from

36 to 43 percent," Manni said.

The lesson here isn't that self-employed individuals should avoid write-offs. But those who are applying for a mortgage and plan to write off most of their expenses should work with a loan officer who has

training and experience with self-employed people, said Peter Boomer, mortgage distribution executive for PNC Financial Services Group.

The mortgage broker should be able to look at the deductions and understand the dynamic, realiz-

ing that the deductions shouldn't count against the total salary, Boomer said.

"They have to realize that the salary is higher than it looks," he said.

Credit scores are also extremely important, especially when mortgage applicants are self-employed and buying solo.

"Lenders will look for consistency in a potential borrower's savings history, and they'll look for a good credit history, which demonstrates to the lender that you have a responsible track record of managing your money and paying your bills on time," Adamo said.

Good credit and savings history won't help if your business is just getting off the ground, though, or isn't generating a sizable income yet.

"Then, it's pretty much impossible," McBride said.

But not totally impossible, said Tony Ebers, executive vice president of originations at Mr. Cooper, a Dallas-based nonbank mortgage lender previously known as Nationstar Mortgage.

A heftier down payment would help, as would considering nontraditional loans, which are often offered through private investors or nonbank lenders.

"Nontraditional loan requirements are typically more flexible but can require a larger down payment or higher interest rate," said Ebers.

Currently, the interest rates for nonbank loans can be as high as 7 to 9 percent, while conventional bank loans have rates of about 4 to 4.25 percent, Boomer said.

"Self-employed people should be very wary of this," Boomer said. And subprime loans, he warned, which are designed for those with poor or limited credit and come with higher interest rates and sometimes additional costs, should only be used as a last resort.

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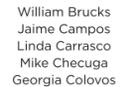


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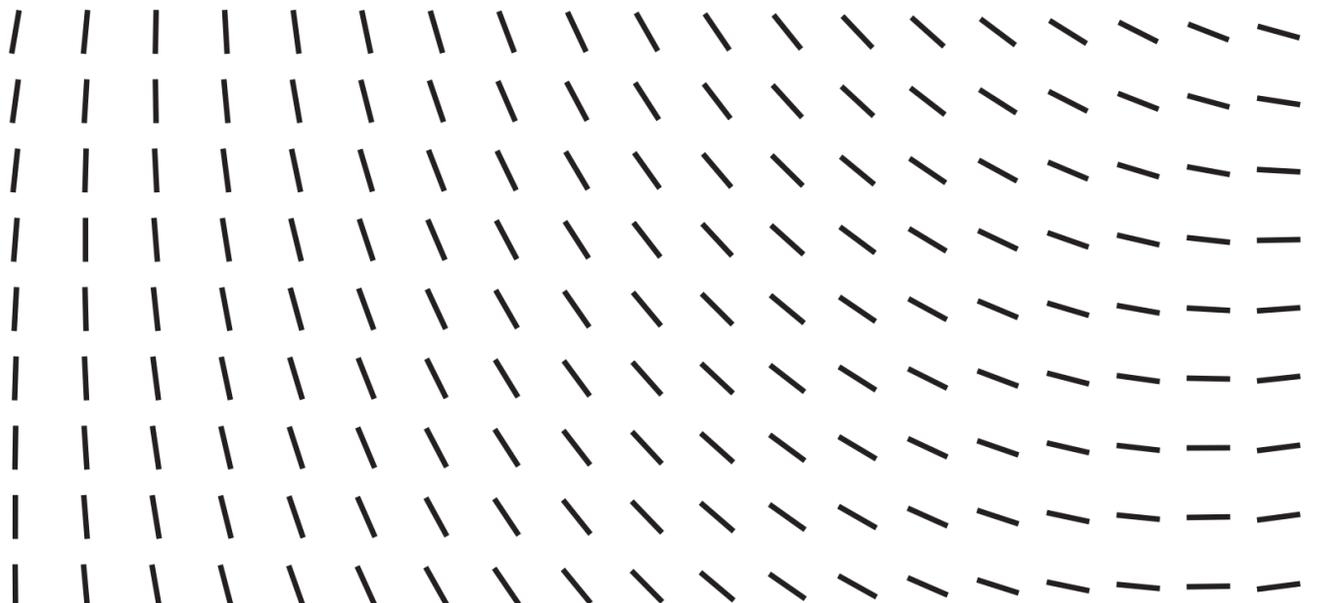
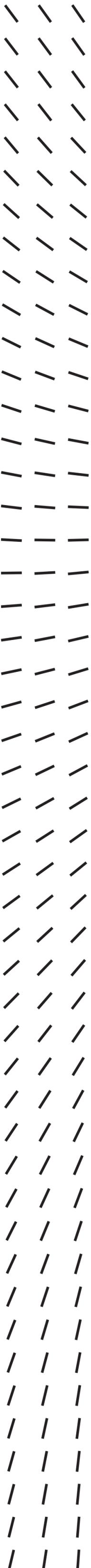


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Bears QB Trubisky pays \$950K in Gurnee

By Bob Goldsborough
Chicago Tribune

Chicago Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky paid \$950,000 for a six-bedroom, 5,577-square-foot traditional-style brick and cedar house in Gurnee several months ago. The home was once owned by former Bears wide receiver Muhsin Muhammad.

An Ohio native, Trubisky, 23, arrived last year with heavy expectations after he was selected as the second overall pick in the 2017 NFL draft.

The house that Trubisky bought is in the Merit Club area of Gurnee, which uses a Libertyville mailing address. Built in 2005, the house has 6½ baths, two fireplaces, a grand foyer, a two-story family room with a wall of windows, a first-floor den, a second floor with three en suite bedrooms, and a finished walk-out basement that includes a rec room with a wet bar and stone fireplace as well as an exercise room. Outside, the property has an outdoor kitchen, a brick patio, a fire pit and a hot tub.

Muhammad, who played for the Bears from 2005 until 2007, took a major loss on the house. He bought it new in 2005 for \$1.425 million and sold it in 2011 for \$940,000.

Erica Goldman of Jameson Sotheby's International Realty represented Trubisky, who purchased through a land trust.

"My client, after an extensive search, chose his first Chicago-area home based on a number of factors. The deciding factor was the proximity to the Bears' training center as so much of his time is spent there," Goldman said.

"He also focused on the home's location, with its convenient access to the expressways, city and airports to complement his lifestyle and influx of visit-



VHT STUDIOS

Chicago Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky has purchased this six-bedroom, 5,577-square-foot traditional-style brick and cedar house in Gurnee.

ing friends and family. And as is the key with all of my high-profile clients, the most important factor was privacy and security, and this home met all of that criteria."

88th-floor Trump Tower unit, once rented by Steve Harvey, sells for \$7.7M: A three-bedroom, 5,500-square-foot condominium unit on the 88th floor of the Trump International Hotel & Tower that comedian and TV show host Steve Harvey formerly rented sold Monday for \$7.7 million.

Florida-based investor Waltraud Legat sold the half-floor condo, which is one level below the Trump Tower's top-floor unit, which sold for \$17 million in 2014 to Vistex founder

Sanjay Shah.

The purchaser of the 88th-floor unit — public records do not yet identify who bought the condo — paid \$1,400 per square foot.

"It's the highest price per square foot in the Trump Tower," listing agent Chezi Rafaeli of Coldwell Banker said, shortly after the sale.

Legat first listed the 88th-floor unit in April for \$9.5 million and never reduced his asking price. The unit has 5½ baths; 16-foot ceilings; three fireplaces; a kitchen with Miele, Bosch, Wolf and Sub-Zero appliances; a butler's pantry; and large-walk in closets. Legat, who also owns the other unit on Trump Tower's 88th floor, paid \$3.704 million in 2009 for the condo he just sold.

Legat rented the unit to Harvey while Harvey taped his eponymous talk-variety show in Chicago. The show premiered in 2012 and signed off in 2017, at which point Harvey shifted to hosting a new Los Angeles-based show, titled "Steve."

Oak Park native Iman Shumpert, a former Cleveland Cavalier, pays \$880,000 for River Forest home: Sacramento Kings guard Iman Shumpert, who was a standout on Oak Park and River Forest High School's basketball team in his native Oak Park, recently paid \$880,000 for a five-bedroom, 4,486-square-foot French Normandy-style house in River Forest. Shumpert, 27, played for

the New York Knicks from 2011 until 2015, when he was traded to the Cleveland Cavaliers. On Thursday, Cleveland traded him to Sacramento.

Shumpert bought the River Forest house in November with his parents, as a place for them to live, said the agent who represented him, Jaclyn Kelly of Bridge International.

"He grew up around there, and he really likes the location," Kelly said. "And the house is beautiful. It's like a castle."

Built in 1941, the three-story house has 5½ baths, four fireplaces, a turreted entrance, custom blinds, a lower-level rec room, a third floor with plenty of storage, a second floor with an office, a living room with hardwood floors and

crown moldings and a kitchen with granite countertops, an island, stainless steel appliances and oak cabinetry.

"He is giving back (to his parents), which is sweet," Kelly said.

The house had been on and off the market since June 2016, when it was first listed for \$1.189 million. Its previous owners paid \$1.25 million for it in 2015.

Meanwhile, Shumpert and his wife, R&B singer Teyana Taylor, last month paid \$2.996 million for a newly built, 5,700-square-foot contemporary-style house in Los Angeles' Studio City neighborhood.

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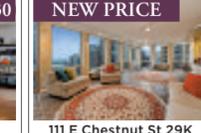
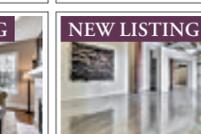
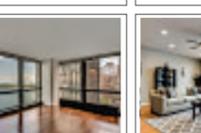
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Time to bid farewell to this premium crossover. **Page 3**



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CHICAGO AUTO SHOW

Highs, lows and all that snow

From Camp Jeep peak to Fiat's woes, a McCormick Place scorecard

BY ROBERT DUFFER
Chicago Tribune

Like a February snow-storm, the Chicago Auto Show blew into town with great hullabaloo then faded. The 110th installment of the nation's largest and longest-running auto show, which closes at 8 p.m. Monday, has had plenty of high points and a few disappointments over its run at McCormick Place.

