

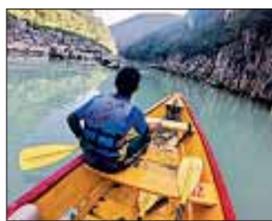
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Loyola's players celebrate their achievement of reaching the NCAA Final Four with their 78-62 victory over Kansas State on Saturday.

After years of inquiries, pastor denies allegations

Ex-Willow Creek leaders remain unsatisfied with misconduct reviews

BY MANYA BRACHEAR PASHMAN AND JEFF COEN
Chicago Tribune

Last October, the Rev. Bill Hybels stood before worshippers at his packed sanctuary and made a stunning announcement. After 42 years building northwest suburban Willow Creek Community Church into one of the nation's most iconic and influential churches, Hybels was planning to step down as senior pastor.

"I feel released from this role," he said, adding that he felt called to build on Willow Creek's reach across 130 countries with a focus on leadership development, particularly in the poorest regions of the world.



The Rev. Bill Hybels

After introducing his successors, he invited church elders onstage at the expansive church to lay hands on them and pray.

What much of the church didn't know was that Hybels had been the subject of inquiries into claims that he ran afoul of church teachings by engaging in inappropriate behavior with women in his congregation — including employees — allegedly spanning decades. The inquiries had cleared Hybels, and church leaders said his exit had nothing to do with the allegations.

An investigation by the Chicago Tribune examined those allegations and other claims of inappropriate behavior by Hybels, documented through interviews with current and former church members, elders and employees, as well as hundreds of emails and internal records.

The alleged behavior included suggestive comments, extended hugs, an unwanted kiss and invitations to hotel rooms. It also included an allegation of a prolonged consensual affair with a married woman who later said

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'WE'RE NOT DONE'

Incredible run goes on as Ramblers become just 4th No. 11 seed to gain Final 4

ATLANTA — The coach of the team that lets nothing get in its way climbed across the press table Saturday at Philips Arena and made his way into the third row of rowdiness.

Porter Moser hugged his wife, Megan, whose eyes were moist, before embracing his crying teenage daughter, Jordan, and each of his sons, Jake, Ben and Max.

Maroon-and-gold mania surrounded the Mosers in the stands and on the floor,



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

the euphoria created by Loyola's emphatic 78-62 victory over Kansas State in the NCAA tournament South Region final that earned the school a trip to the Final Four in San Antonio.

"We did it," Moser said into his wife's ear.

Yes, as inexplicable as it seems, Loyola did it, going to the Final Four for the first time in 55 years and becoming only the fourth No. 11 seed to do so.

Cinderella is off to the Alamo — and it

promises to be a trip to remember.

After returning to the court for the celebration, Moser grabbed the microphone as captains Ben Richardson and Donte Ingram hoisted a trophy in front of their teammates, who all wore black "Final Four" hats. Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt, the international celebrity smiling in her wheelchair, accepted hugs from players on their way to the grandest stage of their lives.

"How about them Ramblers?!" Moser screamed like a basketball evangelist. "I

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Young activists stand up against gun violence

Fla. school shooting moves students to demand change

BY VIKKI ORTIZ HEALY AND ESE OLUMHENSE
Chicago Tribune

Pumping their fists and chanting "student power," thousands of young activists swarmed Union Park on Saturday, joining a nationwide cry for gun reform while using the spotlight to also demand solutions for everyday violence on Chi-

IN WASHINGTON: Students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School took the stage at the March for Our Lives rally and called for Congress to enact stricter gun controls in response to the nation's decadeslong stretch of campus shootings. **Nation & World, Page 27**

ago's streets.

"I don't have anything to lose — not a paycheck, not an endorsement or a fancy beach house," said Caitlyn

Smith, a 12-year-old Chicago Heights girl who was chosen by her peers to address a March for Our Lives Chicago crowd so large it spilled outside the park boundaries and blocked traffic nearby.

Smith described how she became determined to end Chicago violence after her older brother was shot in the head outside her family's former Englewood home seven years ago. The crowd erupted into cheers

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Thousands of people gather Saturday in Union Park for the March for Our Lives Chicago rally against gun violence.

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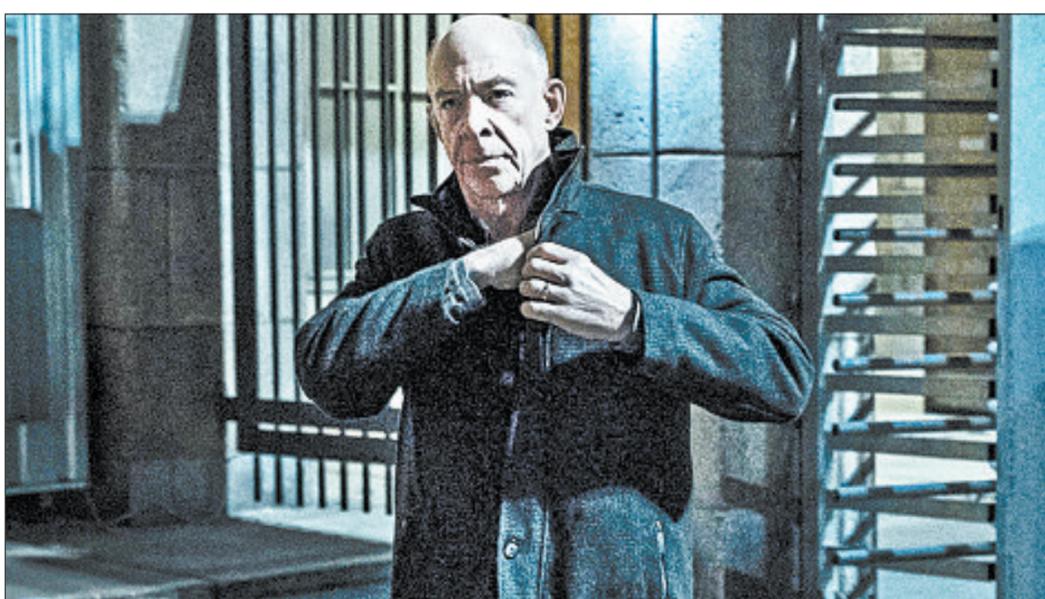
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In "Counterpart," J.K. Simmons plays both a low-level bureaucrat and his super-spy doppelganger from a parallel world.



JOHN KASS

J.K. Simmons in TV's best show, 'Counterpart'

The truth about most television shows (and most Hollywood films) is that they're basically crap, thrown together by nimble crap-slingers who treat their viewers like morons.

In this, most TV dramas are rather like those franchise burger places where you get the same garbage in Des Moines that you get in Seattle.

Franchise burger restaurants offer comfortable crap — familiarity, not quality, is built into the business model — but crap nevertheless, like a "respected" TV news program promoting an interview with a porn star who insists she's not faking it this time.

But every once in a while comes a TV series that isn't comfortable, and isn't predictable, one that fixes you like a pin to a board so you can't move.

"Counterpart," on Starz, is my guilty pleasure, the best show on TV, but I really don't have anything to be guilty about.

Don't worry, I won't spoil it — you'll have a week to binge-watch and catch up before the first season's finale next Sunday — but at least let us talk in general terms.

It stars the amazing actor J.K. Simmons and involves espionage, spies and betrayal in parallel worlds, each with its own J.K. Simmons — one a tired nebbish, a low-level intelligence bureaucrat named Howard Silk, the other his murderous super-spy doppelganger.

Two J.K. Simmons, one gentle and trusting, one cynical. Throw in guns, an assassin/violinist and a careful of killer Bulgarians? What else do you need?

"You mean J.K. Simmons, from 'Whiplash,' the Farmers Insurance guy?" asked an editor who would rather sip a Manhattan and read than admit to watching something as banal as a TV series.

Yeah, that J.K. Simmons, I said. He's great.

"It sounds like you have a middle-aged man crush on J.K. Simmons," he said.

No, I don't think so, or at least I hope I don't have a J.K. Simmons man

crush. But I do admire the man's superb acting skills.

Simmons could play anything, except perhaps an 18th-century French noble.

And he'd be perfect as a reform alderman set up by City Hall who ends up in the federal pen and plots his revenge from Yankton, South Dakota, but I haven't written that series yet.

He'd also be good as a sly, bald-headed Chicago dentist and black-mailer running a high-end jewelry theft ring, but I haven't gotten around to writing that one yet either.

When "Counterpart" begins, we see Simmons' character as a tired functionary of a vast bureaucracy, a man about to awake to an amazing secret, a man who realizes his world will never be the same.

Because there are two of them: two worlds. With a Howard in each.

Nebbish Howard: "I have come to this building every day and done my job. Three decades I've given to this office. But honestly, sometimes it scares me. I don't know what we do here."

Supervisor: "Someone just walked in from the other side."

Nebbish Howard: "The other side?"

Howard Prime says hello to Nebbish Howard.

Supervisor: "Don't panic."

Really? I'd panic, dammit, if some evil, skillful yet ruthlessly insensitive John Kass confronted me in a dark tunnel. I'd panic like crazy.

So "Counterpart" is part spy story, part science fiction with a multiverse component. The parallel worlds bit is delicious, and a particularly good job of it was done a few years ago in the 2011 independent film "Another Earth."

I'd been flipping channels and found that movie by accident. And when "Another Earth" was over, I realized I'd watched the whole thing while standing in my bare feet and hadn't moved from the spot.

The best spy fiction doesn't involve high-tech spy gadgets and super-models. And the best sci-fi doesn't

require CGI. Instead, it asks questions like:

What if you could meet yourself, another identical you from another world almost exactly like yours?

You've shared the same childhoods, but have led different lives and faced different circumstances, and the choices that each of you have made have created two different people.

But the two people are the same, the Alpha You and the You Prime.

You may pity yourself. You may hate yourself, or admire the strength you could have had, or bemoan the loss of sensitivity that the other, selfish you had scrubbed away.

You may want to run loose in your other's world, get in your other's skin, live his life, get to know his wife, who is exactly like your wife, your one true love.

So "Counterpart" is not a show for morons. It doesn't involve cuffs to the head and DNA that always matches and boyish wisecracks as the crime is finally solved.

And it doesn't set out to make you cry and then warn you when the crying is to begin so you can run to get another box of Kleenex or bowl of ice cream.

Howard Prime would give you a withering smirk if you squirted a few tears. He might slap you and then laugh his mirthless J.K. Simmons laugh.

So you have to think a bit while watching it.

It is set in Germany in a giant Deep State bureaucracy.

Actually, two Deep State bureaucracies that hate each other, with each determined to keep an astounding secret from their people:

That some 30 years ago, there was one world; and then, somehow, there were two.

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Murder suspect Donnie Rudd at the Cook County Courthouse in Rolling Meadows for a status hearing in 2016.

Special explores 1973 murder suspect

A former Chicago-area attorney charged with his wife's slaying more than four decades after her death is the subject of an Investigation Discovery special scheduled to air at 7 p.m. Sunday.

"Dateline NBC" correspondent **Keith Morrison** said he and his team spent "quite a while" investigating **Donnie Rudd**, who rose to prominence in the northwest suburbs as an attorney for condominium associations, a cable TV show host and a Schaumburg schools chief.

The two-hour special comes three months before Rudd is scheduled to stand trial in the death of 19-year-old **Noreen Kumeta Rudd**, his wife of less than a month.

"The guy is interesting. Enigmatic, to say the least," Morrison told the Tribune by phone about Rudd.

Kumeta Rudd was believed to have died in a single-car crash in Barrington Township in 1973, weeks after she married Rudd.

Investigators exhumed her body from Dundee Township East Cemetery in 2013, and pathologists determined she suffered several blows to the head in a homicide. Cook County prosecutors say Rudd



COURTESY OF CINDY MULLIGAN

Donnie Rudd and Noreen Kumeta Rudd at their wedding in 1973.

staged the crash and collected \$120,000 in insurance benefits.

Rudd, now 76 years old, was arrested at his Texas home in December 2015 and charged with first-degree murder. His attorney did not return a Tribune request for comment.

Investigators re-examined Kumeta Rudd's death after Rudd was determined to be a suspect in the 1991 unsolved shooting death of an Arlington Heights interior designer, **Lauretta Tabak-Bodtke**, who was Rudd's legal client, had reportedly threatened to file a

complaint against him with state authorities. Neighbors said they saw Rudd's car outside Tabak-Bodtke's home on the day she was killed. He has not been charged in that case.

Rudd moved to Texas in the 1990s for a fresh start. He took his name off the list of attorneys licensed to practice in Illinois amid an investigation by the state body that regulates lawyers.

Morrison said Rudd, who remains free on \$4 million bond, declined to talk to him for the special. Morrison did land interviews with **Ronnie Rudd**, Donnie's twin brother; **Terisa Davis**, Donnie Rudd's daughter; and **Lori, Cindy and Glory Hart**, Donnie Rudd's stepdaughters, among others. Lori and Cindy Hart wrote a 2016 memoir — "Living with the Devil" — about Rudd.

His murder trial is scheduled to begin June 25 in Rolling Meadows branch court. A status hearing is set for April 18. Morrison said his team will follow the proceedings.

"This is a character you cannot help but want to figure out," Morrison said.

— Tracy Swartz

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Bud Light 'king' bestows free beers to Loyola fans

Bud Light's "king" toasted Loyola on Thursday after the Ramblers dispatched Nevada from the NCAA tournament and left the Wolf Pack in a pit of misery.



Hoogenakker

Trumpeters ushered in the royal pitchman, played by Chicago actor and DePaul alum John Hoogenakker, as he graced Bar 63 in Edgewater on Thursday, as first reported by the Loyola Phoenix student

newspaper and The Kansas City Star. After a short speech, he bestowed some free beer on the loyal subjects of Loyola.

"Attention! Lend me your ears," he said into a microphone, not that a medieval monarch would know what one of those are. "The greatness of the Ramblers of Loyola can no longer be denied! Many thought they'd be gone by now. Loyalty is practically

the name of your school."

The crowd roared and one patron shouted, "Dilly dilly," the king's signature catchphrase in Bud Light commercials.

Hoogenakker, who stars in Amazon's upcoming "Jack Ryan" and NBC's "Chicago Fire," also donned the crown for a special shoutout to the Ramblers on the beer company's Twitter account.

"Congratulations, fans of Loyola University," he says in the video. "And since all

12 of my royal advisers agree that I had much to do with your noble victory, congratulations to me as well. Ah, thank you, I am flattered. Let's celebrate your noble victory as I celebrate all of mine — with a bottle of Bud Light that I imagine to be filled with the tears of my fallen opponents. So without further ado, to Loyola University of Chicago and to not having whatever finish lines are. Dilly dilly!"

— Phil Thompson

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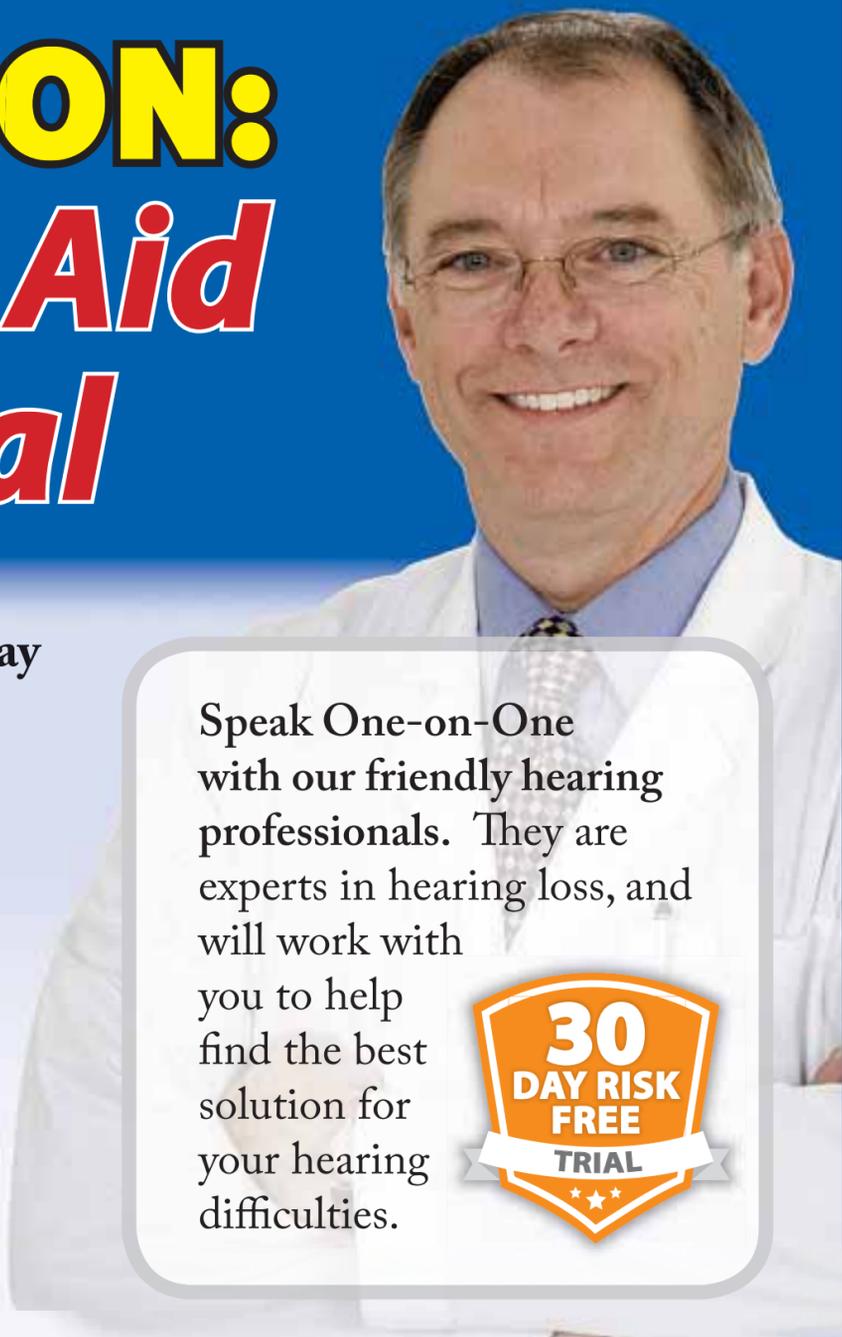
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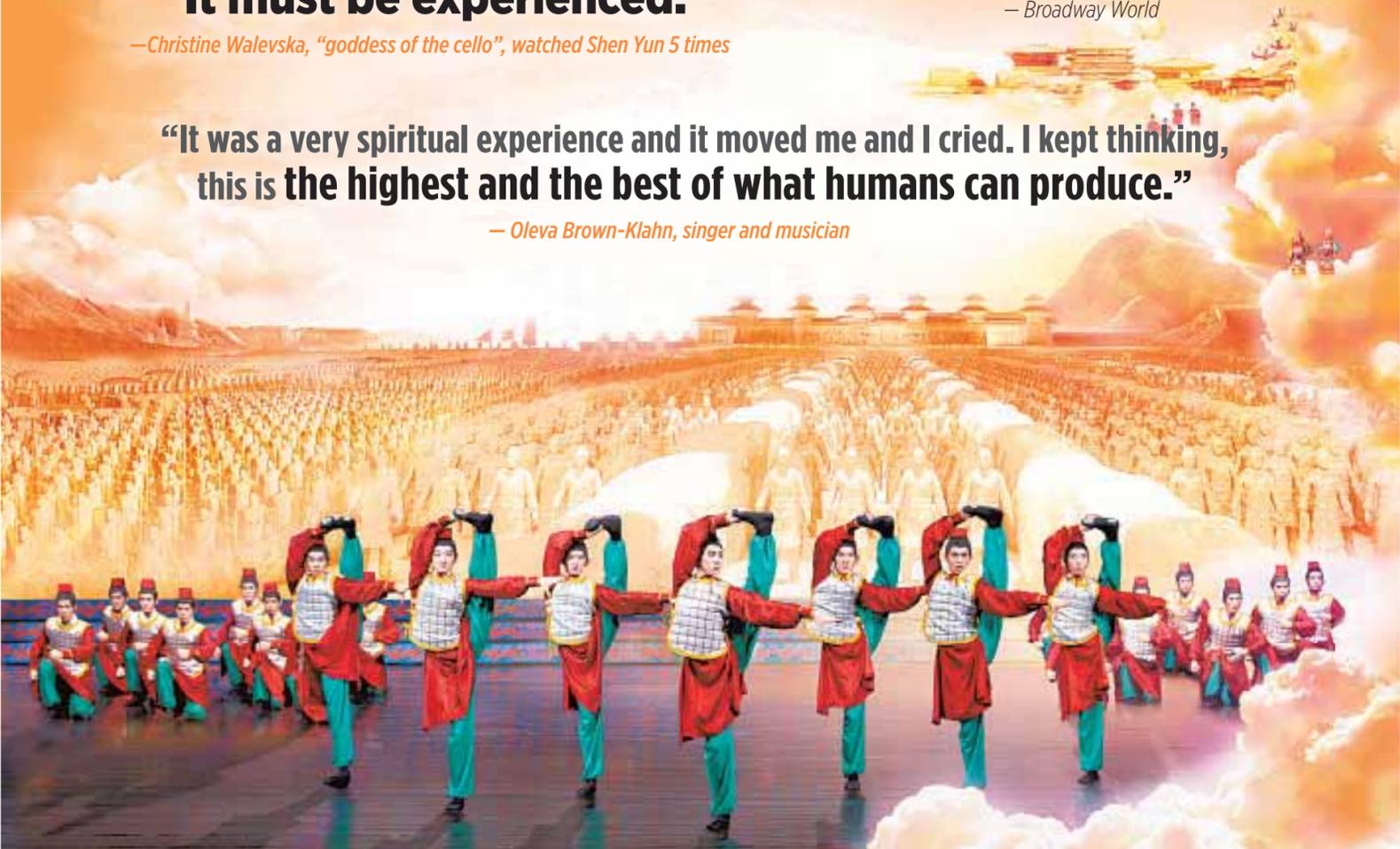
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"The people are the church," said the Rev. Keith Edwards, pastor of Hermon Baptist Church. "This is just a building." Hermon's congregation recently left its longtime home in Lincoln Park after the building was sold.

Historic black church bids adieu to North Side



MARY SCHMICH

For years I walked past Hermon Baptist Church on North Clark Street and wondered how it managed to hang on.

In the past two decades, as Lincoln Park grew whiter and wealthier, as limestone mansions rose on land once occupied by weathered frame houses and brick bungalows, other African-American churches had vanished without a trace.

There was a church on Willow Street, razed to make way for a massive residential building.

A church on Armitage Avenue was replaced by a giant Walgreens.

I can't pinpoint exactly where the old storefront church on North Clybourn Avenue was, but I do know that it disappeared as the previously run-down street evolved into a shopping extravaganza.

And yet on Sundays, the faithful still flocked to Hermon, a brick building that seemed smaller than it really was because of the condos that towered around it.

The older women wore fine hats. The men wore good suits, some with a neat kerchief poked into a breast pocket. They were a contrast to the young people in workout clothes who bustled in and out of the Equinox Fitness Club next door.

This month, that ritual ended. On a recent Sunday, Hermon Baptist, known as the oldest African-American church on the North Side, held its final Communion and its last baptism then posted a message on the marquee out front:

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"The people are the church," the Rev. Keith Edwards said a few days later, looking around the empty sanctuary, an old room with high ceilings, simple stained-glass windows and red-covered wooden pews. "This is just a building."

But Edwards knows that some buildings are more than just buildings, they're repositories of history, and Hermon is one.

As the story goes, the church was founded in the late 1800s by 13 African-Americans who did domestic work on the wealthy Gold Coast. On Sundays they would walk for miles to attend church at Olivet Baptist or Greater Bethesda on the South Side. It was often a two-day trip.

With the founding of Hermon, they could pray closer to their jobs.

The original 13 were singers, and a century later, the church's choir still made good music on Sunday, good enough, Edwards said, that tourists from places like France, Italy and Germany sometimes exited their buses and climbed to the balcony to listen.

But by the time he arrived as music director in 2001, six years before he became pastor, the neighborhood was changing.

The nearby Cabrini-Green housing project was being demolished. Many black people had moved away. The congregation's members had roots in the neigh-



The sanctuary at Hermon. The church was founded in the late 1800s by 13 African-Americans who did domestic work in the Gold Coast.



A model for the new Giordano Dance Chicago studio, which will rise in Hermon's place. A piece of the church and its past will remain visible.

borhood but now drove in from far-flung places.

When parking meters were installed out front, churchgoers had to leave in the middle of Sunday service or weekday choir rehearsal to feed the meters — if they couldn't find one. The parking spots were often filled by people who came to play at the nearby lakefront, park or zoo.

"In order to be a member of Hermon Baptist Church, you had to want to come," Edwards said. "The die-hards would come. If they couldn't park one Sunday, they would come back the next." Parking wasn't the only problem. The church had grown isolated — that's Edwards' word — from the world around it and from the kind of community it would naturally serve.

"The younger people weren't coming in and the older members were passing on," he said. "With the decline of the membership comes the decline of the finances."

Six years ago, the church went on the market for \$8 million, but the sale was stymied by zoning and by neighbors' resistance to building tall on the site. A developer's proposal for a 12-story condo tower was blocked. The notion of turning it into a single-family home never panned out. The price dropped several times.

Finally, though, the building sold, to Giordano Dance Chicago for \$3.25 million. And this is where the departure of Hermon Baptist Church differs from the departure of other African-American churches in the neighborhood.

"It's serendipity that led us to that space," said Michael McStaw, the dance company's executive director.

Giordano is a 55-year-old modern dance company, once based in Evanston, that spent five years looking for a space for a new dance center. McStaw applies the word "spiritual" to dance, and so the church, bought with mon-

ey from an anonymous donor, felt like a good fit.

The proposed design, by the Chicago firm bKL Architecture, will incorporate the church's brick facade into a new glass-and-metal building, which means that in a neighborhood where history is brazenly bulldozed almost daily, a piece of Hermon and its past will remain visible.

"We intend to continually reflect on this space and what came before," McStaw said.

On the day I visited Edwards, a mock-up of the new design was sitting in the old sanctuary, next to the baptism pool. Where a cross had once hung above the altar, there were now photos of dancers.

"The instruments were over there," Edwards said pointing to an empty corner. "Organ, piano, choir stand, drums."

It was a room, he said, full of "great times and a lot of love."

When Hermon went on the market six years ago, Edwards imagined building a new church in the South or West Loop, but development in those neighborhoods has boomed and land is scarce, he said. He'd considered the South Side, too, but the coming of the Obama Presidential Center has made finding land there harder.

Now he's imagining a new Hermon in East Garfield Park, where he sees land and a need.

But for the time being, the church will hold services in a rented space in Bronzeville, setting up the instruments and packing them away between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sundays.

"It's like being in the wilderness right now," he said, then repeated words he says like a prayer: "This is just a building, the people are the church."

And if he's invited, he said, maybe he'll come back to the building one day to witness a dance.

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AG candidates offer contrasts in views, skills

Raoul, Harold also confront doubts over their independence

BY BILL LUKITSCH
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As Democratic state Sen. Kwame Raoul and Republican attorney Erika Harold square off in the first wide-open contest for the Illinois attorney general's office in more than a decade, they offer voters a number of contrasts.

On one side is Raoul, who has served in the Illinois Senate since 2004, when he was appointed to the seat once held by President Barack Obama. He sponsored legislation abolishing the death penalty, voted in favor of same-sex marriage and backed expanding taxpayer funding of abortion. He's defended the job done by Attorney General Lisa Madigan, who sent waves through Illinois politics when she announced last year that she wouldn't run for reelection.

On the other is Harold, a conservative who has never held elected office and calls herself a "political outsider." She is opposed to abortion and same-sex marriage but has vowed to uphold all of the state's laws. Harold has accused Madigan of failing to take an interest in public corruption during her tenure, noting that her father is Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan. And she's backed by his chief political nemesis, Gov. Bruce Rauner.

Both candidates are coming off heated primary campaigns for a plum statewide office that has been largely out of reach for up-and-coming politicians of either party during Lisa Madigan's tenure. Her decision not to run again gives Raoul a chance to ascend from the state Senate and the GOP its best shot at the post in a long time.

And despite their differences, they share something in common: Both have faced questions about their ability to be independent as the state's chief legal officer.

Raoul narrowly won the Democratic nomination after facing criticism for accepting campaign donations from special interest groups with which the office has often been at odds. Harold's backing from Rauner and the state party he controls spawned questions about her ability to serve as an independent watchdog.

Raoul has since taken up that line of attack, saying it's not "the role of the attorney general's office to be loyal to a particular administration."

"I think in fact the attorney general's office has to maintain some level of independence notwithstanding the fact that it's representing the state," Raoul said. "It's not supposed to be somebody that just takes orders from the governor."

Harold disputes the suggestion she would be beholden to Rauner, noting that she split with him over his decision to sign a bill expanding abortion access. Even so, she says she will uphold that law and others she may personally disagree with.

"The job of the attorney general is to enforce the law," Harold said. "It's not to impose your own agenda. It is to make sure that the laws are enforced uniformly and fairly."

Rauner's campaign gave Harold \$305,000, and the governor has said he "personally recruited" her in part to "prosecute corruption against the Madigan clan and their network."

Harold first became well-known as the 2003 winner of the Miss America pageant. She says her "priorities are not partisan in nature" and will resonate with voters regardless of political affiliation.

Still, Harold mirrors Rauner in promising to fight corruption within state government. She said she wants the legislature to provide additional powers for the attorney general, including the ability to convene a grand

jury and issue subpoenas.

"I think the priority of public corruption will be an issue where we may differ, and I think it's important to emphasize fighting public corruption because both parties should be held accountable," Harold said of Raoul.

Harold works for a Champaign-based firm where she specializes in business law. She first sought public office in 2014, losing a Republican primary for Congress to U.S. Rep. Rodney Davis of Taylorville. She ran on a conservative social platform and since has been accused by her unsuccessful primary opponent of softening her position on conservative ideas to comport with the governor's socially centrist agenda.

Harold's stance against same-sex marriage served as a flashpoint in her primary bid. According to the book "Being Miss America: Behind the Rhinestone Curtain" by former Miss America Kate Shindle, Harold's "ultra-conservative views" had kept her from winning the Miss Illinois pageant for several years.

Shindle writes that Harold was asked in a pageant interview about adoption by same-sex couples. "Harold reportedly stated that she would choose to place a child in an abusive heterosexual home rather than with a loving gay couple," the book says. Harold said she did not remember that exchange, saying she supports same-sex adoption and foster parenting, and "if I said what they alleged, it's absolutely wrong."

Raoul, though, sought to seize on the issue as soon as he won the Democratic primary, addressing it in his victory speech Tuesday night.

"I've taken children out of homes where they've been exposed to child abuse, and in no way would I ever put them back in another such home," Raoul said

of his time with the Cook County state's attorney's office. "And anybody who would do so is not qualified to be the chief law enforcement officer of the state of Illinois."

Raoul says his legislative and legal experience make him a superior fit for the office. He says he'll work across political divides and continue his focus on criminal justice reform.

It's a topic Raoul has long advocated for in the General Assembly, and he's worked with Rauner's administration to put in place bills that aim to keep more juvenile offenders out of the criminal justice system.

"The way I think I differ is I think I can speak to things in a little more detail. I did hear her say criminal justice reform at one point without really saying much more. I've actually rolled up my sleeves and worked on criminal justice reform over the last 13 years," Raoul said.

He began the year with more than \$1 million in his campaign account, buoyed by support from trade unions, fellow Democratic lawmakers and contributions from utility and tobacco companies. But it's those donations that have opened Raoul up to criticism. Primary opponent and former Gov. Pat Quinn said Raoul has "to defend the fact that we don't want an attorney general who is on the campaign payroll of all these powerful interests aligned against the consumers."

Raoul has defended the contributions, saying he is "not for sale" or "defined by a campaign contribution."

When it comes to corruption, Raoul said government transparency is "the best deterrent." He said the attorney general's office is "overburdened and underfunded" and cannot properly enforce public records laws.

He said Lisa Madigan has "done an awesome job" and "she ought to be judged for who she is and the job that she has done."

"She's been a champion for consumer protection, she's been a champion for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, ... and I'm gonna expand upon her work," Raoul said.

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Harold



Raoul

Elgin police had Taser, rubber bullets ready before shooting

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Extended footage of the shooting of Decynthia Clements by Elgin police shows them planning to use nonlethal arrest methods — until she moves toward them from her burning car with a knife and an officer opens fire, apparently striking her in the head.

Other footage — including some captured by the body camera of Lt. Christian Jensen, the officer who shot Clements — shows the moments after the standoff's fatal conclusion. Jensen says that what transpired "sucks," but that he had little choice, adding, "I am fully comfortable with what happened."

Clements, 34, was killed following a standoff on Interstate 90 after refusing for more than an hour to leave her car, and appears at times hostile or incoherent. At least seven officers and a K-9 unit were on the scene and had closed off the tollway, fearing she would drive off and put herself and others at risk. Instead, she apparently set fire to the car, and smoke was seeping from it when she emerged and was shot within seconds.

Another officer later says he also used a Taser on Clements as she was emerging from the flaming SUV.

Lawyers for Clements' family have complained that a 20-minute summary video of the shooting — pulled together from body and dashboard cameras of various officers — was edited to show police in the most favorable light. The attorneys have asked for accountability and say the video shows the situation did not have to escalate to the use of deadly force.

The city, saying it wants to be transparent, also released more than 30 additional hours of unedited video, which reveal officers had a Taser and rubber bullets at the ready. But urgency was heightened as the car filled up with smoke.

At that point, Jensen, as the self-described "boss" on the scene, called out: "Stand by, stand by, stand by! Hand me the 40 here (a reference to rubber bullets). No, no, no, no, no, Cynthia, step out of the car! All right, boys, this is gonna be rough. Have the Taser ready. ... We're going to have to get her out, boys?"

The chain of events leading to the shooting, which Illinois State Police are investigating, began when police approached Clements in her car after seeing her parked at the end of a dead-end street in the middle of the night. Clements took off, drove through a stop sign and got on the tollway. She stopped on the shoulder by the center wall, and officers ordered her to get out of the car. She said she would after finishing a cigarette, but then refused to cooperate.

Officers suspected she was under the influence of drugs, possibly cocaine, and was suicidal. At some point they see she has a steak knife and what appears to be a small screwdriver. Radio transmissions obtained by the Elgin Courier-News reveal that during the standoff, police accessed a report indicating Clements had told a therapist she was having hallucinations and suicidal thoughts.

Jensen says in the footage that Clements gave officers "the finger" and refused to cooperate, "so this is gonna get messy."

The videos show officers initially acting deliberately to get Clements out of the car safely. They blocked her SUV with two squad cars. They discussed how to get her out, saying that if she came at them with the knife, "we'll just try to get her down" and "we're not going to end it for her."

Jensen tells several officers gathered at the scene: "If she does exit out of the vehicle, I'm sure you guys have gone over this, we'll try to order her ... to get on the ground. If she does end up brandishing the knife, running it at us, we'll go with the (rubber bullets). OK, and if it ends up being closer, if she's coming towards us, we're going to try ... the Taser then. Then we'll take other options, but we'll hopefully be able to get her out and walk back towards us and prone her

out on the ground. I don't know how well her direction-following skills are going to be right now, though."

As the fire in the SUV began to intensify, with smoke filling the vehicle, Jensen got out of his car and walked around to the other officers behind the SUV.

In the footage he takes a shield from another officer and takes out a handgun. After the driver's car door opens, Clements can be heard grunting. The exchanges are only partly au-

dible, but Jensen apparently says, "Cynthia, show me your hands!" Someone else yells, "Hey, put the knife down!"

Clements had a knife in one hand and possibly the screwdriver or another small knife in the other as she staggers a couple of steps toward the officers. Three gunshots are heard in rapid succession, and Clements immediately falls to the pavement. For a moment, no one speaks. Jensen breaks the silence, saying,

"OK, we need an ambulance here now, guys."

Then Jensen is heard saying, "We have a subject shot, we're going to need an ambulance, she is unconscious, not breathing."

Police appear to drag Clements' motionless body along the ground by her arms to get her away from her SUV, which was engulfed in flames. One officer said "Jesus" as he stood near the body as it lay on the concrete median shoulder. Jensen calls another offi-

cer over and tells him, "OK, I shot. After this is done, we're going to have to talk here."

A state trooper approaches, and Jensen tells her, "Yeah, I shot her. ... She had a couple knives in her hands, approached us with the knives, yelling and screaming." Jensen said he fired two to three times in a downward direction.

Asked by another officer how he was doing, Jensen responded, "Oh, I'm good. I mean I don't know what

else we were going to do there. ... I'm not happy, it absolutely sucks, but ... I was stuck, you know, she's burning in the car. Now we gotta move. ... At the end of the day ... unfortunately ... it just is what it is."

Firefighters and paramedics then arrived to put out the fire and take Clements to a hospital.

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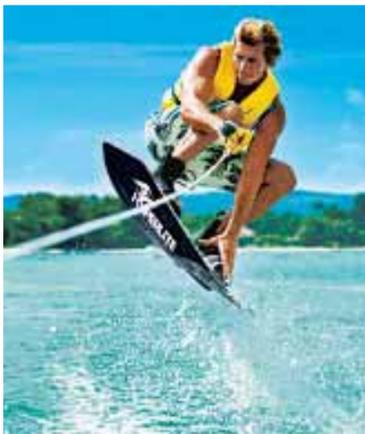
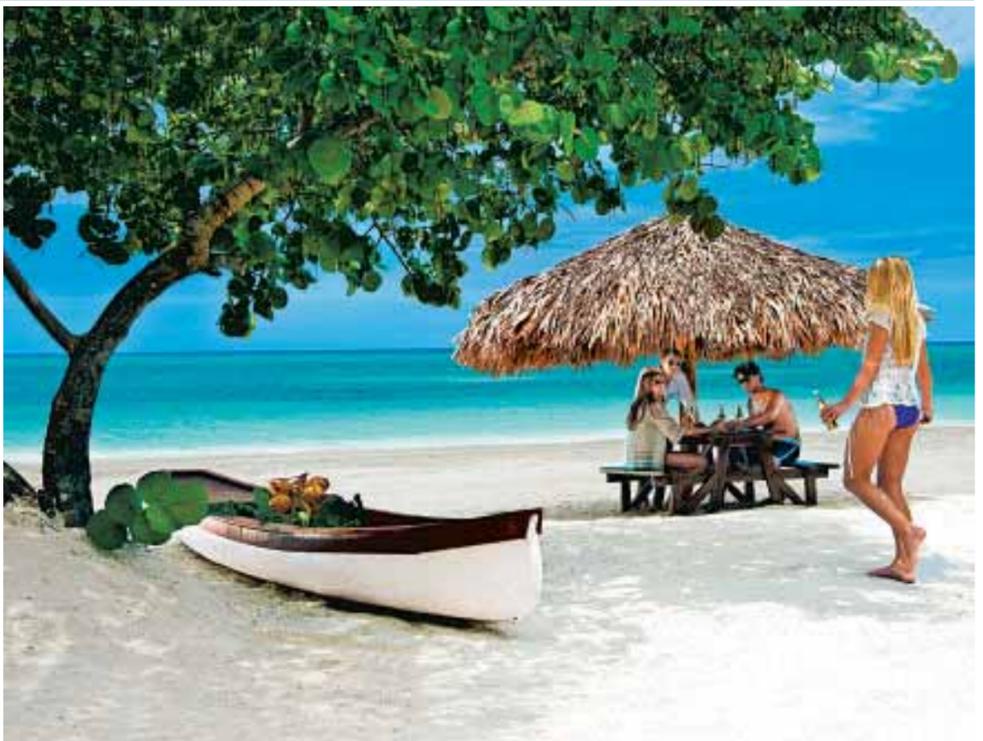
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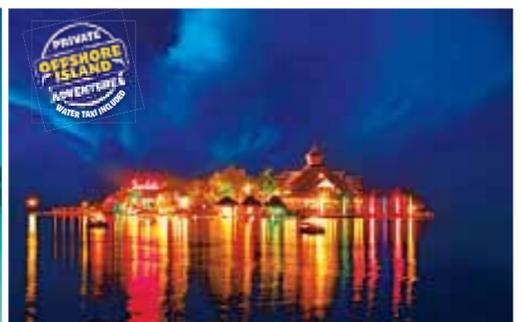
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1893 fair artifacts found under site of Obama center



BLAIR KAMIN
Cityscapes

Archaeologists turned up remnants of the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893, the fabled White City that drew millions of visitors to Chicago's Jackson Park, as they scoured the site of the Obama Presidential Center and nearby parkland as part of the federal review of plans for the proposed complex.

Among the artifacts are pieces of fair buildings — including red fragments that could be from one of the fair's most notable structures, the multicolored Transportation Building by architect Louis Sullivan — and shards of cups and saucers that bear the mark of Chase and Sanborn, the fair's official coffee supplier.

The archaeologists also discovered animal bones, most of which they identified as waste associated with food eaten at the fair. But they dangled the possibility that some of the bones might belong to camels and reindeer that were part of the exotic attractions that lined the fair's Midway. The creatures are said to have died during the event.

While the findings may excite history buffs and readers of “The Devil in the White City,” Erik Larson's best-selling account of the fair, state officials who oversaw the archaeological survey say the artifacts don't provide significant new knowledge about Jackson Park and therefore don't merit listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The granting of such status could have slowed approval and construction of the Obama center, which is simultaneously being reviewed by city and federal authorities.

“People may be inter-

ested in those bits and pieces, but just because they're these historical curiosities doesn't make them eligible for the National Register,” said Brad Koldehoff, chief archaeologist for the Illinois Department of Transportation.

If state historic preservation officials concur with the report's recommendations, it will eliminate one regulatory hurdle for the Obama Foundation, the nonprofit charged with building the privately funded, \$500 million center. The findings will be presented Thursday during a public meeting at the University of Chicago. At the meeting, officials also will discuss a new inventory of historic properties that the center will affect — a more contentious subject than the archaeological report, given that opponents of the center have charged it will desecrate the park's Frederick Law Olmsted-designed landscape, which is already on the National Register.

IDOT undertook the archaeological study on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration, the lead federal agency in the Obama center's construction. Federal environmental and historic preservation laws mandate that U.S. agencies examine the impact of proposed plans on historic buildings and sites. Chicago officials have pegged the cost of taxpayer-funded roadwork and underpass construction needed to support the center at \$175 million. The Tribune reviewed a draft a copy of the 237-page report, which was posted online in advance of the meeting.

Later last year, researchers for the Illinois State Archaeological Survey (ISAS) dug into seven sites in 543-acre Jackson Park and the eastern end of the Midway Plaisance, which was then the projected site of the center's parking garage. Their goal was to determine if significant materials rested beneath the surface. In January,



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Artifacts found in Jackson Park may include pieces of Louis Sullivan's Transportation Building from the 1893 World's Fair.

after the fieldwork was completed, the Obama Foundation shifted the planned garage to an underground site within the borders of the center's 19-acre site, which is southwest of the Museum of Science and Industry.