Jim Mateja, who covered autos for 47 years before his passing at age 71 on the eve of last year's auto show, famously (or infamously for editors), used to bestow brickbats and bouquets on automakers that disappointed or impressed, respectively.

Taking a page from his book, I'm nominating my highs and lows of the 2018 Chicago Auto Show.

HIGH! Volkswagen chose Chicago for the North American debut of the Arteon full-size sedan, the new flagship successor to the low-selling CC four-door coupe. But VW most impressed at an off-site design studio of the 2019 Jetta, which debuted in Detroit in January. Klaus Bischoff, director of VW design, schooled journalists on all the attention to detail that goes into every crease, panel and element of a car.

HIGH! Subaru celebrated its 50th birthday in North America at the Chicago Auto Show by releasing special birthday editions across the lineup. And there were cupcakes. To be honest, the seven special models (excluding the new Ascent) are nothing more than some Heritage Blue Pearl paint and badging on the seats and mats, and some silver seat belts, but it's a nice acknowledgment when you don't have any new product. And Subie loyalists — some of the most fanatical in the industry — would appreciate the 360, the original Subaru, on display on the show floor.

LOW. Fiat. Fiat kind of had news but not really. Each model of the struggling Italian city car will get a 1.4-liter turbocharged engine and a sport-tuned exhaust. It's supposed to boost horsepower by 33 percent. Visually nothing changes except a protruding nose as in the Abarth to accommodate the turbocharger. It's going to take a lot more to give the fading brand a pulse.

HIGH! Camp Jeep. With its 18-foot hill and redesigned



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A 2018 Jeep Wrangler Rubicon takes on the 18-foot hill of Camp Jeep's test track, a Chicago Auto Show highlight that draws long but fast-moving lines.



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Nissan's 370Zki concept, a 370Z on skis and rear axle snow treads, was timely. Snow hit Chicago, though less than feared.

2018 Jeep Wrangler conquering boulders and other off-road obstacles, Camp Jeep dwarfs all other displays on the show floor. The line is long but keeps moving.

LOW. The rest of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles. It's not the displays as much as the dithering brand itself. Chrysler is essentially one vehicle, the excellent Pacifica minivan, Dodge is doing incredible performance things on an outdated platform, Alfa Romeo is making

small but necessary inroads with sexy new product, but with boss Sergio Marchionne swiping for suitors without a match, the brand can't survive much longer on Jeep alone.

HIGH! Ford's display rocks it once again, with all-ages engagement ranging from Hank the Robot to the 5-0 Mustang revving up on the dyno. With the GT supercar juxtaposed from the redesigned Transit Connect cargo wagon, there really is something for everyone.

HIGH! Nissan's stage presence has been interesting in recent years, and it doesn't disappoint with its "Star Wars"-equipped Rogue X-Wing fighter and AT-M6 Titan. The weather cooperated, too, providing plenty of snow for Nissan to show off its 370Zki snowmobile concept and Armada snow plow.

LOW. Chicago weather forecasters. I get it, the business of predicting is unpredictable, but we have a tendency to overstate

climatic doom in an "if it bleeds it leads" mentality. Calling for 14 inches of snow when we averaged 7 is like saying you get it right half the time.

HIGH! Donors. Despite the heavy snow, about 10,000 folks in tuxedos and evening gowns made it to the First Look for Charity kickoff event on the eve of opening day to raise over \$2.8 million spread out to 18 Chicago-area charities. The Heartland Blood Center is also giving away spe-

cial Chicago Auto Show T-shirts and a gift card in exchange for a pint of the good stuff.

HIGH! The Chicago Automobile Trade Association, producers of the Chicago Auto Show, put on another robust, interactive experience for showgoers that transcends demographics to do what the auto show is designed to do: get butts in seats. The show floor teemed with families and couples, most of whom were planning on buying in the next year, yet many who were there to engage in over 18 drive experiences, from Camp Jeep to more than a dozen racing simulators and daily giveaways. Then there were the tote bags, of course.

LOW. A final "low" to many of my fellow automotive journalists, who fled Chicago before the public days. I can't blame them for falling prey to the weather misforecasters and fleeing town — our airports suffered a domino effect of cancellations. But to complain about the lack of world debuts at the press preview is to ignore the show's true draw, the consumers. The show is as vital as ever and still sets the tone for the spring selling season locally and nationally.

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Volkswagen launches flagship Arteon sedan

BY ROBERT DUFFER
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The 2019 Volkswagen Arteon made its North American debut at the 2018 Chicago Auto Show.

The upscale sports sedan replaces the European-style CC sedan as the new flagship for the brand. It's wider, longer and lower with 18-inch wheels, is available all-wheel drive and has a 268-horsepower turbocharged four-cylinder engine mated to an 8-speed automatic transmission.

The wheelbase is 5 inches longer, and it has shorter overhangs than the CC to give it that athletic, sport-coupe appearance favored by German luxury brands. Clean lines, a wraparound hood, a seven-slat broad grille and a sloping roofline in fastback style makes it look more Audi than VW.

It's a tricky time for sedans, and the Arteon is making its own niche as a premium offering that is larger and nicer than the Passat midsize sedan, but not quite as nice as the Audi A5.

"While the market is moving to crossovers and SUVs, we still think that exciting and convincing passenger cars are vital," Hinrich Woebcken, CEO of Volkswagen's North American region, said at the unveiling.

The mid-size car segment is the third-largest behind crossovers and pickup trucks, accounting for 16.2 percent of the market.

The Arteon is loaded with convenience and safety technology, including a digital cockpit, first used in

Audi models. Digital cockpit takes just about everything available in the 8-inch touch screen and places it in the customizable instrument cluster. Navigation commands on the map can be displayed and enlarged in the space where the tachometer and speedometer were, making it as safe as checking your speed.

The Arteon will be available in the U.S. this summer. Starting price is expected to begin under \$40,000.

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The 2019 Volkswagen Arteon, an upscale sports sedan, made its North American debut at the Chicago Auto Show.

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The 2018 Infiniti QX60 is a premium three-row crossover largely unchanged from 2017.

Fancy shmancy, needs redesign

By **ROBERT DUFFER**
Chicago Tribune

There is nothing new for the 2018 Infiniti QX60. So why bother reviewing it?

Automakers give reviewers a chance to bid farewell to outgoing models before a redesign as a way to show off the new model's evolution, or to pique interest in an outgoing model that can be had for a sweet price as dealers clear inventory.

Whatever the case, the QX60 premium three-row crossover wore out its welcome before the review week was over. The layout and number of steering wheel controls are confusing, the center stack interface feels like "Pong" in a "Call of Duty" time, and the continuously variable transmission is a horse that needs to be whipped. Better, take the whole thing out to pasture.

Yet nearly all of the dozen or so family members who set butt in the three-row crossover formerly known as JX remarked on its appointments and utility. The operative adjective was "fancy." I felt it was more functional. We fit three adults in the 60/40 split second-row seats, with two kids in the way back. The grade schoolers could get in back on their own but had trouble sliding the second-row seats back into position.

For consumers who haven't bought a new car in a decade or so, the \$60,000 test car was plenty fancy. It came with dual seat-

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Parting shot: Buh-bye.

mounted 8-inch monitors (part of the theater package for \$2,150), quilted leather seats, heated front and second-row seats, massive moonroof, fancy maple trim pieces on dash and doors, and the dings and zings of the advanced driver assist systems that made the steering wheel controls so overdone (part of the deluxe tech package for \$7,300).

Some of the more distinguishing features were standard, such as the rear door alert, the only new thing for 2018. Standard on platform mate the Nissan Pathfinder and QX60, rear door alert uses door logic to sense when something such as a toddler or ice cream cake has been placed in the back. If the driver shuts off the engine and walks away from the car without opening the rear door he had opened when he got in the car, the horn honks three times successively. It's meant to

prevent heatstroke deaths of children left in cars, and the honk is more effective than systems that chime or ding from inside the car.

The transmission gave us pause on the highway. Twice we noticed a deadening numbness where the CVT stuck at around 70 mph and 2,000 rpm. Feathering the throttle to go faster just meant a bit more drone with no real pickup. We had to mash it. It appears this was only in our test car, as a search for related or similar errors hasn't found anything. And it was inconsistent; we couldn't duplicate that effect nor could our fleet manager. The 295-horsepower V-6 engine was fine.

This powertrain will likely be retired with the imminent redesign of the QX60, which launched for 2014. It will likely look more like the all-new 2019 QX50 compact crossover, which is based on a new front-wheel drive platform and sports a new interior layout. Most importantly, it features a 2-liter turbocharged four-cylinder with a smarter, more efficient variable compression ratio engine.

There's a lot of competition in the premium three-row crossover space, and the Acura MDX Sport Hybrid, Buick Enclave and Volvo XC90 do it a whole lot better and a whole lot fresher. But there might be some deals if you want to feel fancy and still be frugal.

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Father knows best? Engineers know better



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Q: My elderly father thinks it is better to drive without a radiator pressure cap. He is worried the pressure can pop a coolant hose. He has been driving his 2004 Chevy Venture like this for years and has been trying to get me to do the same. So far, he has not blown a hose nor has he overheated. But I think he is taking a risk of boiling over, which could do damage to the engine and is the reason for his poor gas mileage. I tell him that he does not know more than automotive engineers who have designed vehicles to run with pressure. What is your opinion?

— J.S., Granbury, Texas

A: Father knows best? Engineers know better. The engine is designed to run at a predetermined high temperature to control emissions and that includes providing good fuel economy.

Q: Your recent piece about turning off accessories before shutting down reminded me of an incident back in the 1960s. Some Air Force pilot training buddies and I were in a brand new car, hurtling down the road in a Florida downpour. One of us suggested putting the headlights on. Driver agreed and began pulling over to the side to slow down, eliciting some protests from the rest of us: Why? Driver maintained that he always slowed down before turning on the lights



CHEVROLET

The owner of a Chevy Venture minivan, like the 2001 model pictured here, believes it is better to drive without a radiator pressure cap.

"to avoid blowing out the bulbs." And where did he learn this? You guessed it — from his father.

— B.C., Chicago

A: A TV show called "Father Knows Best" used to air back in the 1950s. It was a sitcom about a wise head of the household. By today's standards, it was kinda lame. Was that your buddy's dad?

Q: I have a 2011 Ford Escape with 80,000 miles. Every time I've gone out of town for more than a week, I come home to a completely dead battery. After the first time, I put in a new battery, but the battery isn't the problem. It seems to be some massive drain on the battery. I called the dealer but they had never heard of the problem. I was hoping that you had some knowledge or suggestions.

— L.A., Minneapolis

A: We are afraid we don't have much to go on here. If you suspect a key-off drain, have a professional tech investigate. There is always a small drain, but if it exceeds 50 milliamps, there is a problem that must be diagnosed. If everything checks out, connect a smart trickle charger whenever you leave your

car for extended periods.

Q: We drove our 2015 GMC Terrain to Hilton Head, S.C., for a week. Next, we drove to Greenville, N.C. Then, after three days, we drove to New Bern, N.C. The next day the battery was dead. A Google search shows this to be a common problem in the Terrain, something to do with a computer crash or freeze-up, that allows an uninterrupted battery drain. The nearest dealer simply checked the battery and found nothing. I wanted the issue documented while it was still in warranty. Do you have any info on this problem?

— D.V., The Villages, Fla.

A: Take what you find on the internet with suspicion. Quite often people will post the same thing on numerous forums, which makes it appear that there is a major problem. We have not heard of computer crashes killing batteries.

Send questions along with name and town to Motormouth, Rides, Chicago Tribune, 435 N. Michigan Ave., Fourth Floor, Chicago, IL 60611 or motormouth.tribune@gmail.com.

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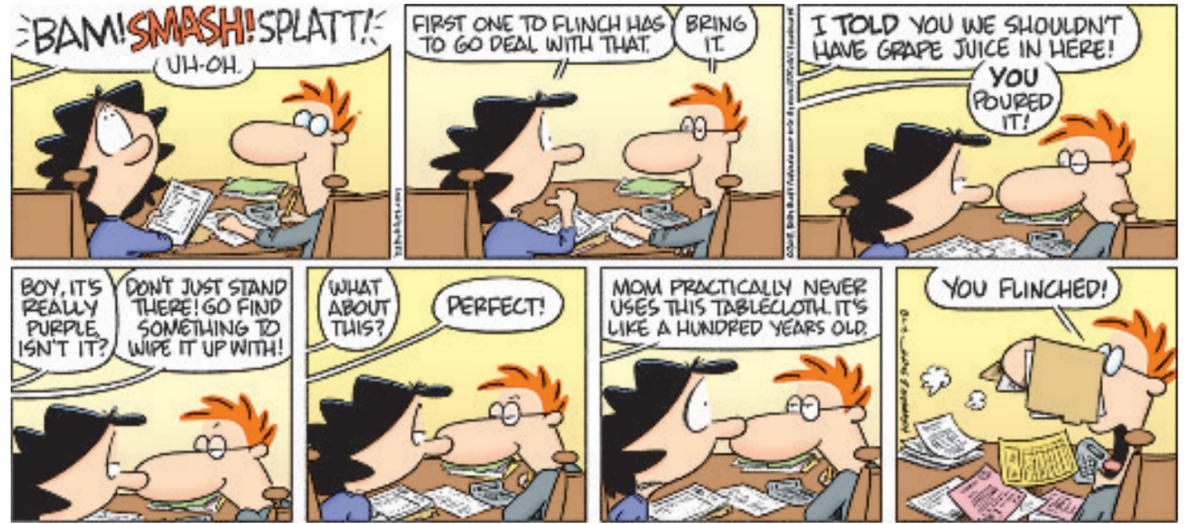
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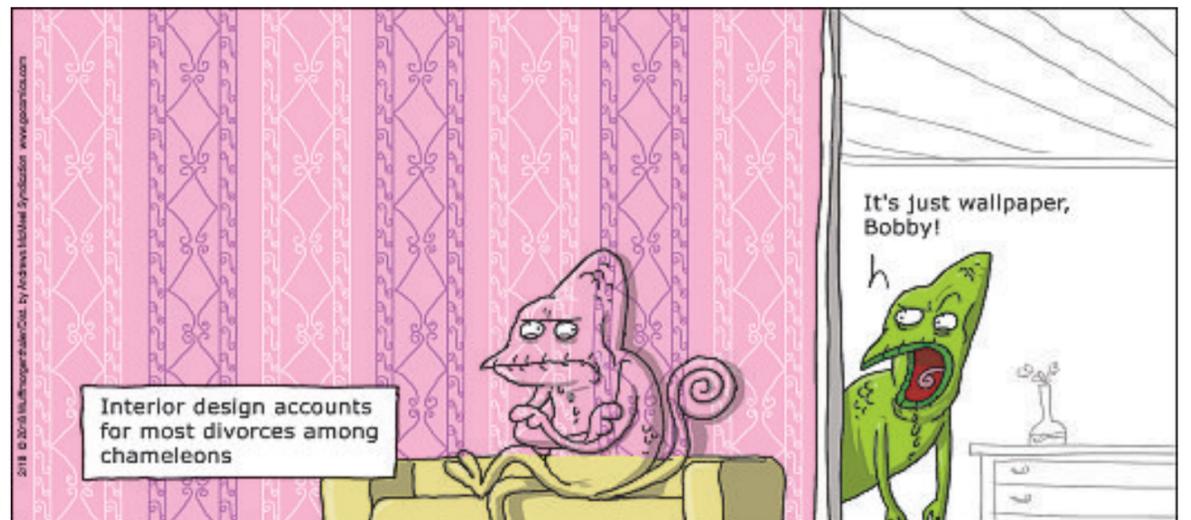
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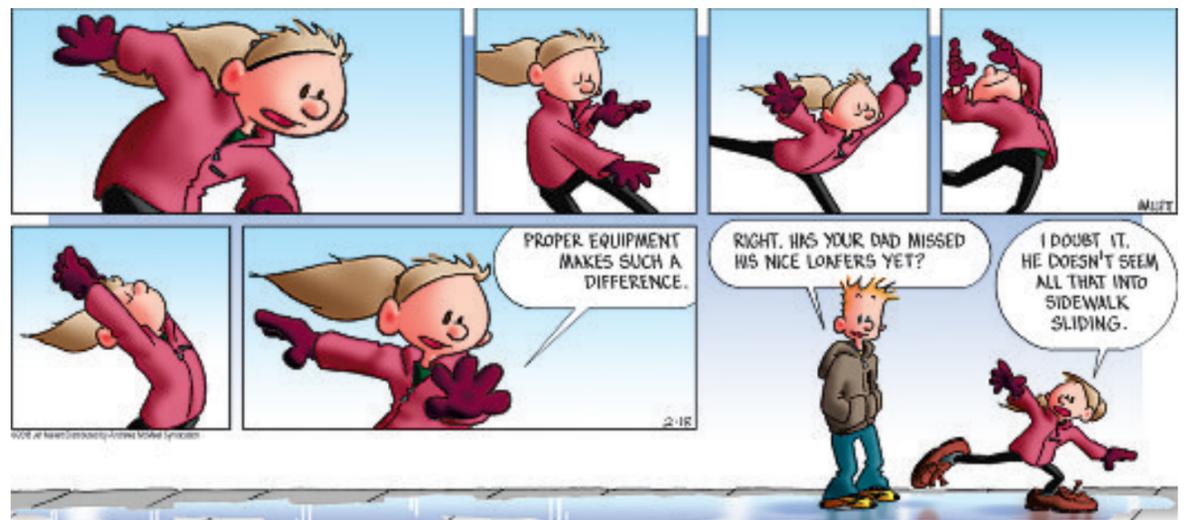
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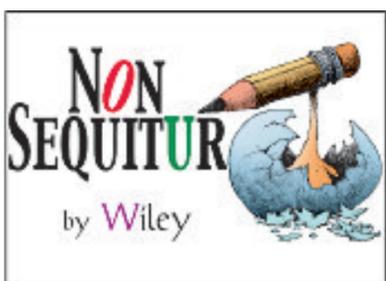
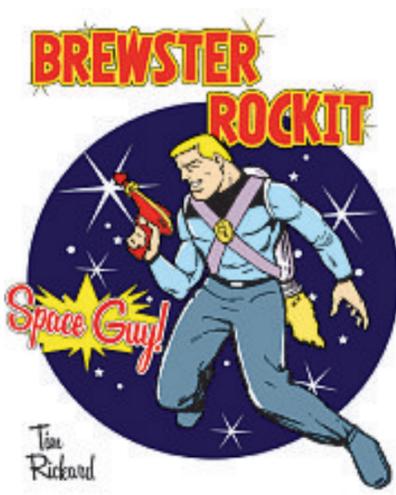
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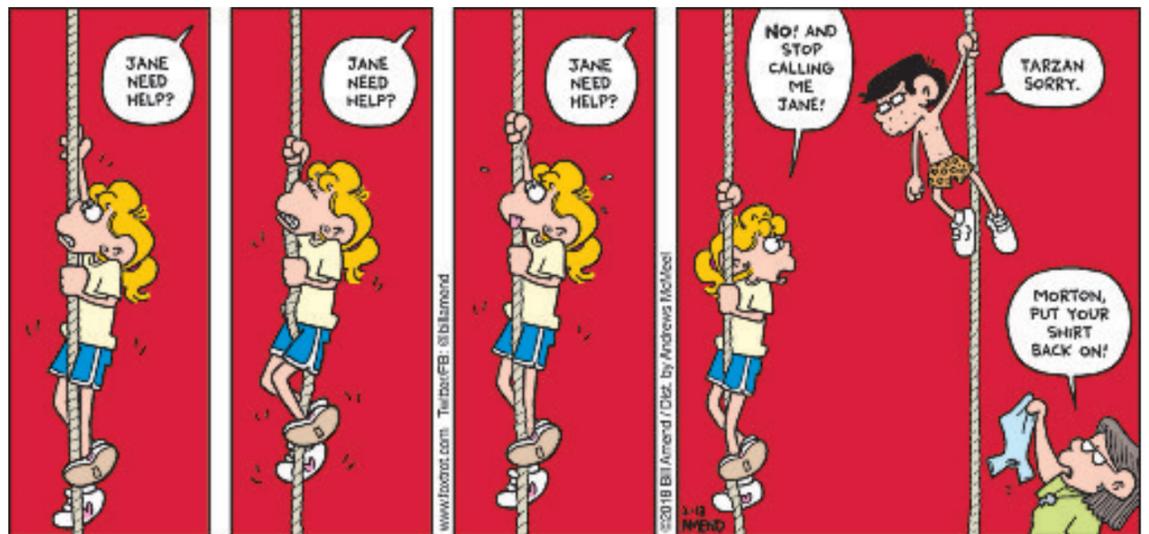
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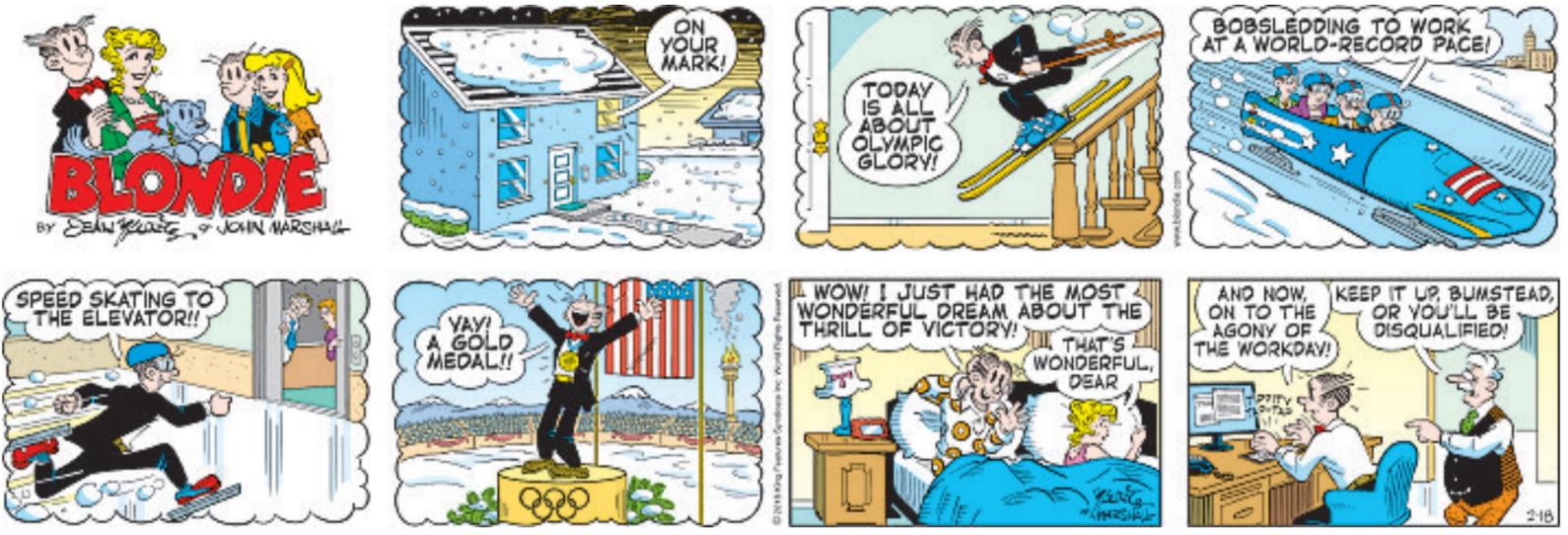
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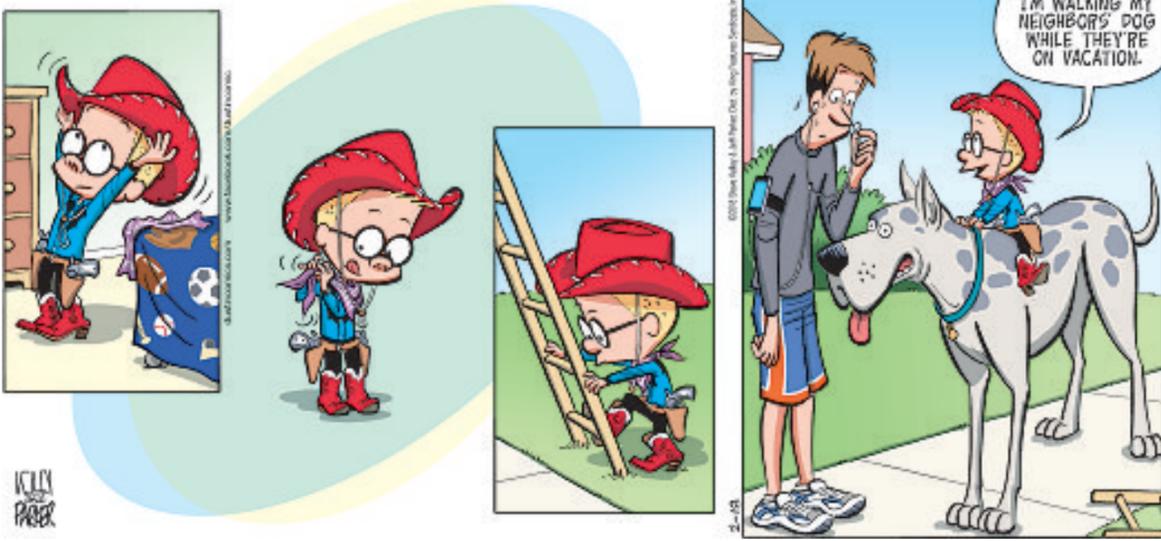
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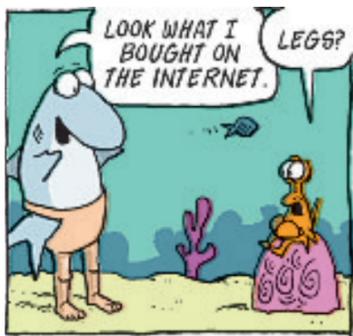
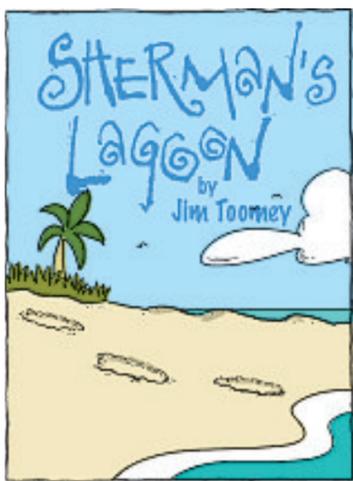