To the researchers' disappointment, according to people involved with the survey, they found nothing resembling the buried Roman city of Pompeii — no building foundations, no statuary, no intact columns from the exposition's grand ensemble of monumental yet temporary buildings.

“It's sort of like you're communing with something.”

— Rebecca Graff, anthropologist, on viewing the artifacts

But the researchers did turn up 9,841 artifacts, among them nails, spoons, buttons, bottles and a fan-shaped brass Japanese necklace that probably was made in the 1940s and lost by an anonymous parkgoer.

Many of the artifacts lay below the Obama center's parcel, according to the archaeological report, co-written by ISAS' Clare Tolmie and Paula Porubcan Branstner. On one of the sites, located on the center's south end, the archaeologists found a lode of building fragments made of “staff,” a mixture of plaster and other materials that covered the exposition's structures and was painted white to simulate stone.

Most of the staff pieces are white, but the finds

include eight pieces of red-colored staff and a fragment of amber-colored stained glass that are probably remnants of Sullivan's Transportation Building, the report says. The reddish building and its monumental golden entryway, which offered a deliberate contrast to the fair's white neoclassical buildings, stood near what is now the Obama center site.

Tim Samuelson, Chicago's official cultural historian and an expert on Sullivan's architecture, said the materials could help determine the exact colors

erator that was capable of destroying 100 tons of garbage a day.

In Jackson Park's southeast corner, once home to that incinerator, the archaeologists found myriad animal bones — most of them burned and thought to be remnants of food people ate during the fair. The report also speculates on “the remote possibility that the remains of two camels and five reindeer that died during the World's Fair ... are included” among the bones.

Peter Strazabosco, a spokesman for the city's Department of Planning and Development, said the archaeologists had not identified any camel or reindeer bones, but were referring to published accounts about the deaths of exotic animals that were among the exposition's attractions. At the fair's Midway, home of the first Ferris wheel and built on what is now the Midway Plaisance, the Streets of Cairo concession offered camel rides (as well as the gyrations of the belly dancer Little Egypt) while the Lapland Village, one of several ethnographic attractions, displayed reindeer.

Also in Jackson Park's southeast corner, the archaeologists found graphite rods from lamps used to illuminate the fairgrounds and its buildings, as well as fragments of cups and saucers that bear the mark of Chase and Sanborn's “Seal Brand” Coffee. Although they are broken bits, the ceramic pieces strike an emotional chord,

said Rebecca Graff, an assistant anthropology professor at Lake Forest College who did Jackson Park archaeological digs for her dissertation.

“The scale (of the fair) changes,” said Graff, who recently saw the artifacts firsthand at an ISAS facility in Elgin. “It becomes something very human-scaled, that you can interact with in a different way. It's sort of like you're communing with something.”

Noting that former President Barack Obama's mother, Ann Dunham, was an anthropologist, Graff urged that the Obama center present an exhibit of the artifacts in its museum tower, in order to make a connection between the World's Fair of 1893 and the center. “It's an obvious connection and an important one,” she said. “Like the fair, (the center) will bring people from all over the world to this site.”

The Obama Foundation, which had been expected to seek approval from the Chicago Plan Commission in April, but now is likely to do so in May, wants to break ground on the center late this year and open the facility in 2021. The heart of the center would consist of the museum tower, a forum building containing an auditorium and a third structure that could be home to a Chicago Public Library branch.

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‘Chicago Fire’ actress DuShon Monique Brown dies at 49

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Assistant to Chief Boden on the long-running NBC hit “Chicago Fire,” the non-sense Connie, played by DuShon Monique Brown, always keeps everyone in check. On Friday, Brown died a little after noon at Franciscan St. James Health Olympia Fields, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office. She was 49.

The cause of death was not disclosed Friday.

“The ‘Chicago Fire’ family is devastated to lose one of its own,” said executive producer Dick Wolf. “Our thoughts and prayers are with DuShon's family and we will all miss her.”



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DuShon Monique Brown once worked at Kenwood Academy High School.

The news was also confirmed in an email sent to parents by Gregory Jones, principal of Kenwood Academy High School, where Brown once worked as a counselor. She also was the school's crisis counselor and led the Drama Starz Program.

On the NBC series, Brown's character was a stern-faced delight and a steadying influence on a group of co-workers prone to getting into one mess or another. On Thursday's two-hour episode, she memorably and wordlessly picked up a non-work-related fax for the firehouse gang and simply gave them a long, withering look before handing over the piece of paper. Brown could do a lot with a look, and the show's writers and producers made the most of that talent.

Cast and crew often talk about the sense of family among those who work on “Chicago Fire,” and in 2016 Brown, a Chicago native, told the Huffington Post that “people are always ask-

ing me about my kid and how my day is going and they are all so very sweet and kind.”

Noting her master's degree in counseling and background in social work, reporter Andrew Cristi jokingly asked how she'd feel about a spinoff called “Chicago Ed” or “Chicago Shelter,” to which she replied: “I'm there! If they pull that show out, I will be an actor and a consultant! Trust me.”

The website FanSided has a vertical for the Wolf NBC shows set in Chicago and earlier this year featured an appreciation of Brown, who “imbues Connie with not only that ‘don't mess with me’ kind of authority, but a real personality. The character

wouldn't work if she was just a snarky assistant telling everyone what to do ... She loves what she does and she loves the people that she does it with.”

Last year, Brown told the website Hidden Remote that when she was first cast in the role of Connie on the NBC series, “my character didn't even have a name. She was a noun. She was Secretary and it was a one-liner. What was exciting was (I) was auditioning for a Chicago show, but it was also the possibility that she could maybe develop into something.”

A longtime Chicago stage actor, Brown performed at the Goodman, Victory Gardens, Lookingglass, Drury Lane, MPAACT and Pega-

sus Players. Her previous TV work includes the recurring role of infirmity nurse Katie Welch for 13 episodes on “Prison Break” (2005-07) as well as one-time guest spots on “Empire” and “Shameless.”

Chicago theater actress Carla Stillwell remembers meeting Brown in the 1990s shortly after college, when the two became good friends. “She was a brilliant actor,” Stillwell said, “but she was also so goofy. We used to get in so much trouble from the stage managers we worked with because we were cutting up so much.”

“She was just a ham. And she was truly loved.”

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Pastor denies misconduct claims

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her claim about the affair was not true, the Tribune found.

Elders of the church — appointed members who oversee Willow Creek's administration and pastor — had conducted the reviews after claims about Hybels came to their attention more than four years ago.

Pushing for the investigation were two former teaching pastors and the wife of a longtime president of the Willow Creek Association, a nonprofit organization related to the church. Some of those pressing for more scrutiny say the church's prior investigation had shortcomings in their opinion and at least three leaders of the association's board resigned over what they believed was an insufficient inquiry.

A humanitarian aid agency also chose not to renew its sponsorship of the church's Global Leadership Summit over concerns about the association's process for reviewing complaints about senior leaders.

Hybels sat down with the Tribune for a lengthy interview last week and at times grew emotional as he flatly denied doing anything improper and dismissed the allegations against him as lies spun with the intent of discrediting his ministry.

The pastor said he has built his church with a culture of open conversation, strength and transparency, and said he could not understand why a group of former prominent members of his church — some of them onetime close friends — have "colluded" against him.

"This has been a calculated and continual attack on our elders and on me for four long years. It's time that gets identified," he told the Tribune. "I want to speak to all the people around the country that have been misled ... for the past four years and tell them in my voice, in as strong a voice as you'll allow me to tell it, that the charges against me are false. There still to this day is not evidence of misconduct on my part.

"I have a wife and kids and grandkids," he added, praising the elders for their work to look into the allegations. "My family has had enough and they want the record clear. And they feel strongly supportive of me saying what I have to say to protect my family and clear my family's name as well."

In the case of the alleged affair, the wife of the association's outgoing president said the woman confided in her, expressing regret and misgivings. She later denied the alleged affair when contacted by an elder investigating the matter, according to internal documents and interviews.

Hybels also denied the alleged affair during an initial inquiry in 2014. The elders said they believed him.

Elders have a vital oversight role at Willow Creek. Among their duties is to "carry the ultimate responsibility and authority to see that the church remains on a true biblical course," the church's website says. That includes an annual review of the senior pastor, and "confronting those who are contradicting biblical truth or continuing in a pattern of sinful behavior."

Last year, elders retained a Chicago law firm that specializes in workplace issues to look into allegations against Hybels involving three women. According to communications from the law firm reviewed by the Tribune, that investigation was also to include any other evidence "of sex-related sin, whether conducted or condoned by Bill Hybels," and be limited to his time as a church minister.

So far this year, two women have told the Tribune that they had been contacted by an elder to participate in a review. One of those women, Vonda Dyer, declined to participate, citing concerns about the process. Dyer, a former director of the church's vocal ministry who often traveled with Hybels and whose husband also worked at Willow, told the Tribune that Hybels called her to his

hotel suite on a trip to Sweden in 1998, unexpectedly kissed her and suggested they could lead Willow Creek together.

She said she hoped Hybels would acknowledge his alleged behavior was wrong and look to God for forgiveness.

"I would love for him to experience that kind of redemption," she said.

Asked about Dyer's allegations, Hybels told the Tribune that they are false and that he never did anything inappropriate with her. He had invited her to a conference area of his hotel suite, he said, to discuss adding a song to church programming. He said he was unsure why Dyer would now make the claim.

"I've never had an unkind word or a falling-out of any kind" with Dyer, Hybels said. "I've never had a cross conversation with her. Then, in the last four weeks, a story from (1998) with untrue allegations, pops up right at the same time that these other ones are being molded together to discredit my ministry. And I'm like, how convenient."

The church's highest-ranking elder, Pam Orr, said she is confident that the church's inquiries were thorough and reliable.

"We felt really good about the conclusions that we came to, and then put the matter to rest," Orr told the Tribune in an interview. She said the board hired a "very qualified" outside lawyer to conduct an investigation and that he came back with the same conclusion.

Orr said the church was not presented with any clear evidence that Hybels had behaved inappropriately.

The board of the Willow Creek Association, a nonprofit founded by Hybels that trains Christian leaders around the globe, also considered investigating the allegations that Hybels had behaved inappropriately but ultimately dropped the matter, internal documents show.

Three association board members resigned, after arguing to the board at the time that they believed the elders' review had been inadequate.

Many of the women who spoke with the Tribune were loath to come forward for fear of betraying a man who had encouraged their leadership in a way that no other pastor had before and undermining a ministry that has transformed thousands of lives. But when they heard there were other women who had similar stories to tell, even in the last year, they said their silence could not last.

"That was a bit of a tipping point for me," said Nancy Beach, the church's first female teaching pastor and a prominent leader in the evangelical community. She recounted more than one conversation or interaction she felt was inappropriate during moments alone with Hybels over the years.

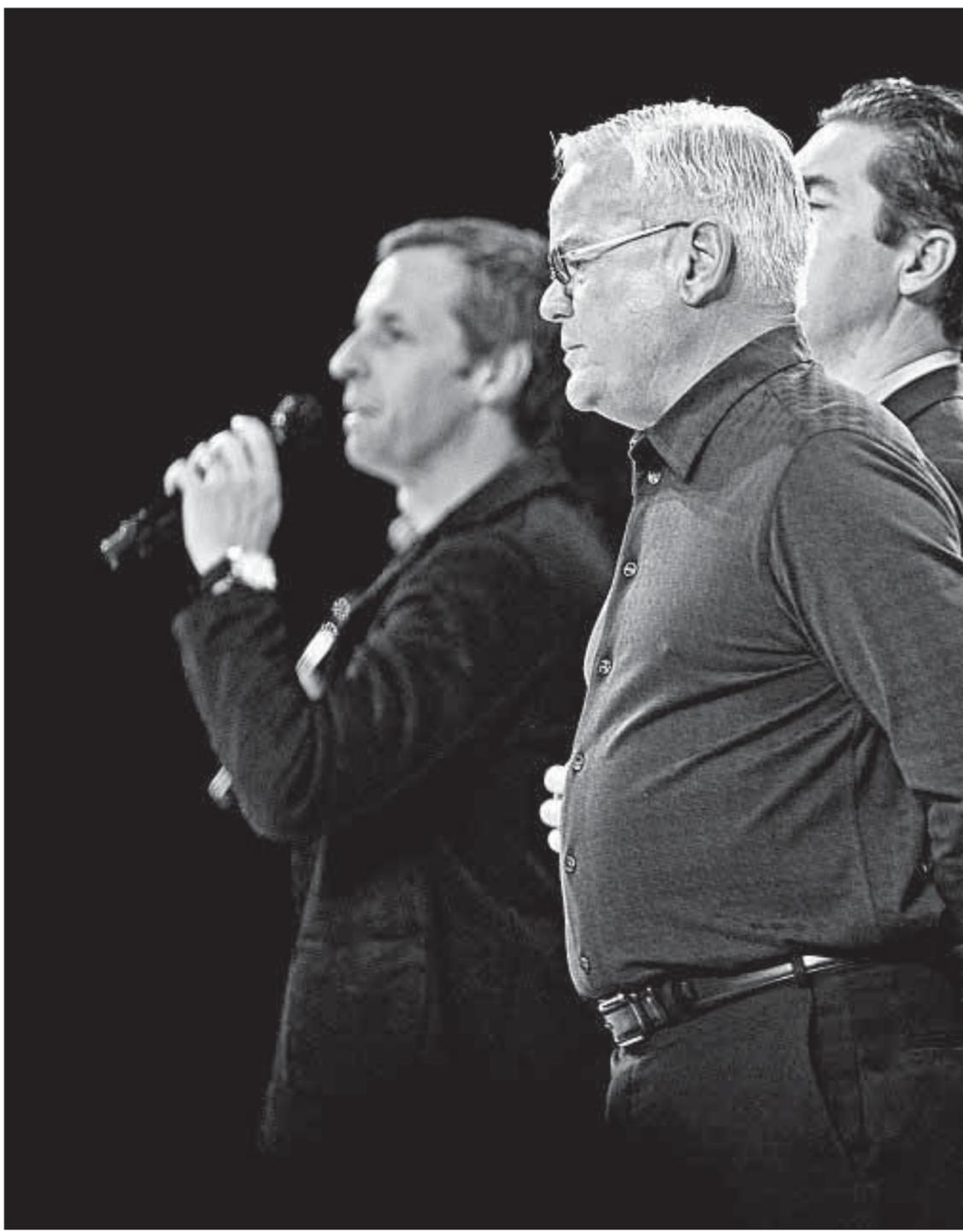
"He changed my life. I wouldn't have the opportunities I've had," she added. "I know that. I'm very clear on that. I credit him for that. But then there's this other side."

Humble beginnings

One of the nation's most influential pastors, Hybels grew Willow Creek from a group of zealous 20-somethings inside a Palatine movie theater to one of the largest megachurches in the U.S., hosting more than 25,000 worshippers at its main campus in South Barrington and seven satellite sites any given weekend. The Willow Creek Association has expanded Hybels' vision to more than 11,000 churches worldwide that share Willow's core philosophies.

From the beginning, he has affirmed women in leadership, tapping them to serve as elders, key volunteers and teaching pastors. Last October, Willow Creek made history in evangelical circles by naming a woman as lead pastor or effectively as chief executive of the megachurch.

"I feel so conflicted about the whole situation because I'm so protective of the reputation of the church,



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The Rev. Bill Hybels, center left, shown Dec. 23 at Willow Creek in South Barrington, said he could not understand why former church members and employees — some of them onetime close friends — have "colluded" against him.



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Vonda Dyer, shown with husband Scott — both former Willow Creek members — said Hybels kissed her during a 1998 trip.

not just here but globally," Beach said. "But I have confidence that the truth matters. Even though he's 66 years old, there are still young women in his path. I certainly wouldn't want one of my daughters or anyone else to be in this kind of situation."

The #MeToo movement has spurred women across industries and academia to break their silence about sexual harassment or abuse. In the church community, many say there is a higher standard for religious leaders.

"In the Christian world, a consensual affair is still an extremely serious offense," Beach said.

Beach has known Hybels since he arrived on his Harley-Davidson more than 45 years ago at her church in the northwestern suburb of Park Ridge. The intrepid youth pastor had a magnetic effect on the teens.

"His leadership horsepower did captivate me, and we have a lot in common in terms of our gift mix," said Beach, now 60. "We're both communicators, both leaders."

When Hybels and others set out to start their own church in the Palatine movie theater three years later,

Beach and many others from the youth group eventually joined them. Within a year, the church had grown to 1,000 people, many of them spiritual seekers who never had set foot inside a church.

Beach served as a key volunteer. She joined the full-time staff in 1984 to oversee the artistic elements of the worship services, and 10 years later she was preaching on a regular basis.

In 1992, Hybels expanded Willow's reach around the world by establishing the Willow Creek Association. He rose to national prominence, eventually serving as a spiritual adviser to President Bill Clinton around the time of the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

At least twice a year, a team traveled overseas to host conferences or coach church leaders. During these travels, Hybels scheduled side trips on his own, sometimes to coach, sometimes to catch his breath, Beach said.

In 1999, he asked Beach to tack two extra days on to a European trip and meet him on the coast of Spain to coach a church, she said. With two young children

and a working husband at home, Beach didn't want to extend the trip but said she also didn't want to disappoint her boss.

But during their two days there, work took a back seat to leisurely walks, long dinners and probing personal conversations, she said.

Over a three-hour dinner, she said he told her that she needed to loosen up and take more emotional risks. He asked her what her most attractive body part was, then told her it was her arms, she said. It also wasn't the first time he talked about how unhappy he was in his marriage, she recalled.

"I'm thinking, 'As a good friend, I'm going to be a sounding board for him,' which is totally inappropriate on my part, but I didn't see it that way at the time," she said. "I knew him since I was 15. He was my pastor. In all those years, nothing inappropriate had happened with him and me."

But something had changed, she recalled.

After dinner, Beach said, Hybels invited her to his hotel room for a glass of wine. Before she left, she recalls him giving her an awkwardly long embrace.

"He would always say,

'You don't know how to hug. That's not a real hug.' So it was like a lingering hug that made me feel uncomfortable. But again, I'm trying to prove that I'm this open person."

The next day, Beach recalled, Hybels didn't seem happy. They didn't have any more long conversations and flew separate flights home. A week later, he asked Beach to stay after a management team meeting and suggested they not tell anyone about what happened in Spain, she said.

"I was so embarrassed. I was like 'Oh, no. We're fine.' And I never did," she said. "I didn't tell my husband until recently when all this stuff came out. I just put it in the category of 'That was really strange.'"

She did tell church elders in 2016 about the alleged incident but later declined to cooperate with an inquiry that she believed didn't meet the criteria of a truly independent investigation.

In the years to come, Hybels occasionally invited Beach to his house after midweek worship services to catch up, she said, adding that she stopped going when she realized he invited her only when his wife



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Hybels, right, chats with worshippers in 1989. From the beginning, he has affirmed women in leadership, tapping them to serve as elders, key volunteers and teaching pastors.



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was away.

Hybels, in the interview with the Tribune, insisted that he does not give hugs and denies doing anything inappropriate with Beach, at times bringing his hand down on a table in frustration. Beach had been a close friend, he said, and was a strong enough leader in his church that she would have had the freedom to tell him at the time that she was offended by something he did.

He said he recalled not giving Beach latitude to do as much teaching at Willow

Creek as she might have liked but said he did not know whether that had triggered her making allegations against him. Regardless, he insisted he did nothing wrong.

"When (the allegation) surfaced in 2016, I was like, no, who twisted that one?" Hybels told the Tribune. "I don't talk about women's appendages. But there was chatter mostly from other women around (Beach), and I probably said people say they wish they could wear the same outfits you do. That it got brought up as

potentially something sexual is maddening."

'It felt like a proposition'

Raised in rural Iowa in a conservative Christian community that eschewed the idea of women in the pulpit, Vonda Dyer discovered a whole new world at Willow Creek when she came east to attend Wheaton College.

She was immediately drawn to Willow's contemporary sound and approach to evangelism and volun-

teered on the vocal team. She eventually became a full-time employee in 1997. She met and married her husband, Scott, a youth music pastor also at Willow.

Both became part of Hybels' travel team and accompanied him on more than a dozen trips. But Vonda Dyer said she made it into Hybels' inner circle and accompanied him on more trips.

Since Hybels spent most of his summers at a second home in South Haven, Mich., he occasionally took Dyer and others out on his sailboat, Dyer said. On one such excursion with another female colleague, she said he joked that any woman who drops the winch handle had to give the men on the boat a "blow job." Dyer told her husband at the time, an account that he confirmed recently to the Tribune.

Hybels denied making the remark, calling it "disgusting."

Scott Dyer said Hybels coached men to avoid being alone with any woman besides the man's spouse — known as the Billy Graham Rule, highlighted recently by Vice President Mike Pence. Yet Hybels didn't seem to abide by that rule when it came to Vonda, said her husband of now more than 26 years. Hybels invited Dyer to meet alone several times, they said.

"I trusted her character entirely, so I knew nothing would happen," Scott Dyer said. "But I was like, that feels like a violation of what you've told everybody. ... I was uncomfortable with it, and I voiced that to her."

On one international trip, Hybels invited Vonda Dyer alone to his hotel room with explicit instructions to exclude her husband who was there too, the Dyers said. On another trip, Hybels called her up to his room and answered the door, freshly showered, wearing slacks with no shirt and just staring at her, she said. He made a casual remark, she said, before she returned downstairs, wondering why she had been called there in the first place. Her husband remembers being told by Vonda about that as well.

"It was these situations that were not enough to say that it crossed a major line," she said, "but enough to make you go, 'Whoa, what was that?'"

Hybels denied that alleged incident occurred.

Vonda Dyer said Hybels did cross a line in Sweden in February 1998.

Dyer was getting ready to go to bed when Hybels summoned her to his room. Her roommate at the time said in an interview with the Tribune that she remembers picking up the phone and relaying Hybels' message.

Dyer recounted that she went to Hybels' room where he poured wine and invited her to stretch out on the couch while he sat in a separate chair. She said she presumed it would be a quick chat when he told her that he had taken Ambien, a sleep aid.

The conversation quickly turned uncomfortable, she said, when he started complimenting her appearance and criticizing her husband, and suggested they lead Willow together. She said he came over, put his hands on her waist, caressed her stomach and kissed her.

"He told me what he thought about how I looked, very specifically, what he thought about my leadership gifts, my strengths," she said. She recalled Hybels told her she was "sexy." "That was the night that he painted a picture of what great leaders we would be. We could lead Willow together."

"It felt like a proposition," she recently told the Tribune.

She immediately told him he should stop and go to bed, she recalled. As she left his hotel suite and pulled the door shut, she recalled bursting into tears, still clutching the doorknob.

"The Holy Spirit spoke to me: 'Get out of here,'" she said. "All I heard the Holy Spirit say to me is, 'If you stay in this room, you will be destroyed.'"

The next morning at breakfast, Dyer said, Hybels approached her and asked whether anything had hap-

"He changed my life. I wouldn't have the opportunities I've had. ... I credit him for that. But then there's this other side."

— Nancy Beach, Willow Creek's first female teaching pastor, who recounted interactions over the years with the Rev. Bill Hybels she felt were inappropriate

pened that would prompt her to tell the elders. She said she recounted the details and told him if he did it again, she would report it. Though Dyer was contacted independently by one elder this year, she has never shared details of what happened with current elders or church investigators, because she didn't think the church would take her allegations seriously.

Hybels told the Tribune he never kissed or touched Dyer.

"I don't even want to dignify ... I have never touched another woman's stomach other than my wife. Why in the world would I touch Vonda Dyer's stomach?" he said.

He said he has a strict protocol for taking sleep aids such as Ambien because he never wants to be out of control, and characterized the rest of Dyer's story as completely false.

"This has reached a point that I can't sit silently by and listen to these allegations anymore," he said. "I will dispute what she said to my dying breath. She is telling lies."

Dyer recalled that she told her husband about what had happened in Hybels' hotel suite soon after she returned, which he confirmed to the Tribune. But she said she did not tell church officials at the time, confident she had sufficiently admonished Hybels.

She did confide at the time in her "small group" — a quartet of church women, who met regularly to support one another's spiritual journeys. One of those in the group was Betty Schmidt, an original elder at Willow Creek and current member, who confirmed being told about the unwanted kiss in Sweden.

As time went on, Dyer watched Hybels and how women acted around him. By 2000, she remembers that she started to suspect he was flirting, if not trying to seduce others too. She said she confronted him and, after listing the specific women, told him to knock it off. He didn't deny it, she said.

"Understood," she remembers him saying. Hybels told the Tribune he did not recall the conversation.

Two years later, she was terminated. She has not alleged any connection between her termination and her confrontation with Hybels and has not taken legal action.

When told of Vonda Dyer's story, church elders said they did not know of it.

"We can only act upon what's brought to our attention," Orr, the highest-ranking elder, said.

Dyer said she is speaking up now because she does not want Hybels' behavior to continue what she believes is damaging the church.

"It is God who saves and redeems and heals," she said, "but he wants none of this behavior in his people, in his church."

An inquiry begins

In the fall of 2013, Leanne Mellado was planning to move to Colorado with her husband, Jimmy, the long-time president of the Willow Creek Association.

Amid the goodbyes, a friend asked Leanne Mellado for a private conversation. Something had happened with Hybels, Mellado recalled the woman said. The friend arrived at the Mellados' home, curled up on the couch in the fetal position and began to sob, Mellado recalled in an interview.

Mellado said the woman

told her things had started after a meeting at Hybels' home in Inverness, when the pastor pulled her in for an extended hug, which left her feeling awkward. The relationship progressed through intimate communication over email, the woman said.

Mellado told the Tribune that the woman told her the two eventually had consensual encounters, including oral sex.

Leanne Mellado and the woman exchanged a series of emails. After seven months, Mellado said she decided that the time had come to tell the elders.

It was up to the elders to investigate, uncover the truth and protect everyone, Mellado believed, including this woman.

She had an additional concern. Her husband's new employer, Compassion International, helped sponsor Willow Creek's Global Leadership Summit. It would be irresponsible, she said, for the charity to renew that sponsorship without making sure the woman's allegation had been properly vetted.

Leanne Mellado emailed the woman in late March 2014 saying it was time for light to shine on what had happened. But the woman did not want to cooperate.

"I hope you understand. But if it comes to forcing me, I will be silent," the woman wrote in an email reviewed by the Tribune. "I feel I should not have trusted you." The woman did not respond to Tribune requests for comment.

But by April that year, Mellado had shared her concerns with Willow Creek's highest-ranking elder at the time, Brian Johnson.

Johnson, who did not respond to requests for comment, told Mellado in text messages that he found 1,150 emails between the woman and Hybels but was not able to read them. He then alerted other elders about the situation, said Pam Orr and Rob Campbell, two elders at that time.

The woman urged Mellado to drop it because the board did not have the woman's firsthand story, "which for all anybody knows could be a made-up lie," she wrote in an email.

By then it was too late. Mellado had shared the allegations with Johnson. In addition, she also had sought pastoral counsel from John and Nancy Ortberg, former teaching pastors at the church. Nancy Ortberg was then on the board of the Willow Creek Association.

Ortberg reached out to Johnson to emphasize the need for a "fair and thorough investigative process ... that has high integrity which protects all parties in pursuit of what is true."

But Ortberg and Mellado would allege later that the elders' review was not as thorough as they had expected.

On April 6, 2014, a Sunday, Johnson and another elder asked Hybels about the alleged affair, and he denied it, Campbell said. Though Hybels offered his electronic devices and financial records for review, the elders were unable to read the emails.

Hybels told the Tribune that his email had been hacked twice in the last 20 years, so he made sure his messages weren't archived to prevent sensitive pastoral matters from leaking out.

Also on April 6, Orr contacted the woman, who also denied any affair. Later that day, the woman wrote an apologetic email to Mellado.

"Some of what I told you happened .. the insinuations, the flirting. But there is no truth to the other things," she wrote in an email, adding that she had invented the rest because she was angry with Hybels and the church.

Hybels remembers meeting two elders backstage that day after he preached, and being told he was being accused of having an affair with a woman he describes as a friend.

"It was shocking to me," he told the Tribune. "I told them in the first 30 seconds of hearing it, 'This is a lie. There is no truth to this.'"

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Ex-leaders unsatisfied with reviews

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Hybels said he knew the woman was angry with him at the time for not giving her a job. He said she showed up on the doorstep of his home the following night sobbing and apologized for having lied to Mellado about Hybels, adding that she had considered taking her own life.

"It came like a meteor out of the sky," he said of the allegation. "To this day, I cannot understand. I have no way of knowing what was going on in her mind."

Less than a week later, Hybels emailed Nancy Ortberg and told her the woman had "made it all up," Ortberg said.

Ortberg, though, was unsatisfied. She and other members of the association board pushed for an independent investigation.

Ortberg recalled that her frustrations with the pastor mounted while the initial allegations of an affair were being considered by the Willow Creek Association board. She recalled that during that debate, Hybels told her that the woman at the center of the inquiry was suicidal. He said he continued to offer her counseling — a clear conflict, in Ortberg's view, for someone in Hybels' position.

The elders, though, didn't share Ortberg's alarm because, Campbell said, Hybels was fulfilling his pastoral duty and had kept elders informed every time the woman reached out to him.

After hearing this, Ortberg renewed contact with another woman who, eight years earlier, had confided in Ortberg about her own allegedly inappropriate encounter with Hybels.

The woman told Ortberg about hugs that went on too long and flirty emails and texts using what she said was the code word "moon" — a reference to a time they had been on Hybels' boat alone gazing at a full moon in the night sky, Ortberg said.



The Rev. Bill Hybels preaches in 1985. An attorney hired by Willow Creek elders last year said his investigation of Hybels found no pattern of misconduct.



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Hybels in 1974. Willow Creek lost an event sponsor over concerns about how complaints are reviewed.

emailed reply, saying she did not want to be singled out as an accuser.

What she allegedly did on the boat, she said, did not compare to Hybels' alleged extended and consensual affair with another woman.

"The main reason: if (the first woman) does not come clean there is clearly no case — and having my name out there associated with him, as little a deal as it is comparatively, does not do any good other than me looking foolish," she wrote in an email reviewed by the Tribune. The woman did not respond to Tribune requests for comment.

Hybels scoffed when asked by the Tribune about that alleged incident on the boat, saying he did recall the woman swimming at night near his boat, but denied doing anything improper or maintaining an inappropriate relationship with her that included coded messaging.

The word moon was not a code word and instead was a reference to leisure time in South Haven, he said.

"When the moon would come up over the trees she thought that was the most

wonderful manifestation of God's beautiful creative hand," Hybels said. "Look at the moon, everybody. This became a thing. She's a religious, spiritual person."

Once again, Ortberg said her pleas ended in frustration. Church elders informed the association in late 2014 that they considered the matter closed. Without any clear evidence, they had found nothing indicating an improper relationship, elders said. In December, the association board decided to drop the matter, too.

Mounting concerns

For Ortberg and two other board members, the decision was the last straw.

Ortberg, along with Jon Wallace, president of Azusa Pacific University, and Kara Powell, executive director of a research center at Fuller Theological Seminary, resigned from the association board in January 2015, later citing what they deemed an inadequate review.

"It is our firm belief that leaders should be open to examination of and accountability for our actions," Wallace and Powell said in a joint statement provided to the Tribune earlier this month.

Ortberg told the Tribune that the board's decision not to pursue another inquiry was, in her opinion, a "complete abdication of fiduciary responsibility," and left the board vulnerable to litigation if the allegations were proved true.

Soon after, there was more fallout from the board's decision. Compassion International chose not to renew a long-standing sponsorship of the Willow Creek Association's Global Leadership Summit.

"The decision was made, in part, as a result of Compassion's concerns over WCA's process for reviewing complaints regarding Willow Creek Community Church senior leadership," the organization said in a statement.

Still, for much of 2015 and 2016, Leanne Mellado and Nancy Ortberg would, together and separately, continue to seek more accountability.

It was in this period that Mellado reached out to Hybels' wife, whom she considered a close friend, to ensure she knew about the allegations swirling around her husband.

For nine months, John Ortberg tried unsuccessfully to set up a meeting between Hybels and the four of them. Hybels said he would meet with them as a group only if he could do one-on-one meetings first. Concerned Hybels may try to intimidate them in individual meetings, they refused, Ortberg said.

Hybels said the Mellados and Ortbergs are at the center of what he describes as the collusion against him, describing the couples as a kind of "vacuum cleaner" pulling in false accusations.

Both couples denied orchestrating a campaign to bring Hybels down by gathering false claims to bring against him. The last four years have been painful, they said.

"It's absolutely not the case," John Ortberg said. "This information came to us in a way that was unlooked for, unwanted, and it put us in a terrible situation. To say I was motivated to

find a problem couldn't be further from the truth."

He added, "I love Willow Creek dearly."

Pam Orr, the leading Willow Creek elder, said she realized that those pushing for continued investigation were not going to drop the matter unless the elders did something drastic.

"By 2016, it had become clear there was a whisper campaign," Orr said. "It was the overall persistence. Their claim was that we hadn't done a thorough investigation."

In August 2016, five elders gathered with the Mellados, Ortbergs, Beach and Schmidt for a frank conversation about their concerns. Beach disclosed her alleged hug in Spain. Schmidt disclosed Hybels' alleged kiss with another woman in Sweden but didn't share Dyer's name.

In March 2017, Lynne Hybels wrote to Leanne Mellado, saying she had been shocked and disoriented by the allegation of an affair, and had eventually talked with the woman who Mellado said made the claim. Lynne Hybels wrote that the woman again had denied the affair.

"I believed her," Lynne Hybels wrote, lamenting what she said were breaches in confidence and asking Mellado to "drop this battle, or whatever it is." Lynne Hybels did not respond to messages seeking comment.

Hiring outside attorney

By then, Willow Creek elders had taken a more dramatic step, hiring attorney Jeffrey Fowler of Laner Muchin in Chicago, a law firm that specializes in workplace issues.

Fowler reached out to the Mellados and Ortbergs requesting their participation in a renewed investigation. The Mellados and Ortbergs brought on as an adviser Basyle Tchividjian, a former sex-crimes prosecutor in Florida and founder of a nonprofit group that helps victims of sexual abuse and abuse of power by clergy members.

Tchividjian later outlined for Fowler what he viewed as deficiencies in Willow Creek church's earlier handling of the Hybels situation, calling it a " cursory examination of Pastor Hybels' electronic devices, finances and travel records."

Tchividjian said the Mellados and Ortbergs would participate in Laner Muchin's investigation only if it was, in their view, "thorough, objective, and independent."

In an interview with the Tribune, Fowler said his work led to no findings of misconduct, even if the investigation was somewhat hampered by not having the full cooperation of many involved in the matter.

"After looking at thousands of documents, after interviewing 29 people, and doing as much as I possibly could, I concluded that there was no basis for believing that Pastor Hybels had engaged in a pattern and practice of misconduct, and to the extent any specific incident had been raised with me, I concluded that his actions in those instances were not inappropriate," Fowler said.

In April 2017, Fowler closed his investigation, clearing Hybels. The elders declined to release a full copy of any final report to

the Mellados and Ortbergs, and a copy was not provided to the Tribune.

Just weeks ago, another woman who alleged Hybels made improper contact met with Fowler and Orr to hear the results of the investigation of her claims. The woman, who asked not to be identified, said she told church leaders last summer that Hybels had put her in several uncomfortable situations, which included remarks about how she looked in her clothes and an invitation to a hotel room.

Hybels denied anything improper occurred and provided emails that he said showed he discouraged the woman's suggestions to go to his hotel room for a glass of wine.

The woman also described witnessing an episode with another woman on a boat in South Haven, where she said Hybels had suggestively touched the woman's bare leg.

During the course of the investigation, she said, Fowler asked her to identify the model of the boat and presented a pair of images. He told her later that he questioned the validity of her account because she had failed to identify Hybels' boat correctly, she said.

Fowler said he interviewed 11 witnesses related to claims made by the woman, and did not conclude her account was credible. He acknowledged sending her images of boats because Hybels had indicated to him he was reaching for a switch in the well of his boat and had done nothing wrong.

"I sent the photos to that individual, and she responded by sending me a photo of about a 12-foot-long, single-sail boat with no well whatsoever," Fowler told the Tribune. "It would have been in my mind absolutely impossible for there to have been six people on a boat and none of the (others) had seen what she said she saw."

Hybels denied the account to the Tribune, noting with emotion that his son was on the watercraft at the time. The pastor said he believes the woman has been totally discredited.

"I'm out of explanations," he said, adding, "I'm so exhausted of hearing so many lies that I've stopped playing detective."

Fowler ended this most recent inquiry and issued a report in February, again clearing Hybels of misconduct. The woman resigned and declined the church's requests to keep it confidential.

Hybels' successor as lead pastor, Heather Larson, echoed his contention there had been collusion against him. "This situation has been heartbreaking for me," she said in a statement.

For Betty Schmidt, the former elder who has been a member of Willow Creek since the beginning, the most recent controversy over the investigation of Hybels has "been very disappointing and disillusioning."

"There was nothing like (Willow) in the first 15, 20 years," she said. "People were coming to Christ. They were finding their spiritual gifts. They were being forgiven of pasts that could have been very horrible. ... There was power, God's power. Somehow that's kind of gotten tarnished."

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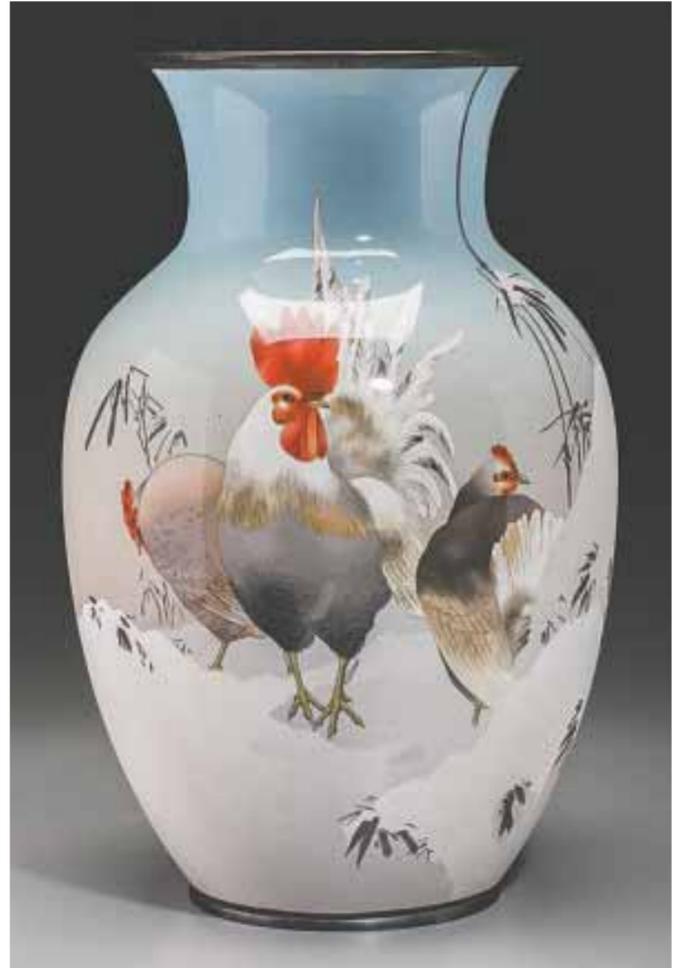
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Michael Ferro stepped down as chairman of the Tribune's parent company hours before he was accused in an online Fortune story of inappropriate sexual behavior toward two women while in his previous role as head of a Chicago investment firm. The article also said Ferro would regularly make "sexual comments about women's clothing and appearance" while in control of the Sun-Times. Ferro continues as a paid management consultant to the Tribune's parent company, under a three-year deal worth \$15 million.

The Chicago Police Department was hit by its second sex discrimination lawsuit in recent weeks. Officer Maureen Bresnahan says in a federal complaint that she was denied a promotion to the department's elite Bomb Squad as a result of "systematic discrimination" against women who seek positions in the Special Functions Division.

Black Lives Matter and a coalition of community groups including the ACLU of Illinois will take part in crafting a consent decree to guide reforms to the Chicago Police Department.

The number of people living in the Chicago area dipped more than 13,000 last year, the third straight year of decline. While some collar counties saw increases, Cook County lost more than 20,000 residents.

Metra officials are threatening fair hikes in 2019 and 2020 if the transit system doesn't get more money from the state.

Former Chicago police Superintendent Garry McCarthy officially entered the 2019 race for mayor, challenging Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who fired him in the wake of the 2014 Laquan McDonald police shooting. Emanuel's camp responded with an attack video featuring a 2015 clip

of Donald Trump, before he became president, praising McCarthy as a "phenomenal guy." McCarthy shot back with criticism of Trump's presidency and a reminder that Emanuel accepted a \$50,000 contribution from Trump in 2010.

A former campaign worker says in a federal lawsuit that her decision to report sexual harassment allegations against a top lieutenant in House Speaker Michael Madigan's political operation cost her a shot to advance in the organization.

One of the five former Wheaton College football players charged with felony crimes in a 2016 hazing incident pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor and was ordered to perform 100 hours of community service, including speeches on the dangers of hazing. Prosecutors agreed to drop the other charges against Noah Spielman, 21.

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Activists stand up against gun violence

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when the seventh-grader warned politicians that their days would be numbered if they refused to make changes in gun legislation.

"I think it's time that we make this right, and you start to fear me," she said.

March for Our Lives Chicago, organized by a group of about 20 high school and college students from the city and suburbs, came to life as hundreds of thousands of young people across the country rallied for changes in gun laws.

The movement was originated by survivors of the Feb. 14 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., who, days after the massacre in which 17 people were killed, announced plans for a national March for Our Lives in Washington, D.C.

In addition to Chicago, sister marches were held in other major U.S. cities, including Los Angeles and New York City. Several Chicago suburbs held their own rallies, including Elgin, Downers Grove and Vernon Hills.

At Union Park, activists came from both bullet-riddled city neighborhoods and off packed trains from

the suburbs.

They were high school students, adults who wanted to support them and people who held up photos of loved ones killed by gunfire.

Carrying posters that read "Good Kids, Mad City," "2020 voter" and "Enough is enough," the crowd watched a lineup of spoken word artists, dancers and emotional speakers — all younger than 21 — on a stage flanked by giant video screens.

Danielle Bass was one of about 80 alumni of Marjory Stoneman Douglas at the Union Park event Saturday. The group, which came together after the Parkland shooting, has organized fundraisers and events to engage the community in its anti-violence campaign.

But here in Chicago, where gun violence is unrelenting, the campaign is additionally important, Bass said.

"It's that much more important that we're here today," said Bass, who graduated from Marjory Stoneman Douglas in 1996.

Jessica Janicki, of Chicago, said she felt compelled to attend Saturday's march as a survivor of a mass shooting with an assault weapon. In May 2003,



Chicago-area students lead thousands of people through the streets after the March for Our Lives rally Saturday in Union Park. The

Janicki was one of almost 100 people trapped at Case Western Reserve University in a tense, hourslong hostage situation with a

disgruntled former student at the Cleveland school, she said.

Janicki, who worked at the university and was

pregnant at the time, is still haunted by the trauma of having to drop to the ground on her stomach to dodge flying bullets.

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Why not the Ramblers, indeed?

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Moser paused, peered around at the adoring Loyola fans and grinned from ear to ear.

"Look at this. Are you kidding me?" Moser shouted. "This is the way it's supposed to be."

This is what it looks like when everything comes together for a college basketball program, when the winning gene and Sister Jean provide the intangibles and talented players do the rest.

Loyola made an Elite Eight matchup in March against Kansas State resemble a conference game in January against Missouri State. Against a Big 12 team known for its defense, Loyola's offense efficiently executed its game plan better than anyone could have hoped in shooting 57.4 percent. Loyola trailed for 38 seconds — when the score was 4-3. The Ramblers smothered Bruce Weber's Kansas State team, which shot 34.8 percent.

"This is the moment you dream about as kids," Ingram said.

Sister Jean's prayers were answered and — OMG — what a beautiful display of basketball it was as Loyola spread the floor and shared the ball in a two-hour, nationally televised clinic on fundamentals.

"We came out really noisy on defense, yelling

out everything," Moser said. "You could just see them getting stops, and I think they knew right away our defense was dictating everything and the confidence was growing."

You will remember where you were when you watched this game, one of the most impressive, improbable Chicago sports achievements in decades. The 2016 Cubs and 1985 Bears always will occupy a special place in the city's history, taking nothing from the Bulls dynasty, the 2005 White Sox or the Blackhawks' run of three Stanley Cups since 2010.

But as far as local college stories go, none since Loyola's 1963 national title surpass this one because nobody saw this resurgence out of Rogers Park coming except, perhaps, the guys on campus.

"It's been quite a metamorphosis because the Loyola Phoenix was the only one in the press conference for about 20 games," Moser kidded postgame when asked a question by a reporter from the campus newspaper. "All summer long, we were like, 'Why not us?'"

But how do you explain it?

You run out of words. You exhaust the supply of adjectives. You look for new ways to describe the indescribable because everything sounds so wonderfully redundant. Everything seems too good to be true, an elite college basketball team made up of a

bunch of guys you wanted to live on the same block growing up.

This is how relatable Loyola's players are: Back at the team hotel after Saturday's shootaround, someone wanted to take a picture with a group of players. The fan asked Clayton Custer to take it, not realizing the Missouri Valley Conference player of the year was on the team.

"And Clay was so polite he was going to do it without saying anything," best friend Ben Richardson said.

Loyola going to the Final Four represents the best of college basketball, a victory for character, coachability and all that is right about sports, a win for the good guys. The Ramblers didn't do this because of a single superstar or one blue-chip recruiting class. They did it with a whole greater than the sum of its parts, more collectively than individually, by stressing team over me the old-fashioned way.

Everyone sensed it would be Loyola's night when its first five baskets each came from different starters. Center Cameron Krutwig posted up as strong as a fullback and passed like a point guard. Ingram delivered his typical all-around athleticism. Marques Townes never stopped attacking. Custer shot poorly but contributed a team-high five assists on a night his best buddy rose to the occasion.

Richardson, the guy known for doing all the little things, came up big-



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Loyola fans get excited as they cheer on the Ramblers during Saturday night's game against Kansas State at a watch party at Lizzie McNeill's Irish Pub in Chicago.

gest when Loyola needed him most. The senior guard reached his season high of 15 points with 14 minutes left and finished with a career-high 23. After Richardson was fouled on a 3-pointer that resulted in a four-point play, he lay flat on his back and extended his arms like a kid making a snow angel. How appropriate that Richardson emerged as the hero after Ingram, Custer and Townes each played the role in the first three NCAA tournament victories.

Big Ben, they can call him on campus now.

"I was in a rhythm and they were finding me," Richardson said. "It was the biggest game of my life." Remember the NCAA selection committee declared that Loyola, the MV C champion by four games, needed to survive its league

tournament to make the field of 68. Now the Ramblers are one of the last four teams standing. Somehow, that farce only makes this all the more satisfying for Loyola.

"To see these guys experience that is an amazing feeling as a coach," Moser said.

The atmosphere in the crowd of 15,477 possessed a definite Loyola vibe from the opening tipoff, when familiar chants of "L-U-C!" echoed throughout the arena. Fans and alumni in Gryffindor scarves and Loyola T-shirts showed up in bigger numbers and louder than ever, with the student newspaper, The Phoenix, even beefing up its coverage with seven staffers.

Loyola legend Jerry Harkness and teammates from the 1963 national

championship team moved their seats to behind the Ramblers bench to watch this history.

Three of Moser's Creighton teammates — Matt Petty of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Todd Eisner, the head coach of Winona State, and Craig Seibert of Omaha, Neb. — flew in to see their friend seize the moment and stood the entire game at their court-side seats.

"This team is blessed," Harkness said with pride as Loyola players cut down the nets.

This team believes it belongs in the Final Four, and confidence is its greatest weapon.

"We're not done," Ingram said.

Why not Loyola?

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march was organized by about 20 high school and college students.



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Madeline Pollock, 14, left, and Lena Brockway, 15, hold signs Saturday during the rally in Union Park. Saturday's event was among numerous similar marches held nationwide.

dressed by many of the event's speakers: that violence must be addressed with more than legislation, especially in Chicago. It requires investing in trauma centers, mental health resources, schools and other support systems.

"Gun violence in America is a public health crisis. It's an epidemic," said Deanna Behrens, a pediatrician who works in the pediatric intensive care unit at Advocate Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn.

Tommy Malouf, a suburban art teacher, attended the march carrying a piece of cardboard with his message scrawled in black marker: "Teacher who thinks teachers having guns is a bad idea."

"It seems like a totally ridiculous thing that that proposal is even an option

on the table," the ninth-grade teacher said. "We're trying to teach kids to be functional and giving citizens. To be armed feels like a total contradiction of that idea."

A heavy presence of Chicago police officers both on foot and on bikes guided pedestrians and traffic for many blocks surrounding the park. Entrepreneurs and other activists took advantage of the crowds, selling souvenir merchandise and promoting other political causes. There were no arrests related to the march, according to a Chicago Police Department spokesman.

Crowds surrounding the park were so thick that when it came time for demonstrators to march along Washington Avenue and back up Lake Street in

the West Loop, a line of volunteers had to clear the streets one block at a time in order to allow them a path. The sight brought a proud smile to the face of Isabel Paredes, 17-year-old senior at Plainfield South High School and one of the March for Our Lives Chicago organizers who had been planning the event for weeks.

"It felt surreal, and now it's here and it's huge!" said a beaming Paredes, who, along with other organizers, led the massive crowds down the street.

To organize the march, teens introduced themselves to one another on Facebook and Twitter, met in church basements and libraries, applied for city permits in between AP Spanish classes and math tests, and raised more mon-

ey than they knew how to spend.

The young activists were introduced to other local anti-violence groups by representatives from Women's March Chicago, which offered march planners assistance, from help moderating meetings to providing contacts.

Everytown for Gun Violence, a nonprofit organization aimed at ending gun violence, provided structural support for the event, including a \$5,000 grant for operational expenses and several staff members stationed to Chicago specifically to assist the teens to obtain proper permits and contractors. The organization has given \$2.5 million in grants to more than 500 organizers planning marches across the country.

After the event, which lasted nearly three hours, Emerson Toomey, a 17-year-old senior at Lane Tech High School and one of March for Our Lives' organizers, said she and other planners had no intention of resting after the massive turnout.

The young activists are planning to form a coalition of youth anti-violence groups in Chicago, where they will continue to advocate for change.

"If you just do the march and you don't do anything after that, you don't accomplish anything," Toomey said. "We just want to keep the movement going."

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Despite new drug, girl dies of rare disease

A year ago, FDA OK'd treatment her parents fought for

BY VIKKI ORTIZ HEALY
Chicago Tribune

Less than a year after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the first drug to treat her rare disease, a Downers Grove girl died at home Wednesday with her parents, who spent nearly a decade crusading for the treatment, at her side.

Laine Manning VanHoutan, 12, died of CLN2 Batten Disease, a rare, inherited genetic disorder of the nervous system that typically begins in childhood.

"The disease is just ruthless," her mother, Jen VanHoutan said, adding that she and her family took comfort in knowing their "adventure princess" was finally free of the illness that robbed her of her ability to walk, swallow and communicate. "She's whole again."

Jen and Tracy VanHoutan set out on a tireless quest to find a CLN2 cure in 2009 after their son, Noah, was diagnosed. At the time, the disease was always terminal. The search for treatment became even more dire when genetic tests revealed that Laine, then 3, also had CLN2 Batten Disease, even though she had not yet shown any symptoms.

The VanHoutans traveled overseas to identify



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Laine Manning VanHoutan, shown in bed last June with her mother at her side, died Wednesday of CLN2 Batten Disease.

scientists working on potential therapies to replace the missing enzyme that led to the disease. They pleaded with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for less stringent clinical trial requirements and lobbied Congress to allocate more money to rare disease research. They became leaders in the rare disease community, and organized fundraisers to raise more than \$1.5 million to fuel the search for a Batten disease cure.

During one trip to urge scientists along in their research, Tracy VanHoutan met with doctors as Laine, a blond-haired, fairy-loving, tea-party-throwing little girl played nearby.

On April 27, the family's efforts paid off when the FDA approved the first known drug found to dramatically slow the effects of CLN2 Batten disease. The treatment is expensive and does not eliminate the disease. Results thus far have found that children treated

early in the disease's progression are able to halt further deterioration almost completely.

But the treatment, called Brineura, came too late for the VanHoutan children. Noah died in March 2016, just shy of his 12th birthday. Laine had been in hospice care for several months, and was struggling to breathe so much in recent weeks her parents hesitated to leave on trips to promote rare disease research.

"This is going to be our

kids' legacy," Jen VanHoutan said.

Despite the disease that stole Laine's childhood, her parents did their best to keep allowing her exciting experiences. She skied white-powdered mountains in Keystone, breathed the fresh evergreen air in Snowmass and felt sand between her toes on Florida beaches. She saw Cinderella's castle at Disneyworld and frolicked in the grass at the Easter Egg Roll at the White House.

"She deserved to be able to live," Jen VanHoutan said.

Laine's death touched off an outpouring of compassion from both the rare disease community across the U.S. and neighbors in Downers Grove. Hundreds of people — many with children struggling or deceased after a rare disease — sent sympathies in comments on Facebook, while friends lined their suburban street with luminarias Thursday.

The VanHoutans plan to keep advocating for rare disease research and improved treatments for CLN2 Batten Disease, even though Noah and Laine are gone, they said.

In a story about their family's crusade published in the Tribune in July 2017, Jen VanHoutan compared Noah and Laine to lotus flowers — beautiful, strong and determined even though they bloomed amid mud, murky water and ugliness.

Jen VanHoutan said she smiles picturing Laine and Noah together now in heaven.

"I know he was waiting for her since he got there," she said.

A funeral service for Laine was held Friday. Information about the family's efforts to fight the disease and raise money for research is available at NoahsHope.com.

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TRUMP, BIDEN AND 5 OTHER POLS WHO TALKED SOME SMACK

BY MARK JACOB
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After former Vice President Joe Biden said he would “beat the hell out of” President Donald Trump if they were in high school, Trump wrote in a tweet Thursday that Biden “would go down fast and hard, crying all the way,” if they ever came to blows. That exchange took some people aback, but lots of politicians — including a Chicago mayor — have talked about punching people. Some examples:

President Harry Truman’s daughter Margaret was a singer, but not a very good one, according to Washington Post critic Paul Hume, who complained in 1950 that “she is flat a good deal of the time.” Truman responded by sending Hume a note on White House stationery reading: “Some day I hope to meet you. When that happens you’ll need a new nose, a lot of beefsteak for black eyes, and perhaps a supporter below!”

President Bill Clinton didn’t like it in 1996 when New York Times columnist William Safire called his wife, Hillary, a “congenital



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William “Big Bill” Thompson declared he’d “crack King George one in the snoot” if he ever visited Chicago.

liar.” The president noted that there are “constraints” on what the nation’s leader can do and added, “If I

Mike McCurry, said the response would be “on the bridge of Mr. Safire’s nose.”

Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe was asked by a journalist in 2016 about his successor, and he said, “Why ‘successor’ when I am still there? Why do you want a successor? Do you want me to punch you to the floor to realize I am still there?” Mugabe was knocked out of office the next year.

Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe, interviewed by MSNBC’s Chris Matthews in January, said that if Trump got in the governor’s space, “that would be the last time Donald Trump ever did that. ... You’d have to pick him up off the floor.”

And here in Chicago in 1927, William “Big Bill” Thompson helped himself win a third term as mayor by taking a swing at the British crown, declaring that he’d “crack King George one in the snoot” if he ever came to Chicago. (Translation from Roaring ’20s Chicagoese: A “snoot” is a nose.)

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Trump should fire America, not Robert Mueller



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Guys, I’m really disappointed in us.

There’s chaos in the White House. People are leaving or getting canned at a frantic pace, a president who says he’s anti-war just brought in the war-loving John Bolton as his national security adviser and rumors are swirling that President Donald Trump wants to fire special counsel Robert Mueller.

That would be a bad decision.

What President Trump needs to do is fire us. He needs to fire America. We don’t deserve him and, let’s face it, we’re failing him.

Look at all we have let happen.

On CNN on Thursday night, former Playboy model Karen McDougal told the world that she had an affair with Trump while Melania Trump was home with the couple’s newborn son. McDougal said Trump compared her beauty to that of his daughter Ivanka.

And on Sunday night, Stormy Daniels will tell her story of an affair with Trump on “60 Minutes.”

This is all our fault, America. We should have known years ago that Trump was the leader we would one day need, and we should have shielded him from all temptation. Shame on us.

On Wednesday, the president tweeted his approval of the omnibus spending bill Congress delivered: “Got \$1.6 Billion to start Wall on Southern Border, rest will be forthcoming. Most importantly, got \$700 Billion to rebuild our Military, \$716 Billion next year...most ever. Had to waste money on Dem giveaways in order to take care of military pay increase and new equipment.”

He even had people in his administration go out and guarantee that he would sign the bill.

But then Friday morning — and this is clearly 100 percent our fault — Trump tweeted: “I am considering a VETO of the Omnibus Spending Bill based on the fact that the 800,000 plus DACA recipients have been totally abandoned by the Democrats (not even mentioned in Bill) and the BORDER WALL, which is desperately needed for our National Defense, is not fully funded.”

What have we done to this wonderful man? Our insolence caused him to not only change his mind on the spending bill but also to forget that he is the one who ended DACA — the



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Ex-Playboy model Karen McDougal says she and Donald Trump had an affair.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program for those brought into the country illegally as children — and cast the more than 800,000 people into immigration limbo.

I am so disgusted with me and with all of us that I could scream.

All President Trump has ever asked for in exchange for his unbelievable leadership is: unflagging loyalty, endless praise, zero criticism, and opportunities to unethically and possibly illegally enrich himself and his family members.

That wasn’t too much to ask. And still, we have failed this great man.

We have caused him to have record-setting turnover in his administration and struggle to find qualified people willing to work in the White House. (Disgraceful!)

We first made him brag about the economy and the stock market and then forced him to place onerous tariffs on friends and foes alike, roiling the markets and raising the likelihood of an all-out global trade war. (Shameful!)

We have forced him to watch the Mueller investigation into Russian involvement in the 2016 election rack up a string of indictments and move ever closer to Trump’s inner circle. (Have we no decency!)

And now we may be on the verge of pushing Trump to fire Mueller, possibly setting off a constitutional crisis of our own making.

I don’t know who we think we are, but that would truly be the last straw. It would ruin this presidency, and it would be all our fault.

That’s why President Trump must take a bold, and I’m sure quite difficult, step: He must fire America.

We do not deserve him. We have proved ourselves unworthy of his greatness.

He needs to find a country that will treat him fairly and appreciate him. And we must accept our failings and let this noble man move on.

Fire us, President Trump. Before we let you down again.

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Prosecutors: Lombard woman strangled mom

BY CLIFFORD WARD
Chicago Tribune

A Lombard woman is being held in lieu of \$3 million bail after being charged with strangling her mother, from whom she is also accused of stealing jewelry to support a drug habit, authorities said.

Stephanie DeFalco, 28, is charged with first-degree murder in the death of her mother, Judith DeFalco, 61.

Judith DeFalco was found strangled in a home in the 190 block of South Grace Street that she shared with her daughter, DuPage County Assistant State’s Attorney Thomas Minser said at a bond hearing Friday. Minser said the victim also suffered blunt force trauma to the head.

Authorities say that Stephanie DeFalco had a drug addiction and had been charged recently with stealing her mother’s jewelry, which she pawned to get money for drugs.

After being freed on bond in the misdemeanor theft case, Stephanie DeFalco

went back to the home late Monday evening, Minser said. She and Judith argued into the early morning hours of Tuesday until the daughter allegedly strangled the mother, he said.

DeFalco, driving her mother’s car, was arrested about 1:40 a.m. Wednesday by Woodridge police, Minser said. The prosecutor said DeFalco had drug paraphernalia and some heroin in her possession.

In an interview with police, DeFalco admitted choking her mother, and then taking her car and some items and going to a pawn shop, Minser said.

In the misdemeanor case, police alleged DeFalco stole three rings and a pair of gold and emerald earrings belonging to her mother and sold them to a pawn shop for \$252, according to court files.

Judge Jeffrey MacKay set bail on the murder charge. DeFalco is due back in court April 6.

Clifford Ward is a freelance reporter.

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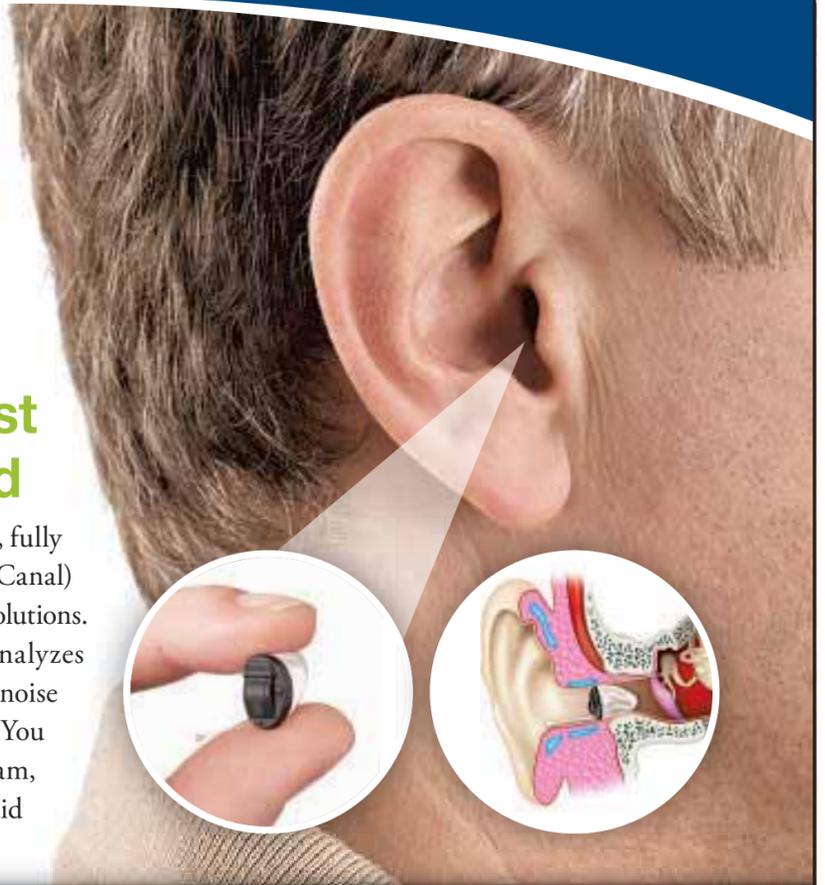
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Will the Democrats blow it in 2020?



STEVE CHAPMAN

Donald Trump has lousy approval ratings, House Republicans are bracing for carnage in November and the economy stands a reasonable chance of stalling between now and Nov. 3, 2020. So the next presidential election should be a prime opportunity for Democrats.

But potholes abound on the road to the White House. Looking at the field of possible candidates and the direction the party is leaning, there are clear and plausible ways things could go wrong. The Democrats could nominate someone who will squander their advantages and lose. Or they could nominate someone who can win but will not make a good president (as the Republicans recently did). Neither is an outcome to welcome.

Consider the possible nominees. Joe Biden's statement that he would like to "beat the hell out of" Trump should disqualify him on grounds of temperament. It also isn't likely to endear him to the millions of voters who are weary of presidential belligerence.

He would also be 78 years old upon taking office. Biden has long dreamed of the presidency, but as the late sports writer Red Smith noted, "The place for old men to dream is beside the fire."

Age takes its toll, and anyone older than 70 has passed the sell-by date for such a consequential, consuming job as this one. Most big corporations require CEOs to step down at 65 — and a president whose age proves a liability is a lot harder to remove than a CEO.

Among the senior citizens who should be ruled out are Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont (who would be 79 on Inauguration Day), California Gov. Jerry Brown (82) and Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts (71).

Advanced age is not the only grounds for automatic disqualification. There are the celebrities and non-politicians, among them Oprah Winfrey, Starbucks Executive Chairman Howard Schultz and actor Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson. Any of them has as much business in the Oval Office as I have in the papacy.

Over the past 14 months, we've come to learn the hazards of entrusting the office to someone who has no background in government and regards this inexperience as an asset. Winfrey is superb at what she does, which has little in common with the presidency. You wouldn't hire a novice

to run Starbucks. Why would you put one in charge of a nuclear arsenal?

None of the politicians considered a possible candidate, by contrast, has any obvious deal-breakers. Among those who have spent enough time in office to demonstrate their competence: Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York, Chris Murphy of Connecticut, Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota, Kamala Harris of California and Cory Booker of New Jersey, and Govs. Andrew Cuomo of New York and John Hickenlooper of Colorado.

The question is whether any or all will try to claim the mantle of Sanders and lead the party on a giddy march to the left. Some Democrats seem to think that if pandering to base voters is good enough for Republicans, it's good enough for them.

In reality, it would be unwise as policy and as politics. The litmus test may be Sanders' single-payer health plan, which would combine extravagance with uncertainty and disruption. It would also let Republicans change the subject from their unpopular efforts to dismantle Obamacare.

Democrats have done well in recent presidential races, winning the popular vote in six of the past seven elections. What all their nominees had in common was being close to the center of the party. Bill Clinton, Al Gore and Hillary Clinton were essentially pragmatists. Conservative blogger Andrew Sullivan characterized Barack Obama as "a de facto moderate Republican" — a description Obama more or less accepted.

Those who make up the party's left wing may imagine that Americans are eager for their ambitious remedies for income inequality, corporate abuses and racial injustice. But there is a reason that Republicans control 32 state legislatures and have 33 governors. The GOP is fervently hoping the Democratic Party will embark on a quest for ideological purity and zeal.

At present, Washington is short on leaders who offer maturity, problem-solving skills, willingness to compromise, realism about policy and basic decency. If Democrats offer virtues like those in 2020, they are likely to win — and, equally important, to improve the nation's governance. That may not sound exciting, but excitement is the last thing we need.

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CHANGE OF SUBJECT

By ERIC ZORN



Nomination by petition brought us Arthur Jones, but system still works

Show of hands. How many of you have ever signed a political candidate's nominating petition just to get him or her off your porch?

And how many of you have ever signed a candidate's nominating petition not knowing much or anything about the candidate because you believe that those who are that motivated to run for public office deserve a spot on the ballot?

Finally, how many of you have signed a nominating petition because you're familiar with the candidate and the issues, and you intend to support him or her at the ballot box?

I'm sure there's some overlap there, but my strong suspicion is that the third category is by far the smallest. Most people are caught unaware by a request for their John Hancock, particularly because candidates have to circulate petitions many months before elections when those upcoming races are far from most people's minds.

They're cooking dinner, watching TV, hurrying to get somewhere. So sure, they sign. Why not?

This is by far the best explanation for how neo-Nazi Holocaust denier Arthur Jones was able to collect 832 signatures on nominating petitions by going door to door in the southwest suburbs last fall. This quest put him on last Tuesday's Republican primary ballot for Congress for the 3rd District seat now held by Democrat Dan Lipinski.

A recent spot-check by Assistant Editor Elaine Godfrey of The Atlantic found that those who'd signed Jones' petitions were consistently dismayed to learn his anti-Semitic views. And the illegible scrawls and blank spaces on

the petitions themselves suggest a significant "get-off-my-porch" effect in the collection process.

No one bothered to challenge Jones' petitions — he needed 603 valid signatures from registered voters who had not signed petitions for Democratic candidates in this election cycle. And, since no other Republican made the effort even to register as a write-in candidate in the heavily Democratic district, Jones won the GOP nomination Tuesday with about 20,400 votes, to the disgusted delight and delighted disgust of Democrats nationwide.

But Jones' primary victory isn't a sad comment on the state of the Republican Party. It's a sad comment on the tribalism of voters who unquestioningly support their party, on the power of gerrymandering to render a district so vastly noncompetitive that opposing parties don't even bother to try to field a serious candidate and on the value of signatures on petitions as a measure of support for a prospective candidate.

Given the sustained effort and often expense involved in passing petitions for nomination, signatures are more often a measure of candidates' commitment or personal wealth than public enthusiasm for them.

Petition requirements are a lousy way to prevent the ballot from being cluttered with whimsical vanity candidates, but they're the best way we have. In New Hampshire, where hopefuls merely had to pay a filing fee to be on the ballot, there were 37 such candidates who received fewer than 100 votes each in the state's 2016 presidential primaries. And we don't want that.

Still, if you know nothing about a candidate or his or her



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Cook County officials place petitions to be stamped and documented at the county building in Chicago.

actual views, "No, sorry, please get off my porch" is probably the best response to that particular knock on the door.

Raila deserves an apology, not a revote

Speaking of the petition process and ballot access, Andrea Raila has a legitimate beef about how her off-again, on-again candidacy for Cook County assessor was handled by election officials.

A challenge to her petitions was successful, and she was ruled off last Tuesday's ballot. But because the process had taken so long and an appeal to that ruling was still pending at the time the ballots had to be printed, her name appeared as a candidate.

At first, those who voted early were handed a written advisory that votes for her would "NOT be counted or reported." But then an appeals court ruling six days before Election Day reinstated her. Compounding the problems, an Election Day communications foul-up by the Chicago Board of Elections caused an estimated 80,000 city voters to be wrongly informed that votes for Raila wouldn't be counted.

The process was unfair not just to Raila and her supporters, but also to all voters who didn't see

her at candidate forums — she was disinvited to many events, including a televised debate, when she was off the ballot — and to voters who were misled Tuesday.

What happened to her should never happen again.

This train wreck calls for a profound rethinking of the timetable for petition challenges and appeals, which may also call for moving up the filing deadlines. It calls for expedited handling of all such disputes in the future, possibly with a panel of judges who specialize in this area of law and can turn around their rulings quickly. It calls for absolute deadlines for final decisions.

It does not, however, call for a new election.

Raila and her supporters have been demanding a do-over.

That won't and shouldn't happen.

To run a countywide special primary election — to print and distribute new ballots, to oversee early voting, nursing home voting, military voting and so on; and equip and staff all 3,668 precincts in Cook County — would cost about \$20 million, according to election officials.

Requiring all of the more than 700,000 voters who already participated in the assessor's primary

to come out and vote again would be a form of disenfranchisement, and the inevitably low turnout in such a special election could easily skew the results far worse than they might have already been skewed.

If the race had been close, we'd have a crisis of democracy. But winner Fritz Kaegi beat Raila by more than 174,000 votes, and he beat incumbent Joe Berrios by more than 80,000 votes. In county precincts alone — where the voting-day communications error didn't occur — Raila won 20.7 percent of the vote. In the city, where it did occur, she won 20.5 percent of the vote.

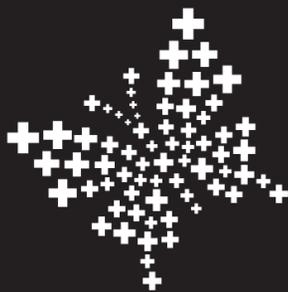
Next time we might not have such a landslide to reassure us that no real harm was done by this foul. Which is why there must not be a next time.

Re: Tweets

The winner of this week's reader poll for best tweet is @UnFitz for this pedantic dialogue: "Her: You sure love to beat people over the head with your vocabulary, don't you? Me: I think the word you're looking for is 'bludgeon.'"

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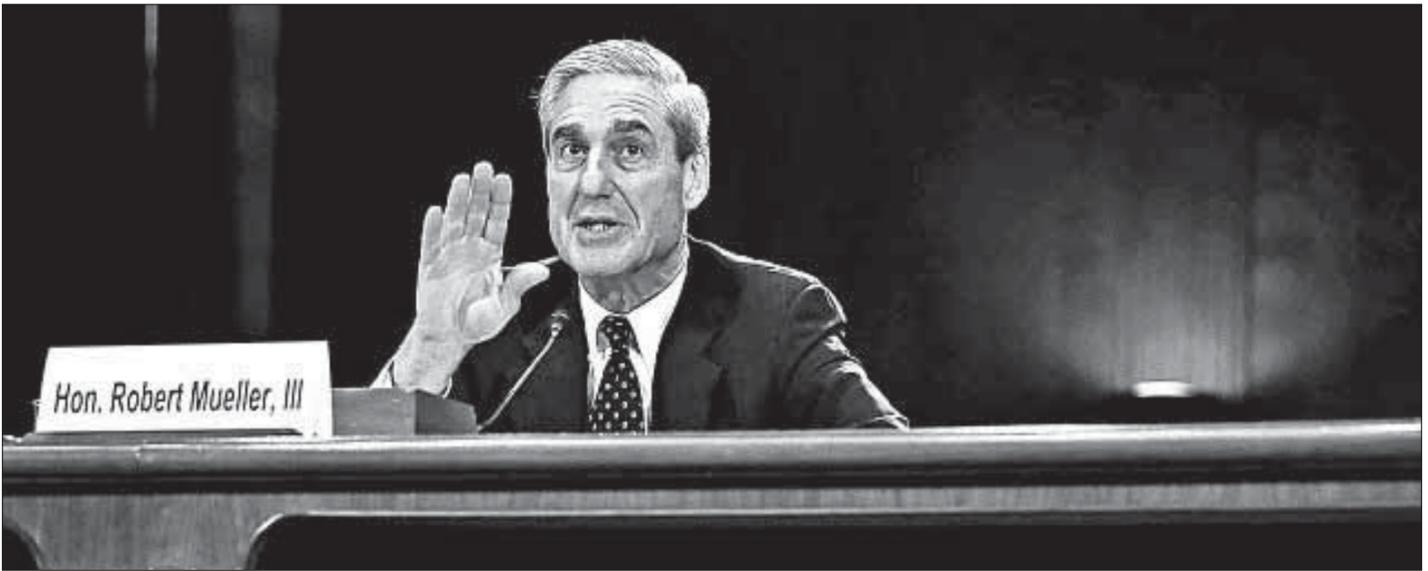
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10 things you might not know about ROBERT MUELLER

BY MARK JACOB AND
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The special counsel who is investigating connections between Russia and the 2016 Trump campaign is known as a straight arrow — “a high Protestant with a locked jaw, blue blazer ... khaki pants, penny loafers, maybe a little Vitis and Old Spice to boot,” in the words of former CIA Director George Tenet.

Here are 10 facts, just the facts, about Robert Mueller.

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2 Mueller is at least the 31st person to be specially appointed to investigate federal wrongdoing. The first was John Henderson in 1875, hired and fired by President Ulysses Grant. In the intervening century before Watergate, just seven men looked into five cases. In the last 40 years, however, 24 people — 22 men and two women — have been told to ferret out the truth.

3 Mueller is the great-grandson of William Truesdale, who served from 1899-1925 as head of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, serving Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey. Truesdale was credited with improving the DL&W, but he was less famous than the railroad's fictional advertising character, Phoebe Snow, who promoted the company's boast that its coal caused less soot. (The singer later known as Phoebe Snow was born Phoebe Ann Laub, and took her stage name from the railroad's ad character.)



RICK FRIEDMAN/CORBIS

Robert Mueller (No. 12) and John Kerry (No. 18) appear in a 1962 photo of the hockey team at St. Paul's prep school in New Hampshire.

4 When Mueller was on the hockey team at St. Paul's prep school in New Hampshire, one of his teammates was future Secretary of State John Kerry.



ROY LETKEY/AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

A police officer walks near the Pan Am Boeing 747 that exploded over Lockerbie, Scotland, in December 1988. All 259 people on board died, as well as 11 on the ground.

5 Mueller served 12 years as director of the FBI, the longest tenure since J. Edgar Hoover, but his law enforcement career was marked by a number of high-profile cases long before he rose to the top, including the investigation of mobster John Gotti, Panamanian strongman Manuel Noriega and the 1988 Pan Am Flight 103 bombing over Lockerbie, Scotland. According to Lisa Monaco, a former chief of staff, the Lockerbie case affected him particularly. For years later, Mueller quietly attended the December memorial services organized by the families.



RICH LIPSKI/AP

President George W. Bush shakes hands with Mueller, his nominee as FBI director, during a July 2001 ceremony.

6 When George W. Bush took office in 2001, Mueller became acting deputy attorney general and instantly established his work ethic. His own deputy, David Margolis, showed up to work the morning after the inauguration to find a note on his chair: “It’s 0700. Where are you?” The note was unsigned, but Margolis knew it was from Mueller. Margolis has another story about Mueller's adherence to schedule: When Mueller was at Justice under George H.W. Bush, he hosted a barbecue for his aides from 8 to 11 p.m. “At five minutes to 11, he'd start flipping the lights to get people out of his house,” Margolis said.

7 His wife sometimes beats him at golf.

8 Mueller said he was inspired to serve in Vietnam because of the combat death of Princeton classmate and friend David Hackett. Mueller enlisted with the Marine Corps and graduated from the Army's demanding Ranger school before ending up leading a rifle platoon in Vietnam in 1968. When his men came under heavy attack at Mutter's Ridge, he kept his cool, supervised the evacuation of casualties and led a team into enemy territory to rescue a wounded Marine. He was awarded a Bronze Star with a V distinction for combat valor.



JASON DECROW/AP

Ray Rice arrives with his wife for a 2014 hearing on his NFL suspension.

9 When Mueller was between government jobs in 2014-15, the NFL hired him to investigate the league's handling of the Ray Rice case. Rice, a running back for the Baltimore Ravens, had been suspended for two games after a casino video showed him dragging his fiancée (now wife) from an elevator. But later a video leaked showing Rice punching his fiancée in the elevator, and the NFL suspended him indefinitely. Mueller investigated whether the NFL had seen the punching video before it leaked. He found no evidence that it had.

10 Mueller is often described in serious terms, but he isn't without a sense of humor. In 2013, at a farewell event to celebrate his public service — at which one person joked he would “depart Justice for the last time, hopefully” — the remarks at times were reminiscent of a roast, and Mueller not only laughed along but took part. During his 8 1/2-minute speech, Mueller told a story about a particularly tense senior staff meeting, where he admitted he was a “wee bit ill-tempered.” Mueller's chief of staff, Lee Rawls, out of the blue asked, “What is the difference between the director of the FBI and a 4-year-old child?” The room grew hushed, and Rawls delivered the ice-breaker: “Height.”

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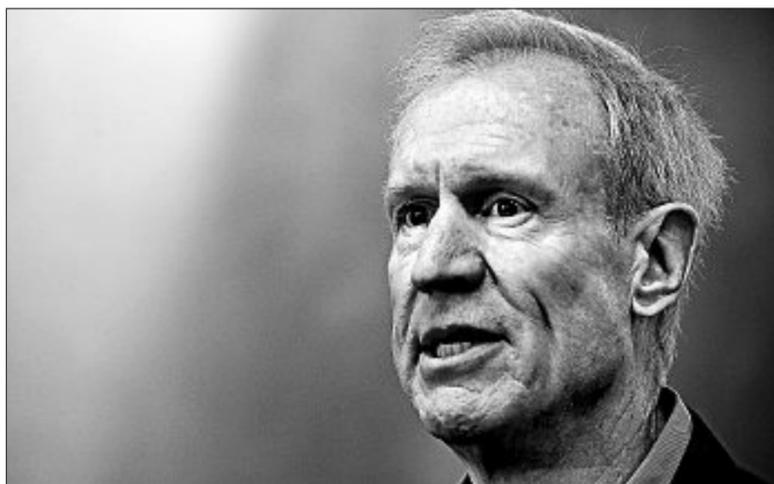
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Illinois must change or die. What's your plan, Mr. Pritzker?

Does J.B. Pritzker understand that debt-ridden, slow-growing Illinois is in crisis, must fix its hemorrhaging finances and add plenty of jobs to avoid potential ruin?

We ask not in anger or disbelief but with intense curiosity mixed with worry. Because the most important theme of the race for governor between Democrat Pritzker and incumbent Republican Bruce Rauner should be: *Who's got the best plan to rescue and revive Illinois?*

Answering that question has to start with a frank and detailed acknowledgment by the candidates that this is the issue of our times: Illinois must change or die. The state is deep in debt and can't pay all its bills. Taxes already are high so there's no easy way out, well, except to flee — so yes, people flee. Too many residents and employers are leaving for lower-cost Indiana, other Midwestern states or the Sun Belt. That worsens the looming reality for those who stay: Somebody has to pay for all that's been borrowed, spent and promised.

Does Pritzker get it? We ask because the theme he's laid out at the start of his general election campaign is full of promises and wishes to spend money to "lift up" Illinois and working families. And (gulp) he'll raise taxes. But we don't hear enough from him on the deleterious state of the state, or how he'll repair it. (We address the start to Rauner's campaign in a companion editorial.)

In his victory speech on Tuesday, Pritzker used the phrase "kitchen table issues" to signal to voters that he understands their struggles. He talked of "working families" who worry about high medical and college costs, high taxes and having a good job. So jobs are on his radar. And he recognizes that Illinois' recovery is dependent on economic growth. "We can't solve the fiscal challenge of the state if we are not growing jobs in the state," he said in a radio

interview.

How would Pritzker repair the state's finances and prioritize job growth? Victory speeches and morning-after interviews are, by their nature, brief and euphoric. We weren't expecting Pritzker to explain how he'd turn around Illinois' worst-in-the-nation credit rating, or deal with the \$130 billion in unfunded state pension liabilities. But those are problems Illinois voters need the candidates to address because the state's future — their future — is in peril.

What we've heard and read so far is that Pritzker wants to tax and spend the state to greatness: more government services for people, better schools, upgrades to roads and bridges, training and capital for manufacturers, a \$15 minimum wage and more. "It's not right that government can destroy your credit and confiscate your car because you can't afford a few parking tickets," he said on election night. Hmm, so Gov. Pritzker would pay your parking tickets, too? We're not sure, but that sounds expensive.

Pritzker's funding plan includes raising taxes on wealthier residents by instituting a progressive income tax, which would impose higher rates on higher-income earners. Our specific concern about such graduated rates is that over time they'll soak middle-class earners, too. Lawmakers lack self-control that way.

Besides, raising taxes is no cure-all. It's a move that will drive away even more employers, jobs and residents. What we want to know from Candidate Pritzker is how will he repair the fiscal damage and make Illinois more attractive to employers and investors so the jobs come, residents stay and prosperity is shared.

Election Day is coming. Mr. Pritzker, what's your plan to revive Illinois?

Rauner as broken record: Madigan isn't the only issue in this campaign

Gov. Bruce Rauner's sputtering finish in Tuesday's primary didn't inspire confidence among even his most loyal Republican voters that he can conquer Democratic nominee J.B. Pritzker in November. Rauner squeaked out a victory over state Rep. Jeanne Ives of Wheaton by about 3 percentage points. It was no mandate.

Rauner heads into the general election limping from that bruising. Many Republicans — and, naturally, Democrats — criticize his inability to move his agenda through the legislature. "Four more years" can be a tough sell when the last three-plus have been marred by gridlock.

Rauner does, though, understand the urgency of Illinois' fiscal crisis. He recognizes the legislature's anti-employer bias, and the resulting impact on jobs and out-migration. Illinois lost population each of the last four years, finally slipping behind Pennsylvania, which became the nation's fifth-largest state. "Make no mistake, we are in a competition and the states around us are winning at our expense," Rauner said in his February budget address. "They have out-legislated us and now they out-grow us."

Rauner has proposed pro-business reforms to reduce workers' compensation costs. He called for a freeze on property taxes and has tried to stand firm against the costly demands of organized labor. He has offered a prescription to reverse the exodus of businesses and residents from Illinois. What is Pritzker's prescription? See our companion editorial for more on that crucial and thus far unanswered question.

The trouble with Rauner isn't his agenda. It's his inability to advance it and his accurate but repetitive excuse for failing to do so. In an editorial four months ago titled "Stop griping, Governor, and make your case," we made ours: Rauner needs to ease off his blame crutch — House Speaker Michael Madigan — and expand his own case for re-election.

We aren't claiming success. During a recent news conference, Rauner mentioned Madigan's name 31 times in less than 13 minutes. The Ward Room, WMAQ-Ch. 5's political blog, posted a mashup of his remarks and it is something to behold. Madigan, Madigan, Madigan.

A more complete strategy for Rauner during the next eight months should include selling his own ideas for rescuing and reforming Illinois. Compare those ideas with Pritzker's. The contrast is ripe.

Pritzker favors a graduated income tax as a fairer way to drum up revenue. Rauner opposes a graduated tax and says it would only accelerate the exodus of residents from Illinois.

Pritzker opposes the school choice program, currently being rolled out, that provides state tax credits to donors of private school scholarships. Rauner signed the bill creating the program and wants to expand it.

Pritzker opposes efforts to offer new state employees 401(k)-style retirement plans instead of defined benefit pension plans. He is heavily backed by labor unions and surely more bendable to their wishes — a list that only grows. Rauner supports 401(k)-style plans for new employees and has resisted the demands of public employee unions during contract negotiations.

Pritzker supports tighter gun control measures. Rauner vetoed an overreaching bill that, beyond federal oversight, would require gun shops to also be state-licensed.

Pritzker supports legalizing recreational marijuana. Rauner opposes it.

These are issues on which Illinois voters deserve a full debate between now and November. Rauner can provide the contrast. He can try to build support for his agenda. Instead, he seems obsessed with a singular talking point: Madigan.

That might have helped him get elected in 2014. But nearly four years later, it's a strategy that should be revisited and soon. Why? Broken records don't sell.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

What has happened in the past few decades is an accelerated waning of all these traditional American supports for a meaningful, collective life, and their replacement with various forms of cheap distraction. Addiction — to work, to food, to phones, to TV, to video games, to porn, to news and to drugs — is all around us. The core habit of bourgeois life — deferred gratification — has lost its grip on the American soul. We seek the instant, easy highs, and it's hard not to see this as the broader context for the opioid wave.