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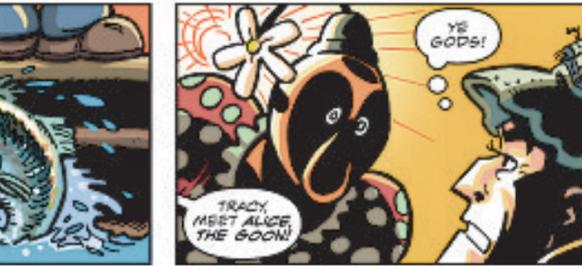
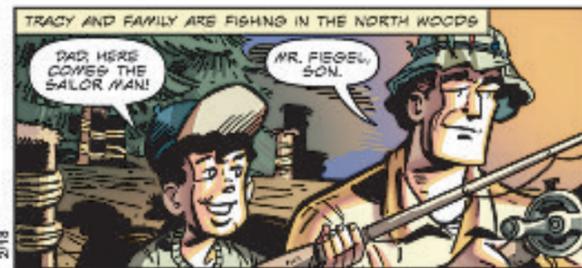
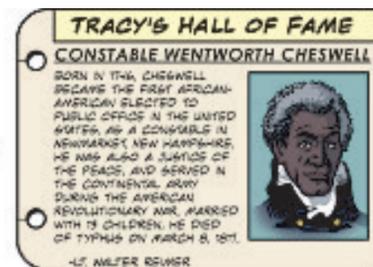




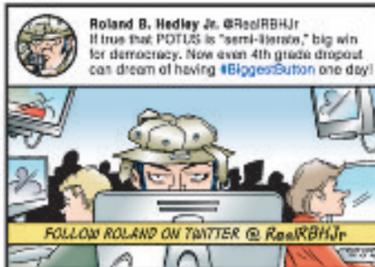
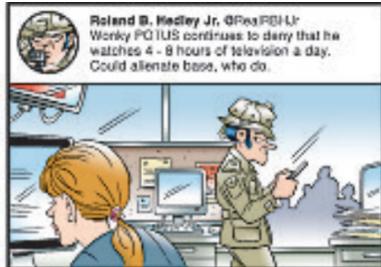
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RACHEL McADAMS

The *Notebook* star, 39, tickles our funny bones in *Game Night* (Feb. 23). The Oscar-nominated McAdams teams with Jason Bateman in the grown-up comedy about friends whose regular meet-up for fun and games takes a turn for crazy when one of them is “kidnapped” and real-life thugs and fake federal agents intermingle in a rollicking murder mystery.