This was not originally a conscious choice for most of those caught up in it: Most were introduced to the poppy's joys by their own family members and friends, the last link in a chain that included the medical establishment and began with the pharmaceutical companies.

It may be best to think of this wave therefore not as a function of miserable people turning to drugs en masse but of people who didn't realize how miserable they were until they found out what life without misery could be. To return to their previous lives became unthinkable. For so many, it still is.

Andrew Sullivan, New York Magazine

The vast American oil and gas resources being unlocked by unconventional techniques like fracking are more than a domestic economic bonanza. They are a key instrument of American foreign policy. These resources will not only deprive Middle Eastern countries of the financial capacity too many have used to underwrite radicalism and terrorism; they force Russia, whose economy is greatly dependent on oil exports, to count the cost of every bullet fired in Ukraine and every mercenary deployed to Syria. Fracking frustrates Vladimir Putin more than sanctions, and much more than harsh rhetoric at the U.N. When the price of oil is \$150 a barrel and every country in Europe is desperate for energy, Russia casts a long shadow over the EU. When oil is at \$60 a barrel and supplies are plentiful, Russian leverage is dramatically diminished.

Walter Russell Mead, The Wall Street Journal

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QUOTABLES

“Between the taxes, our economy, the schools and the crime rate here, we’re a laughingstock in America.”

— Former police Superintendent Garry McCarthy, on why he’s running for mayor of Chicago

“I say to Congress, I will never sign another bill like this again.”

— President Donald Trump, after signing a \$1.3 trillion spending measure Friday, averting a mid-night government shutdown

“Well, I can say it was the best flight delay ever.”

— United Airlines passenger Allison Preiss, who received a \$10,000 United travel voucher after being bumped from a flight

“We have a responsibility to protect your data, and if we can’t then we don’t deserve to serve you.”

— Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, after Cambridge Analytica, a political data firm hired by Donald Trump’s presidential campaign, gained access to private information on more than 50 million Facebook users



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President Barack Obama and Facebook’s Mark Zuckerberg at a town hall meeting. The company has come under fire for its handling of users’ personal information.

Why nobody complained when Obama used Facebook data



CLARENCE PAGE

Remember the breathless speculation less than a year ago about whether Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg would run for president? That was then.

Oh, how the mighty Zuck’s image has fallen amid scandalous revelations about the social network allowing consultants for Donald Trump’s presidential campaign to gain access to personal information on millions of Facebook users.

Former White House chief strategist Steve Bannon told CNN Thursday that he “doesn’t remember” purchasing personal information from Facebook while working for the data firm Cambridge Analytica, where he once served as a vice president.

But Bannon did express a novel version of an often-used Trumpian deflection that I call “BBOF,” or “blame

Barack Obama first.”

“In 2008, it was Google and Facebook that went to Barack Obama and met him at San Francisco airport and told him all about the power of this personal data,” he said. Yet, “the great opposition party — media — never went after the Obama campaign, never went after the progressive left as they’ve been doing this for years. And in 2013, when I thought a data company might be important, all the sudden it becomes global news.”

Bannon’s view already was going viral on the political right. “Liberal media,” shouted a Fox News website headline, “didn’t think data mining was so bad when Obama’s campaign did it.”

“What’s genius for Obama is scandal when it comes to Trump,” said a headline on a column by conservative Ben Shapiro in *The Hill*, a Capitol Hill newspaper.

And numerous other developers, including the makers of such games as *FarmVille* and the dating app *Tinder*, also used the same Facebook developer tool that Cambridge Analytica used.

However, as former Obama advisers point out, there are significant differences between the way Obama’s campaign mined data from Facebook, and the activities of which Cambridge is accused: The Obama campaign collected data with its own campaign app, complied with Facebook’s terms of service and, most important in my view, received permission from users before using the data.

An estimated 1 million Obama supporters gave the campaign access to their Facebook data in order to spread the word about their campaign. Campaign officials say they kept the data secure and did not sell or give it to third parties, although there have been some allegations that Facebook released at least some of that data anyway, without permission.

Cambridge, by comparison, has been accused of violating Facebook rules. The firm has suspended CEO Alexander Nix, pending an investigation.

Nix, you may recall, unintentionally added juice to this story by getting caught in an

undercover sting video conducted against Cambridge Analytica by Britain’s Channel 4. Viewers around the world saw Nix claim credit for Trump’s election and appear to offer to entrap the client’s political rivals with secret videotapes and sex workers.

Facebook has taken heat from Trump’s critics too. They have accused the company of contributing to Trump’s victory by failing to rein in fake news and Russian propaganda. The latest scandal has brought new calls for Zuckerberg to testify before Congress and clarify how customer data is being used and possibly misused.

On Wednesday, after remaining conspicuously silent since Friday night, Zuckerberg promised to restrict third-party access to Facebook data in an effort to win back user trust. “We have a responsibility to protect your data, and if we can’t then we don’t deserve to serve you,” he wrote on Facebook.

Well said, but we’ve heard such earnest mea culpas from Zuckerberg before. Fast Company has compiled a list

of almost a dozen other apologies Zuck has issued since 2003. “Like any habitual sinner,” opines Politico’s media columnist Jack Shafer, “he sins, seeks forgiveness in confession, and then with that naughty boy expression pasted on his face, he goes forth and sins again.”

Will he get away with it again? We’ve seen this dance before. Everybody hates Zuckerberg, yet we also love what his company has brought to us. Like a lot of tech wizards or major corporate CEOs, he likes to push the limits and worry about apologies later.

Perhaps this time, we the public will push back hard enough to rein in Facebook’s seductive power with appropriate regulations, beginning with the requirement that they get our permission before collecting and sharing our data with third parties.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Ending violence

I heard Garry McCarthy — who plans to run for mayor — on the radio the other morning. Speaking about violence on Chicago streets and poverty, he stated that they are connected. OK. That is true. But instead of giving us a view to his plan, he said that the situation requires a “business” plan.

I have no idea what business plan McCarthy might implement. But we need a social justice plan more than anything.

After reading an article in the Tribune about Growing Home, an organic farmers’ market at 5814 S. Wood Street, I began going there once a week to get my greens. This business is in Englewood because that neighborhood is a food desert. It hires the hard to employ; many are convicts. At Growing Home, each employee has a family that supports her or him. Employees are given the

chance to become productive citizens, buying cars, paying taxes. I wish the Tribune would write another article about this success story.

Englewood needs 100 more enterprises just like this one. That is the way to end street violence. I guess this is a business solution, in the end. I hope this is the type about which McCarthy was speaking.

— Janice Gintzler, Crestwood

Protest vote

I was very pleased to see millions and millions of registered voters stay home on Election Day. I sure know I did.

I had absolutely no intention of participating in a rigged game. I have no interest in putting the next governor in office to continue to oppress my rights, raise my taxes, keep my income down and charge me fees at every single possible opportunity.

The politicians in this city are so completely distanced from Main Street people like me; I can’t even begin to see why I would play their game.

Politics is just a game rich people play. The best that can happen is my income improves a few hundred dollars. Hardly worth the wide scale corruption and misery left in the wake by giving other power-hungry people the validation they need to continue musing things up.

I find it funny, the people who say I can’t complain because I didn’t vote. I complain that you did vote. Please stop. You continue to participate in a criminally insane machine that has indebted this city beyond reconciliation.

Citizens are fleeing in scale numbers, and I also think that’s great. Chicago doesn’t have the resources or the infrastructure to support them. And when I finish up what I need to do here, I’ll be gone as well. Counting down the days to it.

I laugh equally as hard at the prospect of Amazon coming to Chicago as I did with the 2016 Olympics. It’s another laughable promise made by politicians,

mayors and adermen in the long line of the same kind of promises a last-ditch alcoholic makes. The only thing coming is more of our hard-earned money to line their pockets. Our quality of life will continue to go down.

Democracy and politics in Chicago is a failed experiment, and in any good culture, the game would have been ended decades ago. Just remember, my fellow virtuous voters, when a person is given power is the exact moment said person departs from being your ally.

— Kyle Tyrrell, Chicago

Rethinking our streets

Thank you for drawing attention to the unacceptable number of pedestrian fatalities in Chicago. Every one of these crashes is preventable, and the city and state should be doing more to reduce and ultimately eliminate all traffic deaths.

The editorial “How to reduce pedestrian fatalities” fails to mention one of the most effective ways to prevent crashes and save lives: redesigning streets. Chicago

has far too many dangerous streets that encourage speeding and that are really difficult to cross. These treacherous corridors divide and isolate communities, making it more likely people will choose to drive for trips that could easily be made on foot, bike or public transit.

The city has made progress in recent years by narrowing streets and adding safety infrastructure like high-visibility crosswalks, refuge islands and bike lanes, but limited resources prevent leaders from making the types of large-scale changes needed to make a citywide impact.

Chicago and Illinois must dedicate more funding to redesigning streets and adding lifesaving infrastructure to the region’s most dangerous corridors.

Current city and state budgets set aside a very limited amount of funding for these long overdue improvements. Making real progress requires rethinking our city and state transportation budgets, and electing leaders who prioritize safety for all road users.

— Ron Burke, Active Transportation Alliance, Chicago

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Marchers stand up to gun violence

Fla. students lead call for 'revolution' at Washington rally

Staff and news services

WASHINGTON — Hundreds of thousands of demonstrators gathered in the nation's capital and cities across the country Saturday to demand action against gun violence, the latest and most visible show of force by a student-led political movement born in the wake of a deadly school shooting in Parkland, Fla.

Led by students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, where a shooter's rampage Feb. 14 left 17 dead, the teens who took the stage at the March for Our Lives in downtown Washington called for Congress to enact stricter gun controls in response to the nation's two-decade stretch of campus shootings.

Hundreds of sister protests took place in cities across the country — Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Seattle — in the kind of numbers seen during the Vietnam era. Protests were also held in other countries.

Pro-gun activists held counterprotests at some cities, including Phoenix and Salt Lake City.

Although the Washington march was bankrolled by celebrities such as Oprah Winfrey and George and Amal Clooney, students who survived the Parkland shooting took the spotlight. Their message Saturday: The inaction that has repeatedly characterized federal lawmakers' response to school massacres and ev-



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Students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., join other victims of gun violence at the end of the rally Saturday in Washington.

everyday gun violence would no longer be tolerated.

"To the leaders, skeptics and cynics who told us to sit down, stay silent and wait your turn, welcome to the revolution," Cameron Kasky, a Stoneman Douglas student, said to a crowd that packed at least 10 blocks of Pennsylvania Avenue. "Either represent the people or get out. Stand for us or beware. The voters are coming."

About 20 speakers — all of them kids or teens — spoke to a diverse crowd that included students from every background: black and white, rich and poor, suburban and inner-city.

Together, they sang along to Miley Cyrus and Ariana Grande, shed tears during a chorus of "Happy Birthday" to a Parkland victim and chanted "Enough is

enough!" Tears rolled down Emma Gonzalez's face as she stood in silence on stage.

The Stoneman Douglas student stopped speaking for 6 minutes, 20 seconds — the time it took a gunman to kill 14 students and three teachers at the school.

"Everyone in the Douglas community was forever altered," Gonzalez said in her speech, naming each of the students killed in the mass shootings.

David Hogg, among the most prominent of the student activists from the Valentine's Day shooting, said elected officials will be judged by their position on guns, with none allowed to avoid taking a stand.

"If you listen real close, you can hear the people in power shaking," Hogg said. "Inaction is no longer safe.

And to that we say, 'No more.' Most representatives have no public stance on guns. To this we say, 'No more.'"

Yolanda Renee King, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 9-year-old granddaughter, drew from the civil rights leader's most famous words in declaring from the stage: "I have a dream that enough is enough. That this should be a gun-free world. Period."

Nearly 200 people have died in school shootings since the 1999 massacre at Columbine High School in Colorado, which left 13 dead and inaugurated years of campus gun violence. During that period, more than 187,000 students have experienced a shooting on campus during school hours, according to a Washington Post analysis.

The White House issued a statement Saturday praising the marchers.

"We applaud the many courageous young Americans exercising their First Amendment rights today," White House spokeswoman Lindsay Walters said in the statement, in which she added that "keeping our children safe is a stop priority of the President's."

President Donald Trump was in Florida, about 35 miles from Parkland. He steered clear of a protest in West Palm Beach as his motorcade took a scenic route to his Mar-a-Lago home after leaving his golf club.

The National Rifle Association posted a statement on Facebook as the protests unfolded: "Gun-hating billionaires and Hollywood elites are manipulating and

exploiting children as part of their plan to destroy the Second Amendment."

Teachers at the Washington rally also protested Trump's proposal to arm some of them in order to protect students from potential attackers.

Before the rally ended, Gonzalez, Hogg and other Stoneman Douglas students and March for Our Lives speakers returned to the stage to say goodbye, thank supporters and reiterate their calls for change.

"We all know what this is like," Gonzalez said. "And it's up to us to stop it. So one last final plug: Get out there and vote. Get out there and get registered."

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As big threats multiply, divisive Bolton steps in

BY TRACY WILKINSON AND NOAH BIEMAN
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WASHINGTON — John Bolton, President Donald Trump's new national security adviser, has a take-no-prisoners approach that may prove problematic in a White House riven by leaks and defections.

Known for his brash style and bushy mustache, Bolton has been an informal adviser to Trump, a frequent commentator on Fox News and a longtime hawk on Iran, North Korea and other U.S. adversaries.

He is best known for his 16 months' service as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations — an organization he frequently said shouldn't exist — from mid-2005 until the end of 2006. President George W. Bush named him as a recess appointment because the White House knew Bolton was too toxic to win Senate confirmation.

Some State Department officials accused him of being so abrasive at the U.N. that he undermined U.S. policies.

More recently, Bolton, 69, has advocated hard-line, some would say extreme, positions on foreign policy

challenges that have roiled the Trump administration.

He has vigorously opposed the Iran nuclear deal, and no doubt will back Trump's threats to withdraw from the landmark accord.

Before it was signed in 2015, he suggested bombing Iran to quash its nuclear ambitions.

He also has called for a military attack on nuclear-armed North Korea. Six months ago, as Trump and North Korean ruler Kim Jong Un traded insults and threats, Bolton said the solution was to topple the Pyongyang government and have South Korea take over the North.

Bolton now will backstop Trump's agreement to conduct a summit with Kim.

Unlike Trump, Bolton is a staunch critic of Russian President Vladimir Putin's military incursion in Ukraine, although it's not clear whether he agrees with Trump's skepticism of Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential election.

Bolton's defenders include the most conservative members of the Republican establishment. Some welcomed him as national security adviser after H.R.

McMaster, whom they saw as more moderate and more inclined to try to block some of Trump's suggestions.

"Obviously, I think Bolton's world view is more muscular" than McMaster's, said Lanhee Chen, a fellow at the conservative Hoover Institution who was Mitt Romney's chief policy adviser in 2012. "But there clearly are similarities and actually more similarities than people might see at first blush."

Chen said both men favor an engaged America around the world, a contrast to how many conservatives initially viewed Trump's "America First" policy as isolationist. "Some will try to portray him as being out of the mainstream, particularly detractors of the administration, but I don't actually think that's where Bolton is," he said.

Richard Haass, president of the Council on Foreign Relations, said via Twitter, "A national security adviser must be an honest broker, ensuring the (president) considers all points of view. Second, he is a counselor with his own views. ... The obvious question is whether John Bolton has the temperament and the judgment



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John Bolton is known for his brash style, aggressive stands and bushy mustache.

for the job."

But many in the foreign policy, global democracy and human rights communities were appalled.

Bolton "generally disparages international law," Amnesty International said in a statement.

The "McMaster ouster means no more adults in the room — except (Defense Secretary James) Mattis, who now has no allies," said Charles Stevenson, a former State Department official.

McMaster, Mattis and outgoing Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, whom Trump fired earlier this month, were seen as forces who could sometimes rein in the president.

"McMaster was no dove. But Bolton falls into an entirely different category of dangerous uber-hawk," Colin Kahl and Jon Wolfsthal, national security officials in the Obama administration, wrote Friday in Foreign Policy.

"Bolton's views on Iraq, North Korea, Iran, and other issues reveal a general pattern of thought: a tendency toward worst-case thinking; a pattern of warping and misusing intelligence to build the case for war with rogue states; a disdain for allies and multilateral institutions; a blind faith in U.S. military power and the benefits of regime change; and a tendency to

see the ends as justifying the means, however horrific."

If another of Bolton's tasks is to impose discipline on a fractious staff, his track record is not favorable there, either.

In his various government jobs, Bolton was known as hot-tempered and volatile and quick to belittle employees.

He has been a consistent flame-thrower, critics and supporters agree. When he left a position at the U.S. Agency for International Development in the late 1980s, colleagues presented him with a special gift: a bronzed hand grenade.

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Curiosity rolls to 2,000 Mars days, counting



NASA PHOTOS

A Mars Curiosity rover photograph shows an uphill view of Mount Sharp, which Curiosity, far right, has been climbing.

Rover prepares to begin drilling again

BY MARCIA DUNN
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA's Mars rover Curiosity has now marked 2,000 days on the red planet.

That's 2,000 days by Martian standards. A Martian sol, or solar day, is equivalent to 24 hours, 39 minutes and 35 seconds.

So 2,000 days on Mars equal 2,055 days on Earth.

Either way, it was a big milestone last week for scientists eager for Curiosity to begin drilling again, this time into clay-rich rocks on the slopes of Mount Sharp.

The six-wheeled rover has traveled 11.6 miles since its arrival in 2012.

The rover Opportunity, though, has Curiosity beat.

Last month, Opportunity surpassed its 5,000th day on Mars. It's been exploring Mars since 2004.

NASA plans to send another robotic geologist to Mars in May. Named In-Sight, the lander will stay in one place as a heat-measuring device burrows deep into the Martian terrain.

Curiosity's flight controllers are testing a new drilling method. The rover's drill stopped working properly in 2016, and so engineers devised another way to bore into Martian rocks and get the pulverized rock samples into the rover's lab instruments.



Kids' portraits of a scientist evolving

3 in 10 now draw women in roles, a low but rising ratio

BY BEN GUARINO
The Washington Post

In 1983, a social scientist named David Chambers published a landmark study on children's drawings. During the late 1960s and the 1970s, teachers asked nearly 5,000 children to draw a scientist.

Features of those doodles included lab coats, eureka exclamations and, Chambers noted, "abnormally long sideburns." A singular theme emerged: The scientists were men.

"Not a single boy in that study drew a female scientist," said David Miller, a graduate psychology student at Northwestern University. Not very many girls did, either.

Only 28 students drew female scientists — less than 1 percent of the students in the study, of whom 49 percent were girls.

But the portrait of a scientist in a young person's mind appears to be changing. In the past five years, Miller and his Northwestern colleagues reviewed 78 draw-a-scientist studies completed after Chamber's report. After 1980, 3 in 10 students drew women as scientists.

Younger children — young girls in particular — were the most likely to sketch female scientists, according to the report Tuesday in the journal *Child Development*.

The study "is important because it shows that children's gender stereotypes of scientists have decreased over the past five decades in the United States," said Western Michigan University communications professor Jocelyn Steinke, who studies media representation of scientists and was not a part of the new research.

The results come at a time when scientists such as



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A scientist as drawn by a girl between the age of 10 and 11. The portrait of a scientist in a young person's mind is changing.

ecologist Jane Zelikova are pushing back against the Bill Nye stereotype — or "stale, pale and male," as she put it.

Zelikova, a University of Wyoming research scientist, is the co-founder of 500 Women Scientists, a grassroots organization based on an open letter, published after the 2016 election, that advocated for women and equality in science.

Given that there are now more women in the scientific workforce, Miller and his colleagues predicted the tendency to draw men would weaken over time.

"That's what we found," he said, with the proportion of female scientists drawn increasing from 1985 onward.

Pooling pictures by nearly 21,000 students, from kindergarten to grade 12, the authors of the new study also found a change in

perception around age 8.

Before middle school, most girls drew female scientists, and most boys drew male scientists.

But as students grew older, the proportion of male scientists in their drawings increased.

"We think this reflects that children are learning multiple stereotypes about scientists as they age," Miller said.

Put another way: Young children might draw more female scientists because they haven't learned the cultural perceptions yet.

Drawings can be barometers for children's opinions about other occupations. In one companion study, students drew 40 percent of veterinarians and 25 percent of teachers as men.

"If they think that others are expecting them to draw male scientists," he said, "maybe science isn't perceived as a typical path for girls."

Female representation in science varies by field.

In 2013, 49 percent of biologists and 35 percent of chemists were women, but 11 percent of astronomers and physicists.

Women earn the majority of bachelor's degrees in biological, social sciences and psychology, according to National Science Foundation statistics, whereas men earn more degrees in engineering, physics and computer sciences.

"The percentage of women has gone up over the decades, but it's still not at parity," said social psychologist Sapna Cheryan, who studies gender and STEM at the University of Washington and was not involved with the study.

Cheryan said she would like to see what would happen if children were

asked to draw scientists from specific fields, like a biologist or a computer scientist.

Some of the most popular shows on television reinforce computer science and physics as the realms of men, Cheryan said, pointing to "Silicon Valley" and "The Big Bang Theory."

When "The Big Bang Theory" cast women as scientists later in the show, it added female biologists, another example of the idea "men are the engineers and the physicists, and women do biology," Cheryan said.

Children's media, Miller said, has improved. Highlights, the kids' magazine, featured women in 13 percent of their science stories in the 1960s.

In the 2000s, Miller said, citing a study of the magazine's content, the proportion of female scientists increased to 44 percent.

"We see television programs like 'SciGirls' and 'Project Mc2' and films like 'Gravity' and 'Hidden Figures' that seek to inspire girls by featuring positive female STEM role models," Steinke said.

The "Black Panther" film features a character named Shuri: a young, tech-savvy scientist who runs her own lab.

Away from the silver screen, expectations about a scientist's appearance persist. Half of the students in the meta-analysis drew scientists wearing lab coats. Eight in 10 of the drawings were interpreted to be white people.

When asked if she found the results of this study promising, Maryam Zaringhalam, an Iranian-American molecular biologist, invoked Ruth Bader Ginsburg: The Supreme Court justice once said she would be satisfied when nine women sat on the bench.

"Twenty-eight percent is not good enough, not even close. One hundred percent of children should be able to draw women scientists," Zelikova said.

So how does the perception of a scientist change?

"If we really want the public to see themselves in science, we have to show them scientists who look like them and talk like them," Zaringhalam said.

To that end, 500 Women Scientists created a Request a Woman Scientist database of more than 5,000 women, experts ready to speak to the public, at conferences or to journalists.

In a twist on the draw-a-scientist test, students have made sketches before and after meeting working scientists. The BBC radio science journalist Quentin Cooper recounted the results of one such study to *New Scientist* in 2011: A girl's first drawing was a man with a lab coat.

But her second was a woman holding a test tube, with a single word as a caption, "Me."

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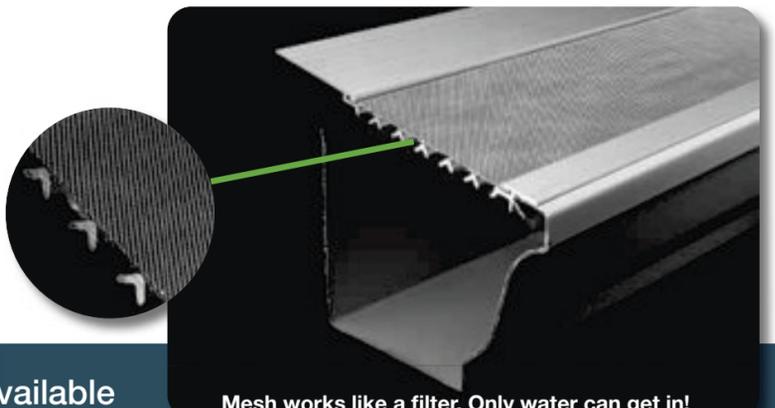
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Under fire, Brazilians ready to bear arms

In world's murder capital, guns are gaining popularity

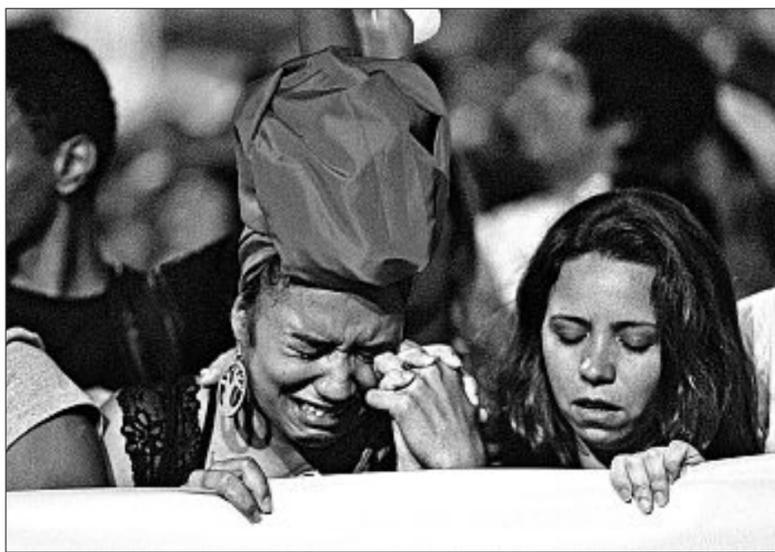
BY DAVID BILLER
Bloomberg News

In the world's most murderous country, gun control is starting to lose its appeal.

Desperate Brazilians are wondering whether they'd be better off armed, given that around 60,000 of their compatriots are killed each year. Polls show support for gun ownership gaining ground. In an election year, politicians are paying attention.

One of the candidates leading the field for October's 2018 presidential election — hard-line conservative Jair Bolsonaro — has promised to allow law-abiding citizens to arm themselves, a popular pledge in the nation with by far the most homicides of the entire world. Even before then, Congress may debate legislation to overturn the “disarmament statute,” a law that effectively bans civilian gun ownership, except in rare circumstances. The proposal would allow Brazilians with clean criminal records who pass psychological and firearm exams to buy up to six weapons.

“Everyday, everywhere you look, the criminal is armed with a high-powered



A woman cries as she takes part in a protest Tuesday against the slaying of Councilwoman Marielle Franco in Rio de Janeiro. There were 5,332 homicides last year in Rio state.

weapon as the citizen tries to hide,” Rogerio Peninha Mendonca, the lawmaker behind the proposal, said in an interview. “What we want is for the citizen to be more capable of defending himself.”

The idea runs counter to recent calls in the U.S. for greater gun control, as well as the global trend toward restricting access to firearms that's seen Australia, the U.K., Canada, New Zealand and Germany tighten their laws in recent decades.

Forty-two percent of Bra-

zilians believe gun ownership is a citizen's right, according to a November survey by pollster Datafolha.

That's up from 30 percent four years earlier. And of the lower house lawmakers who have expressed opinions publicly, slightly more than half support the proposed legislation, according to a scoreboard maintained by Peninha's staff.

Fellow lawmaker Bolsonaro, a former Army captain, has been preaching the

gospel of gun rights as part of his law-and-order pitch to voters. In polls he trails only former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, who will likely be barred from running.

Brazil's gun policy needs to change, Bolsonaro said at an event in Congress on March 7. He drew cheers from his supporters when he joked that the so-called “bullet caucus” of lawmakers united by their tough stance on crime should be renamed the “machine gun caucus.”

“Dictatorships only take root after disarmament programs,” he said.

Firearm homicides actually fell after the statute was introduced in 2003. It didn't return to that year's level for six years, according to the so-called Violence Map published by the Latin American Social Sciences Institute.

The “overwhelming” global tendency is toward more restriction for civilian gun ownership, and studies show that for every 1 percent increase to the number of firearms in circulation in Brazil, the homicide count would rise by 2 percent, according to Robert Muggah, research director at Rio-based security think tank Instituto Igarape.

“Brazil's pro-gun politicians are playing with fire. Rather than dismantling existing firearm legislation, they would be much better served by improving and enforcing existing laws,” Muggah said. “There is a very real danger that gun violence will escalate if the disarmament statute is repealed.”

In 2017 there were 5,332 homicides in Rio state, according to official data. The state's leading newspaper, O Globo, counted 632 victims of stray bullets alone in the first half of last year. And Rio doesn't even make the list of the world's top 50 most murderous cities — but 19 other Brazilian cities do.

So far, the army's policing of Rio appears to have done little to improve security. Last week, Marielle Franco, a local politician and human rights activist, was gunned down in her car, prompting some of the largest impromptu street protests in Brazil in years.

Most mainstream presidential candidates support maintaining the statute, according to a report by local paper Folha de S. Paulo. But until the government devises a way to stem the violence, much of Brazilian society will clamor for guns and force such politicians to defend their positions on the campaign trail, according to Nilson Leitao, head of the center-right PSDB party in the lower house.

“This radicalism is the fruit of a lack of results,” Leitao said in an interview at Bloomberg's office in Brasilia. “I don't want a gun in my house, because I have three kids. But a lot of people do, because of the alarming growth in violence.”

Poll: Support soars for tougher gun control laws

BY STEVE PEOPLES
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Associated Press

NEW YORK — Support for tougher gun control laws is soaring in the country, according to a new poll that found a majority of gun owners and half of Republicans favor new laws to address gun violence in the weeks after a Florida school shooting left 17 dead and sparked nationwide protests.

The poll, conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, found that nearly 7 in 10 adults favor stricter gun control measures. That's the strongest level of support since the AP first asked the question five years ago. The poll also found that nearly half of Americans do not expect elected officials to take action.

“It feels hopeless,” said Elizabeth Tageson-Bedwin, 30, of Durham, N.C., a Republican who teaches seventh-grade English. “Considering recent events, gun control in this country needs to be stricter — and it can be without infringing on anyone's rights.”

Overall, 69 percent of Americans think gun laws in the United States should be made stricter. That's up from 61 percent in October of 2016 and 55 percent when the AP first asked the question in October of 2013. Overall, 90 percent of Democrats, 54 percent of gun owners and 50 percent of Republicans now favor stricter gun control laws.

Sixty percent believe that making it harder to legally obtain a gun would result in fewer mass shootings; just 49 percent said the same in the 2016 poll.

The poll finds support for specific gun control measures even among those who bristle at the term “gun control.”

“That's what Hitler did,”



A new poll has found that a majority of gun owners, 54 percent, favor new laws to address gun violence.

said Flora McIntyre, of Simi Valley, Calif., repeating a common, but inaccurate, line of criticism against gun control measures. “Hitler made everyone register their guns. Then he came and collected all the guns.”

But when asked about specific gun control prescriptions, the 82-year-old retired nurse, who said she owns a rifle and a 44 Magnum, said she favored stronger background checks and limits on the number of bullets allowed in a gun magazine. She also opposes President Donald Trump's plan to give guns to trained teachers.

The poll shows that McIntyre is not alone.

More than 8 in 10 Americans favor a federal law preventing mentally ill people from purchasing guns, along with a federal law expanding background check requirements to include gun shows and private sales.

Nearly 8 in 10 favor allowing courts to prevent people from owning guns if considered a danger to themselves or others, even if they have not been convicted of a crime. And 7 in 10 favor a nationwide ban on devices known as “bump stocks” that allow semi-automatic guns to function like automatic guns.

Nearly 6 in 10 favor a

nationwide ban on AR-15-style rifles.

“They should take them off the market. Too much power right there,” Sedrick Clark, 25, of St. Louis, said of AR-15s.

Clark, a Republican, said he recently purchased a handgun for protection. But he said he'd support police efforts to go door-to-door to confiscate “dirty guns” from convicted felons and others who shouldn't have them.

“I know Trump would do it,” Clark said, praising the Republican president.

Americans have mixed views on whether they expect any elected leaders to enact tougher gun control laws in the next year.

The Florida legislature passed a law earlier in the month to raise the minimum age to purchase a firearm to 21.

The law also extended the waiting period to three days, banned bump stocks, funded more school police officers and mental health services, and allowed certain staff members to carry guns in schools. Congress, however, has yet to adopt new gun control measures that would apply to the rest of the country.

The AP-NORC poll of 1,122 adults, conducted March 14-19, has a margin of error of plus or minus 4.2 percentage points.

Austin bombs revive trauma of 1989 assassination of judge

BY JAY REEVES
Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Judge Robert Vance was at his kitchen table on Dec. 16, 1989, when he opened a package that had been mailed to his home. The bomb hidden inside exploded with brutal force, killing Vance instantly and severely injuring his wife.

Two days later, a similar device killed an attorney in Georgia. Two other mail bombs were later intercepted and defused, one at a federal courthouse in Atlanta and the other at an NAACP office in Jacksonville, Fla.

The bombings created a wave of terror across the South. Now, nearly 30 years later, Alabama is preparing to execute the man convicted in Vance's killing, Walter Leroy Moody Jr. of Rex, Ga. Moody is set for lethal injection next month.

The long-delayed resolution to the old crime comes as Texas officials grapple with a deadly spate of bombings over three weeks that ended last week when the suspect blew himself up.

The complex investigation that led to Moody's prosecution is a reflection of how difficult it can be to get to the bottom of sporadic bombings like the ones in Texas. And it is also a testament to the lingering effects that such a crime can have.

Tom Thurman, who retired from the FBI's crime laboratory after handling cases including the Vance assassination, said bombings are “more complicated in many aspects” than other crimes.

“On the investigative side it's so different from other crimes that involve personal contact,” he said. “An individual is there to stab, hit or shoot somebody and a lot of times law enforcement is fortunate to have someone who was



AP 1990



AP 1968

Walter Leroy Moody Jr., left, was convicted of the 1989 mail bomb death of federal Judge Robert S. Vance.

there. In most bombing cases, the person who sets the device or sends it is not there. They've got some anonymity.”

Vance's son, Robert Vance Jr., said he is thankful Moody is in prison, and he feels for the victims in Texas, where two people were killed and four were badly injured by package bombs.

“I've been in the place of the families down in the Austin area going through this. It's just so frustrating because you don't know who is responsible or why,” said Vance, now a Democratic state court judge.

Moody has always maintained his innocence. Agents arrested him in July 1990.

Robert S. Vance was a member of the Atlanta-based 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, and prosecutors alleged Moody targeted him out of anger at the 11th Circuit's refusal to overturn a conviction that blocked Moody, who had attended law school, from ever practicing law.

The bomb that killed Robert Robinson, a black civil rights attorney from Savannah, Ga., was meant to cast suspicion on the Ku Klux Klan, as was the bomb sent to the NAACP office, authorities said.

By reconstructing the two bombs that killed Vance and Robinson and disarming the two others,

investigators determined they were wrapped in nearly identical packages and mailed using the same kind of stamps. There were also similarities between the materials used in the bombs, including improvised detonators and wiring methods, Thurman said.

In Moody's case, the bomb was manufactured in a way that led back to its maker, he said.

After Vance's death, officials retrieved an intact bomb from the courthouse that housed 11th Circuit judges in Atlanta. Forensic chemist Lloyd Erwin of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives recognized a unique element of its construction from a previous case: The ends of the pipe bomb were made of flat, welded pieces of metal rather than the screw caps most commonly used.

That tidbit led investigators to Moody, who had been convicted in a 1972 case involving a bomb with flat, welded end pieces.

Vance said he feels peace, “that justice has been done” in his father's case, and he doesn't plan to attend Moody's execution.

“Usually these days I get up and don't really think about what happened 30 years ago,” Vance said. “But when you see that in the media, you go back to December 1989.”

Description of white bombing suspect stirs debate about race

BY DEEPTI HAJELA
Associated Press

When Austin police Chief Brian Manley described a cellphone recording left by Texas bomb suspect Mark Conditt as “the outcry of a very challenged young man,” the remark caused an outcry.

Because the 23-year-old suspect was white, some people questioned whether the same level of compassion would have been afforded a person of color.

“Here you have a case of a

young white male who killed and injured people of color, and we're culturally more concerned about his story, about his life, about what led him to take these lives,” said David Leonard, professor in the department of critical culture, gender and race studies at Washington State University. “It's a striking reminder of a racial empathy gap that persists.”



Conditt

For many observers, the

comments about Conditt were the latest example in which a white suspect seemed to receive an injection of humanity that is less often extended to blacks, Muslims and others.

Conditt kept the Texas capital in a state of fear for weeks, planting five bombs that killed two people and wounded four others.

The community college dropout died Wednesday after setting off a bomb

inside his red SUV as police closed in.

Investigators said his motive was still unclear, despite the discovery of the 25-minute cellphone recording in which he talked about the bombs.

U.S. law has defined acts of violence or intimidation linked to foreign groups such as the Islamic State as terrorism. Homegrown extremist groups such as neo-Nazis and the Ku Klux Klan have not been labeled that way, even if they've employed similar tactics.

Similarly, when Stephen Craig Paddock was identified as the gunman who rained bullets down on a Las Vegas concert last fall, the white retired accountant was characterized as a “lone wolf.”

The reaction on social media was swift.

“Remember how they talked about innocent black children” like Trayvon Martin, Tamir Rice or Freddie Gray, tweeted Sherrilyn Ifill, president of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

Those young black males, all killed by police, were described as “thugs” by some authorities.

Some critics have also taken exception to media coverage that included Conditt's friends and family describing him as kind.

The Rev. Yvette Griffin, a Black Detroit pastor, said blacks and Muslims don't seem to get the same presumption of innocence as other suspects.

“The words are kinder and gentler” for whites, she said.

In red Texas, pot hopefuls see green

Entrepreneurs of cannabis get ready for potential rush

BY MELISSA REPKO
Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — As state after state loosens laws on the sale of marijuana, a whole industry has sprung up to serve the fast-growing market for cannabis and related products.

Even in Texas, which hasn't legalized marijuana, some entrepreneurs are planting their flags early, wagering that the Lone Star State will one day have its own "green rush."

For legal reasons, they operate mainly on the periphery of the industry. But there's plenty of business to be had — selling everything from cannabis oil tinctures to the flooring used in greenhouses that grow marijuana.

Along with the typical challenges of any business, companies that work in the cannabis industry in Texas must navigate conflicting state and federal laws, risk backlash from banks and state agencies, and overcome the stigma of selling a product that some consider dangerous or taboo.

But being a part of a young and thriving industry also comes with a shot of adrenaline, said Peter Ricca, executive chairman of Ricca Chemical.

In the late 1970s, Ricca's father founded the Arlington company, which makes industrial testing kits used for quality control by Fortune 500 food and beverage companies. About two years ago, it began getting phone calls from West Coast cannabis companies looking for products they could use for extracting cannabis oil and testing the quality of their products.

Now the company sells testing kits for the cannabis industry and blends terpenes — organic compounds found in plants like basil, lemons and rose petals — that can be added to cannabis products to create unique flavors and aromas.

"If you buy into this and say cannabis is a miracle drug, it's exciting as all hell because you sense you're changing the world," Ricca told The Dallas Morning News.

By developing its brand and selling in other states, the company will have an edge when Texas changes its laws, he said.

The market for cannabis is growing as more states legalize the use of medical marijuana and open up the market to recreational use. Twenty-nine states and D.C. have legalized the sale of medical marijuana, and some, including California and Colorado, allow the sale of marijuana to adults at retail shops, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Even in Texas, a reliably red state, public opinion is changing.

Eighty-three percent of Texans support the legalization of marijuana for some uses, such as medical, according to a 2017 poll by University of Texas/Texas Tribune. More than half of Texans polled in 2017 said they'd allow possession of pot for any type of use.

But prominent Texas politicians have voiced strong objections, with U.S. Rep. Pete Sessions, a Republican who represents Dallas, describing marijuana as a gateway drug and calling those who grow it "merchants of addiction."

The growers

In 2015, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott signed a law that permits some Texas companies to grow cannabis, but only for a narrow use. The law created a license for companies to grow, process and distribute a type of cannabis oil to Texans with intractable epilepsy.

So far, only three companies have received licenses under the Texas Compassionate Use Act. They grow cannabis that's low in tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, the compound associated with the plant's high, but rich in cannabidiol, or CBD, a compound used as a treatment for epilepsy and other medical conditions.

But regulations don't make it easy or inexpensive to cultivate cannabis in



Keith Pocock, manager of operations at Grow Life Innovations, developed a reflective tile that helps plants grow indoors.



When Roots Juices in Dallas began stocking shelves with cannabis oil, it got unwanted attention from law enforcement.



David Stermer, center, works on making terpenes as project manager Darius Bonds, foreground, works on making super lemon haze terpene at Ricca Chemical in Arlington, Texas.

Texas.

Long before planting a seed, the companies had to make a pricey bet. They put together thick applications for state officials, demonstrating they had the capital to finance a business and comply with strict safety and security requirements.

Once approved, each company had to pay the state nearly a half-million dollars for a license. The license will have to be renewed every two years at a cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Compassionate Cultivation's application for the state license was more than 300 pages, CEO Morris Denton said. It opened the state's first dispensary in February and has had 40 customers so far, with some making multiple purchases, he said.

In its corrugated steel building 12 miles southwest of Austin, row after row of marijuana plants stretch to the ceiling. The plants hang upside down and dry out next door in a chilly room that's a wine cellar equivalent for cannabis before churning through an extraction machine and becoming a specific kind of cannabis oil.

Across the state, Miami-

based Knox Medical, licensed as Consortium Texas, is cultivating cannabis in modular units in the small town of Schulenberg, about 100 miles west of Houston and 100 miles east of San Antonio.

The company sells drops of cannabis oil and plans to roll out suppositories, said Jose Hidalgo, the company's founder and CEO.

A third company with a license, Surterra Texas, is starting up its business in the Austin area.

The companies have a small market. The cannabis products they make can't cross state lines.

Only Texans with intractable epilepsy — a population estimated between 102,000 and 136,000, according to the Epilepsy Foundation of Texas — are allowed to legally purchase their products.

That shrinks further after subtracting Texans who don't have the two legally required doctors' recommendations and those who object to using cannabis as medicine.

But Denton and Hidalgo take the long view.

Knox Medical began in Florida, which initially had a law similar to Texas' but has added more eligible

medical conditions over time. Hidalgo said he expects Texas to follow the same path. Knox Medical sells in Florida, Pennsylvania, Texas and Puerto Rico.

Before starting the company, Denton said, he and his four Austin business partners thought long and hard about the downsides of starting a cannabis business in Texas, from political uncertainties to personal risks.

He said he worried how the career choice might make life harder for his spouse and two teenagers.

"We spent the better part of a year trying to talk ourselves out of doing it," he said.

But he said he couldn't resist the opportunity and the chance to be part of an industry that he believes will transform Texas' politics, economy and view of medicine. He said phone calls and emails from people with intractable epilepsy and their families cemented his decision.

"I don't spend my days worrying about things I can't control," he said. "I can't control what our federal administration does or doesn't do. I can't control what Jeff Sessions may or may not do. The only thing

of a new market.