Who do you play in *Game Night*? My character [Annie] and Jason's are a married couple used to playing charades and Pictionary at home with a cheese tray, some wine and a couple of friends. Then his brother, played by Kyle Chandler, who takes everything to the max, comes to town. He organizes this murder-mystery game night, saying it's going to be a night we'll never forget.

Are you competitive? It's hard not to have some level of competition when you're playing games. My parents would buy us a game every Christmas or in the summer, so we always had a new game to try. It was a great way for us to bond as a family. As an adult, I got away from it, but we got back into it a couple of years ago.



So many people remember you from *The Notebook*, but you were also in *Mean Girls*, two *Sherlock Holmes* films, *Spotlight* and TV's *True Detective*. To be remembered for any role would be extraordinary, a compliment, you know? We consume things at such a rate now that if anything has any staying power, I feel very fortunate. To be able to touch people is part of the reason why I got into this.

What's the scariest thing she's ever done? Go to Parade.com/mcadams to find out.

HEATHER GRAHAM'S HALF MAGIC



The *Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me* star, 48, makes her directorial debut with *Half Magic* (Feb. 23), about three women—Graham, Angela Kinsey and Stephanie Beatriz—who use their newly formed sisterhood to battle sexism, bad relationships and low self-esteem with a comedic spin. Graham also wrote the film. “I just wanted to make myself laugh about everything in my life,” she says.



I just discovered Maria Bello when she joined the cast of *NCIS*. What else has she done? —Tiffany J., Bethesda, Md.

A: Though Bello recently did the Amazon series *Goliath*, the majority of her credits are movies, including *The Cooler*, *A History of Violence*, *Grown Ups* and *McFarland, USA*. Her new film is the teen fantasy romance *Every Day* (Feb. 23), about a 16-year-old girl (Angourie Rice) who falls in love with a mysterious spirit that inhabits a different body every day. Bello, 50, plays her mother, and says, “This movie has a depth and intelligence that we don't always see in movies for young adults.”

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JOEL McHALE RETURNS TO HIS ROOTS

The Emmy-nominated former star of *Community* and *The Great Indoors* returns with a new show that recalls the format of his first series, *The Soup*. McHale, 46, takes a humorous, clip-driven look at the past week in pop culture, news, sports, politics and current events as host of a new Netflix streaming series, *The Joel McHale Show With Joel McHale* (Feb. 18). The zinger-filled half hour will feature celebrity guests, comedy sketches and video clips.

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Into the Wild With Oscar Isaac

Isaac, 38, follows up *Star Wars: The Last Jedi* with his role in the sci-fi thriller *Annihilation* (Feb. 23), about an expedition team venturing into a mysterious region where a force threatens to destroy anyone looking for answers. Here are five facts about the Guatemala-born Golden Globe winner.

- 1 He was expelled from school in seventh grade for a variety of “stupid stuff,” including setting off a fire extinguisher and defacing a mural.
- 2 In the late '90s, he played lead guitar and sang in the ska-punk band Blinking Underdogs.
- 3 Isaac worked as an orderly at the same hospital as his father, a pulmonologist.
- 4 An avid fan and collector of X-Men comics as a child, he grew up to play Apocalypse in the movie *X-Men: Apocalypse*.
- 5 Ryan Reynolds, Casey Affleck and Michael Fassbender all auditioned for the starring role that eventually went to Isaac in the Coen brothers' *Inside Llewyn Davis*.



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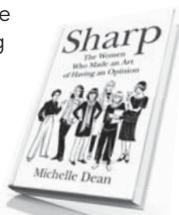
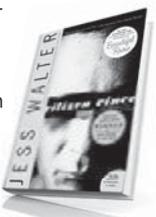
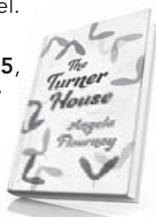
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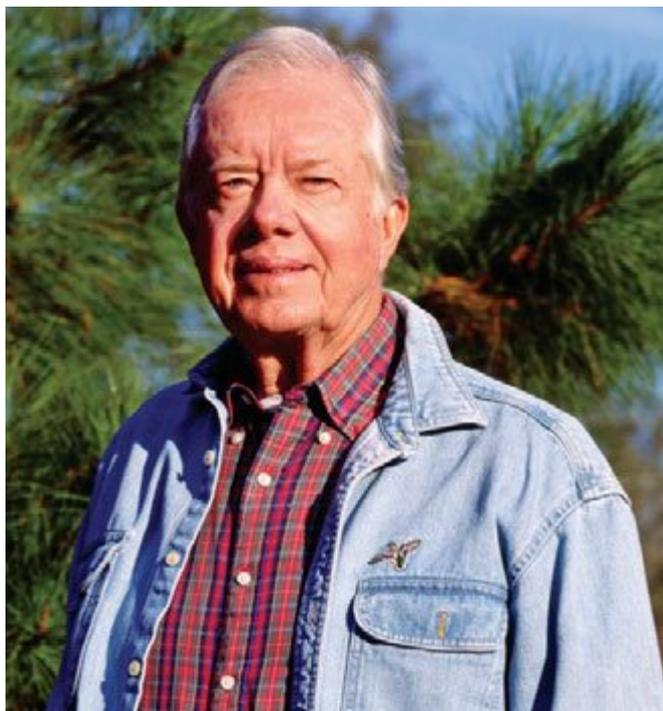
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Building a Better World

In August 2015, Jimmy Carter thought that he had just two or three weeks to live after being diagnosed with melanoma that had spread to his liver and brain. The then-90-year-old made a promise to Rosalynn, his wife of 69 years. “I’ll cut back on my schedule,” he vowed.

It was not said lightly. Carter’s philanthropic efforts on behalf of the Carter Center, the nonprofit foundation he and Mrs. Carter founded in 1982 around “waging peace, fighting disease and building hope,” put demands on the former president’s time that would exhaust someone a third of his age. But upon reviewing his itinerary item by item, Carter had a change of heart. “They’re all counting on us,” he said. The schedule remained entirely in place.

While Carter’s health took a miraculous turn for the better after surgery, radiation therapy and a groundbreaking new treatment called immunotherapy (see “Jimmy Carter’s Medical Miracle,” page 9), his commitment to doing good has remained as fixed as the appointments on his calendar. The former presi-

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Jimmy Carter
looks back
on a life of
faith and
service, and
ahead to
a more
peaceful world.

By
Mark K. Updegrove



dent, who served a single White House term from 1977 to 1981 (he was defeated for reelection by his Republican challenger, Ronald Reagan), attributes his lifelong charge to make the world a better place to his religious faith. Most weekends the 93-year-old can be found attending services, or even teaching Sunday school, at the modest Maranatha Baptist Church in his hometown of Plains, Ga.—with a population of just over 700.

In a rare interview, Carter told *Parade* that he has spent his life trying to “apply the premises of the Christian faith” and, as much as he can, “emulate the perfect life of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.” He also credits his mother with “making a good impression” on him in his formative years. “Miss Lillian,” as she was called, never believed in racial segregation, despite being a product of the Deep South, where Jim Crow segregation laws pervaded.

“I was lucky enough to grow up in a community where all my playmates and friends were African-Americans, so that gave me a good start on human

rights,” Carter says. During his tenure as president, Carter was able to “keep the peace and to promote human rights,” including brokering the Camp David Accords, which allowed for a historic peace agreement be-

nongovernmental organization, and a beacon of hope for many in developing nations whose problems have not been addressed by other nongovernmental organizations, their own governments or the United Nations.



tween Israel and Egypt that has lasted for four decades.

In Search of Purpose

After leaving the White House in the wake of his stinging defeat, Carter embarked on what he called “an altogether new, unwanted and potentially empty life” as he struggled to determine what he would do as a former president. A revelation came when he awakened in the middle of the night with the epiphany that his presidential library could serve as a dynamic, nonpartisan center for conflict resolution.

In the days that followed, he and Mrs. Carter talked excitedly about using the center to address other issues of interest to them: peace and human rights; famine and health issues affecting the world’s poor; and furthering the work Mrs. Carter had done destigmatizing and generating awareness about mental health issues, a cause she had first taken up in 1971 as first lady of Georgia during her husband’s one term as the state’s governor.

The result was the Carter Center, an internationally renowned and respected

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“I have
good faith
in the future.”



As Mrs. Carter has said, “We work with the poorest, most isolated people in the world. And often if we weren’t there, there would be no one to help them.”

Disease eradication has become one of the center’s chief objectives. Working with other organizations, including the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, UNICEF and the World

Health Organization, the Carter Center has successfully battled little-known tropical diseases that permeate many developing countries. One of them is Guinea worm disease, an infection caused by parasitic larvae spread through drinking stagnant or contaminated water. In 1986, an estimated 3.5 million were afflicted with the disease. Today, due largely to the Carter Center’s efforts, there are only 30 documented cases, making it likely to be the first human disease to be eradicated since smallpox.

Keeping the Peace

In an effort to nurture and strengthen democracies, the Carter Center has monitored 107 elections in 39 countries and

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Jimmy Carter’s Medical Miracle

It all started with a bad cold that wouldn’t go away. When Jimmy Carter visited his medical team at Emory University in Atlanta to get it checked out, a complete physical, MRI and PET scan revealed a growth on his liver. After surgery to remove the tumor in August 2015, Carter was diagnosed with metastatic melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, which had also spread to his brain.

Melanoma is usually curable if found and treated early. But when it spreads, it can be deadly. An estimated 87,110 Americans were diagnosed with melanoma in 2017, according to the American Cancer Society, and 9,730 died from it.

But new treatments are showing more promise for later-stage melanoma. In addition to surgery and radiation to target his brain tumors, Carter received an intravenous course of an immunotherapy drug, pembrolizumab, which was approved by the FDA in 2014 for advanced melanoma.