Rodgers said he's had to overcome other obstacles, such as finding another point-of-sale system for credit card payments after the one the shops used flagged his sale of CBD oil and sent him a letter saying it violated their bank's policies.

Roots Juices sells a range of cannabis oil products, including brownies and muffins made by the shop and prepackaged drops, capsules and salves from Colorado, Oregon and California. They range in price from \$3.50 for a muffin to \$260 for a bottle of cannabis oil.

The products have an even smaller trace of the psychoactive compound of THC than those sold by Texas cultivators, so they are classified as hemp.

Sales of the cannabis oil products have become about half of the shops' business since sales began last summer, Rodgers said.

The suppliers

GrowLife, a Seattle-area company that makes potting plants, lighting and other supplies to grow marijuana and other plants indoors, opened a facility in Grand Prairie in January. The company will manufacture FreeFit Floors, flooring that reflects light and saves energy. Its flooring has become popular among cannabis companies.

It plans to expand to 50 employees over the next 18 months, GrowLife chief executive Marco Hegyi said.

The state's central location and low cost made it an ideal logistics hub, said Keith Pocock, general manager of operations for GrowLife Innovations. He said the company will use the facility also to test new products such as a ready-made grow kit that resembles a camping tent and comes with supplies like lighting and fans.

There's one catch, though, he said: The company will have to test its new products by growing salad greens or herbs instead of marijuana.

In Arlington, Ricca Chemical mixes clear liquids in giant flasks in a room that's a cross between a chemistry lab and an industrial kitchen. It sells terpenes that it filters of impurities, blends together and bottles to create unique flavors and aromas. Companies add them to cannabis products stripped of their natural flavors during the oil extraction process or use them to enhance flavors and stand out from other brands.

Linda Hurley, the company's senior vice president of sales and marketing, said she gets interesting reactions from friends and family when she talks about her latest work project and her business trips to marijuana trade shows.

But she sees Ricca Chemical's new division, Cannabis Solutions, as just another way the 43-year-old chemical company can break into an emerging market.

Patrick Moran sees the cannabis business as a natural extension of Texas' history of wildcatters and cowboys.

Moran, who lives in McKinney, helped start the Texas Cannabis Industry Association in 2014. The trade group advocates for policy change and acts as a voice for the small but growing number of cannabis-related companies in the state. It's made up of about a dozen companies and has 32 supporting members, he said.

Moran started Aquiflow, which advises cannabis companies in California and Canada on products from soil and lighting to plotting systems. His application for a license under the Texas Compassionate Use Act is pending, so for now, he's turned his facility in Gunter — a town of 1,500 about 60 miles north of Dallas in Grayson County — into a laboratory to test different technologies.

He's using basil and tomatoes.

"We dug in because I'm not giving up Texas," he said. "This is the right thing. It may not be easy, but it's the right thing and the right side of history."

that I can control is the performance of this business."

Once the company got the state's approval, Denton had new challenges: raising money to fund the business and finding a bank.

The company raised more than \$6 million from 13 high net-worth individuals who live in Texas. He said the company struggled to find a bank, since most are insured through the federal government, but found a Texas bank "that was willing to take the leap with us."

Another major challenge, Denton said, is educating physicians. He visits neurologists around the state. When Austin hosted a conference for the Texas Neurological Society, he sent luxury buses to drive about 30 doctors and their spouses out to the facility for a tour.

"The best way I know how to address whatever questions they have is show them what we do," he said.

Other uses

When Dallas-based Roots Juices began stocking its shelves with cannabis oil, its smoothie and juice shops in Oak Lawn and Lakewood attracted a loyal clientele and also some unwanted attention from law enforcement.

In October, health department officials seized about \$5,000 or \$6,000 of products from the juice shop. Owner Brent Rodgers watched as state officials carted it away in cardboard boxes wrapped in yellow caution tape.

"You would have thought I was running a meth lab," he said. "I thought it was kind of silly."

State health officials haven't yet decided what to do with the products, said spokesman Chris Van Deusen. He said the state detained them because cannabidiol, also known as CBD, hasn't been approved by the Food and Drug Administration as a food or food additive.

The shops stopped making drinks with the cannabis oil, but Rodgers shrugged off the run-in with officials and restocked shelves. He said it's just part of being on the leading edge

Stability trumps democracy in Egypt

Loath to chance a loss, president has purged most foes

By HAMZA HENDAWI
Associated Press

CAIRO — When the sole candidate running against Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi held a rally in downtown Cairo recently, all of 30 people showed up. And that wasn't even the biggest sign of the hollowness of his campaign.

Even more telling was one of the chants by the supporters of Moussa Mustafa Moussa, a virtually unknown politician who surfaced just so el-Sissi wouldn't run alone. It was hardly a resolute victory cry.

"Whether Moussa wins or el-Sissi wins, either is our president!" they shouted.

There is no question that general-turned-president el-Sissi will win a second four-year term. But the election Monday-Wednesday will likely be remembered as the event that signaled Egypt's break with the little pretense it had left of democratic rule, seven years after a popular uprising toppled autocrat Hosni Mubarak in the name of democracy.

The election was preceded by a purge of would-be opposing candidates, unprecedented even under Mubarak's nearly 30-year rule. Authorities also clamped down on the media, even egging the public to report anyone they feel is depicting Egypt in a bad light.

The question raised by many observers is why such extreme measures were taken to ensure a vote that el-Sissi would probably win anyway.

El-Sissi seems convinced a genuinely contested election could destabilize the country, allow Islamists a back door into politics or interfere with his drive to



A banner for Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi's campaign for re-election hangs on a street in Cairo.



Moussa

revive the battered economy.

El-Sissi was first elected in a 2014 landslide after, as army chief, he led the military's ouster of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi.

He kept much of that popularity while ferociously cracking down on Islamists and secular dissenters.

He has insisted stability must take priority over freedoms as he carried out large-scale infrastructure projects and painful austerity reforms. With those reforms, el-Sissi has succeeded in bringing some life back to the economy, though at the cost of inflation. El-Sissi has also made a name for himself on the international stage as a champion against Islamic militancy.

After the election, el-Sissi

and his supporters will very likely attempt to get rid of the constitution's two term limit on the presidency, said Paul Salem, a senior Middle East expert from the Washington-based Middle East Institute.

"It might be the view of el-Sissi and his administration that this is needed for stability for economic and security reasons," Salem told The Associated Press. "My own personal view is that this buys stability for the short term but makes any transfer of power which has to happen sooner or later much more difficult."

El-Sissi hasn't bothered to campaign in person. Instead, the streets of Cairo and other cities have been swamped in a tidal wave of billboards, banners and posters with his image declaring: "He is the hope."

A decent turnout is the one thing left to give the

election a measure of respectability. El-Sissi's supporters have organized rallies urging the public to vote. Pro-government media proclaim that voting is a religious duty and failing to do so is "high treason." Moussa's supporters chanted at his rally that would-be boycotters are traitors and cowards.

Imad Hussein, the pro-el-Sissi editor of Al-Shorouk newspaper, criticized the handling of the election, not because the field was engineered but because it wasn't done smoothly.

"We, of course, hoped to have a genuinely contested election," he wrote last month. "But since we don't have that, the government was supposed to at least prepare the stage to make it look democratic."

The methodical elimination of opponents suggested el-Sissi felt a vulnerability,

particularly to a candidate rooted in the military who could exploit possible cracks in his popularity, whether over pain from economic reforms, resentment over crackdowns or frustration over continued militant violence.

Several candidates dropped out citing intimidation and harassment. But the harshest treatment was dealt out to two former generals: former military chief of staff Maj. Gen. Sami Annan and former air force general Ahmed Shafiq, who came a close second in the 2012 presidential election.

The 70-year-old Annan was arrested three days after he announced his candidacy in January and is still in a military prison. One of his top aides, Hisham Genena, was beat up by thugs and later arrested as well.

Even before his arrest, Annan was under surveil-

lance for months and was directly advised to not to run, said senior security officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media.

Shafiq was living in the United Arab Emirates when, in November, he announced plans to run. The Emiratis promptly deported him to Egypt, where he was immediately detained in a hotel. For days, security officials berated him to drop out of the race as pro-government media launched a campaign to discredit him, warning of corruption cases and exposure of alleged sexual indiscretions.

Shafiq buckled, announcing his withdrawal on Jan. 7. He remained effectively under house arrest, the officials said.

Annan and Shafiq would have offered an alternative for voters seeking change but wary of parting company with the military.

But more worrisome, their candidacies fueled speculation about possible fissures within the military, which prides itself on iron-clad unity and secrecy.

It is not known whether their bids to run against el-Sissi had any support among senior officers. But other developments have raised question marks, such as unexplained dismissals in past months of the military's chief of staff and the head of the General Intelligence Directorate, Egypt's version of the CIA, who also hails from the military. Government-controlled media have briefly mentioned conflicts among security and intelligence agencies, and there have been unconfirmed reports of top generals being sidelined.

"The regime is super sensitive," said Michael Hanna, an Egypt expert from New York's Century Foundation, "but it may also be facing internal tensions and rivalries that are seeping out into the public domain."

Enigmatic Dead Sea Scroll a rare show in Jerusalem

By ILAN BEN ZION
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — A fragment of an enigmatic Dead Sea Scroll has gone on public display at Jerusalem's Israel Museum for the first time since its discovery 70 years ago.

The Genesis Apocryphon, the sole copy of an ancient Jewish text elaborating on stories from the first book of the Bible, dates to the first century B.C. and was among the first seven scrolls found in the Judean Desert in 1947.

The Dead Sea Scrolls, a collection of Jewish texts found in desert caves in the West Bank near Qumran in the 1940s and 1950s, date from the third century B.C. to the first century A.D. They include the earliest known copies of biblical texts, documents outlining the beliefs of a little understood Jewish sect, as well as related texts like the Genesis Apocryphon.

"This is the only copy of this book on Earth," said Adolfo Roitman, curator of the Israel Museum's Shrine of the Book, where the scrolls are housed.

The Genesis Apocryphon's Aramaic verses describe the lives of Noah, Abraham, Enoch and Lamech, characters in the book of Genesis, and are written in the first person.

"In some way what we have are parallel stories that we don't have in the Hebrew Bible in which the patriarchs are presented in different ways than the ways we have today in the Pentateuch," he said.

The badly damaged snippet of the story going on display deals with Noah's Ark alighting on the peaks of Mount Ararat after the flood. Noah tells how he "atoned for all the earth in its entirety" by offering up animal sacrifices.

The Genesis Apocryphon scroll was already in a precarious state when it was first discovered by Bedouin shepherds in 1947.



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A fragment of a Dead Sea Scroll is on display at the Israel Museum for the first time since its discovery 70 years ago

A rare recording of the shepherds, Muhammed edh-Dhib and Jum'a Muhammed, recounting the discovery is part of an accompanying exhibit about some of the characters in finding and unlocking the Dead Sea Scrolls.

"It was dark at first, but when I could see before me, there were about 10 jars in the cave on both sides, and the jars in the middle were broken by some ruins falling from the top," edh-Dhib, speaking in Arabic, says in a 1961 interview.

"There were three covered jar only. Two of them were rolled in cloth, and the other was not. And their color was greenish."

The fragile Genesis Apocryphon manuscript remained unrolled until

nearly a decade later, by which point it had been brought to New York, purchased by the state of Israel along with three other scrolls, and returned to Jerusalem.

Since then, only one section of the Genesis Apocryphon went on a brief public exhibit in the 1960s.

"It's the first time the general public is seeing it," said Israel Museum director Ido Bruno. "We have a window of opportunity today to see it for a few months and then it will go back to the cellars and will not see the light of day again for dozens of years."

To protect the delicate parchment, the fragment is presented in a special "smart glass" vitrine inside the Shrine of the Book that prevents it from exposure to direct light.

French praise slain 'hero' policeman in hostage swap

By LORI HINNANT
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Associated Press

TREBES, France — The French police officer who swapped places with a female supermarket employee being held hostage had already received a lifetime of accolades by the time he walked unarmed into the store under attack by an extremist gunman.

Known for his courage and sang-froid, Lt. Col. Arnaud Beltrame was acclaimed by neighbors, colleagues and French authorities as a hero Saturday after his death from wounds the day before. President Emmanuel Macron announced plans for a national ceremony to formally honor him.

After agreeing to the hostage swap, Beltrame surrendered his weapon — but kept his cellphone on, allowing authorities outside the Super U market in the southern French town of Trebes to hear what was happening inside.

Thanks to Beltrame's quick thinking, special police units heard gunshots inside the store Friday and stormed the building immediately, killing the attacker.

"Beyond his job, he gave his life for someone else, for a stranger," his brother, Cedric, told RTL radio in France. "He was well aware he had almost no chance. He was very aware of what he was doing. If we don't describe him as a hero, I don't know what you need to do to be a hero."

"Arnaud Beltrame died in the service of the nation to which he had already given so much," Macron said. "In giving his life to end the deadly plan of a jihadi terrorist, he fell as a hero."

The date of the ceremony for Beltrame wasn't immediately set.



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Forensic specialists work Saturday in front of the supermarket in Trebes, where a hostage drama unfolded.



Beltrame

The hostage whose life he saved, an employee named Julie, was in a "catastrophic state," her manager said.

Beltrame's entire career seemed to lead inexorably to the moment when he responded to the attack Friday in Trebes, a 15-minute drive from the gendarmerie unit he had led since last August.

He joined France's elite police special forces in 2003 and served in Iraq in 2005. A former member of the presidential guard, he earned one of France's highest honors, the Order of Merit, in 2012.

In December, Beltrame organized a counterterrorism training session for just such a hostage situation — down to the location in a supermarket. At the time, he armed his officers with paintball guns, according to the Depeche du Midi newspaper.

"We want to be as close to real conditions as possible," he said then.

In addition to the four people killed by the gunman Friday, 15 were injured.

Investigators searched the home of the attacker, Moroccan-born Redouane Lakdim, 25, and found what a judicial official said

were notes "that alluded to the Islamic State and appeared like a last testament." They also found a computer and a phone.

Inside the market itself, investigators found three homemade explosive devices, a handgun and a hunting knife, the official said. He wasn't authorized to speak publicly amid the investigation. The weapons suggested an intent to do further damage.

Macron called a special Defense Council meeting with key ministers Saturday to decide the country's next steps in combating terror. Hundreds of investigators were on the case, pouring into Lakdim's background.

Across the Atlantic, President Donald Trump tweeted to Macron, "We are with you!" and condemned "the violent actions of the attacker and anyone who would provide him support."

French police and soldiers have been a prime target of attacks by extremists, with 10 killed in recent years. Dozens were wounded.

Beltrame's mother told RTL radio that, for her son, "to defend the homeland" was "his reason to live."

"He would have said to me, 'I'm doing my job, Mom, nothing more,'" she said.

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

Lights go dark for Earth Hour to highlight climate change

LONDON — In Paris, the Eiffel Tower went dark. In London, a kaleidoscope of famous sites switched off their lights — Tower Bridge, Big Ben, Piccadilly Circus.

That scene was repeated over and over across the world Saturday night: at Sydney's Opera House; at New Delhi's great arch; at Kuala Lumpur's Petronas Towers; at Brandenburg Gate in Berlin; at St. Basil's Cathedral in Moscow.

It lasted for an hour and its power is symbolic. But in countries around the world, at 8:30 p.m., people switched off their lights for Earth Hour, a global call for international unity on the importance of addressing climate change.

Since beginning in Sydney in 2007, Earth Hour has spread to more than 180 countries, with tens of millions of people joining in, from turning off their own porch lights to letting the grand sites go dark.

Nigerian police: Boko Haram to free 1 more kidnapped girl

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria — Islamic extremists who abducted 111 girls last month in Nigeria's northern village of Dapchi are releasing one more girl, Nigeria's police chief said Saturday.

Leah Sharibu, 15, was held back on Wednesday when 105 of her classmates were freed by Boko Haram extremists after negotiations. She remained a prisoner because she is Christian and re-

fused to convert to Islam, her mother said.

Five other girls kidnapped at the same time are presumed to have died in a stampede when the girls tried to run away from their captors.

The mass abduction caused a fresh round of outrage in Nigeria, and evoked painful memories of Boko Haram's kidnapping of 276 girls from a boarding school in Chibok in 2014.

Hundreds said to be gathering to leave rebel-held area in Syria

BEIRUT — Hundreds of members of a rebel group and their relatives boarded 17 buses in preparation to leave eastern Ghouta to opposition-held areas north of the country Saturday as part of an agreement to evacuate the second of three pockets held by opposition fighters east of the capital Damascus, Syria's state media reported.

State media said more than 500 fighters and their

relatives will leave toward northern Syria, and hundreds more will evacuate Sunday. State media said more than 3,000 people will leave four towns in eastern Ghouta.

The departure comes a day after an agreement was reached between Faylaq al-Rahman, the second most powerful rebel group in eastern Ghouta, and the Russians to surrender the second of three pockets in eastern Ghouta.



OLI SCARFF/GETTY-AFP

Alpacas wait in pens before judging Saturday at the two-day British Alpaca Society National Show in Telford, Shropshire. The contest brings alpacas from across Britain vying for the title of "Supreme Champion" in the Huacaya or Suri fleece categories.

Koreas to hold talks to set up summit between Kim, Moon

SEOUL, South Korea — The rival Koreas have agreed to hold high-level talks this week to prepare for an April summit between North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and South Korean President Moon Jae-in, South Korea said Saturday.

The summit aims to improve relations and resolve the standoff over the North's nuclear program.

Unification Minister Cho Myoung-gyon will lead the South's delegation at the meeting Thursday at the border village of Panmunjom, where officials will discuss the date and

specific agendas of the summit, according to the Unification Ministry.

The North's delegation will be led by Ri Son Gwon, chairman of the agency that deals with inter-Korean affairs.

The rivals agreed to a summit when Moon's envoys visited Kim in Pyongyang earlier this month.

South Korean officials also brokered a potential meeting between Kim and President Donald Trump.

The leaders of the two Koreas have held talks only twice since the 1950-53 Korean War.

It's unclear whether the

leaders' meetings between Seoul, Pyongyang and Washington, if they take place, could lead to any meaningful breakthrough after an unusually provocative year.

There are also concerns in South Korea over whether the appointment of John Bolton, President Trump's hawkish replacement for national security adviser H.R. McMaster, could potentially complicate efforts to set up talks between Trump and Kim, given his past bellicose rhetoric about North Korea.

Turkish leader calls anti-war students 'terrorists'

ISTANBUL — Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Saturday criticized anti-war students at a top university, calling them "terrorists" and promising to oust them from their studies.

Erdogan said "communist, traitor youth" tried to mess up a student stand

opened by "religious, nationalist, local youth" at the public Bogazici University.

On Monday, students opened a stand distributing sweets dubbed "Afrin delight" to commemorate fallen soldiers in Turkey's cross-border operation in Syria. Another group protested against them, hold-

ing anti-war banners and chanting slogans such as "the palace wants war, people want peace," in reference to Erdogan's presidential complex.

The Turkish army said Saturday and Syrian opposition fighters have "total control" of the Kurdish enclave of Afrin.

Youth group pushes pope for greater women's role

VATICAN CITY — Young Catholics told the Vatican on Saturday they want a more transparent and authentic church, where women play a greater leadership role and where obeying "unreachable" moral standards isn't the price of admission.

In a document from a weeklong Vatican-initiated conference, 300 young people from around the world joined by 15,000 others online gave the older men who run the 1.2-billion strong church a piece of their collective mind.

They warned Pope Francis and the bishops who will gather at the Vatican that "excessive moralism" is driving faithful away and that out-of-touch church bureaucrats need to accompany their flock with humility and transparency. Their reflections will be presented to Francis on Sunday.

A Pakistani court has acquitted 20 people in the burning deaths of a Christian couple in 2014 in the town of Kot Radha Kishan. The couple, accused of desecrating the Quran, were burned alive in an industrial kiln. In 2016, five men were sentenced to death in the case while 10 others were jailed. The couple had three children.

A bomb placed under a nearby car exploded Saturday in Alexandria, Egypt, as the city security chief's convoy passed by, killing two policemen and injuring four others, the Interior Ministry said. No group claimed responsibility for the attack. The attack comes just days ahead of Egypt's presidential election.

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DEATHS IN THE NEWS



ALEX GARCIA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2006

John Cacioppo taught at the University of Notre Dame, University of Iowa and Ohio State before joining the U. of C.

Frank Avruch, 89, Boston TV personality and entertainer who starred in the popular kids program "Bozo the Clown" (1959-70), was the first nationally syndicated Bozo and a contributor to WCVB-TV for more than 40 years, and was a board member of UNICEF's New England chapter; March 20, in Boston, of heart disease.

Tom Benson, 90, auto dealer, philanthropist and longtime owner of the New Orleans Saints who brought the franchise its only winning seasons including the 2009 NFL championship and owned the New Orleans Hornets NBA team; March 15, in Jefferson, La., weeks after being hospitalized with flu symptoms.

Betty Ann Bowser, 73, broadcast journalist who for decades was a regular presence on the "PBS NewsHour"; March 16, near Ajijic, Mexico, of pneumonia.

Gary Burden, 84, designer and art director who crafted enduring images of California rock — album covers from the 1960s and '70s and who with wife Jenice Heo received a Grammy for album design in 2010 for "Neil Young Archives Vol. 1 (1963-1972)"; March 7, in Los Angeles.

John Cacioppo, 66, University of Chicago academic whose research into human bonds and connections expanded the horizons of psychology, generating an entirely new discipline — social neuroscience — and key insights



Lazarus



Payne



Jeffreys

into loneliness and who wrote more than 500 articles and several books, including "Loneliness: Human Nature and the Need for Social Connection"; March 5, in Chicago.

Ed Charles, 84, New York Met nicknamed "The Glider," poet and key component in the 1969 Miracle team who later worked as a scout and minor league coach and spent decades helping kids in New York City's Department of Juvenile Justice and with Youth Options Unlimited; March 15, in New York City, after a long illness.

Augie Garrido, 79, college baseball coach whose Zen-like style, mixed with old-school profanity, led to five national championships with California State University at Fullerton and the University of Texas and the most victories in his sport of any coach in history; March 15, in Newport Beach, Calif., of complications from a stroke.

Rene Houseman, 64, striker known as "Loco," who won the 1978 World Cup with Argentina and played 55 games for the team (1973-79), scoring 13 times; March 22, after fighting tongue cancer.

Betty Stuart Rodgers Jeffreys, 95, founder (in

1945) of Evanston photography business now called Stuart-Rodgers Photography who in the late '60s ran the Stuart-Rodgers School of Photography and hosted seminars by top photographers, including Ansel Adams, and whose company was the first in the Midwest developing color film in its own lab; Feb. 23, in Glenview, of heart failure.

Phan Van Khai, 84, architect of the economic rise of Vietnam and its first prime minister to visit the U.S. after the war, who signed a bilateral trade agreement with the U.S. (2000) and oversaw Vietnam's entry into the World Trade Organization (2006); March 17, near Ho Chi Minh City.

Charles Lazarus, 94, businessman who transformed his father's Washington bicycle business into Toys R Us, a retail giant that was one of the world's largest distributors of games, dolls, plush animals and other toys before it declared bankruptcy in September; March 22.

Les Payne, 76, New York journalist who rose through the ranks from reporter to associate managing editor at Newsday and was part of a reporting team that won a Pulitzer Prize in 1974 for a series titled "The Heroin Trail"

and was a founding member and former president of the National Association of Black Journalists; March 19, in New York City.

Charlie "Chalo" Quintana, 56, fixture on the Southern California punk and roots music scene for decades, as the drummer with punk band Social Distortion who came to fame as the drummer for the Plugz and later toured as part of Bob Dylan's band; March 19, in Cancun, Mexico, after struggling in recent years with emphysema and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Louise Slaughter, 88, Democratic U.S. House member who represented the Rochester, N.Y., area for more than 30 years and was the oldest member of Congress, its only microbiologist, and the first woman to chair the Rules Committee, who also was a lead author of the 2012 Stock Act, passed to curb insider trading among lawmakers and congressional aides; March 16, in Washington, D.C., of injuries from a fall.

Hazel Smith, 83, country music journalist, publicist and songwriter credited with coining the term "outlaw country" in the 1970s; March 18, in Nashville, Tenn.

Kate Wilhelm, 89, writer of 60-plus works in science fiction, fantasy and mystery, including the Hugo Award-winning "Where Late the Sweet Birds Sang," who was inducted into the Science Fiction and Fantasy Hall of Fame (2003); March 8, in Eugene, Ore., after a brief illness.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON MARCH 25 ...

In 752 Pope Stephen II died, only two days after his election.

In 1634 Maryland was founded by English colonists sent by the second Lord Baltimore.

In 1821 Greek patriots began an uprising against the domination of the Ot-

toman Empire — an uprising that led to establishment of an independent kingdom.

In 1911, in a tragedy that galvanized the U.S. labor movement, 146 immigrant workers died in a fire at the Triangle Shirtwaist Co. in New York.

In 1931 African-American journalist Ida B. Wells-Bar-

nett died in Chicago; she was 68.

In 1947 a coal mine explosion in Centralia, Ill., claimed 111 lives.

In 1954 RCA announced it had begun producing color television sets at its plant in Bloomington, Ind. (The sets, with 12 1/2-inch picture tubes, cost \$1,000 each.)

In 1958 Sugar Ray Robinson became middleweight boxing's first five-time world champion as he defeated Carmen Basilio in Chicago.

In 1965 Martin Luther King Jr. led 25,000 marchers to the state Capitol in Montgomery, Ala., to protest the denial of voting rights to blacks.

In 1987 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled employers may sometimes favor women and members of minority groups over men and whites in hiring and promoting in order to achieve better balance in the work force.

In 1992 Soviet cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev, who had spent 10 months aboard the orbiting Mir space station, thereby missing the up-

heaval in his homeland, finally returned to Earth.

In 1994 American troops completed their withdrawal from Somalia.

In 1996 a standoff between authorities and the antigovernment Freemen begins at a ranch near Jordan, Mont. (The standoff would last 81 days.)

In 2002 a powerful earthquake rocked Afghanistan and northwestern Pakistan, killing up to 1,000 people.

In 2004 Congress passed the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, making it a separate offense to harm a fetus during violent federal crime.

In 2008 the Defense Department said it had mistakenly shipped electrical fuses for an intercontinental ballistic missile to Taiwan. (Once the error was discovered, the military quickly recovered the four fuses.) Also in 2008 Herb Peterson, the inventor of McDonald's Egg McMuffin, died in Santa Barbara, Calif.; he was 89.

In 2014 Ralph Wilson, founder of the Buffalo Bills in 1959, died in Grosse Pointe, Mich.; he was 95.

WAYNE HUIZENGA 1937-2018

Owned teams, trash haulers and video stores

BY STEVEN WINE AND TERRY SPENCER
Associated Press

MIAMI — College dropout Wayne Huizenga started with a trash hauling company, struck gold during America's brief love affair with VHS tapes and eventually owned three professional sports teams.

Huizenga owned Blockbuster Entertainment, AutoNation and the world's largest trash hauler, and was founding owner of professional baseball's Florida Marlins and the NHL Florida Panthers. He bought the NFL Miami Dolphins for \$138 million in 1994.

Huizenga died Thursday, according to Valerie Hinkell, his longtime assistant. He was 80.

The Marlins won the 1997 World Series, and the Panthers reached the Stanley Cup Final in 1996, but Huizenga's Dolphins never reached a Super Bowl while he owned the team. "If I have one disappointment, the disappointment would be that we did not bring a championship home," Huizenga said after he sold the Dolphins to New York real estate billionaire Stephen Ross, who still owns the team.

Huizenga earned an almost cultlike following among business investors who watched him build Blockbuster Entertainment into the leading video rental chain by snapping up competitors. He cracked Forbes' list of the 100 richest Americans, becoming chairman of Republic Services, one of the nation's top waste management companies, and AutoNation, the nation's largest automotive retailer.

"You just have to be in the right place at the right time," he said. "It can only happen in America."

For a time, Huizenga was also a favorite with South Florida sports fans, drawing cheers and autograph seekers in public. The crowd roared when he danced the hokey pokey on the field during an early Marlins game. He went on a spending spree to build a veteran team that won the World Series in only the franchise's fifth year.

But his popularity plummeted when he ordered the roster dismantled after that season. He was frustrated by poor attendance and his failure to swing a deal for a new ballpark built with taxpayer money.

Many South Florida fans never forgave him for breaking up the championship team. Huizenga drew boos when introduced at Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino's retirement celebration in 2000, and kept a lower public profile after that.

In 2009, Huizenga said he regretted ordering the Marlins' payroll purge. "We lost \$34 million the year we won the World Series, and I just said, 'You know what, I'm not going to do that,'" he recalled. "If I had it to do over again, I'd say, 'OK, we'll go one more year.'"

He sold the Marlins in 1999 to John Henry and sold the Panthers in 2001, unhappy with rising NHL player salaries and the stock price for the team's public company.

Huizenga's first sports love was the Dolphins — he had been a season-ticket holder since their inaugural season in 1966. But he fared better in the NFL as a businessman than as a sports fan. He turned a nifty profit by selling the Dolphins and their stadium for \$1.1 billion, nearly seven times what he paid to become sole owner. But he knew the bottom line in the NFL is championships, and his Dolphins perennially came up short.

Huizenga earned a reputation as a hands-off owner and won raves from many loyal employees, even though he made six coaching changes. He eased Pro Football Hall of Famer Don Shula into retirement in



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In 1968 Wayne Huizenga made a deal that created Waste Management Inc.

1996, and Jimmy Johnson, Dave Wannstedt, interim coach Jim Bates, Nick Saban, Cam Cameron and Tony Sparano followed as coach.

In 2008, Huizenga's final season as owner, the Dolphins had a turnaround year and won the AFC East on the final day of the regular season. "It was a magical feeling," he said. "I had tears in my eyes."

Miami lost in the first round of the playoffs and didn't return to the postseason until 2016. But Huizenga won praise from such disparate personalities as Shula, Johnson and Marlins manager Jim Leyland even when they no longer worked for him.

Harry Wayne Huizenga was born in the Chicago suburbs on Dec. 29, 1937, to a family of garbage haulers. He attended Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich., but dropped out and began his own garbage hauling business in Pompano Beach, Fla., in 1962. He would drive a garbage truck from 2 a.m. to noon each day, then shower and go out and solicit new customers.

He eventually bought out several competitors, expanding throughout South Florida. In 1968, he merged with the Chicago sanitation company his uncles owned, creating Waste Management Inc., which eventually became the world's largest trash company. That was his method of operation — becoming the first national player in industries dominated by small and local operations. He resigned from the company in 1984, taking \$100 million in stock.

But retirement bored him and he began buying dozens of small businesses like hotels and pest control companies. In 1987, a business partner persuaded him to check out Blockbuster, a small chain of video stores.

At the time, video stores were mostly locally owned mom-and-pop operations. Huizenga didn't even own a VCR. "I had an image of them being dark and dingy and dirty types of adult bookstores," he told the Miami Herald. "But when I finally saw a Blockbuster store, it opened my mind."

The stores were clean and carried 10,000 titles, 10 times more than the typical corner video store. He loved the concept and thought it could become the McDonald's of video. He and two partners bought 43 percent of the business for \$19 million and he became chairman and president. By 1991, the chain had grown to over 1,800 stores.

In 1994, Viacom bought Blockbuster for about \$8 billion.

In 1995, Huizenga got back into trash hauling by buying Republic Waste Industries Inc. for \$27 million. Mergers and acquisitions soon followed. He renamed the company Republic Industries as it branched out, buying Alamo Rent-A-Car and National Car Rental.

Republic, under Huizenga's leadership, then started AutoNation, a national chain of car dealerships. At its peak, it had about 375 dealerships in 17 states.

Republic Services was spun off in 1998 to control the waste management portion of the portfolio, a sector that had grown to more than \$1 billion in annual sales. He remained its chairman until 2002.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS	
March 24	
Powerball	10 33 45 53 56 / 24
Powerball jackpot: \$54M	
Lotto	10 19 24 40 45 46 / 16
Lotto jackpot: \$8.25M	
Pick 3 midday	221 / 9
Pick 4 midday	8699 / 3
Lucky Day Lotto midday	01 12 22 30 35
Pick 3 evening	850 / 5
Pick 4 evening	8099 / 6
Lucky Day Lotto evening	03 04 07 18 23
March 23	
Mega Millions	04 08 23 53 59 / 17
Mega Millions jackpot: \$421M	
Pick 3 midday	665 / 2
Pick 4 midday	9541 / 4
Lucky Day Lotto midday	04 06 20 32 43
Pick 3 evening	123 / 2
Pick 4 evening	5731 / 2
Lucky Day Lotto evening	13 19 20 21 42
March 27 Mega Millions: \$458M	

INDIANA	
March 24	
Lotto	04 11 12 22 35 42
Daily 3 midday	105 / 6
Daily 4 midday	0798 / 6
Daily 3 evening	057 / 1
Daily 4 evening	8120 / 1
Cash 5	01 04 14 17 19
MICHIGAN	
March 24	
Lotto	01 02 09 21 28 29
Daily 3 midday	832
Daily 4 midday	8620
Daily 3 evening	189
Daily 4 evening	1974
Fantasy 5	20 27 29 35 38
Keno	02 05 11 12 19 25
	26 30 37 43 46 47 48 50
	60 62 64 65 70 71 78 79
WISCONSIN	
March 24	
Megabucks	15 25 26 31 35 46
Pick 3	916
Pick 4	7898
Badger 5	04 08 17 27 29
SuperCash	14 25 31 32 33 37

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Abrams, Robert Charles 'Bob'

Bob Abrams, loving husband, confidant, and business partner of Trudy Abrams for the past 40 years, passed away on March 22 after a long battle with heart disease. Bob's parents, Laura and Al Abrams, and his in-laws, Bea and Willie Dolnick, are hopefully there to welcome him to that special place that Bob didn't think existed. His son, Jonathan, will carry on his sense of humor gene, and perhaps his talent for cooking. Bob will also be missed by his sister, Mary Abrams, his sister and brother-in-law, Penny and Marshall Klein, and his many friends and clients. Having been the EAP for the Chicago White Sox and the Chicago Bulls, as well as having a private psychotherapy practice, Bob touched the lives of so many. He asked for a really strong hug from Trudy, and received doggy kisses from Miko and Frazier, before he went back to a sleep from which he didn't wake. In lieu of a memorial service as per his request, please think of him as you read a book, or make a really fabulous meal. As he abhorred Facebook, please refrain from any posts. A contribution in his name to Pilots and Paws or The Long Beach Volunteer Fire Department would honor his memory.

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Altschul, Esther

Esther Altschul, nee Sager, 94, of Wilmette, passed away March 21, 2018. Esther was born in Chicago January 22, 1924, the daughter of Leon Sager and Hannah Sager, nee Shulman. Along with her two sisters, Ruth (deceased) and Naomi, Esther was raised in Wilmette and lived most of her life on the North Shore. She attended New Trier High School and then the University of Chicago, where she was active in the women's co-op. At the university she met Gilbert (Gil) Altschul, also of Chicago. Gil received his commission in the US Army Air Force the morning of September 6, 1943, and the two were married at the home of Esther's parents that afternoon. Esther and Gil had four sons, David (Paula), Joel (Lynn), Dan (Karen), and Jeff (Debbie), along with 10 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Esther's professional career included producing and distributing educational media alongside her husband, who started Altschul Group Corporation in 1954. After Gil died in 1982, she remained active in the business for another decade. The remainder of her life she devoted to family and friends. Her zest for life was contagious and included travel, games of all sorts (particularly bridge), reading, and wonderful conversation. A Celebration of Life will be held Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 2:00 pm at the Kenilworth Assembly Hall, 410 Kenilworth Ave., Kenilworth, IL 60043. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Family Focus, 310 S. Peoria St., Suite 301, Chicago, IL 60607 or Jon Altschul Philosophy Fund, Loyola University of New Orleans, Philosophy Department, Box 107, 6363 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118. Donations also can be made electronically at: <https://giving.loyno.edu/altschul>

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Anderson, Stuart

Stuart Anderson passed away on the afternoon of March 18, 2018. He was member of the original faculty of the College of DuPage (COD) where he taught Math, and a board and lifetime member of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). Donations in his memory are gratefully accepted by the COD Foundation (<https://foundation.cod.edu/>) and the Roger Baldwin Foundation of the ACLU (www.aclu-il.org/en/aclu-illinois-and-roger-baldwin-foundation). Arrangements by Cremation Society of Illinois. Services private.

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Berlow, Fern

Fern Berlow, nee Savage. Beloved wife of the late Robert Berlow. Loving mother of Patricia (Fred) Cipkin and Richard Berlow. Proud grandmother of Lauren and Kira Cipkin, Shivaun and Phillip Berlow. Service Monday 1 PM at Chicago Jewish Funerals, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to Parkinson's Disease Research Society, C/O M. Rezak, M.D., Central DuPage Hospital, 25 N. Winfield, 4th North Tower, Winfield, IL 60190, www.parkinsonsprogress.org. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals – Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com.

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BITINAS, JOYCE V.

JOYCE V. BITINAS, (nee Milanowski), formerly of Mobile, AL & Chicago (Brighton Park); beloved wife of the late Bruno Bitinas; Joyce was 19 when she married the older, more sophisticated Bruno. They were married over 45 years & they raised four children who were the light of her life. The oldest, Cathy (Bob Bodnar), three years later Michael

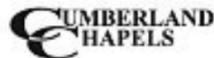
(Rosemary), & a year after Michael, the twins, Chuck (Cathy) & Carol (John Palac). Her world revolved around her children. When the twins went to school, the house was too empty. So, she volunteered at the elementary school. That volunteer position turned into a part time then full-time career as a teachers' aide for the Chicago Public Schools. She was Grandma B to Maci (Tony) Viggiani, Matthew (Suzie) Bitinas, Lauren (Tom) Tockey, Kimberly, Jacob (fiancée Catey Lacasse), Bryan, & Kevin Bitinas & great grandmother to Ryder & Francesca. Sister of Jean (late Bob) Pritts, Pat (John) Rignoni, the late Jerry (Evelyn) & the late Joseph; aunt to many nieces & nephews. Second to her family were her dogs, Joyce loved her dogs: through the years, Buttons, Teal, Opal, Amber & Ginger. Joyce spent time knitting & crocheting, of course making a vest, sweater, or scarf for someone. Cross-stitch, needlepoint, lack hook rugs, she did it all, Joyce was creative. She never met a fabric or craft store she didn't like. She sewed as well, stitching up outfits for her young children for Easter or making curtains for the van for camping. Family vacation time for Joyce meant fishing. Waking up early mornings you would find her at the shore or on a pier fishing, using her red devil lure to catch walleye & northern pike. In the 1980's, after the children were grown, she & Bruno retired to Mobile, Alabama. They had a beautiful house where you could find her planting & replanting in her garden. A devout catholic, Joyce would pray the rosary, say the divine mercy chaplet daily & during Lent, she would place Stations of the Cross around the garden for her daily devotions. She lived knowing there was & is great power in prayer. Her last year was spent at Rosary Hill Home surrounded by love with the Sisters of St. Dominic, Immaculate Conception Province & their incredible staff. Visitation Sunday, March 25, 2018, 2-8 p.m. at **Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Ltd.**, 8999 S. Archer Ave., Willow Springs. Funeral Monday, March 26, 2018 8:45 a.m. from the funeral home to the Church of St. Louis de Montfort, Oak Lawn. Mass 10 a.m. Interment St. Casimir Cemetery. www.ZarzyckiManorChapels.com or (708) 839-8999. Memorial donations may be sent to Rosary Hill Home, 9000 W. 81st Street, Justice, IL 60458.



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Blackburn, Lorraine M.

Visitation Monday from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Funeral service and interment are private. Info www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708-456-8300.



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Braun

See Phyllis Krause-Braun notice.

Bruck, Kathryn A.

Kathryn A. Bruck nee Roberts. Beloved wife of George Bruck. Loving mother of Dale (Michelle), Douglas (Cindy) Bruck and Wendy (Aldo) Suarez. Cherished grandmother of 9. Visitation Monday 3-9pm. Funeral service Tuesday 10:00 am at Hann Funeral Home 8230 S. Harlem Ave Bridgeview, IL. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens South. For info call 708-496-3344



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Cable, Ted D.

Ted D. Cable age 94, Wilmette resident for 57 years. Beloved husband of Barbara nee Deal. Loving father of John Cable and Susan (Brian) Meadows. Adoring grandfather of Robert and Andrew Meadows. Private services will be held. Memorial contributions may be made to JourneyCare, 2050 Claire Court, Glenview, IL 60025, www.journeycare.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** – Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Cardinale, Anthony A.

Anthony A. Cardinale, age 52, suddenly; loving father of Dominic and Olivia; son of the late Salvatore "Sam" Cardinale; dear brother of Karen (Brian) O'Toole and Joseph (Joanne) Cardinale; dearest fiancé of Patricia D'Andrea; special uncle of Emma, Kevin and Quinn; also survived by many aunts, cousins and friends. Visitation Sunday March 25, 2018, 3 pm to 9 pm at **Kosary Funeral Home** 9837 S. Kedzie, Evergreen Park. Funeral Monday March 26th, 9 am from Chapel to Queen of Martyrs Church for Mass 10 am Interment St. Mary Cemetery (708) 499-3223 or www.kosary.com

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Catanese, Josephine

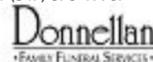
Josephine Catanese, nee Fesi, 79, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on March 20, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Vincenzo; loving mother of Chris (Debra), Sally, and Nina; proud grandmother of Andrew, David, and Veronica. Visitation will be held Tuesday, March 27, from 9-11am, at **Olson Burke/Sullivan** Funeral and Cremation Center, 6471 N. Northwest Hwy., Chicago, IL. Mass to follow at St. Juliana Church, 7201 N. Oketo, Chicago, IL. Entombment at Mt. Olive Cemetery, Chicago, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org or to a charity of your choice. For info 773-774-3333.

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Clarke, Maxine Yvonne Taylor

Maxine Yvonne Taylor Clarke, M.D. (June 5, 1921-January 9, 2018) was born in Little Falls, Minnesota, the beloved only child of Almon Vincent Taylor and of Pearl Putney Taylor. She had very happy memories of her childhood in Little Falls. She attended Mills College, Oberlin College and the University of Minnesota where she obtained an M.D. degree. She later went to the University of Chicago for a residency in anesthesiology. There she met James S. Clarke, M.D., her future husband. They both loved their careers and had a happy marriage. Maxine was a devoted wife and mother, and a loving, kind person. Maxine and James are survived by two daughters, Nancy Lynn Clarke and Mary Kathryn Clarke; two grandchildren, Carolyn Clarke Stevenson and James Leroy Wigginton; and seven great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to Mills College or the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. A memorial service will be held in the Jeanne Vail Chapel on the Northwestern University campus on April 7th at 11:00 a.m., 2018. Info: www.donnellan-funeral.com or (847) 675-1990.



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Coy, James Richard 'Jim'

James Richard Coy, II



James "Jim" Richard Coy, II, 60, of Park Ridge, Illinois, passed suddenly on Sunday, March 18, 2018. Beloved son of the late James Richard Coy, M.D. and survived by his mother Ellen Kroehle Coy; loving husband to Patricia (Pati) and father to Jimmy, Christina, Clarissa and his pup Freshly. Jim was a cherished husband, father, son, brother, colleague, and friend.

Jim was born July 17, 1957 in Lakewood, Ohio. He is a graduate of University School in Shaker Heights, Ohio and Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. Jim enjoyed following local high school as well as college and pro sports teams. He loved the Northwestern Wildcats, The Browns, The Cavs, and the Cubs.

Other surviving family members include his brother Dale L. Coy, M.D., sister-in-law Rayanne Coy and their children, Nick, Addison, Matthew and Alexa Coy; brother-in-law Anthony Obrzut, his nephew Nicholas; brother-in-law Mike Obrzut, wife Barb, niece Morgan and nephew Michael Obrzut.

A celebration of life service will be held at 3:00 p.m., Friday, March 23 at the Alice Millar Chapel, 1870 Sheridan Road, Evanston, IL, 60208.

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Daravanis, Arthur G.

Arthur G. Daravanis, age 87, a lifelong White Sox fan, passed away on March 18, 2018. Devoted son of the late George and Fotini; dear brother of Mary (the late Tom) Gregory and Daphne (the late Nicholas) Rekas; fond uncle of John (the late Lisa) and Frank (Carla) Rekas; great uncle of Samantha and Alexandra. Friends and Family will meet on Monday morning for visitation from 9:30 am until service begins at 10:30 am at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 2720 W. Winona, Chicago. Interment at Elmwood Cemetery. Arrangements by John G. Adinamis Funeral Director Ltd. For information 773-736-3833.

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Davis, MD, Lester H.

Lester H. Davis, MD, age 83, died peacefully on March 22 surrounded by his family; beloved husband and best friend for 62 years of Beverly, nee Katz; extraordinary father of Jonathan (Pamela), Rochelle (Ken Rolling), Elaine (Wayne) Braverman, Laura (Dan) Slowey and Phil (Linda); devoted grandpa of Julia Benker, Micah (Genevieve) Davis, Evan and Joel Halpop, Emily (Jordan) Lemick, Brian Rolling, Jessi and Ali Braverman, Hannah, Kevin, and Grace Slowey, Marie and Megan Davis; loving son of the late Arthur and the late Anne; brother of the late Lois (late Lewis) Stein; dear brother-in-law of Blanche (late David) Slav and the late Bernie (late Annette) and the late Melvin (late Noreen) Katz; fond uncle to many nieces and nephews. Lester was a mentor, and left an indelible mark on the lives of his family and friends. He graduated from Von Steuben High School, Carleton College, and Northwestern Medical School. He was a beloved physician, practicing at Michael Reese Hospital and Trinity Hospital, formerly South Chicago Community Hospital, where he held an office for many years. After retirement from his practice, he did home visits for many years. Lester loved living an active life and enjoyed playing tennis until late last year. He dearly loved his time at his lake house on Dutch Hollow Lake. Service Monday, 12 Noon at The Chapel, 8851 Skokie Blvd., Skokie (at Niles Center Rd.). Interment Westlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Keturah Hadassah, www.hadassah.org/chicago-north-shore/, Healthy Schools Campaign, www.healthyschoolscampaign.org or to the charity of your choice. Info: **The Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



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Diamantopoulos, Stavroula

Stavroula Diamantopoulos, nee Froustis, age 85, passed away on Wednesday, March 21, 2018. Beloved wife of Mike; loving mother of George Diamantopoulos and Nick (Patricia) Diamantopoulos; dear sister of Jim (Bessie) Froustis, the late Peter (the late Anna) Froustis, the late Matina (the late Iraklis) and the late John (Soula) Froustis. Fond aunt to many and their families. Visitation from 4:00- 9:00 pm on Monday at Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago. Family and Friends will meet on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 2727 W. Winona, Chicago, for funeral service at 10:30 AM. Interment in Elmwood Cemetery. Arrangements by John G. Adinamis Funeral Director, Ltd. For information 773-736-3833

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Eckert, Richard Lawrence

Richard Lawrence Eckert, 91, of St Charles. Son of Emma (Manthel) and Artur Eckert. Born and raised in Chicago, IL. he was orphaned as an infant, and raised by his 7 siblings. He attended Allendale School for Boys in Lake Villa, IL for several

years and is forever grateful for the guidance and discipline that he received there. After attending Amundsen High School, he served in the US Army during WW2 as a paratrooper and bugler in the 11th Airborne Division, 511 Parachute Infantry. He graduated from Culver Stockton College in Canton Missouri where he met the love of his life Ann Marie Jonsson, and then went on to receive his Master's Degree from Northern Illinois University. He and Ann were married for 63 years until her death in 2015. He is survived by his 3 children: Kurt Eckert (Sharon), Juli Bark-Eckert, and Kari McGinn (Michael), his 2 grandchildren Lucien and Connor Eckert, and many nieces, nephews, and dear friends. Richard taught high school for 35 years (30 of them in District 214), where he helped to implement the first Special Education/Driver Education program in the State of Illinois. He was the legislative chairman of the State Drivers Education Organization and served for a time as president of the District 214 Teachers Association. Upon retirement, he and Ann moved from Hoffman Estates, Illinois to Doniphan, Missouri where they enjoyed an active life. Together they helped to start the Sheltered Workshop and Food Pantry in Doniphan. He served as the president of the Ripley County Hospital Board and was a choir member for over 20 years at the Doniphan Methodist Church. In 2013, he and Ann moved to Brighton Gardens of St. Charles where they were cared for with tremendous love and respect. Memorial visitation 10:00a.m. until time of memorial service 11:00a.m. Friday, April 13th, 2018 at the **Countryside** Funeral Home and Crematory, 950 South Bartlett Rd (at Stearns Rd), Bartlett. Following services inurnment 1:30p.m. at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Memorial donations can be made to the American Parkinson Disease Association and Allendale Association of Lake Villa, Illinois. 630-289-7575 or www.countrysidefuneralhomes.com



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EPSTEIN, DR. SAMUEL STANLEY

Dr. Samuel Stanley Epstein, professor Emeritus of environmental health at the University of Illinois, died Sunday morning, March 18th in Chicago. He was 91.



Dr. Epstein was an internationally recognized scientist in area of environmental protection, public health and cancer prevention. He authored 19 books and over



270 scientific publications, served as a consultant to numerous Congressional committees and labor unions, and was a leading spokesman on numerous environmental controversies such as Love Canal that

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awoke the nation to the dangers of carcinogens and toxic substances. Dr. Epstein was educated at University of London where he received Bachelors' degrees in Surgery, Physiology and Medicine. He also received his MD at the University of London and degrees in Pathology and Tropical Medicine. Dr. Epstein emigrated to the United States in the early 1960s when he won a position as researcher at the Children's Hospital Cancer Research Center (affiliated then with Harvard University and later named the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute). He then became a distinguished professor at Case Western Medical School before being appointed as a professor at the University of Illinois School of Public Health in 1976. Epstein's research and advocacy on preventable causes of cancer, and in particular his early work on carcinogenic pesticides in our foods, led him to be appointed as the President of the Rachel Carson Trust, named after the famous author whose book Silent Spring harbingered the modern environmental movement.

Dr. Epstein gained national prominence as a leading environmental spokesman during the Love Canal scandal in New York where he accused local and federal authorities of ignoring the dangers of hazardous waste dumps that Epstein argued were the cause of large spikes in cancer and other diseases. In 1979, he published an award-winning book, The Politics of Cancer, which argued that petrochemicals and other synthetic products in our air, water, food and workplaces were the cause of major increases in the national cancer rates.

Several years later, he followed with a groundbreaking book, Hazardous Waste in America, that chronicled the extent of the hazardous waste disposal problem nationwide. His work helped lead to landmark legislative reforms such as the Toxic Substances Control Act and the Resource Conservation Recovery Act.

Dr. Epstein was also a national spokesman on behalf of Vietnam Veterans exposed to the defoliant Agent Orange, which Epstein argued was a significant cause of cancer in U.S. veterans. He also served as an expert consultant and advocate for the Oil Chemical and Atomic Workers Union and other labor unions affected by workplace hazards. His later research, books and advocacy focused on the dangers of growth hormones in food and animal feedstock and known carcinogens in personal care and household consumer products. He was also the leading critic against the American Cancer Society and National Cancer Institute for their conflicts of interest involving corporate sponsors.

For his work, Epstein received numerous award including the 1998 Right Livelihood Award and the 2005 Albert Schweitzer Golden Grand Medal for International Contributions to Cancer Prevention.

While Epstein focused primarily on preventable causes of cancer throughout his career, he was devoted to other causes. During the Vietnam War, Epstein traveled to Hanoi as part of the physicians group the Committee of Responsibility (CORE) to provide medical attention to wounded women and children, many of whom had lost limbs in the conflict. He also supervised the transport of wounded children to the Children's Hospital in Boston.

Epstein is survived by his devoted wife, Cathy; three children Mark, Julian and Emily; two grandchildren, Ethan and Calvin, brothers in law Bruno Vincent and Pete, and sisters in law Mindy and Patty.

Funeral services have been held, and, entrusted to Lakeshore Jewish Funerals, 773-625-8621



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Farber, Aileen

Aileen E. Farber (nee Chayken), age 83 of Sarasota, formerly of Flossmoor, IL and Hammond, IN. Devoted partner of Frank Levine. Daughter of the late Ruth and Irving Chayken, sister of Betty Fae (Bernard) Nusinow. Loving mother of Shelly (Steve) Marks and Steve (Nancy) Farber. Adored and proud grandmother of Jackie (Jake) Rassner, Jordan (Noor Jehan Mughal) Farber, Aaron (Kristen Foster) Marks, Jeffrey (Lora Davis) Marks and Great-grandmother of Violet, Eli, and Avi. Memorial Service Wednesday March 28, 1:30 at Temple Anshe Sholom Olympia Fields, IL. Following the service the family will sit Shiva in Homewood. Our mom was extraordinarily generous. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to something that is meaningful to you.

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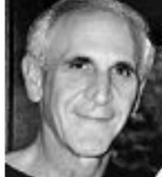
Fiorillo, Jacqueline Marie

nee(Foster), 68, late of Plainfield formerly of Streamwood, passed away Friday, March 23, 2018. Born in Ironwood Michigan to the late Woodrow and Marjorie (Wieland) Foster, she lived in Streamwood for 35 years before moving to Plainfield. Beloved wife of the late Richard; Loving mother of, Jim (Kathie) Fiorillo and Amy (Jim) Sansone; Cherished Nana of, Joe, Nina and Carly Fiorillo and Gianna Sansone; Dear sister of Stephen Foster; fond sister in law of Nick (Carole) Fiorillo and the late Dominic and Frank Fiorillo, Anna (the late Chuck) Littleton, Jean (Ken) Kanwischer and Susie (the late Joe) Pasieta. Family will receive friends at Kurtz Memorial Chapel, 102 E. Francis Road, New Lenox, IL 60451, Tuesday, March 27, 2018 from 3:00 to 9:00 PM. Funeral service, Wednesday, March 28, 2018 with prayers at the funeral home at 9:30 AM then to St. Jude Catholic Church, New Lenox, for a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM. Interment, Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Hillside, IL, for information www.kurtzmemorialchapel.com or 815-485-3700

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Gailen, Bob

My father, Robert "Bob" Gailen, 71, passed away on Monday, March 19, 2018.



He was born on the south side of Chicago on September 14, 1946 to Lawrence and Winifred Gailen, older brother to Judy Gailen. In his early years, he attended Bowen High School and went on to get his bachelor's degree at Southern Illinois University Carbondale in graphic design.

On December 1, 1969, Bob's birthday was chosen as number one in the Vietnam draft. Bob spent a little over three years serving mainly in the military as a Cryptanalytic and received five awards for his service.

Later in life, Bob met his soulmate, Carol. They spent over twenty years together, traveling to their second home, Aspen. His favorite pastime was sitting on rocks, gazing at the mountains surrounding him. Soon, they had me, Hannah, and I too joined their endeavors to the mountains and shared their love of the best place on earth.

Along with his passion for graphic design, Bob had an undying love for dogs, especially our Havanese, Pip. It is based on this love that the product 'The Original mine Pet Platter' was created. One of his many dreams in life was to make this product succeed, and he passed doing what he loved most.

Bob is survived by his wife, Carol, daughter, Hannah, mother, Winnie, and sister, Judy, (husband Michael and son Gabe) Trautman, as well as his extended wife's family that he loved dearly: Nancy, David, JP and Michael Donovan. As well, he leaves behind many adored friends.

My father was the most caring, strong, creative, hard-working, determined, positive, funny, brave and warmest person I have ever met. He persevered through thick and thin, from conquering thyroid cancer to being drafted, and I have never admired someone more. He was also my best friend, and I loved him more than anything. While I may not be able to have another warm hug, I feel him in my heart at every moment.

Bob's service will be on Monday, March 26, 2018 from 2 to 6 pm, with Tributes at 5:30 pm, at BUCHANAN CHAPEL OF FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 126 E. Chestnut St., Chicago, IL. Please use Chestnut street entrance just West of Michigan Avenue. Following the service, cremation will follow and Bob's ashes will be scattered in Aspen, the place he loved most.

In lieu of flowers, we would appreciate contributions to the Bob Gailen/Aspen Memorial Fund (send to Harrison and Held, Suite 1700, 333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago IL 60606-1247). A date of unveiling will be shared when determined.

Please visit BOB GAILEN BOOK OF MEMORIES. To express your thoughts or memories in the online guest book, visit www.chapelc.com or www.facebook.com/centralchapel. Arrangements by CENTRAL CHAPEL, Lane-Moynihan Directors, Downtown Chicago. Info., 773-581-9000 or 312-944-6060.

Obituary lovingly composed by daughter, Hannah Gailen.



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Gallimore, Claris 'Clay'

Claris "Clay" Gallimore, 89 of Lake Villa, IL passed away Wednesday, March 21, 2018. Clay is survived by his children Clay, Kent (Terri), Laura (Irving) Karlhofer, Mark (Sherry) and Lisa (Fred) Hoff; grandchildren Shane (Laurie), Bree (Dave), Laura (Frederick), Joseph, Paige, Erika, Branden, Calvin and Katelyn; Great grandchildren Delaney, Spencer, Cade and Saylin; brother David (Joy) Gallimore; uncle of many nieces and nephews. He preceded in death by his wife Dorothea, parents, his son scott, brother ralph, (the late Halen) Gallimore and sister Loise (Ben Cather). Memorial visitation will be held Thursday March 29 5 - 7 pm at Ringa Funeral Home 122 S. Milwaukee Ave. Lake Villa, IL. In Lieu of flowers donations to Shriners Hospitals for Children Attn: Office of Development 2900 N. Rocky Point Dr. Tampa, FL 33607 or a charity of your choice in Clay's name would be appreciated

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Gamboney, Maureen Catherine

Maureen Catherine Gamboney, née McCarthy, 66, of Oak Park. Passed away too soon after a short but courageous battle with Cruetzfeldt-Jakob Disease. Beloved wife and best friend of Robert P. Gamboney for 43 happy, adventurous and rewarding years. Loving, humorous and guiding mother of Michelle, Joseph (Jennifer), Nicole (Nick) Nichols, and Samuel. Cherished and fun Moe Moe of J.J., Madelyn, Thomas, Delaney, Isabelle, and Riley. Dear sister of William (Cathy) McCarthy, Margaret (Joe) Bidingier, Sheila McCarthy, and Jeannine (Steve) Sauck. Devoted niece of William (Barbara) Bourke. Fond aunt and cousin of many. True friend of so many. Maureen was a graduate of Ascension School in Oak Park and Sienna High School in Chicago. After graduating from DePaul University in 1975, Maureen married Bobby, the love of her life. They settled in Oak Park where they proudly raised their 4 children. She cared for many children running a home day care before returning to school to earn her Masters of Education from Rosary College in 1997. Maureen spent the majority of her teaching career at Columbia Explorers Academy in Chicago using her unique knowledge and endless compassion to shape the lives of countless students before retiring in June of 2017. She was a lifelong parishioner of Ascension Church and a tireless volunteer for Misericordia Heart of Mercy.

Maureen was a shining example of how to care for, and enjoy those who mean the most to you. She will be missed dearly by her family and countless friends. Visitation Tuesday, 2:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. at Peterson-Bassi Chapels/Gamboney & Son Funeral Directors, 6938 W. North Ave., Chicago. Friends are asked to meet Wednesday at Ascension Church, 808 S. East Ave., Oak Park, for Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 A.M. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Hillside. Info 708-848-6661 or petersonfuneralhome.com In lieu of flowers memorials to Misericordia, 6300 N. Ridge Ave, Chicago, IL 60660 or the Cruetzfeldt-Jakob Disease Foundation, P.O. Box 5312, Akron, OH 44334

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Goossens, Charlotte E.

Charlotte E. Goossens, nee Koepke, age 96, of Oak Park, beloved wife of the late Frank J.; loving mother of Gregg P. (Margaret) of Wheaton and the late Elizabeth and Janet; dear grandmother of Amanda, fond sister of the late Elsie Kudra, Kurt Koepke and Ensign Ernest Koepke, a navy pilot killed in action over Japan in WW II; cherished aunt of many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews; and many loving friends and neighbors. Visitation Tuesday from 9 a.m. until time of services at Christ Lutheran Church, Harvard and East Aves., Oak Park. Services at 10 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Info at www.linhartfuneralhome.com or (708) 749-2255



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Greenberg, Jean

Jean Greenberg, born June 10, 1931 died on March 8, 2018, after an eight-year struggle with Alzheimer's disease. Until the disease took its toll, she was well known for her humor, generosity, playfulness, and mischievousness. She was a loving mother, devoted grandmother, and treasured friend. She is survived by her two daughters, Julie (Bill) and Ilene (Henry) and her four grandchildren, Alex, Audrey Andrea, and Logan. Jean was preceded in death by her longtime partner, Marvin Reichman. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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GUDYKA, CHARLES P

Charles P. Gudyka, age 57. Loving son of the late Stanley and the late Dolores Gudyka. Dearest brother of Debbie(Steve)Ross, Michael Gudyka, and Patti Gudyka. Dear uncle of several nieces and nephews. Cremation private. In lieu of flowers, donations to Vitas Hospice(www.vitas.com)would be appreciated. Arrangements by Toon Funeral Home, Downers Grove, IL 630-968-0408 or www.toonfuneralhome.com

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Guiffaut, Roger L.

Roger L. Guiffaut. Age 88. Beloved Husband of Lorraine. Loving Father of Deborah (the late Arthur) Karol, Sheree (Steven) Kodros and the late Bonnie Guiffaut (Frank Estevez). Cherished Grandfather of Matthew Karol, Chad (Jessica) Karol, Brett (Anna) Karol, Stephanie Kodros, Katie Kodros, Nina Kodros, Madelyn Kodros and Great Grandfather of Sofie, Grayson, Blake and one expected baby. Dearest Brother of the late Christiane (the late Robert) Marszalek. Fond Uncle of Many Nieces and Nephews. Lying in state Monday at Our Lady of Ransom Church 8300 N. Greenwood Niles, IL from 11:30 AM until the time of the funeral mass 12:30 PM. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. Roger was a member of the Niles VFW Post #7712. In lieu of flowers memorial donations to your local food bank. Funeral arrangements by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com

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Hanson, Dorothy E.

Hanson, Dorothy E., Loving wife of the late Donald R., Devoted mother of Susan D. (Jerald) Jones, Carol Hanson, Doug (Debra) Hanson and the late Raymond. Cherished grandmother of Jerald, Joshua, Donald, Joseph, Connor and Giancarlo. Great- Grandmother of Jacob and Addison. Sister of the late LaVerne Hansen. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Tuesday 4-9 p.m. at Nelson Funeral Home 820 W. Talcott Rd., Park Ridge. Lying in State, Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. until time of service 11:00 a.m. at St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 260 N. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please make contributions to St. Andrews Lutheran Church. 847-823-5122 or www.nelsonfunerals@gmail.com



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Harmon, Doris M.

Doris M. Harmon, age 91, of Skokie, IL. Beloved wife of the late William E. Harmon. Loving mother of Colleen (James) Wood, Deborah (John) Popp, Marguerite (Joshua) Itkin, and Gail Poders. Dear grandmother of Katherine, Ryanne, Thomas (Meghan), and Daniel (Kathleen) Wood; Elizabeth Popp and Amy (Chris) Boone; Shawn (Emily) Knapp, Brian Knapp, Megan (fiancée Philip Dent) Knapp, and Shannon Knapp; and Brittany (fiancée David Pelletier) and Courtney Poders. Kind great grandmother of 12. Visitation Monday, March 26, 2018, 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Donnellan Family Funeral Home, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass Tuesday, March 27, 2018, 10:00 a.m. at Saint Lambert Church, 8148 Karlov Avenue, Skokie, IL 60076. Interment Maryhill Cemetery, Niles, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Misericordia, 6300 North Ridge Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.



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Heftel, Dorraine

Dorraine Heftel, age 86, Chicago native, passed away March 20th in Northbrook. Preceded in death by her husband Allen Heftel, her son Phillip Heftel, and sister Myra Kramer, Dorraine is survived by her son Ken Heftel, brother Bernard Leader, her granddaughter Jennifer, nephews, Mark, David, and Keith, niece Robbie, and great granddaughters Hailey and Brooklyn. Graduating late in life with a BA in the Arts, Dorraine was a talented pianist, songwriter, and performer with a passion for opera and classical music. She performed at many Chicago area events accompanied by lifelong friends who shared her passion for music. Service Sunday March 25th at 11:00 A.M. in the chapel of Westlawn Cemetery and Mausoleum, 7801 W. Montrose Avenue, Norridge, where interment will follow. Arrangements entrusted to Lakeshore Jewish Funerals, 773-625-8621



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Henderson-Damon, Connie

Connie Henderson-Damon, age 69, of Oak Park; beloved wife of Christopher; loving mother of Laura. Six aunts and uncles survive her along with 24 cousins and their families & her nephew, Joe Henderson, and his family. In-laws, John & Betsy Damon, Patricia Damon, niece, Beth Damon, IL and her family, Connie was preceded in death by her parents William O. Henderson and Lenora Bair Henderson. Memorial Service 2:30 pm at First United Church, 848 Lake Street, Oak Park, on Saturday, April 7. Interment to be in Dexter Cemetery, Dexter, Kansas. Memorial gifts may be made to First United Church of Oak Park 848 Lake Street, Oak Park, IL 60301; and the Historical Society of Oak Park River Forest, 129 Lake Street, IL 60302. Funeral info: drechslerbrown-williams.com

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Jachymiak, Mark A.

Mark A. Jachymiak, age 49, passed away peacefully on March 14, 2018, after a brief illness. Beloved son of Monty and La Verne, nee Staron; cherished brother of Lisa (Jeffrey) Triska. Memorial visitation, Sunday 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., at Modell Funeral Home, 7710 South Cass Avenue, Darien, where Memorial Service will be held at 7:00 p.m.. For info. 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com.

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Kenealy, Jason R.

Jason R. Kenealy, age 22, U.S. Army National Guard member, a resident of Plainfield, IL, formerly of Bolingbrook, IL, passed away suddenly on Friday, March 23, 2018. He was born on June 20, 1995 in Naperville, IL. Arrangements by Overman-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Plainfield, IL. For service times and a complete obituary, please visit www.overman-jones.com or call (815) 436-9221.

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Kezios, George Louis

George Louis Kezios, 76, loving husband for 40 years to Penny (nee Nichols). Proud and devoted father to Anastasia and Kara. Dear brother of the late Connie Kasson. He was an especially loyal son to his parents, the late Gus and Aveline (nee Kuchuris) and mother-in-law, the late Frances Nichols. He was a fond uncle, brother-in-law and cousin to many and a good friend to those who knew him. Throughout his life George set an example of hard work, integrity, kindness and humility. But all he wanted was to be a faithful servant to Christ. He read the Bible daily and actively participated in his Church. Visitation Monday, April 2, 2018 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Donnellan Family Funeral Services, 10045 Skokie Blvd. at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, Illinois 60077. Funeral Service Tuesday, April 3, 2018, 1:00 p.m. at Church of the Holy Comforter, 222 Kenilworth Ave., Kenilworth, Illinois 60043. Memorial donations may be made to Church of the Holy Comforter or Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 601 S. Central Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60644. May his memory be eternal. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.



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Klehr, Elizabeth Greenwood

It is with great sadness that the family of Elizabeth Greenwood Klehr, announces her passing on March 17, 2018 at the age of 72. She died peacefully after a long battle with cancer. She was the beloved wife of over 43 years to David Klehr; loving and proud mother of Sarah and Johanna, and loving and proud Grammy to Avi, Theo and Eden. She will be missed by her mother, Elizabeth Greenwood; sister, Sally Hirst; and two brothers, Thomas Greenwood and Timothy Greenwood; as well as numerous extended family and friends. She was predeceased by her father, George Greenwood and brother, Richard Greenwood. Elizabeth was a strong woman and a force to be reckoned with. She was caring and thoughtful, intelligent and quick-witted. She loved to give advice and support, and was always willing to listen. She will be greatly missed by all who were lucky enough to know her. Private services and interment were held at Rosehill Cemetery. Info - Lakeview Funeral Home, 773-472-6300 or www.LakeviewFuneralHome.com.



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Kolman, Carmela

Carmela Kolman. Beloved wife of John Rizzo. Daughter of the late Judge Burton and the late Mazal Kolman. Loving sister of Joe (Lenore Skenazy) Kolman and Bruce (Noreen) Kolman. Loving sister-in-law to the late Paula (Jeff) Guild, Marilyn (Paul) Bowser, and Judy (Jim) Fazekas. Beloved niece of the late Milton (Fran) Kolman, Noa (Dr. Marc) Shinderman, Yarden (the late Aaron) Bag-Bag, the late Azri (Sheila) Harari, the late Ruth (the late Av Shalom) Rasabi, and the late Rachamim (Rika) Harari. An aunt very much loved by Sarah, Ben, Josh, Nate and Morry Kolman, Izzy Skenazy, Julie Samitt, Jeff Guild, Scott and Laurie Fazekas, Allison and Lauren Bowser. Beloved by many dear cousins from Chicago and Israel. Beloved owner of Button and Oskar. And cherished by so many friends! Friends from school, childhood, adulthood, the Marfan Syndrome community, the world of medicine, and, of course, from the world of art. Carmela received a BFA from Rhode Island School of Design and a MFA from Yale University School of Art. This is particularly impressive as she was legally blind in her left eye and suffered from multiple vision problems and corrections. Her paintings of people, pears, pearls and roses were exhibited in galleries in New York City and across the United States. (carmelakolman.com). When Carmela entered a room, you knew you were going to have fun. She had a gigantic capacity for warmth, stories and laughter. Lots of laughter -- and what a laugh! She rose above so many health problems and surgeries. She left and our hearts went with her. Service Sunday, 1:00 p.m. at The Chapel, 8851 Skokie Blvd, Skokie (at Niles Center Road). Interment at Westlawn Cemetery, Norridge, IL. Following the funeral, the family will sit Shiva in Chicago from 5-9pm. For details, please contact Goldman Funeral Group, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600. A New York Memorial service will be announced at a later date. Donations can be made in her memory to The Marfan Foundation (marfan.org). If it is your custom to send flowers, white roses would be appreciated.



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Krause-Braun, Phyllis

Phyllis Krause-Braun, nee Eisenstaedt, age 94. Beloved wife of Jerome Braun and the late Dr. Arthur Krause. Loving, devoted mother of Joanne (Robert) Bernstein, Dr. Sue Ellen Krause, and Dr. Philip (Jackie) Krause. Step-mother of Brian (Terri) Braun, Mark Braun, and Gordon (Louise) Braun. Proud grandmother of Jennifer (David) Ransburg, Lisa (Jay) Keltner, Ari, Gabriel, and Talia Krause. Step-grandmother of David (Sadie) Braun, Rabbi Aaron (Marina) Braun, Max Braun, and Schuster (Molly) Braun. Cherished great-grandmother of Cecilia, Harper, Ryan, Jacob, Aidan, Lillian, Jonah, Jackson, Ariella, and Samantha. Dear sister of the late Lorraine (the late Harold) Paddor and the late Judith (the late Loren) Lyon. She earned a scholarship in Fine Arts at the University of Illinois. Her creative, stunning artwork included drawings, paintings, and sculpture exhibited at local north shore art galleries and in the homes and offices of many lucky and discerning individuals. Following completion of her B.A. degree, she earned her Masters in Social Work from the University of Chicago, which was put to optimal use with her productive, insightful, and dedicated work at Evanston Hospital and in private practice. Her beautiful, positive spirit and elegant style touched those who had the privilege to know her. She will resonate in many hearts forever. Service on Monday March 26, 2018 at 9 AM at Chicago Jewish Funerals, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Westlawn. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to NorthShore University HealthSystem, the Evanston Art Center, or the charity of choice. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfiinfo.com



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Kudron, Mary J.

Visitation Monday from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Cumberland Chapels 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Funeral services will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, at the funeral home, and will then proceed to St. Celestine Church, in Elmwood Park, for Mass at 11:00 a.m. Interment to follow at Maryhill Cemetery. Info www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708-456-8300.



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LaBuda, Genevieve Victoria

Genevieve Victoria LaBuda (nee Swiderski) 91 of Northfield was born July 20, 1926 in Marguerite, PA to Joseph and Katherine (nee Lopata) Swiderski and passed away March 19, 2018. Genevieve was the beloved wife of the late Mitchell J.; loving mother of Kathleen (William) Zink, Linda (John) Cortese, Mitchell (Ava) LaBuda and Timothy (Jennifer) LaBuda; cherished grandmother of Laura (Scott) Schutte, Michael (Jennifer) Cortese, Kelly, Adam, Colin and Spencer LaBuda and great grandmother of Landen and Kendall Schutte, Ryan and Owen Cortese; dear sister of Joseph (Frances) Swiderski, late Julia (late Bruno) Jarosz, late Anna (late Raymond) Konop, late Agnes (late Fred) Sienko, late Frances (late Raymond) Cychosz, late Stanley (late Patricia) Swiderski and late Edward Swiderski; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Service will be held Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 11 AM in the Interment Chapel at All Saints Cemetery, 700 N. River Road, Des Plaines, IL. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Chicago Botanic Garden. For funeral information 847-824-5155 or oehlerfuneralhome.com



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Ledvina, Nancy Smith

Nancy Smith Ledvina. Beloved companion of Scott Joss; devoted daughter of the late Jeffrey (Sharon) Smith and late Phyllis Smith; caring aunt, friend, and cousin of many; loving mother of many pets over the years, especially Princeton and Pal. Nancy was an avid animal rights activist her entire life. She was intelligent, knowledgeable, and a talented lover of music. She was independent, strong, principled, and will be deeply missed. Services are private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to any animal shelter or humane society. For info: 847-256-5700.



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Manning, George

George Manning, 87, of Barrington formerly of Chicago was born on August 13, 1930 in Chicago and passed away on Monday, March 19, 2018 after a long illness. He was a Real Estate Broker, Appraiser and Instructor. George was the beloved husband of Waltraud "Trudee"; father of Mary Clare (Thomas) Mulhall, Terese Manning, George (Deni) Manning, John Manning, Loretta Manning, Joseph (Julie) Manning, Michael (Cheri) Albert and Cathryn (Richard) Meister; grandfather of Megan, Samantha and Daniel; brother of Albert Manning and the late Marilyn Chambers; uncle of many nieces and nephews also survived by many friends and family. Service and interment will be private. Donations can be made in George's name to the American Cancer Society, PO Box22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123. Arrangements by Ahlgrim Family Funeral Home, Lake Zurich. For info. 847-540-8871.

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Margaris, Harriet

Harriet Margaris, age 83, nee Koutavas, passed away on March 22, 2018. Beloved wife of Dennis. Loving mother of Spero (Angela); loving grandmother of Lia Danielle and Andriana Ionia; dear sister of Julia (the late Frank) Tabas; fond aunt of Vicki Koutavas and Dennis (Loren) Tabas Visitation is on Monday from 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Smith Corcoran Funeral Home, 6150 N. Cicero Avenue, Chicago. Family and Friends will meet on Tuesday morning at 11:00 am at St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church, 2350 E. Dempster St., Des Plaines. Interment at Elmwood Cemetery. Arrangements by John G. Adinamis Funeral Director Ltd. For information 773-736-3833.



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Mazur, Wanda M.

Wanda M. Mazur nee Pierzga beloved wife of the late Edward Mazur; loving mother of Wayne (Maria) Mazur and Elaine (the late John) Schneider; devoted grandmother of Marisa (Michael) Barnas, Malinda (Carter) Swerdlow, Christopher (Laurie) Schneider, Mark Mazur, Jason Schneider and Amanda (Ryan) Ferris; cherished great grandmother of Michael, Malyna, Mattison, Emma, Joey, Claire, Olivia, Chloe, Ayden and Christopher Jr.; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Tuesday 9:15 A.M. from Lawn Funeral Home 17909 S 94th Ave Tinley Park IL 60487 to St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr Church Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Resurrection Cemetery Funeral info (708) 532-3100



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Meksto, Edward

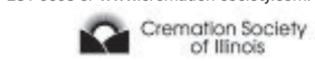
Edward Meksto, age 94 of Hinsdale, formerly of Riverside. U.S.M.C. Major and W.W. II Veteran, Retired United Airlines Captain after 35 years and former Village of Riverside President. Beloved husband of Esther, nee Chovanec, loving father of Michael (Kay), Tom (Sheri) and Sue (Jeff) Lambert, cherished grandfather of Michael (Savannah), Kelly, Brooke, Jack, Kelsey and Shelby Meksto, Garrett Lambert and great-grandfather of Cassidy, Ryder and Esther Ray, fond uncle to many nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday, March 28, 4:00pm to 8:00pm at Kuratko-Nosek Funeral Home, 2447 S. DesPlaines Avenue, North Riverside. Funeral Thursday, March 29, Lying in State 9:00am until time of Service 10:00am at Saints Peter and Paul Lutheran Church 250 Woodside Road, Riverside. Interment with Military Honors at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery 20953 W. Hoff Road, Elwood to follow at 1:30pm. Family and friends are asked to meet at the cemetery Public Information Center by 1:15pm. Memorials to Honor Flight Chicago are appreciated. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.KuratkoNosek.com. Info: (708) 447-2500.



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Mondala, Mary Victoria 'Mikki'

Mary Victoria Mondala, "Mikki", 74, of Aurora, passed away unexpectedly but peacefully in her sleep. After graduating from Holy Family Academy and studying theater at West Virginia University, Mikki earned her R.N degree from St. Mary of Nazareth Hospital, and worked for over thirty years as a psychiatric nurse at Hines V.A. Hospital. Cherished daughter of Mary Patricia Mondala (nee Banjavcich) and the late Stanley Joseph Mondala; dear sister of Stanley (Karen Mariani) and James (Elizabeth Green) Mondala; fond aunt of Thomas (J. Lauren) Mondala, Ariel (Alwyn) Fox and Elizabeth "Ridley" and James "Mac" Mondala; great-aunt of Sullivan and Imogen Mondala. Niece and cousin of many. Memorial Mass Saturday, May 19, 10am, St. Juliana Catholic Church, 7200 N. Osceola, Chicago, 60631; followed by interment of cremated remains at St. Adalbert Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to Edward Hines V.A. Hospital, (708) 202-8387. Arrangements by Cremation Society of Illinois, 773-281-5058 or www.cremation-society.com.



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Moore, Carolyn

Carolyn A. Moore, 78, of Lakeview; formerly of Pittsburgh, PA; at rest March 12th 2018. Beloved daughter of the late Alvin and Hazel. Dear family friend of Susan and Jack Rairigh. Longtime librarian for the Chicago Municipal Reference Library. A Memorial Service to be held on Saturday, April 21st @ 11:00 AM at Wesley Place, 1415 W. Foster Ave. Chicago, IL. 60640. Private Lake Michigan scattering. Arrangements entrusted to Chicagoland Cremation Options (773) 631-0018.

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MORAVEK, FREDERICK J. 'RICK'

Rick, 73, died peacefully on March 15. He is survived by his only daughter Dina (Romito), adored Papa of Luke, 14, Kurt, 11, his "favorite sister" Joyce (Severino), and many great friends who will miss him dearly. A burst of life and laughs is how most will remember him as well as a life long Cubs fan and Yahtzee fanatic. Private memorial to follow.

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Murnik, Patricia Lynn

Patricia Lynn Murnik nee Himsel. Loving mother of Cynthia (William) Lopez, Lisa (Keith) Halvorsen, Joshua Santana and Benny and Smalls. Proud grandmother of Jacqueline (Veronica) Lopez-Chiquini, Amanda Lopez and Lucas Halvorsen. Dear sister of Judy (Alex) LaBelle and Mary (Jon) Mullaney. Family and friends will meet Tuesday evening at Olson Burke Sullivan Funeral and Cremation Center, 6471 N Northwest Hwy Chicago for visitation from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Sarcoma Foundation of American www.curesarcoma.org, or to MissionCanineRescue.org would be appreciated. For info: 773-774-3333



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Myers, William M

In Memoriam



A beloved husband, father, brother and friend, William M. "Bill" Myers, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 23, 2018, at home in Huntley, IL, surrounded by his family.

Born in Davenport, IA, on June 17, 1936, he was a graduate of Culver Military Academy in Culver, IN. He earned a degree in Chemistry from Knox College in Galesburg, IL, where he was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

He served in the U.S. Army for 8 years as a Captain, Infantry Unit Commander and Platoon Leader. First stationed at Ft. Benning, GA, his service took him to Vietnam early in the conflict and later, Okinawa, Japan, where he served as a Green Beret with the 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne). He received a Parachute Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB), and Viet Nam Service Medal.

An accomplished aviator, he learned to fly in the early 1960's. He amassed nearly 20,000 hours of flight experience in everything from small, single-engine airplanes up to the Boeing 747. He held almost every available FAA pilot certificate and rating.

He joined United Airlines near the end of the piston airliner era as a flight engineer on the DC-6. Over the course of his 30-year career, he flew throughout the United States and all over the world, retiring in 1996 as a Captain flying the DC-10.

Following his career with United, he had a 2nd career as an Air Carrier Inspector with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), where he enjoyed seeing the aviation industry from a different perspective.

A life-long mariner, boating was one of his greatest passions. Whether day trips on Lake Geneva, Lake Michigan crossings or leading sailing trips in the Caribbean, he loved being on the water for the social time that boating created with family & friends.

He was a member of the US Power Squadron since 1956. Sharing his passion with others, he volunteered his time serving the organization where he taught boating classes and promoted safe boating for many years. He was elected District Commander of the Fox Valley (IL) Power Squadron and led the organization in the region before retiring in 2007.

He married the love of his life, Ceil, in 1999.

He'll be remembered as a wonderful husband, father, brother and friend. A "salt of the earth" guy, he was wise, genuine, honest, loyal, humble and hard-working. A teacher and mentor to many, he always found the good in things. Even through health struggles later in life, he never complained and was always upbeat, happy and grateful.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Virginia, Marian, and one brother, Richard.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Cecile Myers; son, Tom Myers (Vicki), Denver, CO; daughter, Jennifer Myers Kendall (Chris), Sydney, Australia; son, Tom Furio (Judi), Orlando, FL; son, Anthony Furio (Paula), Cary, IL; nine grandchildren - and his favorite puppy, Ollie.



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Nagawiecki, Adrienne T.

Adrienne T. Nagawiecki nee Frenchay "Francikowski"; beloved wife of Robert; loving mother of Brian (Paula Serfling) Nugent DDS, Gregory (Amy Long) Nagawiecki and David (Linda) Nagawiecki; dear grandma of Rachel and Emily Serfling-Nugent, Bradley, Rachel, Andrew and Daniel Nagawiecki, Sean and Garrett McGuire. Great grandma of Maggie Mae McGuire; dear aunt and great aunt of many. Visitation Sunday 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Skaja Terrace Funeral Home 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave. in Niles. Funeral services Monday 9:00 AM from Skaja Terrace Funeral Home to Our Lady of Ransom Church for mass at 10:00 AM. Entombment All Saints Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers memorials to your favorite charity appreciated. Funeral info: 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com.



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Negrette, Gwen

Gwen Negrette (nee George), age 88, passed away March 22, 2018. Preceded in death by Joseph Negrette; Beloved Mother of Karen (Tony) Rodriguez, Joseph R. (Jean) Negrette and Paul (Chris) Negrette; Loving Grandmother of 7, Great Grandmother of 8 and Great Great Grandmother of 1, survived by one brother Jimmy (Joan) George. Visitation at the Pedersen Ryberg Mortuary, 435 N. York St., Elmhurst, on Sunday, March 25, 2018 from 3 to 8 p.m. Funeral Monday, March 26, 2018 beginning with prayers at the mortuary at 10 a.m. and proceeding to Visitation Catholic Church, Elmhurst, Funeral Mass 11 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery, Hillside, IL. For info 630-834-1133 or pedersenryberg.com

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O'Neil, Dorothy L.

Dorothy L. O'Neil (nee Murphy) age 87; Devoted wife of the late John D. O'Neil; Loving mother of Jane (Walter III) Quinlan, John (Janet) O'Neil and Joan (Robert Ipsen) O'Neil; Proud grandmother of Colleen (Peter) White, Walter IV (Jessica) Quinlan, John (Megan) Quinlan, Timothy (Ashley) Quinlan and Clara Lorraine Ipsen; Great-grandmother "GG" of Grace, Ellie, Margaret and Peter White; Walter V, Calum and Luke Quinlan; Connell, Brady and Emmett Quinlan; Kade and Grey Quinlan; Dear sister of Mary (the late Robert) Schuh and Dolores (the late Edward) Mahoney, preceded in death by her siblings Robert, Lorraine Sullivan, Edward, John, Willard, Donald and Geraldine Condon; Sister-in-law of the late Eileen (the late Harry) Hullingner, the late Loretta (the late Fred) Mulback and the late Edward (the late Kay) O'Neil; Loving aunt of Robert Sullivan and hundreds more. Thank you to Marie and Bernie for the wonderful care you gave our mother. Visitation Monday, March 26, 2018 at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, 10621 S. Kedvale, Oak Lawn from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Family and friends to gather Tuesday at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church for Mass of the Resurrection at 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Proud alumna of Mercy High School Class of 1948 and past Treasurer of St. Catherine of Alexandria Altar & Rosary. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish would be most appreciated. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Walter Quinlan Funeral Directors. For funeral info www.walterquinlanfuneraldirectors.com or 708-425-3700.