“Immunotherapy works by waking up the body’s own immune system,” says Sapna Patel, M.D., an assistant professor in the Department of Melanoma Medical Oncology at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. “It spurs the body’s natural defenses—called T cells—into action; like soldiers they seek out and destroy the enemy. In this case, that enemy is cancer cells.”

Unlike chemotherapy, which destroys healthy cells along with cancer cells, immunotherapy is targeted to destroy only cancer cells. “It’s less toxic and has a much lower level of side effects like nausea and hair loss,” says Patel. Carter weathered the treatments well.

Just four months after his surgery and radiation, Carter announced he was cancer-free after brain scans failed to find any signs of cancer, and his immunotherapy treatments were discontinued three months later.

“I’ve had a wonderful life,” Carter told reporters soon after receiving his diagnosis, thinking he may just have a few weeks to live. Fortunately for all the people he continues to serve through his ministry and many charitable causes, that wonderful life goes on. —Sheryl Kraft

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KEYTRUDA is a prescription medicine used to treat a kind of skin cancer called melanoma. KEYTRUDA may be used when your melanoma has spread or cannot be removed by surgery (advanced melanoma).

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Call or see your doctor right away if you develop any symptoms of the following problems or these symptoms get worse:

- **Lung problems (pneumonitis).** Symptoms of pneumonitis may include shortness of breath, chest pain, or new or worse cough.
- **Intestinal problems (colitis) that can lead to tears or holes in your intestine.** Signs and symptoms of colitis may include diarrhea or more bowel movements than usual; stools that are black, tarry, sticky, or have blood or mucus; or severe stomach-area (abdomen) pain or tenderness.
- **Liver problems (hepatitis).** Signs and symptoms of hepatitis may include yellowing of your skin or the whites of your eyes, nausea or vomiting, pain on the right side of your stomach area (abdomen), dark urine, feeling less hungry than usual, or bleeding or bruising more easily than normal.
- **Hormone gland problems (especially the thyroid, pituitary, adrenal glands, and pancreas).** Signs and symptoms that your hormone glands are not working properly may include rapid heartbeat, weight loss or weight gain, increased sweating, feeling more hungry or thirsty, urinating more often than usual, hair loss, feeling cold, constipation, your voice gets deeper, muscle aches, dizziness or fainting, or headaches that will not go away or unusual headache.
- **Kidney problems, including nephritis and kidney failure.** Signs of kidney problems may include change in the amount or color of your urine.
- **Skin problems.** Signs of skin problems may include rash, itching, blisters, peeling or skin sores, or painful sores or ulcers in your mouth or in your nose, throat, or genital area.
- **Problems in other organs.** Signs of these problems may include changes in eyesight, severe or persistent muscle or joint pains, severe muscle weakness, low red blood cells (anemia), shortness of breath, irregular heartbeat, feeling tired, or chest pain (myocarditis).
- **Infusion (IV) reactions that can sometimes be severe and life-threatening.** Signs and symptoms of infusion reactions may include chills or shaking, shortness of breath or wheezing, itching or rash, flushing, dizziness, fever, or feeling like passing out.

Rejection of a transplanted organ. People who have had an organ transplant may have an increased risk of organ transplant rejection if they are treated with KEYTRUDA.

Getting medical treatment right away may help keep these problems from becoming more serious. Your doctor will check you for these problems during treatment with KEYTRUDA. Your doctor may treat you

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with corticosteroid or hormone replacement medicines. Your doctor may also need to delay or completely stop treatment with KEYTRUDA if you have severe side effects.

Before you receive KEYTRUDA, tell your doctor if you have immune system problems such as Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, or lupus; have had an organ transplant; have lung or breathing problems; have liver problems; or have any other medical problems.

If you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant, tell your doctor. KEYTRUDA can harm your unborn baby. Females who are able to become pregnant should use an effective method of birth control during treatment and for at least 4 months after the final dose of KEYTRUDA. Tell your doctor right away if you become pregnant during treatment with KEYTRUDA.

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Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

Common side effects of KEYTRUDA include feeling tired; pain in muscles, bones, or joints; decreased appetite; itching; diarrhea; nausea; rash; fever; cough; shortness of breath; and constipation.

These are not all the possible side effects of KEYTRUDA. Tell your doctor if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away. For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Please read the adjacent Medication Guide for KEYTRUDA and discuss it with your doctor.

Ask your doctor if KEYTRUDA could be your first treatment option.

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MEDICATION GUIDE

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What is the most important information I should know about KEYTRUDA?

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- dark urine
- feeling less hungry than usual
- bleeding or bruising more easily than normal

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- feeling more hungry or thirsty
- feeling cold
- muscle aches
- headaches that will not go away or unusual headache
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- urinating more often than usual
- constipation
- dizziness or fainting
- increased sweating
- hair loss
- your voice gets deeper

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- change in the amount or color of your urine

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- itching
- blisters, peeling or skin sores
- painful sores or ulcers in your mouth or in your nose, throat, or genital area

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- severe muscle weakness
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- severe or persistent muscle or joint pains
- low red blood cells (anemia)

Infusion (IV) reactions, that can sometimes be severe and life-threatening. Signs and symptoms of infusion reactions may include:

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- itching or rash
- flushing
- dizziness
- fever
- feeling like passing out

Rejection of a transplanted organ. People who have had an organ transplant may have an increased risk of organ transplant rejection if they are treated with KEYTRUDA. Your doctor should tell you what signs and symptoms you should report and monitor you, depending on the type of organ transplant that you have had.

Complications of stem cell transplantation that uses donor stem cells (allogeneic) after treatment with KEYTRUDA. These complications can be severe and can lead to death. Your doctor will monitor you for signs of complications if you are an allogeneic stem cell transplant recipient.

Getting medical treatment right away may help keep these problems from becoming more serious. Your doctor will check you for these problems during treatment with KEYTRUDA. Your doctor may treat you with corticosteroid or hormone replacement medicines. Your doctor may also need to delay or completely stop treatment with KEYTRUDA, if you have severe side effects.

What is KEYTRUDA?

KEYTRUDA is a prescription medicine used to treat:

- a kind of skin cancer called melanoma that has spread or cannot be removed by surgery (advanced melanoma).
- a kind of lung cancer called non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC).
 - KEYTRUDA may be used alone when your lung cancer:
 - has spread (advanced NSCLC) **and**,
 - tests positive for “PD-L1” **and**,
 - as your first treatment if you have not received chemotherapy to treat your advanced NSCLC and your tumor does not have an abnormal “EGFR” or “ALK” gene, **or**
 - you have received chemotherapy that contains platinum to treat your advanced NSCLC, and it did not work or it is no longer working, **and**
 - if your tumor has an abnormal “EGFR” or “ALK” gene, you have also received an EGFR or ALK inhibitor medicine and it did not work or is no longer working.
 - KEYTRUDA may be used with the chemotherapy medicines pemetrexed and carboplatin as your first treatment when your lung cancer:
 - has spread (advanced NSCLC) **and**
 - is a type of lung cancer called “nonsquamous”.
- a kind of cancer called head and neck squamous cell cancer (HNSCC) that:
 - has returned or spread **and**
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 - has spread or cannot be removed by surgery (advanced urothelial cancer) **and**,

PD-L1 = programmed death ligand 1; EGFR = epidermal growth factor receptor; ALK = anaplastic lymphoma kinase; HER2/neu = human epidermal growth factor receptor 2.

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- you are not able to receive chemotherapy that contains a medicine called cisplatin, **or**
- you have received chemotherapy that contains platinum, and it did not work or is no longer working.
- a kind of cancer that is shown by a laboratory test to be a microsatellite instability-high (MSI-H) or a mismatch repair deficient (dMMR) solid tumor. KEYTRUDA may be used in adults and children to treat:
 - cancer that has spread or cannot be removed by surgery (advanced cancer), **and**
 - has progressed following treatment, and you have no satisfactory treatment options, **or**
 - you have colon or rectal cancer, and you have received chemotherapy with fluoropyrimidine, oxaliplatin, and irinotecan but it did not work or is no longer working.
 It is not known if KEYTRUDA is safe and effective in children with MSI-H cancers of the brain or spinal cord (central nervous system cancers).
- a kind of stomach cancer called gastric or gastroesophageal junction (GEJ) adenocarcinoma that tests positive for “PD-L1.” KEYTRUDA may be used when your stomach cancer:
 - has returned or spread (advanced gastric cancer), **and**
 - you have received 2 or more types of chemotherapy including fluoropyrimidine and chemotherapy that contains platinum, and it did not work or is no longer working, **and**
 - if your tumor has an abnormal “HER2/neu” gene, you also received a HER2/neu-targeted medicine and it did not work or is no longer working.

What should I tell my doctor before receiving KEYTRUDA?

Before you receive KEYTRUDA, tell your doctor if you:

- have immune system problems such as Crohn’s disease, ulcerative colitis, or lupus
- have had an organ transplant
- have lung or breathing problems
- have liver problems
- have any other medical problems
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant
 - KEYTRUDA can harm your unborn baby.
 - Females who are able to become pregnant should use an effective method of birth control during and for at least 4 months after the final dose of KEYTRUDA. Talk to your doctor about birth control methods that you can use during this time.
 - Tell your doctor right away if you become pregnant during treatment with KEYTRUDA.
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed.
 - It is not known if KEYTRUDA passes into your breast milk.
 - Do not breastfeed during treatment with KEYTRUDA and for 4 months after your final dose of KEYTRUDA.

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of them to show your doctor and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

How will I receive KEYTRUDA?

- Your doctor will give you KEYTRUDA into your vein through an intravenous (IV) line over 30 minutes.
- KEYTRUDA is usually given every 3 weeks.
- Your doctor will decide how many treatments you need.
- Your doctor will do blood tests to check you for side effects.
- If you miss any appointments, call your doctor as soon as possible to reschedule your appointment.

What are the possible side effects of KEYTRUDA?

KEYTRUDA can cause serious side effects. See “What is the most important information I should know about KEYTRUDA?”