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OMENS, IRA

Ira Omens, age 83, beloved husband for 58 years of Millie, nee Burnstine, cherished father of Debbie (Rick) Issen and Mark (Ilana) Omens, loving grandfather of Stacy and Michelle Issen, Elijah and Jeremy Omens, dear brother of the late Estelle (Frank) Gregory and his twin sister-the late Aviva Schultz, fond brother-in-law of the late Phillip and Natalie Burnstine and the late Seymour Schultz, devoted son of the late David and Ann Omens. Funeral Monday 2 PM at Westlawn Cemetery's mausoleum chapel, 7801 W. Montrose, Norridge. Interment to follow. Contributions in Ira's name to Little City, https://www.littlecity.org would be appreciated. Info Mitzvah Memorial Funerals, 630-MITZVAH (630-648-9824) or www.mitzvahfunerals.com



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Oren, Russell

Russell Oren, 87, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on March 19, 2018 in Lake Zurich. Beloved husband of 54 years of the late Violet nee Mayfield. Born in Chicago to the late Helen nee Kalina, and Russell Oren. Proud veteran of the United States Navy where he served aboard the USS Vulcan from 1951-1954.

Great teller of larger than life stories about growing up on the northwest side of Chicago where he met and married the love of his life. A favorite teenage story was sneaking in to Cubs games by climbing over the left field fence. He lived a full life and was a great husband and father who was deeply loved and will be greatly missed. Cherished father of Michael Oren of Plainfield, IL, Steven Oren of Barrington, IL, Jane Oren of Batavia, IL, and Julie (Patrick) Corey of Barrington, IL. Proud grandfather of Eddie, Dustin, Danny, and Jayce Felber, Megan, Shannon, and Brendan Corey; and Russell Oren; and great grandchildren, Evelyn, Luke, and Lilli. He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Violet, and his son Tony. Services will be held privately. Memorial donations may be made to: The American Heart Association or Cure Alzheimer's Fund. Arrangements were entrusted to Davenport Family Funeral Home, Barrington. Please visit www.davenportfamily.com to send online condolences.

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Penchoff, Michael

Michael Penchoff age 79 of Mt. Prospect. Beloved husband of Joan Penchoff nee Viverito; loving father of Debbie Villardita and Steven Penchoff; cherished grandfather of Salvatore (Amanda), Michael and Serena Villardita; great grandfather of Zoey and Cameron Villardita; dear brother of James (Janice) Penchoff, John (Mary) Penchoff, Blanche (Louis) Petrone, Harriet (Frank) Lucio, Charles (Pearl) Penchoff, Clarence (Jane) Penchoff and David (Judy) Penchoff; brother-in-law of Corrine (Joseph) Sentelik, Fred (Rosemary) Falleroni and the late Edith Ann Viverito, Frank Viverito and Johann (Joseph) Lendino; fond uncle of many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews; friend to many. Visitation Tuesday March 27, 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Service 1:00 p.m. at Friedrichs Funeral Home, 320 W. Central Rd., (at Northwest Highway) Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Interment private. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Alzheimers Association, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631. Funeral information (847) 255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com.

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Perepechko, William J.

William J. Perepechko, beloved husband of Marilyn (nee Becker). Loving father of William(Sandra), John Perepechko and the late Gene Perepechko. Proud grandfather of David. Cherished brother-in-law of Pat Perepechko and Mary Becker. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. William was a member of the local painter's union. Please omit flowers. Funeral Monday, March 26, 2018 at 9:15 a.m. from the Richard-Midway Funeral Home 5749 Archer Ave. (Corner of Lorel) to Our Lady of the Snows Church for a 10:00 a.m. Mass. Cremation is private. Visitation Sunday from 3-9 p.m.

773-767-1840 or www.richardmidwayfh.com.
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Quinlan

See Dorothy L. O'Neil notice.

Quinn, Jr., James M.

James M. Quinn, Jr., age 91, Beloved husband of the late Catherine J., nee: Ferino; Loving father of Carol (Steve) Heichel, David (Bonnie) Quinn, Alice Rudenga (Bruce Mather) & the late James M. Quinn, III (Barbara); Dear G-Paw of 12 and great-grandfather of 2; Sibling of 14 brothers & sisters and loved and respected uncle of many, many nieces and nephews. Funeral Monday, 9:00 a.m. from Cuneo-Columbian Funeral Home, 10300 W. Grand Ave. (1 blk east of Mannheim Road) Franklin Park, IL to St. Charles Borromeo Church, Bensenville, IL for 10:00 a.m. funeral mass. Interment St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery, Palatine, IL Visitation Sunday 3:00-9:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Info. 847-455-1200 or www.cunecolumbian.net

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Roesel, Erica

Bozman, MD:
Erica Erna Roesel (nee Hirsig), 94, beloved wife of the late Dr. Rudolph W. Roesel, passed away peacefully on March 1, 2018, their 66th wedding anniversary. Erica was born in Kleinbernsdorf, Thuringia, Germany, emigrated to the United States in 1952, and lived most of her life in Chicago. She is survived by her sister, Elfriede Rehfeld; two sons, Thomas (Elizabeth) and Michael Roesel and two granddaughters, Erica and Gretchen Roesel. Erica was a bookkeeper for her husband's surgical practice and was active in the German and Swiss communities in Chicago. A memorial service will be held at Edgebrook Lutheran Church, 5252 W. Devon Ave., Chicago, IL, at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in her memory to Edgebrook Lutheran Church or the Swiss Benevolent Society of Chicago. For online condolences and service information, visit: www.hfnfuneralhome.com

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Rosenthal, Jerold I.

Jerold I. Rosenthal, age 87. Loving husband for 65 years to Sandra nee Lipsitz. Devoted father of Scott (Michele) Rosenthal and Cary (Jill) Rosenthal. Proud grandfather of Mason, Ben, Savannah and Cindy. Dear brother of Carol (the late Lionel) Brazen. Fond brother in law of Gerald Lipsig and Lynn (the late Sheldon) Wolin. Will be missed by many

nieces, nephews and the handball community. Service Sunday 11AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**. 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Shalom. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to the Ark, 6450 North California Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60645 www.arkchicago.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Sansone, Barbara Ellen

(McCaw)

passed away peacefully at the age of 74 on March 23, 2018 at her home in Tinley Park, IL. She is survived by her beloved husband of 54 years Leo Sansone; her children Mike (Amy) Sansone, Susie (Jim) Hamilton, Mark (Jen) Sansone and Margie (Bill) Janes; her brothers Gilbert (Randy) McCaw, Bill (Karen) McCaw, Don (Joan) McCaw and Joe (Terese) McCaw. Barb cherished her grandchildren Nick, James, Julia, Haley, Hunter and Arabella. She is preceded in death by her parents Gilbert and Josephine McCaw and her brother Pat McCaw. She treasured all of her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, cousins, nieces, nephews and godchildren. Barb had hundreds of friends and neighbors that she cherished, including from St. Gabriel High School, St. Victor's Parish, Calumet City, Bible Study group, intercessory prayer group, St. Mary's Parish and prayer partners. Prayer was very important in her life. She began every morning praying for multitudes of family and friends. Anyone who needed prayers, all they had to do was call Barb and they were put on her prayer list -- once you were on it, you were never off of it. Her passion was cooking and especially baking. She loved baking for any occasion, making everyone their favorites. Her family will receive friends at **Kurtz Memorial Chapel**, 102 E. Francis Road, New Lenox, IL 60451 on Monday, March 26th, 2018 from 2:00 PM until 9:00 PM. Funeral service Tuesday, March 27th, 2018 with chapel prayers at 9:30 AM to St. Mary's Catholic Church, 19515 115th Ave, Mokena, IL 60448 for a 10:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial. Interment, St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Mokena, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital www.stjude.org. would be appreciated. PLEASE OMIT LILIES. Info www.kurtzmemorialchapel.com or 815-485-3700.

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Schaerli, Rita

Rita Schaerli, age 90, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 in Gurnee, IL. She is survived by her brother, Melvin Sensenbrenner; children: Emily Sutton (Paul), Heidi Papa (Alfredo), Max Schaerli, and Kurt Schaerli (Josephine); 11 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Noon on April 22 at Friendship Presbyterian Church in Chicago.

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Stagowski, Raymond M.

Raymond M. Stagowski; retired from the Chicago Park District; dear son of the late Marie and Walter Stagowski; loving brother of Joseph (Dora) Stagowski, Dorothy (the late Daniel) Dipple, Rita (the late Darrell) Spencer and Christina Blidy; dear brother-in-law of Paul M. Blidy, Sr., D.D.S.; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday 9:30AM to 11:00AM at **Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home**, 4343 Main St. (1 blk. So. of Ogden Ave.) Downers Grove to St. Joan of Arc Church. Mass 11:30AM. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org are appreciated. 630/968-1000 or www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com

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Stearns, Joan C

Joan C. Stearns. Beloved wife of the late Leonard W. Stearns. Loving mother of L. Walter (Eugene Dizon) Stearns. Sister of Eileen and Charles A. (Sally) Meyer. Aunt of Michael (Jackie) Meyer. In lieu of flowers donations to the International Essential Tremor Foundation, P.O.Box 14005 Lenexa, KS 66285 would be appreciated. Visitation Tuesday March 27th from 3-9 pm with a service at 7:30 pm. at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N. Cicero Ave. Chicago. Interment Private. Info 773-736-3833 or visit Joan's memorial at Smithcorcoran.com

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Stremplewski, Joseph P.

Joseph P. Stremplewski, age 74, Decorated Vietnam War Veteran of the U.S. Army passed away in his home on March 19, 2018. Joseph is survived by his Beloved Wife Barbara (nee Kowalski) Son Todd (Jenni) Stremplewski. Cherished Grandchildren;

Madison, Ava and Cole. Loving sisters Bernadine (the late Albert) Henrikson; Rita Stremplewski and Brother Philip (the late Ruth). Many dear nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents Bernard and Anna Stremplewski; his brothers Buddy and Bob and his sisters Mary Ann Trakas and Helen Knopp. Visitation Monday, March 26, 2018 from 3-8 p.m. at Ridge Funeral Home, 6620 West Archer Avenue, Chicago, IL 60638 (773-586-7900). Funeral Chapel Service at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at Ridge Funeral Home. Interment Resurrection Cemetery.

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Strunk, Marvin R.

Marvin R. Strunk, 94, Vet WWII, beloved husband of the late Ruth nee Oakley; loving father of Nancy (John) Willson, Tom (Pam) Strunk and Jane (Scott) Samuelson; cherished grandfather of 13 and great grandfather of 6. Visitation Sunday 4-8 PM at **Wm. H. Scott Funeral Home**, 1100 Greenleaf Avenue, Wilmette. Funeral service Monday 10 AM at Winnetka Bible Church, 555 Birch Street, Winnetka, IL 60093. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Winnetka Bible Church or to The Navigators, PO Box 6079, Alberta Lea, MN 56007-6679, www.navigators.org. Funeral info: 847-251-8200.

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Tallackson, Mary Jane

Mary Jane Tallackson; Loving daughter of the late Thomas Tallackson and the late Marian, nee Larkin. Mother of Emanuel L. Tallackson and grandmother of Danielle; Loving sister of Lynn Tallackson, Susan (Robert) Mazur, Gayle (John) Baker, Carol Destasio; Fond Aunt of Emily and Mitchell Mazur, Ian and Catriona Baker and Richard and Robert Destasio; Loving friend of Cindy (Ronald) Vinck and many many cousins. Proud Cubs Fan and Dog Mom of Ivy. In lieu of flowers donations appreciated to Young At Heart Senior Pet Rescue, P.O. Box 1293, Palatine, IL 60078. Memorial Visitation Sunday March 25th 1 p.m. until time of Service 4 p.m. at Peterson Bassi Chapels 6938 W. North Ave Chicago, IL 60707. Funeral info 773-637-4441 or www.petersonbassichapels.com

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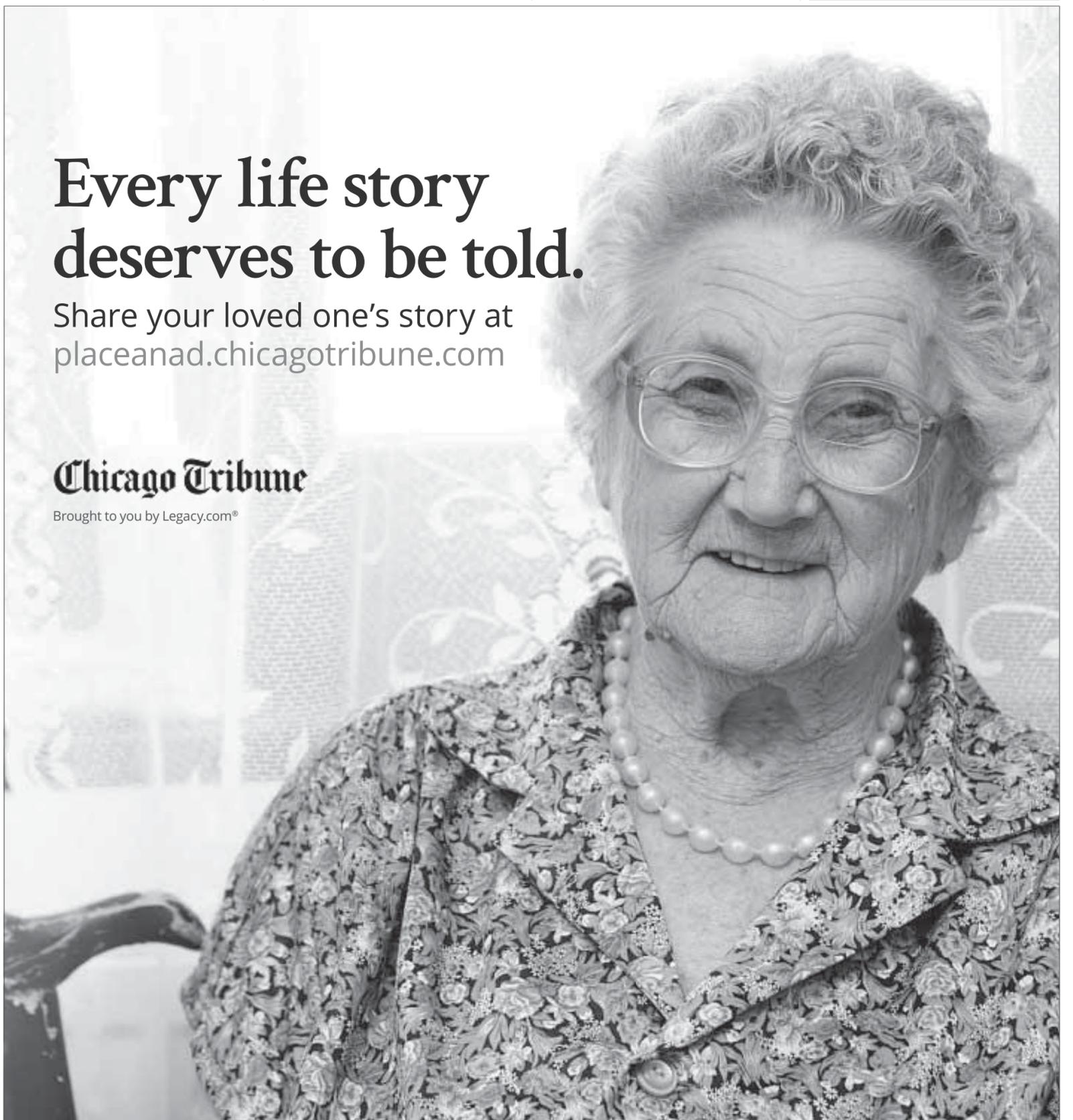
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Tiemann, Philip W.

Philip W. Tiemann, passed away on March 16, 2018 at the age of 88, at his Florida home in Deerfield Beach under the care of his loving wife of 40 years. Born March 3, 1930 in Normal, Illinois, Phil, a Naval Officer who served in the Korean War and later in the reserves, retired as a Commander in 1972. Using the GI Bill, he earned a PhD and spent 27 years as a professor of Education at the University of Illinois at Chicago, where he met his wife to be, Helen Elkiss, and retired in 1993. Being an egghead was only one of his many interests. He loved to golf, work around the house remodeling and buy artwork. Spending time with family and friends at his homes in Florida and Chicago, plus his summer cottage in S Haven, Michigan gave him pleasure. Not letting his illness interfere with his joy of living, he continued to enjoy fine dining, great wines and visiting jazz clubs! He lived a full and happy life. He was the beloved husband of Helen Elkiss and loving father of Lynn Barkulis (Charles) and the late Mark Tiemann. He is also survived by fifteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Prof. Tiemann was preceded in death by his parents, Otto P. and Lucille Ward Tiemann, who passed during his infancy, and stepmother, Helen Rowe Tiemann, who raised him. Respecting Phil's wishes, he is being cremated. No service or memorial will take place in Florida. A celebration of his life is being planned at a later date in Chicago. Online condolences may be made at: www.HorizonFuneralCremation.com

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Volkl, George Nicholas

George Nicholas Volkl was born on January 20, 1929 in Chicago to George and Ann (nee Judnick) Volkl. He died Friday, March 23, 2018. Mr. Volkl was a Chicago Police Officer for 33 years before he retired. He was a WW II Navy Veteran, a dedicated volunteer with the AMVETS, USO, German American Police Association and the American Legion. He was an avid golfer, reader, and traveler. George loved to spend time with his family and was loved by all. His survivors include his children, Ellen (Ed) Behles, George (Anita) Volkl, Jr., Christine (Michael) Pflieger and Julie (Brian) Laskowski; grandchildren, Emily, Matthew, Elizabeth, Sarah, Amanda, Jennifer, Rachel, Kevin, Elise, Doug and Danny; and fond uncle to many nieces and nephews. George was preceded in death by his loving wife, Mary (nee Grise); parents; and his sister, Elaine Weber. Visitation, Monday, March 26, 2018 from 4 pm until 8 pm at Glueckert Funeral Home Ltd., 1520 N. Arlington Hts. Rd. (4 blocks south of Palatine Rd.), Arlington Hts, IL 60004. Visitation 9:30 am, Tuesday, March 27, 2018 until the 10:30 am Funeral Mass at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, 700 S. Meier Rd., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Interment at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Illinois AMVETS or USO. For funeral information and condolences, www.GlueckertFH.com or 847-253-0168.



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Vosicky, Alva

Alva Vosicky, nee Kobliska, of Westchester, age 91. Beloved wife of the late John C.; loving mother of John (Rose Mary), David and the late Tom, Peter and Anne (late Mark) Davis; proud grandmother of John, Tom Washick, Amy Carney, Jill Ferrara, Alison Witkus and Mark Davis, Jr.; great-grandmother of 12; dear sister of the late Elizabeth, Sr. Mary Thomasina and Alfred. Lying-in-State Monday, March 26, 2018 at Divine Infant Church, 1600 Newcastle, Westchester from 9:00 a.m. until time of funeral mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Memorials to St. Joseph High School, 10900 W. Cermak, Westchester, IL 60154 appreciated. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Weaver, Lynne E.

Lynne E. Weaver, 75, of Skokie, beloved wife of the late Jerry; loving mother of Christopher (Karen) Wallin, Kimberly (Michael) Nelson, and the late Andrew Wallin; dear stepmother of Michelle (Fred Snow) Bibergal-Snow and Stefanie (the late Steve) Picavet; cherished grandmother of 10; devoted great grandmother of 1; fond sister of Gail (Thomas) Bauer and the late Alan (Leslie) Lieberenz. Memorial visitation at The Morton Grove Civic Center 6140 Dempster St. Morton Grove, IL 60053 Saturday, March 31st from 4 to 7 p.m. with a memorial service at 4:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to NorthShore Hospice 1033 University Pl. Suite 450 Evanston, IL 60201 or The Shriners Hospitals For Children 2211 N. Oak Park Ave. Chicago, IL 60707 appreciated. Sign online guest book at www.simkinsfn.com (847) 965-2500



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Wiegman, Arthur L.

Arthur L. Wiegman, 82, of Glen Ellyn, passed away March 20, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Joan (nee Adams); loving father of Sharon Kerns and Laura (James) Sterr; proud grandfather of Jennifer (Sam) Walker, Timothy Kerns, Tyler Sterr and Rachel Sterr; fond brother of Barry Wiegman and the late Dorothy & Nancy Wiegman. Memorial services will be held in private. In lieu of flowers donations in his name appreciated to The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at www.jdrf.org. Info @ www.williams-kampp.com or (630) 668-0016.

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Wolfe, Esther A.

Esther A. Wolfe, 90, passed away in Arlington Heights on March 16, 2018. Esther was born June 6, 1927 in Chicago. Esther loved animals, movies and music. She is survived by her two daughters, Paula Berenson and Pamela Simon (Richard), grandson Dennis Webber, niece Gayla Cox and nephew Gregg Wolfe. Funeral services will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to The Arthritis Foundation, P.O. Box 96280, Washington, DC 20077, or the Southwest Florida Symphony, 8290 College Pkwy., Suite 103, Fort Myers, FL 33919.

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Wurzer, Hanna

Hanna Wurzer, age 93, long time resident of Chicago Heights and Olympia Fields, departed this life on March 21, 2018. She was born on October 30, 1924 in Bavaria. She is preceded in death by her loving husband of 62 years, Dr. Andreas Wurzer. Hanna is survived by her daughter Dr. Andrea J. (Arthur McKechnie) Wurzer and her son Ralph Wurzer. She was known as Oma to her three loving grandchildren, Angela, Emily and Andrew Wurzer. Hanna worked for many years in her husband's veterinary clinic as receptionist and accountant. She was devoted to her family and many friends and in her spare time, Hanna loved to cook and entertain. She and her husband traveled extensively to many exotic destinations. Hanna was a long-time member of Infant Jesus of Prague Catholic Church. She was proud to admit to attending the same school, while growing up in Bavaria, as Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI). A visitation will be held at **Panozzo Bros. Funeral Home**, 530 W. 14th St. (US Rt. 30, 3 blks E. of Western Ave.), Chicago Heights on Thursday March 29th from 9:00 AM until time of funeral service at 12:00 Noon. Burial Private. In lieu of flowers, donations to the animal rescue of your choice would be appreciated by the Wurzer family. For further service information, contact 708-481-9230 or panozzobros.com.

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Yario, Henry J.

Henry J. Yario, beloved husband of Joan Nee Murphy. Loving father of Suzanne (David) Kreps, Timothy (Camille) Yario, and Margaret Yario. Cherished grandfather of Leanne and Robert Kreps, Timothy Paul and Michael Yario. Dear brother of Jeannine Germanos, the late William Yario and the late Dr. Robert F. Yario. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Wednesday 9:15 A.M. from **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Avenue, Darien to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Private - Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday 4:00 - 8:00 P.M. For funeral information (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com.

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Zajic, Raymond Joseph 'Ray'

Raymond passed away on 3/16/18. He joins his beloved wife Marie. He is survived by his daughter, granddaughters, and great-grandchildren. Services will be private.

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Ziembra, Henry J.

Henry J. (Uncle Hank) Ziembra age 91; beloved husband of Arlene nee Fink; loving brother of the late Florence Kryger, late Stanley, late Edward, and the late Eleanor Swiatek; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Henry was a proud former employee of the Brinks Co. for 31 years, also a proud member of former Park Ridge VFW Post # 3579. Condolences or Charitable donations please mail to in C/O Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home, 6250 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60646 appreciated. Funeral services and interment are private. Arrangements entrusted to **COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME**. Info 773-774-0366



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CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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SUNDAY, MARCH 25 NORMAL HIGH: 50° NORMAL LOW: 32° RECORD HIGH: 79° (2007) RECORD LOW: 12° (1974)

Cool winds Sunday, and rain likely Monday

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 44 **LOW** 29

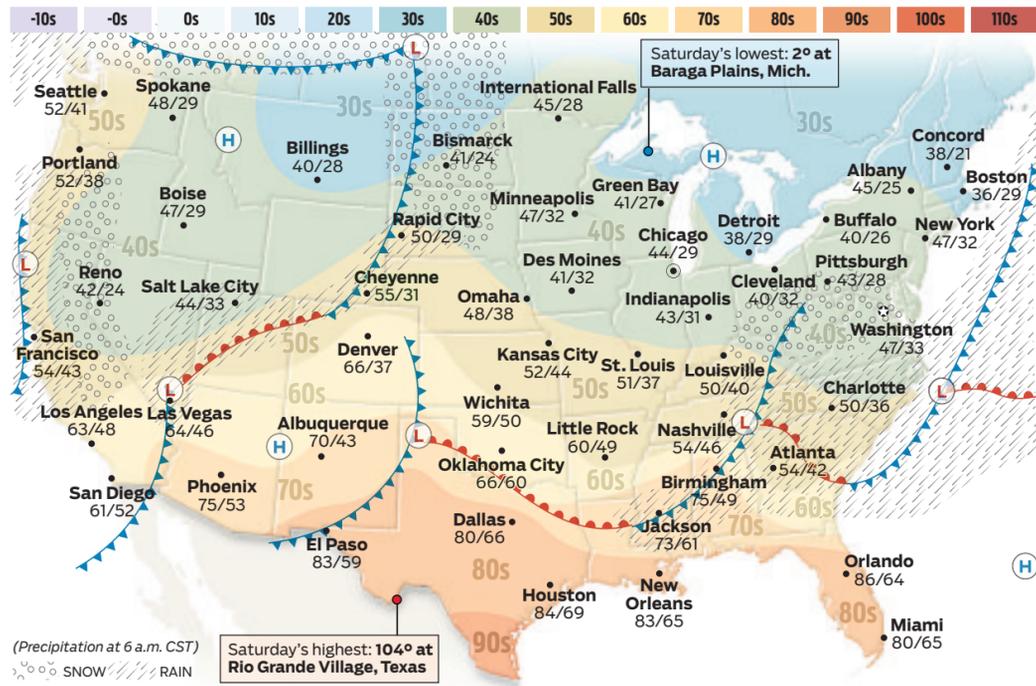
■ High pressure area centered over eastern Canada comes in behind the low pressure that deposited heavy snow over portions of the Chicago area Saturday.

■ Chicago will experience another day with easterly winds off the cold waters of Lake Michigan.

■ Partly sunny skies and cool with afternoon highs in the mid-40s well inland, while readings struggle in the upper 30s along the lakeshore and closer to 40 degrees for highs over the snow-covered portion of our area south of I-80.

■ Increasing high clouds overnight as winds slowly shift to the southeast.

NATIONAL FORECAST



A strong, very dry east wind held the snow away from a good portion of the Chicago area Saturday, with heavy, wet 6-inch-plus snow totals restricted to counties south of Interstate 80. The low pressure system generating the snow has moved off to the east, but high pressure sinking south out of Canada will continue a brisk easterly flow off the cold waters of Lake Michigan into our area Sunday. Temperatures will hold in the upper 30s to lower 40s along the shoreline and over snow-covered parts of the area. By Monday, the upper flow pattern will shift more southwesterly, allowing low pressure to develop in the central Plains and move northeast. Strong southwesterly winds will pull warm, moist air out of the Gulf of Mexico north, spreading rain and thunderstorms into our area Monday night into Tuesday.

MONDAY, MARCH 26

HIGH 52 **LOW** 45

Sunny start with a gradual increase in clouds. A chance of showers from the west and south later in the afternoon. Highs in upper 40s to lower 50s. Rain, chance of t-storms overnight. Gusty SE winds.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

HIGH 62 **LOW** 40

Cloudy and mild with occasional showers and a few thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s. A good chance of rain overnight. Southwest winds shift north at night.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

HIGH 53 **LOW** 36

Cloudy early, then becoming partly sunny. Highs of 50-55. Partly cloudy overnight. Northwest winds.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

HIGH 46 **LOW** 29

A mix of clouds and sun with high temperatures in the mid- to upper 40s, although significantly cooler near the lakefront. Partly cloudy overnight. North to northwest winds.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

HIGH 46 **LOW** 31

Partly sunny and cool. High temperatures in the middle 40s. Clear skies overnight. West to northwest winds.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

HIGH 47 **LOW** 35

Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain or snow showers. High temperatures in the mid- to upper 40s; cooler at the lakefront. Mostly cloudy at night. North winds.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
Will the rising ocean levels affect the Great Lakes?
— William Stolley, Burlington, Wis.

Dear William,
The world's oceans have been rising at an average rate of 0.13 inches per year during the past 20 years, a rate about twice the rate of the preceding 80 years. The rise occurring now is expected to increase in future years because of thermal expansion of water as it warms (the oceans are gradually warming, and warming water expands slightly as its temperature increases) and because of increasing amounts of water collecting in the oceans as a result of land-based ice melting.

The Great Lakes, however, are land-locked bodies of water and are not influenced by the rising oceans. The levels of the Great Lakes fluctuate a few feet in cycles that are independent of ocean levels.

Write to: ASK TOM
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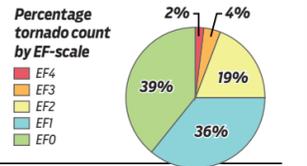
The cold won't last — severe weather is just around the corner

It's been cold, but we know it won't last. We're already past the Vernal Equinox, days continue to grow longer, and the sun is higher in the sky—all indicators that spring and the severe weather season looms. Forecasters have been sharpening their skills, studying severe weather radar detection techniques and latest research.

This past week was Severe Weather Preparedness Week for Indiana and several "tests" were made of their communication system to make sure the National Weather Service and cooperating agencies/emergency managers/media are all on the same page, trained and ready when the inevitable Watches and Warnings are issued. Illinois performed its Severe Weather Preparedness the first full week in March.

CHICAGO AREA TORNADES 1950-2017

Wind speed (MPH)	EF Rating	Nos.	% Deaths	Injuries
65-85	EF-0	235	39	0
86-110	EF-1	216	36	2
111-135	EF-2	112	19	10
136-165	EF-3	27	4	14
166-200	EF-4	11	2	90
200+	EF-5	1	0.2	29



- #### WHEN SEVERE STORMS TYPICALLY OCCUR IN ILLINOIS AND INDIANA
- Spring and summer are most favorable.
 - Tornadoes are most often seen in April to June, but the Feb. 28, 2017 and Nov. 17, 2013 tornadoes remind us they can occur anytime.
 - 3PM-10PM is the most favored time for tornadoes but can occur anytime.
 - Overnight severe weather is most often damaging winds and flash flooding.
 - Densely populated areas are every bit as susceptible to tornado strikes.
 - Violent tornadoes have occurred in the area: Belvidere, Lake Zurich and Oak Lawn (1967) Plainfield (1990).

HOW FAR AWAY WAS THAT LIGHTNING?

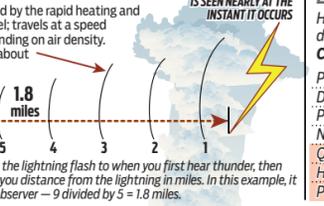
Thunder—the sound wave created by the rapid heating and expansion of air in a lightning channel; travels at a speed of about 1,100 feet per second, depending on air density. This means thunder moves 1 mile in about 4.8 seconds (let's round it to 5).

9 sec. 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

Here's a good rule of thumb to determine distance to a storm:

Observer: Count the seconds from the lightning flash to when you first hear thunder, then divide that number by 5. This will give you distance in miles. In this example, it took thunder 9 seconds to reach the observer — 9 divided by 5 = 1.8 miles.

A LIGHTNING FLASH IS SEEN NEARLY AT THE INSTANT IT OCCURS



ESTIMATING HAIL SIZE

Hail is measured by its diameter. Hail ≥ 1 inch in diameter is considered severe.

Common items used to reference hail size:

Item	Size	Severity
Pea	1/4"	SEVERE
Dime	7/10"	SEVERE
Penny	3/4"	SEVERE
Nickel	7/8"	SEVERE
Quarter	1"	SEVERE
Half-Dollar	1-1/4"	SEVERE
Ping-pong ball	1-1/2"	SEVERE
Golf ball	1-3/4"	SEVERE
Hen's egg	2"	SEVERE
Tennis ball	2-1/2"	SEVERE
Baseball	2-3/4"	SEVERE
Large apple	3"	SEVERE
Softball	4"	SEVERE
Grapefruit	4-1/2"	SEVERE

MIDWEST CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	sh	49	38	rn	56	53
Carbondale	pc	39	27	rn	48	45
Champaign	pc	44	30	rn	55	50
Decatur	pc	42	27	rn	46	43
Moline	pc	48	36	rn	53	51
Peoria	pc	46	32	rn	51	48
Quincy	pc	46	32	rn	51	48
Rockford	pc	45	34	rn	56	52
Springfield	pc	45	34	rn	56	52
Sterling	pc	45	34	rn	56	52

OTHER U.S. CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albion	cl	89	65	tc	84	58
Albany	cl	45	25	tc	47	24
Albuquerque	pc	70	43	cl	62	37
Amarillo	pc	82	51	tc	77	40
Anchorage	pc	37	20	tc	35	21
Asheville	sh	42	27	rn	50	38
Aspen	pc	50	27	tc	42	23
Atlanta	sh	54	42	rn	49	45
Atlantic City	ss	41	32	tc	42	30
Austin	sh	60	57	tc	83	68
Baltimore	pc	46	33	rn	50	33
Billings	cl	40	28	tc	44	30
Birmingham	cl	75	49	tc	54	50
Bismarck	sh	41	24	tc	37	25
Boise	pc	87	29	tc	50	33
Boston	ss	36	29	tc	38	29
Brownsville	pc	88	72	tc	88	74
Buffalo	pc	40	26	tc	51	33
Chattanooga	sh	57	45	tc	55	48
Charlotte	cl	55	31	tc	44	21
Charlottesville	sh	50	36	tc	55	40
Charlton SC	rn	58	44	tc	56	47
Charlottesville VA	su	52	32	tc	57	40
Chicago	pc	41	17	tc	42	21
Cheyenne	cl	55	31	tc	44	21
Cincinnati	pc	48	33	tc	53	44
Cleveland	su	40	32	tc	52	40
Colorado Spgs	pc	66	36	tc	59	26
Columbia MO	su	50	40	tc	58	55
Columbia SC	pc	55	40	tc	60	42
Columbus	pc	47	30	tc	56	41
Concord	sh	38	21	tc	43	19
Corpus Christi	sh	81	71	tc	80	72
Dallas	sh	80	66	tc	85	68
Daytona Bch.	su	83	64	tc	73	63
Denver	pc	67	37	tc	53	28
Des Moines	sh	41	32	tc	45	39
Dubuque	pc	63	37	tc	53	28
El Paso	pc	83	59	tc	73	49

WORLD CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Palm Beach	su	84	64	tc	81	69
Palm Springs	su	73	52	tc	74	55
Philadelphia	pc	50	32	tc	43	22
Phoenix	pc	75	53	tc	72	51
Pittsburgh	su	43	28	tc	50	33
Portland, ME	sh	38	23	tc	40	25
Portland, OR	sh	52	38	tc	48	44
Providence	sh	39	29	tc	41	28
Raleigh	sh	51	33	tc	54	32
Rapid City	cl	50	29	tc	35	24
Reno	pc	42	24	tc	48	30
Richmond	pc	49	31	tc	51	29
Rochester	pc	36	21	tc	46	31
Sacramento	su	59	39	tc	65	43
Salem, Ore.	sh	52	37	tc	55	44
Salt Lake City	sh	44	33	tc	55	46
San Antonio	pc	86	69	tc	85	71
San Diego	pc	61	52	tc	64	49
San Francisco	pc	54	43	tc	59	49
San Juan	sh	83	73	tc	84	73
San Jose	su	61	35	tc	55	28
Savannah	rn	65	46	tc	56	53
Seattle	pc	52	41	tc	49	46
Shreveport	tc	75	64	tc	83	68
Sioux Falls	fr	37	31	tc	35	30
Spokane	pc	48	29	tc	48	38
St. Louis	cl	51	37	tc	55	54
Tampa	pc	78	63	tc	83	65
Topeka	sh	53	45	tc	61	43
Tucson	pc	77	50	tc	71	43
Tulsa	sh	66	57	tc	73	58
Washington	pc	47	33	tc	50	33
Wichita	sh	59	50	tc	69	43
Wilkes Barre	cl	41	23	tc	44	24
Yuma	pc	75	52	tc	74	54

FORECAST (FC) ABBREVIATIONS: su-sunny pc-partly cloudy cl-cloudy rn-rain ts-thunderstorm sn-snow fl-furries fr-freezing rain sl-sleet sh-showers rs-rain/snow ss-snow showers w-windy na-unavailable

CHICAGO DIGEST

SATURDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	48	24	Midway	43	31
Gary	39	28	O'Hare	43	25
Kankakee	47	26	Romeoville	45	28
Lakefront	38	32	Valparaiso	45	26
Lansing	41	30	Waukegan	39	18

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2018	NORMAL
Sat. (through 7 p.m.)	0.00"	0.08"
Month to date	1.21"	1.88"
Year to date	7.39"	5.40"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sat. (through 7 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	32.9"	35.4"
Normal to date	34.3"	35.4"

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Wind	ESE 12-22 kts.	SE 10-20 kts.
Waves	4-7 feet	3-5 feet
Fri. shore/crib water temps	39°/38°	

LAST WEEK'S PEAK POLLEN LEVEL

POLLEN	LEVEL
Tree	Moderate
Grass	0
Mold	Low
Ragweed	0
Weed	0

SOURCE: The Gottlieb Memorial Hospital Allergy Clinic, Dr. Joseph Leija

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Saturday's reading	Good
Sunday's forecast	Good
Critical pollutant	Particulates

SUNDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	6:45 a.m.	7:09 p.m.
Moon	12:46 p.m.	2:53 a.m.



SUNDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
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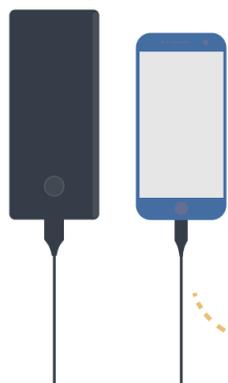
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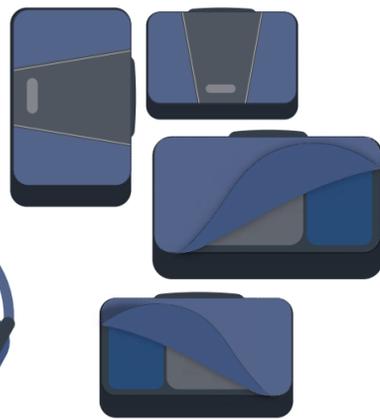
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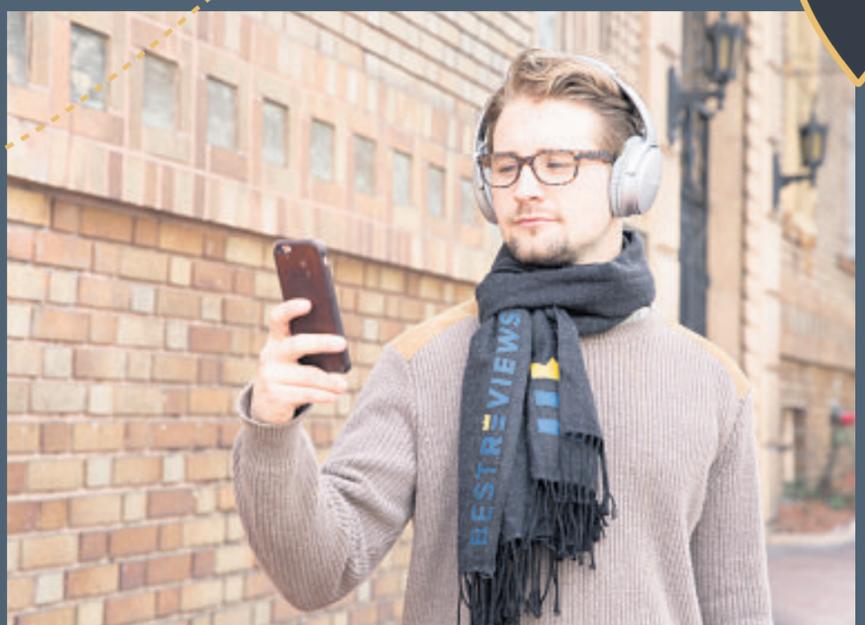
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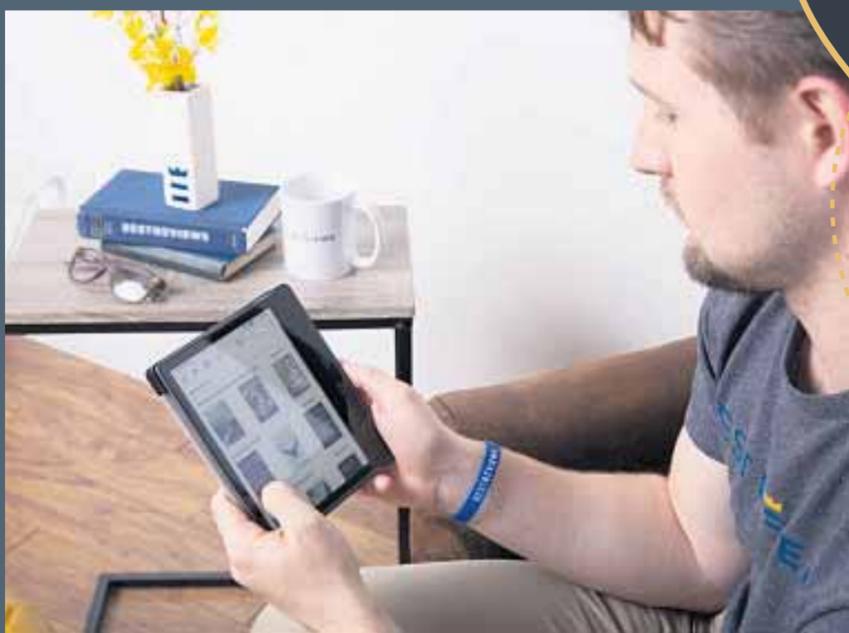
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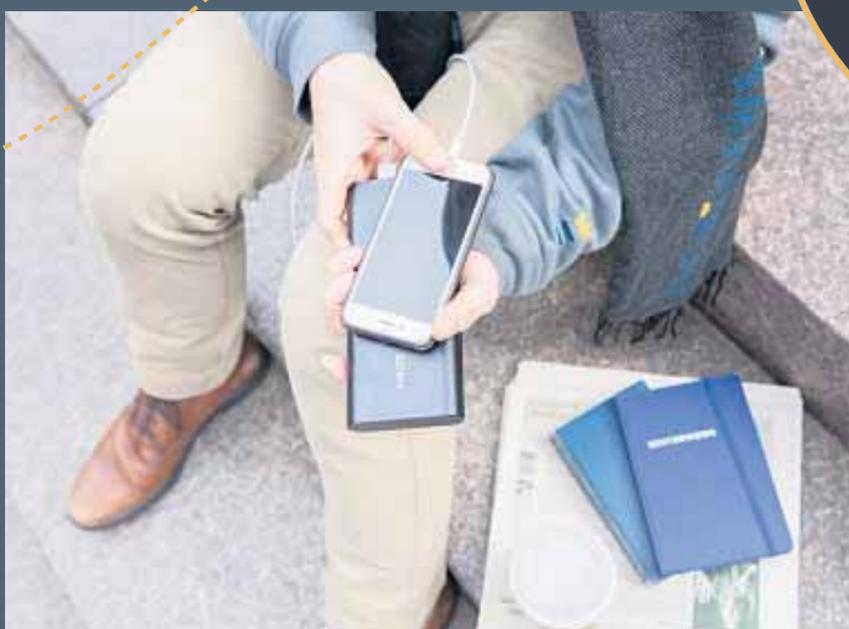
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Eight animal welfare charities are pressuring McDonald's to improve the quality of life of the chickens it uses.