Common side effects of KEYTRUDA when used alone include: feeling tired, pain in muscles, bones or joints, decreased appetite, itching, diarrhea, nausea, rash, fever, cough, shortness of breath, and constipation.

In children, feeling tired, vomiting and stomach-area (abdominal) pain, and increased levels of liver enzymes and decreased levels of salt (sodium) in the blood are more common than in adults.

These are not all the possible side effects of KEYTRUDA. For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

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Sunday With... ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

The prolific and acclaimed composer on his remarkable career, his new tell-all book and why he loves Ed Sheeran

By Mara Reinstein

For nearly 50 years, Andrew Lloyd Webber's music of the night—and the matinees too—has enthralled theater audiences all over the world. Now the iconic composer has written his memoir, *Unmasked* (available March 6), in which he opens up about everything from his middle-class childhood in London to the inspiration behind smashes such as *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Evita*, *Cats* and *The Phantom of the Opera*. Says the 69-year-old Webber, married to former equestrian Madeleine Gurdon since 1991 and the father of five, “I couldn’t let anyone else write my story.”

What will readers be surprised to learn about you? That I don’t take myself completely seriously. I try to have a laugh. I say in the

introduction that the book can also be a doorstop, which is true! It’s very large, and I think I’m a rather boring person. My friend is a literary agent, and for years, he’d say, “You have to write a book,” and I’d say, “Why?!”

How did you recall everything in such fine detail? I can’t say that it was my memory! Luckily, my first-ever production assistant saved all my desk diaries and correspondences and letters. It took me about three years to write this, and I couldn’t have done it without those diaries.

Which section was the hardest to revisit? The chapter where I realize my first marriage [to Sarah Hugill] was over [in 1983]. We were tremendously in love when we got married [in 1971], and she was there for a huge part of my life. But people move on. My first wife is a dear friend now, and I did show those parts to her before it was sent to anyone else. She was very happy about it. My mantra is “True love can never



From top: The composer with wife Madeleine Gurdon; the cast for a French production of *Cats*, which has been translated into 15 languages

go away.” [Webber’s second wife was Sarah Brightman, who originated the role of Christine in *Phantom of the Opera*.]

How do you spend a typical Sunday? I don’t have one! Usually, I’m sitting in the back of a theater watching a production that’s going up soon. But if I had to choose, I’d be at home in Hampshire [England] with my children. I’d take my cats for a walk and read a book about architecture. That is my other love. And one of the greatest joys one can have in Britain is to go to a Sunday church service. In the evening, I’d head to a great cathedral and listen to a choir.

Which is your favorite musical—or do you view them as your children and can’t choose? It’s difficult because those are my creations. But there are bits from shows in which I think I did my best work. My best romantic work is *Love Never Dies*, the more grown-up sequel to *Phantom of*

A Few of Webber’s Favorite Things

Movie Musical
“*South Pacific*. It’s the greatest score ever written.”

Food
“Classic French cuisine like brioche. I used to be the food critic for the *Daily Telegraph* in London.”

Reading Now
The Age of Decadence: Britain 1880 to 1914 by Simon Heffer

Musical Artist
“The brilliant Indian composer A.R. Rahman. And Ed Sheeran. I love his use of melody and lyrics.”

Vacation Spot
“Deia, a coastal village in Mallorca. We’ve got a little house there. It’s lovely.”

Recent Film
“The best one is *Paddington 2!* And *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri* is clever and fantastic.”

TV Show
“We’re watching *The Crown* on Netflix with interest. It’s intriguing how far they’re able to go telling certain stories.”

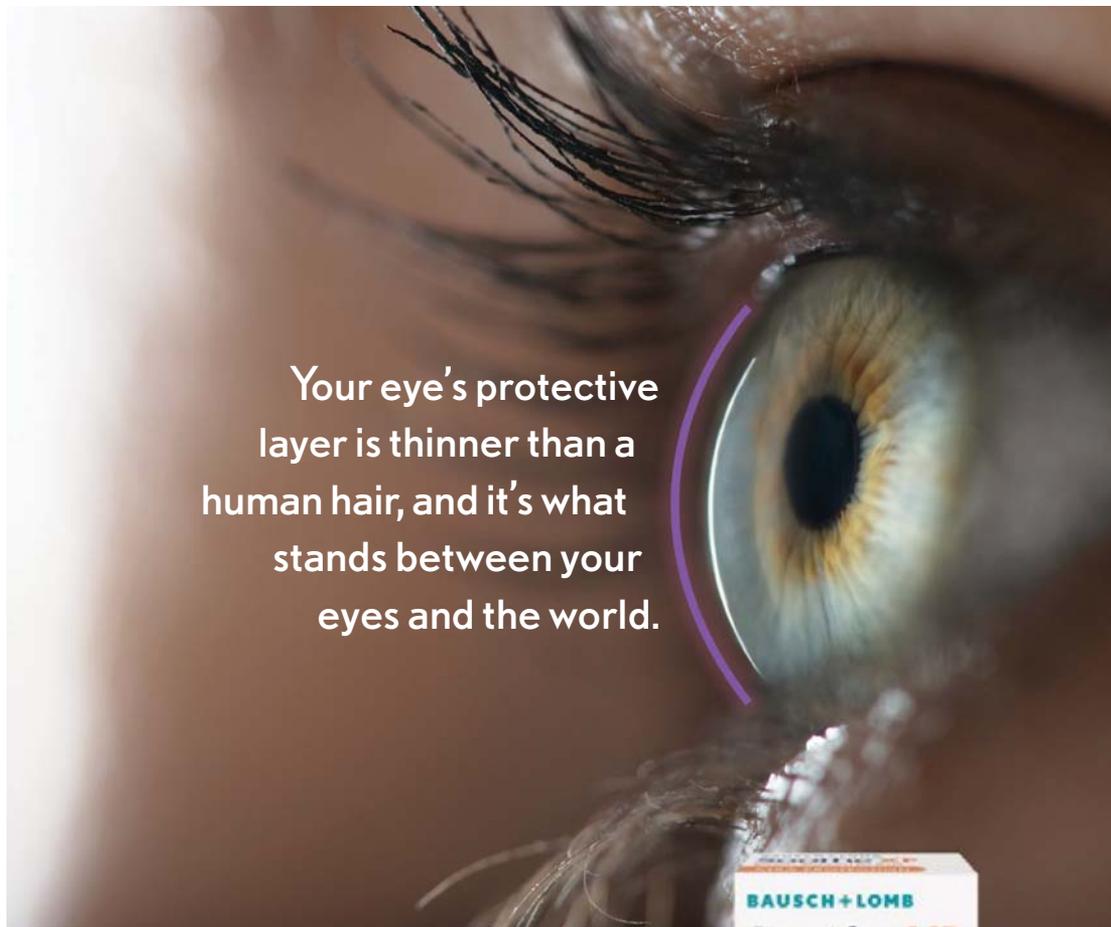
the Opera. It’s easier to say that there’s something I’d like to change or rewrite than to pick a favorite.

Why do you think *The Phantom of the Opera* has lasted on Broadway for a record-breaking 30 years and counting? I truthfully do not know! Some years ago, when *Phantom* was the *Hamilton* of its day, I was at an Elton John charity dinner and sitting among a group of famous supermodels. They all started saying that there's one part of their appearance they don't like. Someone said, "I don't like the line in my nose." I'm looking at the most beautiful women in the world and thinking, *What the hell is wrong with them?* I guess there's something about ourselves we'd all like to change, which is part of the *Phantom* story. It's also highly romantic.

What are you working on now? My last new production, *School of Rock*, was great fun. That was three years ago. Now I feel caged and want to write something new. *Jesus Christ Superstar* will air live [on Easter], but that's not my production. That's an NBC production. It will be fantastic, though. I love the idea of a live musical on TV.

You turn 70 on March 22. Well? The most boring thing about turning 70 is talking about it. It's very sweet that my friends want to throw parties for me. And I was honored at the Grammys. It's like, hang on a moment, I don't feel any different. I feel like a kid again! I don't know what age I am! I just want to get on with life.

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Stay Healthy

MOVE AWAY YOUR PAIN

Do these simple micro-movements every day to stay flexible and banish aches and pains.

By Mary Sauer

As we age, it can be tempting to accept chronic pain or less mobility as the new status quo. But there's a simple way to rebuild strength, get relief from neck, back and knee pain—and keep your body moving.

It starts with going back to basics with exercises that strengthen and train your muscles for typical day-to-day movements, such as getting in and out of the car or loading the dishwasher, says Michael Romano, certified functional aging specialist and co-founder of Longevity Personal Fitness in Millburn, N.J.

"These are movement patterns we were born with, but over time we lose them," Romano says.

Simple micro-movements—gentle, small ranges of motion you do for short periods of time—work because they address specific areas of weakness commonly seen in aging or sedentary bodies, without putting you at risk for injury. When you do small motions for short periods of time, you give the muscle tissues in your body the opportunity to become more pliable. Eventually, these movements help you progress to larger motions for longer periods of time.

The best way to practice the micro-movements? Once a day, to break up long periods of sitting.

Micro-Movement #1: Head Nods

Nod your head gently up and down 10 times, then turn your head from side to side 10 times.

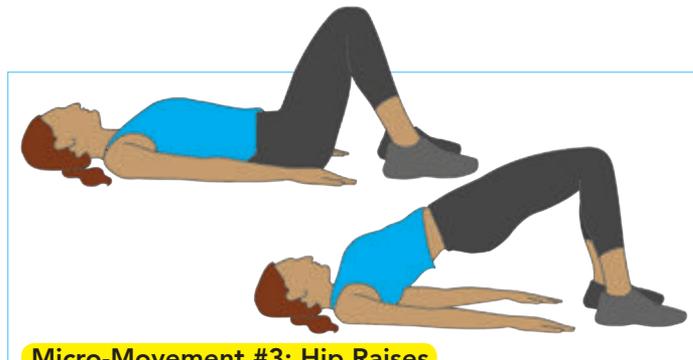
Most people, especially those who sit a lot or are generally inactive, have a lot of tension in their upper back. These small movements will encourage the connective tissue in your upper back and neck to become more pliable.

Micro-Movement #2: Deep Breathing

Lying on your back, breathe in through your nose, into your abdomen (so that your belly rises) and then use your abdominal muscles to push the breath out as you exhale. After you have repeated this five to 10 times, roll over onto on your stomach and repeat.

"Deep abdominal breathing and belly breathing is the best

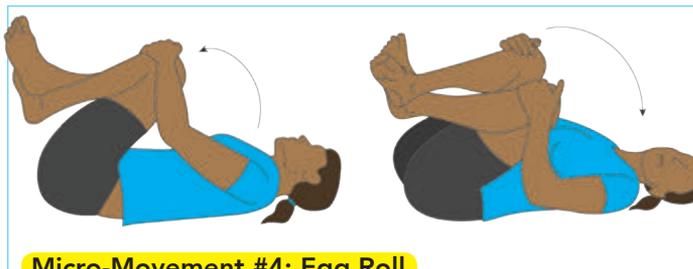
example of a micro-movement that people lose over time," Romano says. "If you have back pain, you have a lot of rigidity and stiffness through the spine and lower back. These muscles have to be relaxed, they have to be activated, so we start with breathing."



Micro-Movement #3: Hip Raises

Strong glutes support your lower back, so if you are experiencing lower back pain, gluteal amnesia—slow activation of the gluteal muscles caused by inactivity—might be to blame. (This phenomenon has also been called "Dead Butt Syndrome.")

To begin reengaging the muscles in your buttocks, lie on your back on the floor, letting the floor support your head, neck and back. Bend your knees and plant your feet on the floor. Pushing off of the floor with your feet, use your gluteal muscles to raise your hips into the air and then slowly lower them back to the ground. Repeat five times.



Micro-Movement #4: Egg Roll

Lying on your back, grasp your legs just below your knees and pull them to your torso, with your ankles crossed and elbows pointing out to each side. Using your head and neck to initiate the movement, roll to your right side and then come to a complete stop before rolling to the left side. Repeat this exercise three to five times.

An exercise like the egg roll, done for a few minutes at a time, day after day, will improve your ability to control your torso and reduce your momentum. This can help prevent falls or reduce injury if you do fall, Romano says. This movement also works the core (your midsection), which when strengthened can help take pressure off your knees.

DO check with your doctor before starting any type of new activity, especially if you have a long history of inactivity or are recovering from a recent injury.

DON'T push through pain. You should not feel a burn when doing these movements.



Ask Marilyn

By Marilyn vos Savant

Here's a wordplay problem: String together any three letters, add a vowel in any position to form a word and then replace that vowel with the other four vowels (not including Y) to form four more words. An example of three letters that don't work is MLT. You can place an A into the string to form MALT, then an E for MELT, an I for MILT and an O for MOLT, but MULT isn't a word.

—Leslie Trabant, Lake Oswego, Ore.

Here's an example that works, readers: MSS—MASS, MESS, MISS, MOSS, MUSS. How many more can you find? Don't include proper nouns, acronyms, abbreviations or any other words that may be viewed dimly by our fastidious judge (me).

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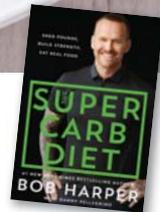
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Ground Chicken Bolognese

Heat 1 Tbsp **olive oil** in a large skillet over medium-high. Add 2 tsp minced **garlic**, 1 peeled and finely chopped medium **carrot**, 1 finely chopped **celery** stalk and ½ **onion**, finely chopped. Sauté 5 minutes or until tender. Add 1 lb **ground chicken**; cook 4 minutes or until chicken is browned, stirring to crumble. Stir in 1½ cups **crushed tomatoes**, 2 tsp minced fresh **basil** and 1 tsp minced fresh **oregano**; simmer 3 minutes. Season to taste with **salt** and **black pepper**. Scrape chicken mixture into a bowl; cover to keep warm. Wipe out pan with a paper towel. Heat 2 tsp oil in skillet over medium-high. Add 2 lb spiralized **zucchini**; sauté 1 minute or until heated through. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Divide zucchini among 4 plates or bowls. Top evenly with chicken mixture. Garnish with torn basil. **Serves 4.**

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has helped to peacefully resolve disputes throughout much of the world, including Haiti, Sudan and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

An area of current concern for Carter is North Korea, whose ruler, Kim Jong Un, has been in a standoff with President Trump around its nuclear weapons program. "We monitor every day with growing concern what's happening between the United States and North Korea and also within North Korea," Carter says, indicating that he has signaled to the Trump administration that he would welcome the chance to meet with North Korean officials, just as he did in 1994 on behalf of President Bill Clinton to help negotiate an end to the nuclear weapons program that was being developed by Kim Il Sung, North Korea's founder and the grandfather of Kim Jong Un. While reports from U.S. officials indicate that North Korea isn't yet ready to meet with the U.S., Carter believes that "we ought to be enthusiastic and united in Washington in our willingness to talk with them any time they're ready."

Helping Others

In addition to his work for the center that bears his name, Carter continues to be involved with Habitat for Humanity, devoting a week each year to Carter Work Projects throughout the U.S. and the world, from South Philadelphia and South Dakota to South Africa and South Korea. The Carters' association with Habitat, donning hard hats and wielding hammers with other volunteers on dusty work sites, has helped

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Before Daylight, a revealing memoir of his Depression-era rural boyhood in Southwest Georgia, the place that shaped him and where he and Mrs. Carter still live in the humble ranch-style home they bought for their burgeoning family in 1961. An avid reader as well as an author, he most reveres books written by or about fellow presidents, including

All the Presidents' Pets

From Jimmy Carter's dog, **Grits**, to Abraham Lincoln's goats, furry (and feathered) friends in the White House are an American tradition.

Since President George Washington's 1790 move into the President's House in Philadelphia with a collection of horses and hounds (along with first lady Martha Washington's parrot, Polly), the residence of the commander in chief (the White House in Washington, D.C., since 1800) has been home to a menagerie of more than 400 animals, ranging from cats and dogs to alligators and flying squirrels.

Nearly all U.S. presidents have embraced pet ownership, with only a handful—James K. Polk, Andrew Johnson and current President Donald Trump—opting to keep an animal-free White House (although some historians contend that Johnson adopted and fed some White House mice as pets).

Harry Truman kept it simple with two dogs, **Feller** and **Mike**.

Calvin Coolidge tended a zoo-like collection of more than 26 pets, including a bobcat named Smoky, a pair of raccoons dubbed Reuben and Rebecca and two lion cubs called Tax Reduction and Budget Bureau.

George H.W. Bush's English springer spaniel, **Millie**, recounted her adventures as first canine to Barbara Bush, who wrote about them in *Millie's Book*.

Bill Clinton's quarrelsome cat-and-dog duo, **Buddy** and **Socks**, star in *Dear Socks, Dear Buddy: Kids' Letters to the First Pets*, written by Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Herbert Hoover hit the campaign trail with his beloved German shepherd, **King Tut**, who is often credited with helping Hoover, viewed by some as stiff and unapproachable, secure the win.

Franklin D. Roosevelt adored his Scottish terrier, **Fala**, so much that the two are buried side by side at Roosevelt's presidential library in Hyde Park, N.Y.

—Heather Donahoe



Which White House dog gave an "interview" to *The Washington Star*, in which he discussed Prohibition and a shorter workday for guard dogs? And what sort of pet would be best for the Trump White House? Go to Parade.com/pets to find out.

Harry S. Truman, who earned Carter's abiding admiration by desegregating the military in 1948 during Carter's seven-year career in the Navy.

While Carter has enjoyed the longest post-presidency in American history—overtaking Herbert Hoover, who lived 31 years after leaving office—Carter's has also been, arguably, the most productive. A reflection of the esteem in which he is held internationally came in 2002, when he became the first former U.S. president to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, awarded to him for his “decades of untiring effort to find peaceful solutions to international conflicts, to advance democracy and human rights and to promote economic and social development.”

Carter credits a high school teacher, Julia Coleman, with advice that has helped guide him over the years. “We must adjust to changing times,” she directed her students, “and still hold to unchanging principles,” counsel that Carter invoked in his inaugural speech after being sworn in as the 39th president in 1977. It helps to explain the resilience and character that have marked Carter throughout his life.

Safeguarding the Future

Manifest change swept into the White House when the 45th president, Donald Trump, took office last year, adopting a presidential style in stark contrast to that of Carter the peacemaker, who, in an effort to de-imperialize the presidency, carried his own suitcase, sold the presidential yacht and,

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for a time, barred the playing of "Hail to the Chief" and "Ruffles and Flourishes." Carter worries that our country is "at one of our lowest points in terms of our reputation overseas and our commitment to resolving some of the major problems that we face potentially," including global warming and nuclear destruction. "Those are the two things that concern me most," he says.

Keeping the Faith

While acknowledging the polarization of America, Carter remains optimistic. "I have good faith in the future," he says. Faith is at the heart of his next book, *Faith* (Simon & Schuster, out March 27), in which he will explore why we should have faith in things as wide-ranging as God, our government, democracy, freedom, honesty and our fellow man.

In 2015, when he thought that he had only weeks to live, Carter took the news in stride. "I wasn't afraid or particularly sorrowful, except that I wouldn't see the people I loved anymore. But I didn't have any feeling of resentment or fear, and I was surprised at that. I just felt a particular equanimity about it."

His optimism, serenity and faith are, perhaps, signs of a life well lived, a life spent largely in the service of others.

Mark K. Updegrave is the president and CEO of the LBJ Foundation, and the author of The Last Republican: Inside the Extraordinary Relationship Between George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush.

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