The role McDonald's plays in U.S. food trends

Chicken welfare policy has large effect on change in industry

By GREG TROTTER
Chicago Tribune

ShaRhonda Knott-Dawson, a west suburban mother of two young girls, takes her family to McDonald's semiregularly because it's an indulgence they all enjoy.

But she's put those trips on hold for now. Knott-Dawson plans to launch an online petition this week in coordination with the nonprofit Compassion in World Farming to urge McDonald's to switch to different breeds of chickens that would have an improved quality of life. The campaign also encourages McDonald's to give the birds more space.

"I care about basic dignity for these animals. It's just not right," said Knott-Dawson, 39.

In total, eight animal welfare charities, including groups like the Humane Society of the United States and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, are turning up the pressure on McDonald's, a national effort that offers a glimpse into the larger debate about how chickens are farmed in the U.S., and the role that major food chains play in shaping that debate.

Americans eat more chicken — 92 pounds per person in 2017 — than anyone else in the world, according to the National Chicken Council, a Washington, D.C.-based lobbying group that represents the largest poultry suppliers in the country. But the chicken meat they consume comes from birds that are heavier, and sped to market much faster, than in previous decades. Chickens in the U.S. that are raised for their meat, known as broilers, grow to an average market weight of more than 6 pounds, more than twice as large as in 1955, and the entire process takes place in 23 fewer days.

Animal rights advocates are pushing back against the trend, citing academic studies that

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Mila Grossman, 29, opens her residency letter with fiance Rohan Agarwal at a Match Day event at the University of Chicago this month. Grossman is among a growing share of medical students who have decided to pursue psychiatry.

Mental health help at breaking point

More people are seeking out care, but psychiatrists are in short supply

By ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ | Chicago Tribune

Medical student Mila Grossman had just begun her first clinical rotation when she started to get an idea of what kind of doctor she wanted to be. Working at a women's mental health clinic, she met a new mom who appeared put-together but inwardly suffered from painful postpartum depression. Grossman decided to pursue psychiatry, and is among a growing share of medical students doing the same.

"That opened my eyes to the severity and stigma that really exist," said Grossman, 29, who is set to graduate this year from the University of Chicago's Pritzker School of Medicine and enter a psychiatry residency. "I pretty quickly became intrigued by the patients and fascinated by the



Dr. H. Barrett Fromme sorts through residency letters for students on Match Day. The number of U.S. medical students matching into psychiatry residencies rose to 982 this year.

transformative effects of therapy and psychopharmacology."

Psychiatry's growing popularity as a career choice comes as the nation grapples with a stubborn shortage of psychiatrists that some fear will continue to deepen.

The shortage is most acute in rural areas and poor urban neighborhoods that often aren't the first choice for in-demand doctors with plentiful options, but is also being felt across big cities as the need for mental health professionals outpaces supply.

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"Psychiatry has to look at itself to rethink how we do business. It needs to relook at how we train people."

— Dr. Sidney Weissman, clinical professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine



GETTY ILLUSTRATION

IS IT TOO LATE TO GET OUR PRIVACY BACK?

Facebook users have been giving away their data for a decade, and safety concerns likely won't be enough to change the behavior

By ALLY MAROTTI
Chicago Tribune

Facebook users have been pouring personal data into the social media platform for more than a decade, often without realizing what they were giving up.

When third-party games or quizzes came along, users jumped on board with those too. Many of them were free, but what some users didn't realize — or didn't care about — was that they were paying with their personal data.

Now, concerns about sharing every aspect of life on social media are coming to a head amid reports that a political consulting firm hired by President Donald Trump's campaign allegedly used ill-gotten Facebook data in an effort to influence voter behavior. Users are weighing whether to quit the social media platform and calling for greater online privacy protection.

But experts say those concerns won't be enough to change the behavior of the masses. Social

media have become ubiquitous, and many users are either ambivalent toward data privacy or don't understand what they've given up by agreeing to the terms of service in order to create an account.

Legislation that holds tech companies accountable or offers more transparency regarding data use could help, experts say, but it has proved difficult to pass in the U.S. People also could swear off social media, change their privacy settings or just share less. But for many users, even grave concerns about giving up privacy are trumped by the desire and need to take part in the social media world.

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WEEK IN REVIEW

Summing up the Tribune's business coverage

Grossinger sells 9 dealerships

Grossinger Auto Group, the oldest family-operated dealership chain in Illinois, is being acquired by one of Canada's largest car dealers. AutoCanada said Thursday it has agreed to pay \$86 million for eight dealerships in and around Chicago — three in the city, three in Lincolnwood and two in Palatine — and one auto mall in the Bloomington-Normal area. The dealerships will keep the Grossinger name.

UIC hospital to close physical rehab unit: University of Illinois Hospital in Chicago plans to create more private patient rooms by discontinuing its physical rehabilitation division, which has seen declining use over the past few years. The hospital, in the Chicago medical district, filed an application with the state's Health Facilities and Services Review Board to convert its 18 physical rehab beds to adult medical-surgical beds, which will allow it to repurpose some shared rooms into private rooms.



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Apple's Michigan Avenue flagship is for sale: Apple's new Michigan Avenue flagship store is going up for sale and could fetch at least \$170 million. Chicago-based Walton Street Capital has hired brokers to put the 20,000-square-foot store on the market for sale, and is expecting offers in the range of \$170 million to \$175 million, according to people familiar with the plan.

University of Chicago's Booth school tops list of best MBA programs:

The University of Chicago's Booth School of Business tied for first place in U.S. News & World Report's annual ranking of the country's best full-time master's degree programs in business administration. It's the first time Booth has topped the list. The Booth School tied with Harvard for the top spot. Booth ascended to first place after placing third last year. Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, which last year landed in fourth place, fell to sixth place in the current rankings.

Unemployment dipped to 4.7 percent: Illinois' unemployment rate fell to 4.7 percent in February as the state set a new record

for total jobs. The 15,200 jobs added to employer payrolls last month pushed the state to a record high of nearly 6.1 million nonfarm jobs, continuing a recent trend of stronger job growth in the state, according to the Illinois Department of Employment Security.

Wicker Park, Bucktown businesses to use employees to patrol: Businesses in the Wicker Park and Bucktown neighborhoods are forgoing the idea of hiring private security officers and instead will rely on their own employees to act as unarmed "ambassadors" patrolling neighborhood streets. The program, to be administered by the Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce, comes despite a gradual decline in neighborhood crime.

What else happened last week? Catch up on all the news at www.chicagotribune.com/business.

Bumped flier gets \$10,000 voucher

Associated Press

A passenger who was bumped off a full flight has scored the maximum prize — a \$10,000 travel voucher.

A spokesman for United Airlines confirmed Friday that a passenger got the big voucher, but he didn't name the person.

In a series of tweets, Allison Preiss of Washington, D.C., said that she was rewarded after being asked to give up her seat.

Preiss said she was trying to fly from Dulles Airport outside Washington to Austin, Texas, for a bachelorette party. A broken seat meant the airline had one too many passengers, but nobody volunteered to leave so United picked her because she was the low-



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United raised the amount employees could pay a bumped passenger to \$10,000 last year after criticism over the violent dragging of a man off a full flight in Chicago.

est-paying passenger.

An airline employee offered a \$2,000 voucher, but Preiss wanted cash. Then a United agent raised the offer.

"They really do not want to give me cash. They just offered me \$10,000 in travel credit. TEN THOUSAND," Preiss tweeted.

She took it. Along with two \$10 meal vouchers. United drew the line, however, at letting Preiss into one of its airport lounges, she said.

United raised the amount airport employees could pay a bumped passenger to \$10,000 last year after criticism over the violent dragging of a man off a full flight in Chicago.

Some experts doubted that United or Delta, which raised its maximum compensation for bumping passengers to \$9,950, would ever pay out the maximum. United did not immediately say if any other passengers have received a \$10,000 voucher.

Laws mixed on data sharing

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"We're at a point of time in society ... that privacy is almost an afterthought," said Louis McHugh, director of information technology at Illinois Institute of Technology's School of Applied Technology. "We really don't take (it) into account."

Users who do consider the risk often don't find it great enough to outweigh the benefits they get from interacting on social media. They are searching for a happy medium: How can they participate in the online world without sacrificing their privacy to the point they're uncomfortable?

For the past decade or more, users have had that happy medium, said Kent Grayson, a marketing professor at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. They were either blissfully ignorant of how tech companies were using their data or were fine with it. Maybe they liked the targeted ads for men's gift ideas that came just days before their brother's birthday or discovered a new artist because of a recommendation on a similar song.

For some, having a robust social media presence is a professional necessity. Seven out of 10 employers use social media to screen candidates before hiring, according to a survey conducted in early 2017 on behalf of CareerBuilder.

Even news that people's personal data could have been used in an attempt to manipulate a presidential election likely won't be enough for most users to change their behavior, Grayson said. Even if it is, there's not much they can do about the information that's already out there.

"If you've already been sharing information about yourself, the genie's out of the bottle," he said. "It's impossible, I think, to get it back."

But there are a few things users can do going forward, said Darren Guccione, CEO and co-founder of Chicago-based cybersecurity firm Keeper Security. People need to know the risks of sharing their information on social media, and that starts with actually reading the terms of service, he said.

"If you don't agree with it, then click 'I don't accept,'" he said.

Almost every app has privacy policies and controls, Facebook included, Guccione said. He suggested tinkering with those settings and limiting what the public sees. Facebook users also can control what kind of information the social media giant knows about them by managing their ad preferences.

Using social media credentials to log in to other sites also opens users up to privacy breaches by way of stolen passwords, Guccione said. Additionally, users should know that if they go to a website from inside an application — such as by clicking on a link on Facebook — that application could still be tracking them.

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg promised in a post Wednesday that the

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social media company would do more to protect its users' data. "We have a responsibility to protect your data, and if we can't then we don't deserve to serve you," he wrote.

Zuckerberg's post came following public outcry in response to a report last weekend from The New York Times and The Observer of London that Cambridge Analytica, a political data firm hired by the Trump campaign, gained access to private information of more than 50 million Facebook users, including their profiles, locations and what they like. The firm claimed its tools could analyze voters' personalities and influence their behavior with targeted messages.

Cambridge Analytica improperly acquired the information, Facebook has said, but it wasn't stolen. Users allowed the maker of a personality quiz app to take the data. About 270,000 people took the quiz several years ago, the Times reported, and the app-maker was able to scrape data from their Facebook friends. He then provided the data to Cambridge Analytica.

The firm, a U.S. subsidiary of U.K.-based SCL Group, has denied any wrongdoing and on Tuesday suspended its CEO, Alexander Nix. The app developer, a Cambridge University researcher named Aleksandr Kogan, told the BBC this week that he didn't know the data would be used for Trump's election campaign and that Cambridge Analytica is using him as a scapegoat.

Zuckerberg said in his post that a change Facebook made in 2014 prevents "bad actors" from accessing people's information and that the company is taking steps to make sure all the data in question is deleted. Additionally, Facebook plans to investigate companies that had access to large amounts of data before 2014, restrict developers' data access further, and make sure users understand which apps can access their data.

Since the report last weekend, several American and British lawmakers have called for greater privacy protection and asked Zuckerberg to explain what the company knew about the misuse of its data. In Congress, the House Energy and Commerce Committee on Thursday formally requested that Zuckerberg testify about the matter.

The debate over internet privacy legislation in the U.S. has shifted from the

federal to state level in recent years, but proponents argue there aren't enough laws at either level to adequately protect users.

Consumer privacy is not protected under our current legal system, nor do technology companies function in a way that protects it, said Christopher Dore, a partner at Chicago law firm Edelson, which has brought privacy suits against tech companies, including Facebook, Google and Netflix.

Companies lean on the terms of service that customers sign before using their platforms, but there's no way for a customer to know from that fine print how their data actually will be used, Dore said. There need to be more legal protections in place at the state and federal levels to encourage companies to protect their users' privacy, he said.

"It can never be a fair transaction if consumers aren't getting the full story, if they're not having all the implications of their decision disclosed to them," Dore said. "That's the world that we're currently living in."

There are some protections in place in Illinois. The state's Biometric Information Privacy Act, for example, is considered the strictest law of its kind in the nation. The 2008 law mandates that companies collecting biometric information, which includes facial, fingerprint and iris scans, obtain prior consent from consumers, detailing how they'll use it and how long it will be kept.

That law also allows private citizens to sue, and Illinois has become a hotbed of legal activity surrounding uses of the increasingly popular technology.

Other privacy bills, though, haven't become law.

Last year, the proposed Right to Know Act, which would require online companies such as Google, Facebook and Amazon to disclose to consumers what personal data they are collecting and sharing, made headway in the legislature. However, the measure has been stalled for almost a year.

Separately, Gov. Bruce Rauner in September vetoed a bill meant to protect people from having their location information tracked by companies.

There need to be more protections, in the form of both legislation and technology, said Matthew Erickson, the director of client services and technologies at SpiderOak. The software development and consulting company, based in the Kansas City area, focuses on data security.

It's not just the tech behemoths that are focused on data collection. Startups are increasingly building their businesses around it. There needs to be a larger discussion in the startup community around protecting users' data, Erickson said.

"Hopefully, this mass collection of data will be seen as the liability that it actually is," he said.

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Lobbying pays off for small drugmaker

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR AND RICHARD LARDNER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Tucked in the massive congressional budget bill is a provision that props up the price Medicare pays for a handful of medications, costing taxpayers millions at a time when the Trump administration is vowing to reduce the cost of prescription drugs.

Lawmakers acted after a lobbying campaign by a small Washington state pharmaceutical company called Omeros. Its main product is a drug called Omidria, used by hospitals in cataract surgery, which had recently lost a coveted Medicare reimbursement status. Individuals associated with the company also stepped up their political contributions.

Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers of Washington, the fourth-ranking House Republican, took the issue to Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wisc., securing a place for the drug provision in the 2,232-page spending bill signed Friday by President Donald Trump, aides said. The provision restores the drug's expired reimbursement status for two years, making it more lucrative for hospitals to continue using it.

The targeted provision succeeded even as broader health care measures failed to make the cut in the budget bill, from legislation to stabilize insurance premiums under the Affordable Care Act for millions of consumers, to a drug-industry backed effort to roll back recent changes that shift some Medicare costs to pharmaceutical companies.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimates the pricing break for the Omeros drug and three products from other companies will cost taxpayers \$26 million over 10 years, taking into account long-range effects.

Speaker Ryan and Rep. McMorris Rodgers said they acted to preserve patients' access to an innovative drug.

"This provision is the correct policy, was approved by both Republicans and Democrats involved in writing the bill, and was included at the request of members of our conference," said Ryan spokeswoman AshLee Strong. "To suggest any other reason is not only false but absurd and insulting."

Nate Hodson, a spokesman for McMorris Rodgers, said she pushed the measure "to provide patients across the country access to safe, innovative, life-changing drugs." Omidria is injected in the eye to prevent excessive shrinking of the pupil during cataract surgery and reduce pain afterward. Cataract surgery is usually an outpatient procedure.

Drugmaker Omeros had no initial response.

Some saw a disconnect in lawmakers' actions.

"At a time when policymakers are saying that they are interested in reducing drug costs this is a policy that runs counter to those talking points," said analyst Andrea Harris of the investment research firm Height Capital Markets. "This is a policy that maintains access to an innovative drug rather than putting downward pressure on drug prices."

Getting the change was major priority for Omeros and its CEO, Gregory Demopolos.

"Our frustration, shared by physicians nationwide, remains patients' restricted access to Omidria following its pass-through expiration on Jan. 1," Demopolos said in a recent press release about the company's financial performance. "Congressional and administrative efforts are ongoing, and we look forward to resolving this issue soon."

"Pass-through" is the technical term for the Medicare payment status that Omidria had lost. Pass-through allows Medicare reimbursement for the full cost of the drug, rather than packaging it with the cataract procedure. That creates an incentive for hospitals to use the drug instead of a lower-price substitute.



REVOLUTION BREWING ILLUSTRATION
The new Revolution Brewing #SoxSocial Tap Room will have a social media focus.

Craft beer here!

White Sox, Revolution Brewing team up for bar at Guaranteed Rate Field

BY JOSH NOEL
Chicago Tribune

The White Sox have embraced the craft beer revolution, and now they're embracing Revolution Brewing, which will operate a branded bar along the left field line at Guaranteed Rate Field for at least the next two seasons.

Revolution, which had nine draft handles at the ballpark last year, will see a marked expansion at Sox games in 2018 and beyond: 38 draft handles, plus eight more taps at the bar in what was previously a private event space only occasionally open to the public.

What will be dubbed the Revolution Brewing #SoxSocial Tap Room will be open to all ticket holders and will sport a social media focus, including a wall of screens displaying White Sox social media channels, ample outlets for fans to charge their phones and a designated spot for selfies.

Thanks to a two-year marketing deal, Revolution will be well-represented in the #SoxSocial Tap Room, where taps will pour several beers ready-made for baseball, including the brewery's flagship Anti-Hero IPA, Fist City Chicago Pale Ale, Rev Pils Chicago Pilsner and Sun Crusher Hoppy Wheat Ale.

Tap handles will also be reserved for beers unimaginable in a Chicago ballpark even five years ago: Revolution's rotating series of "Hero" IPAs (first up: Galaxy Hero), beers made at Revolution's brewpub on Milwaukee Avenue and Deth's Tar, an imperial oatmeal stout aged in bourbon barrels that's a bruising 14.8 percent alcohol. Ballpark prices were not yet available.

"A barrel-aged beer and a rotating pub beer? That's really bringing the experience to the fans," said Donn Bichsel, Revolution's director of sales and marketing. "Having that experience at a ballpark — that's the exciting thing for us."

Teaming up with the White Sox is the highest-profile marketing deal to date for Revolution, which has grown swiftly since opening as a brewpub eight years ago. In the Brewers Association's most recent rankings, Revolution has become the

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— Brooks Boyer, White Sox senior vice president of sales and marketing

nation's 40th largest craft brewery and 50th largest brewer overall. As a partner of the White Sox, Revolution will be able to promote the relationship not only in the ballpark, but where people buy beer — including bars, liquor stores and grocery stores.

While Wrigley Field's beer menu remains dominated by Anheuser-Busch (despite a late season incursion by Lagunitas last year), the White Sox continue to embrace a progressive beer lineup. The launch of a "Craft Kave" last year featured more than 75 craft beers in what was previously stocked with Miller products and called the Bullpen Sports Bar.

Despite fewer fans in the ballpark in 2017 than 2016, the Craft Kave made more money than its predecessor concept, said Brooks Boyer, senior vice president of sales and marketing for the White Sox. The lesson is clear, Boyer said: People want options. They'll be getting even more of them in 2018, not only with the expanded presence of Revolution, but also with a Craft Kave Express on the 500 level of Guaranteed Rate, where 40 to 50 craft beers will be available.

"I'm not breaking any news here, but White Sox fans like to drink, and we've heard over and over that people appreciate a wider selection," Boyer said. "That led us to be more proactive in the amount of flavors we provided."

Other Chicago-area breweries that will be represented at Guaranteed Rate in 2018 will include Pipeworks, Pollyanna, Off

Color and Baderbrau.

But Revolution will be the dominant brand, thanks to a partnership hatched last year with a minor marketing deal that Revolution knew it wanted to expand as the season wore on. At the same time, the White Sox were looking to expand its #SoxSocial Lounge, which was housed in a space too small for its popularity with fans.

"Oddly, it all came together at the same time," Boyer said. "Our social (media) people made it clear they were cramped, and Revolution was looking for something that could be theirs."

As a result, Revolution gets its highest-profile partner to date, and the White Sox get a local, ascendant brand whose beer and logo will be dotted through the park.

Of Revolution's 38 draft handles beyond the #SoxSocial Tap Room, 18 will be Anti-Hero and 14 Sun Crusher, a summer seasonal that debuted last year. This year's version was released last week and will continue to be brewed through August. Additional Revolution tap handles in the ballpark will feature Fist City and Rev Pils.

But the heart of its presence will be the Revolution Brewing #SoxSocial Tap Room, which has a capacity of 250 people — slightly smaller than Revolution's spacious taproom on Kedzie Avenue. A patio overlooking the field has room for another 60 people. What were Miller Lite-branded tables on that patio in recent years — when the space was called the Miller Lite Extra Base Club — will be replaced by used bourbon barrels to reflect Revolution's growing barrel-aging program.

Bichsel said Revolution is "very excited" to be in its deal with the White Sox. He also described himself as "a die-hard Cubs fan" who was in the stands when the Cubs won the 2016 World Series in Cleveland. Teaming up with the White Sox is "painful for me," he joked. But the South Side was where the opportunity arose, and brewery executives were thrilled to grab it.

"We like to say we make beer for everyone," he said. "We'd love to be a partner on both sides of the city!"

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BACK STORY

From Marshall Field's to Macy's for floral delight

BY ALLY MAROTTI | Chicago Tribune

Give Paul Anthony Lopacinski a story, and he'll bring it to life in flowers.

The creative director of special productions for Macy's just finished designing the department store's annual flower show, this year with a fairy-tale theme. The show is back on the first floor after six years on upper floors, which required Lopacinski to work overnight on the mythical transformation. The handbags section became meadows, the wine shop turned into a dungeon, and the fine jewelry area is now the castle of the story's heroine, Princess Spring.

Lopacinski, a Chicago native, has worked for Macy's, and before that Marshall Field's, for 20 years, leaving his fingerprints on the State Street store's holiday windows, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City, and the grand Christmas trees at several locations.

Q: How much of this show is your creation?

A: My role as creative manager is to basically bring it to life, from the logistics to the design and execution, and even the cleanup. The props that you see, I designed, and we had painters and sculptors create the props throughout the show. That's really my responsibility, to do design. Then I take that design, I hand it over to the landscaper and go, "This is what I'm thinking for this area."

Q: What story does this year's show tell?

A: (The evil sister snow queen) tries to freeze winter longer, and as you can feel in Chicago, it's usually normal. With that freezing the astronomical clock and the ground, spring cannot bloom. With the help of the forest creatures and the queen's dragon, they're able to get the snow to melt, get the cart to the princess, (the) princess gets her potion and gets spring to come across the land.

Q: Who builds all the infrastructure for the flowers?

A: All the metal bridges that you see here are actually built by our Macy's Parade Studio in New Jersey for the show. So the same people that build the floats build the bridges.

Q: Where did you find your passion for design?

A: When I was a kid, I used to like to decorate the house for different holidays. And thank God for my mother and father, they would just let me do whatever I wanted. I remember creating these over-the-top things for spring and Halloween and Christmas. They nicknamed me Marshall Field's because of all the windows and the displays.

Q: Do you ever struggle with allergies?

A: I actually do have allergies, and I double up on my allergy pill, which I'm sure my doctor would hate to hear. I usually start two weeks before, doubling up on allergy pills, and I actually missed a dose today, so we're going to see what tonight ends up being.

This interview has been edited for length and clarity.

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Streaming services surged 450 percent in less than 10 years

BY DAVID NG
Los Angeles Times

In yet another sign of streaming media's growing dominance in the entertainment industry, the majority of U.S. households now subscribe to at least one digital video streaming service such as Netflix, Amazon Prime and Hulu, with a surge of original content driving consumer adoption, according to a new survey that will be released Tuesday by Deloitte.

Deloitte's 12th annual digital media trends survey shows that streaming video adoption passed the halfway mark in 2017 with 55 percent of U.S. households now subscribing to paid services.

In less than a decade, the percentage of U.S. households subscribing to a paid streaming video service surged 450 percent — from just 10 percent in 2009 to 55 percent in 2017. The survey found that 54 percent of streaming video subscribers said they had signed up to watch original content they can't find anywhere else. Other factors include the ability to watch movies and shows at anytime, as well as commercial-free content.

Nearly one-half, or 48 percent, of all U.S. consumers streamed television content every day or weekly in 2017, compared with just 37 percent of consumers in 2016. Consumers spend on average 38 hours watching video content each week, 15 hours (or 39 percent) of which is streamed.

One of the casualties of the trend has been traditional pay TV packages, such as cable and satellite bundles. As more consumers cut the cord, pay TV penetration has fallen, dropping to 63 percent in 2017 after remaining steady at about 75 percent for years, according to the survey.

The survey showed that 16 percent to 22 percent of millennial consumers, as well as those in Generations X and Z, have never subscribed to a pay TV service and are probably unlikely to do so in the future. The majority of survey respondents said they felt they were paying too much for the value they received from a traditional pay TV subscription.

Deloitte's study found that Generation X — those who are between 35 and 51 years old — have picked up the viewing habits of younger generations, such as watching more content on mobile devices. Typically, as generations grow older, they tend to revert to the consumption patterns of parents.

"But what we've seen is the opposite. The older is becoming like the younger," said Kevin Westcott, a Deloitte principal and leader of the company's U.S. Media and Entertainment practice.

He said the proliferation of streaming options could lead providers to start rebundling services under a single billing experience in the coming years.

"I expect to see some form of reaggregation to happen maybe in 2019," he said.



Apple will return to its roots at Lane Tech

Event geared toward education with new tools, iPad

BY MARK GURMAN
Bloomberg News

Apple is preparing to introduce new low-cost iPads and education software next week in a bid to win back students and teachers from Google and Microsoft.

In its first major product event of the year, Apple will return to its roots in the education market. The event on Tuesday at Lane Technical College Prep High School in Chicago's Roscoe Village neighborhood will mark the first time Apple has held a product launch geared toward education since 2012 when it unveiled a tool for designing e-books for the iPad. It's also a rare occasion for an Apple confab outside its home state of California.

In Chicago, the world's most-valuable technology company plans to show off a new version of its cheapest iPad that should appeal to the education market, said people familiar with the matter. The company will also showcase new software for the classroom, said the people, who asked not to be identified discussing private plans. Apple declined to comment.

Steve Jobs made schools a priority for Apple early in its life. But as the company has driven toward mass-market and higher-margin products in recent years, Google and Microsoft have had success breaking into classrooms with inexpensive laptops and tablets. Last year, the global educational technology market generated \$17.7 billion in revenue, according to research firm Frost & Sullivan.

Apple accounted for 17 percent of mobile computing shipments to American students in kindergarten

through high school, according to data from the third quarter published by FutureSource Consulting. Devices running Google's operating systems on Chromebooks or Android tablets held 60 percent of the market, and Windows PCs had 22 percent. While Macs and iPads make up less than 20 percent of Apple's sales combined, students and teachers are a key market to drive future purchases.

A new, cheaper MacBook laptop is in the works and likely destined to replace the MacBook Air at a price less than \$1,000, but it probably won't be ready in time for next week, the people said. The MacBook Air, introduced about a decade ago, hasn't seen a major change since 2010, the same year the iPad came out. Although the laptop is popular with college students, it has languished as Apple focuses on more expensive Macs.

Rival laptops have made inroads into the education

market lately, a field that originally helped Apple make its name. The sector is prized among industry giants because students learn to use a certain type of device, then head into the workforce and spread the technology wider.

With a recent advertising onslaught, Apple is hoping to capture more young minds with the iPad. The company has revised its tablet strategy over the years by releasing different versions at a variety of price points. That's helped the iPad business return to growth after multiple declining quarters. Still, demand for tablets is weak. According to research firm IDC, the market shrank by about 7 percent in 2017. Apple grew 3 percent last year and leads the industry with about a quarter of the market.

Apple currently offers a slew of different education-related software. The company's Classroom app for

the iPad lets teachers manage Apple devices that are assigned to students for their classwork. There's also an iTunes U app that lets teachers issue homework, grade assignments and post lessons online. It also lets students complete assignments and take tests. The company offers a software coding curriculum via the Swift Playgrounds app and sells interactive textbooks through its e-book store.

More software is coming. Apple is working on a new version of the iBooks app that's more in line with the design of the App Store, though it's unclear if it'll be shown next week, people familiar with the project have said.

Next week's event will also provide an opportunity for Apple to boast about the work it's doing with Chicago schools. In December, the company partnered with the city's public school system and City Colleges of Chicago on a coding curricu-

lum for thousands of local students.

According to Apple's website, the school where the event will take place is not an "Apple Distinguished School," a designation given to institutions with curriculum that uses Apple products and provides iPads to all students.

Apple has tried citywide iPad deals for students in the past, with little success. In 2013, the Los Angeles Unified School District said it would spend \$30 million to provide some students with iPads. The deal was expected to become a \$1.3 billion initiative to give every student in the district an iPad, but it fell apart.

Such a deal won't be announced with Chicago next week, people familiar with the plans said. But the city could see more of Apple in the future. According to a recent Bloomberg analysis, the company could be eyeing the Midwest for a major new office.

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Debate shows how restaurants shape U.S. food production

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show today's chickens are grown so fast that they have trouble walking because their legs won't support the weight, in addition to other related health problems. They also say today's chickens are crowded into spaces that are too small.

Some food companies are paying heed. In recent years, more than 80 food businesses, including Burger King, Subway, Aramark and Kraft Heinz, have committed to improving the welfare of chickens and giving the birds more space by 2024, changes that drive up the price of chicken. But the long-term success of the movement hinges on what McDonald's, which used 490 million pounds of chicken in 2014 alone, decides to do.

Executives at the Oak Brook-based fast-food chain say they're not ready to commit to changing chicken breeds or increasing the amount of room chickens have without further scientific study.

"We're not going to do that haphazardly or because someone's knocking on our door asking us to do that. These are industry-changing decisions and we don't take them lightly," said Marion Gross, McDonald's senior vice president of supply chain management for North America.

Animal welfare groups say that McDonald's, by not lending its global presence and buying power to the movement, is halting progress and making it hard to encourage meaningful change in the poultry industry.

"I recognize that it's going to be a challenge. But it's not acceptable to say that it's too hard, so we're going to keep treating animals cruelly," said Leah Garces, U.S. executive director for Compassion in World Farming.

The costs of change

The National Chicken Council says it's committed to improving chicken welfare, but warns of increased costs and environmental impacts if the industry shifts toward slower-growing chickens.

If one-third of the broiler chicken producers in the U.S. switched to slower-growing breeds, about 1.5 billion more chickens would be needed annually to produce the same amount of meat, according to a study released by the trade group last year. Birds that live longer would require more feed and water.

"It has been well-documented that a 100 percent shift to slower-growing breeds and decreased stocking density would have negative trade-offs for the environment and increased prices for chicken, without the assurance of better welfare outcomes for the birds," Tom Super, spokesman for the National Chicken Council, said in an email.

Kenneth Koelkebeck, a poultry expert at the Uni-

versity of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, doesn't think faster-growing birds automatically represent a step back in animal welfare. Koelkebeck believes the commitments McDonald's has made to chicken welfare are, on the whole, positive for the industry and for the birds.

"It all boils down to the management of the birds. Yes, they're growing at a fast rate, but they can be managed," Koelkebeck said.

But some chicken suppliers, such as Perdue Farms and Wayne Farms, are already preparing to meet the increased demand for alternative breeds.

Perdue's Bruce Stewart-Brown believes better animal welfare also means better quality meat, a view not held universally in the poultry industry.

But there is a cost to shifting the focus away from maximum efficiency and productivity, said Stewart-Brown, Perdue's senior vice president of food safety, quality and live operations. Increasing the amount of space for each bird will require more chicken houses and the industry will have to pay farmers more per pound, because they'll produce less out of each house, he said.

"We will have those products in the marketplace and people can vote. Companies can vote," Stewart-Brown said. "It will grow as consumer demand prefers."

All eyes on McDonald's

In October, McDonald's announced a chicken welfare policy that made no specific commitments to change the breeds it uses.

The fast food giant, however, committed to taking other steps, including requiring enhanced chicken houses with perches; requiring the chickens it uses to be slaughtered using a gas-stunning method considered more humane; and establishing third-party audits of supplier farms.

McDonald's also plans to work with its supply chain partners, which include companies like Tyson and Cargill, to study alternative breeds of chickens that might produce better welfare outcomes and fewer health problems, Gross said. The company's study also will examine how much space each bird is allotted and associated costs with making major changes.

More recently, McDonald's also announced it was convening a global chicken advisory council with industry and academic experts.

Temple Grandin, a well-known advocate for the humane treatment of animals, voiced her support when McDonald's announced its policy and will serve on the company's chicken council. Grandin has partnered with McDonald's on various animal welfare issues since the 1990s and acknowledged she's paid by McDonald's for her work with the company.

Grandin said she believes

in the company's intentions to improve welfare.

"All I'm going to say about McDonald's (chicken welfare policy) is that it's a very good first step and Rome wasn't built in a day," said Grandin, a professor of animal science at Colorado State University.

Animal welfare groups are not satisfied with McDonald's commitments so far.

"Agreeing to study something is the hallmark of doing nothing," said David Coman-Hidy, executive director of The Humane League. "Study needs to be paired with a meaningful commitment."

Studies have found that many fast-growing broiler chickens have difficulty walking because their legs and joints can't support the rapid weight gain. One 2008 study assessed the walking ability of 51,000 broiler chickens and found that more than 27 percent showed poor mobility.

The animal welfare groups are calling on McDonald's and other companies to transition by 2024 to breeds of birds approved by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, an animal welfare charity based in the United Kingdom, or the Global Animal Partnership, an Austin, Texas-based non-profit launched but no longer directly funded by Whole Foods Market.

The groups also are asking for more space per bird than described in national guidelines established by the National Chicken Council.

Other animal welfare groups calling on McDonald's to take bolder steps regarding chicken welfare include Animal Equality, Compassion Over Killing, Mercy for Animals and World Animal Protection.

Though united in this cause, the groups operate differently. Some — like The Humane League and Mercy for Animals — are more grass-roots groups known for in-your-face tactics. Others, like Compassion in World Farming and the Humane Society of the United States, work with corporations in boardrooms to influence policy and effect change.

In recent years, McDonald's has worked hand-in-hand with some of those groups in crafting animal welfare policies, such as when committing to ending the use of gestation crates for pigs in the U.S. and sourcing eggs only from cage-free hens in the U.S. and Canada.

But the company has shifted toward developing global policies — a vexing development for animal welfare charities hoping to see swifter change in the U.S. poultry industry.

"This has been such a disappointing process because we have previously made such historic announcements together," said Josh Balk, vice president of farm animal protection for the Humane Society.

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Demand outpacing training

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"We feel it is an emergency," said Marvin Lindsey, CEO of the Community Behavioral Healthcare Association of Illinois, which represents mental health agencies that serve mostly low-income residents. "We feel it's getting worse."

The reasons for the shortfall are varied. Greater awareness, diminished stigma and a worsening opioid crisis are driving more people to seek mental and behavioral health care. Meanwhile, nearly 60 percent of psychiatrists are over age 55, fueling a retirement wave that experts say exceeds the pipeline of new doctors who fill limited psychiatric residency slots.

Low insurance reimbursement rates for psychiatrists might also be keeping some people from pursuing the specialty, or, if they do, from joining insurance networks, which keeps services out of reach of many people who can't afford to pay out of pocket.

An additional challenge is that procedure-oriented doctors often prefer the more straightforward payoff of mending a broken arm or repairing a damaged heart.

"There's no victory lap (in psychiatry) where you can say you fixed that patient, on to the next one," said Travis Singleton, senior vice president of physician staffing firm Merritt Hawkins. "It is lifetime management."

The shortage of psychiatrists, who are distinct from psychologists and other general mental health service providers because they can prescribe medication, is not evenly spread. Chicago has plenty of private psychiatric practices, and some residential facilities say they are well-staffed thanks to being able to offer good salaries and the work arrangements doctors request.

But community health clinics and some low-income hospitals struggle to hire psychiatrists, which limits their ability to provide services and forces more mental health cases into emergency rooms not staffed to deal with them. While the number of medical students pursuing psychiatry is growing, it's not enough — and they don't necessarily end up practicing where the need is greatest.

Staffing challenges

The Chicago Department of Public Health has felt the pinch as it tries to staff its five community mental health clinics, said spokeswoman Erica Duncan. It increased starting salaries for psychiatrists, to \$109 an hour from \$87.76 in 2015, redoubled its recruitment efforts and was approved as a health shortage site so its psychiatrists can qualify for a federal school loan repayment program that rewards doctors who treat underserved populations.

But "even with these added incentives, we continue to face challenges in recruiting and hiring permanent staff," Duncan said in an email. This spring the department will start offering telepsychiatry, connecting patients to psychiatrists via video conference, to ease the crunch.

At St. Bernard Hospital in Chicago's Englewood neighborhood, CEO Charles Holland said it has been extremely difficult to recruit psychiatrists as it expands its mental health services.

In response to growing need — driven in part by more patients with drug-induced psychosis landing in the emergency room — the hospital three years ago opened an outpatient mental health clinic and next month will expand its inpatient mental health unit to 60 beds from 40.

But the hospital, which serves a primarily low-income population on Medicaid, has found that many young psychiatrists with medical school debt choose to work at more affluent hospitals that can afford better pay, or at academic centers where they can spend part of their time on research, said Chief Operations Officer Roland



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Abellera. St. Bernard considered hiring a staffing agency to help but can't afford the \$30,000-per-doctor finder's fee, Abellera said. The hospital is instead moving toward using more nurse practitioners to prescribe medication and plans to offer telepsychiatry, he said.

Doctors say insufficient psychiatric services in the community have driven more mental health issues into emergency rooms, where psychiatric patients increased 42 percent between 2014 and 2017.

At Presence Resurrection Medical Center on Chicago's Northwest Side, many such patients arrive late at night, after the clinical crisis workers have gone home, causing long delays in their transfer to an appropriate facility because the evaluation has to wait until morning, said Dr. David Bordo, regional medical officer.

"It's probably the worst place to spend the night because of all the stimuli," he said.

In October the hospital launched a telecrisis pilot program that connects those patients, via tablet, to a crisis worker staffing the overnight shift at another facility, to get the transfer paperwork started. It used the system more than 70 times during the last three months of 2017, Bordo said.

Central DuPage Hospital, which recently expanded its substance abuse unit in response to rising opioid-related visits, started a pilot telepsychiatry program last April to cover weekend shifts, said Allison Johnsen, manager of business and program development at the hospital. It has two of its psychiatrists patch in from home to conduct consultations via a tablet brought to patients' bedsides.

The program, which Johnsen says has been well-received by patients, helps with recruitment because it offers doctors flexibility and lightens their load.

"Physicians coming out of medical school are looking for more work-life balance," Johnsen said.

Pipeline of doctors

Meanwhile, the supply of new psychiatrists is growing.

The number of U.S. medical students matching into psychiatry residencies rose to 982 this year, representing 5.5 percent of all matches, up from 681 students, or 4.2 percent of all matches, five years ago.

Dr. Daniel Yohanna, interim chair of the University of Chicago's Department of Psychiatry, attributes the growing interest in part to more scientific evidence of psychiatry's effectiveness.

"It reduces the stigma around psychiatry, both for



Ren Belcher hugs Mila Grossman after they open their residency letters. Grossman was matched into her first-choice psychiatry residency, at Massachusetts General Hospital.

students and our colleagues in other areas," Yohanna said.

At University of Chicago's medical school, 10 students in the 2018 graduating class are pursuing psychiatry, a record for the school, which typically sees five or six, said Dr. Michael Marcangelo, the school's director of medical student education in psychiatry.

The most important reason for the rise, Marcangelo said, is that "psychiatry is the last field of medicine that really pays a lot of attention to people as people."

"The rest of medicine is becoming very technical," he said. "A lot of people who go into medicine want to work closely with patients."

Grossman, the student whose experience at the women's mental health clinic helped shape her interest in psychiatry, said psychiatry is "not necessarily what you think of when you enter medical school." But she soon discovered that she was drawn to learning about the psychosocial aspects of patients' cases.

Earlier this month on Match Day — the day all U.S. medical school students find out where they will do their post-graduation residencies — Grossman sat among her classmates in a crowded lecture hall, her finger poised at edge of her acceptance envelope and ready to rip when the countdown was done. The letter inside revealed she had matched into her first-choice psychiatry residency, at Massachusetts General Hospital, sparking big hugs and high-fives all around.

Grossman hopes to specialize in treating women managing mental illness during and after pregnancy,

ideally in an academic medical center so she can also do research and teach.

Addressing the shortage

While interest in psychiatry grows, demand is growing faster. For two consecutive years, psychiatry has been the second-most requested search assignment at staffing firm Merritt Hawkins, after family medicine, and is the most difficult specialty to fill, Singleton said. A decade ago, psychiatry was ninth on the list.

Where and what psychiatrists end up practicing after their four-year residency ends matters most in addressing the shortage, said Dr. Sidney Weissman, clinical professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine. Many decide it is in their financial interest to go directly into private practice rather than continue collecting a resident stipend for a fifth year as they train in a subspecialty where the need is most dire, such as geriatric or child and adolescent psychiatry, Weissman said. He advocates letting psychiatrists train in a subspecialty in their fourth year of residency to make it more economically viable.

"Psychiatry has to look at itself to rethink how we do business," Weissman said. "It needs to relook at how we train people, how long is the training and what we expect them to do."

Concerns about a psychiatrist shortage often point to compensation, which, though handsome and rising, is less than many other specialties. Starting annual salaries for psychia-

trists range from \$239,000 to \$272,000, compared with a range of \$429,000 to \$529,000 for radiologists and more than \$600,000 for orthopedic surgeons, according to Merritt Hawkins. Internal medicine, pediatrics and family practice also pay on the lower end and face doctor shortages.

Psychiatric services also are reimbursed by insurance at lower rates than other medical procedures, which could be why about 40 percent of psychiatrists practice in cash-only private practices, according to the National Council Medical Director Institute.

Medicaid rates are particularly low, which makes it tough to get psychiatrists to work with high-Medicaid populations, Lindsey said.

Community clinics historically have relied on other funding to round out psychiatrist incomes, and say state funding cuts have hurt those efforts. Illinois' proposed 2019 budget allocates \$47 million less for mental health than it did the prior year, according to the Illinois Association for Behavioral Health.

The crunch is forcing some providers to rethink how they provide services.

Turning Point, an outpatient mental health center in Skokie, had received a private foundation grant to hire a part-time advanced practice psychiatric nurse — a position that can prescribe medication — but abandoned the search after repeated recruitment efforts failed.

"The demand for people with those credentials is so huge, and when we had interviews it was a matter of them having other options," said CEO Ann Raney. It remains a sorely needed

position at the center, where about half of the 1,300 people it serves annually take medication, she said.

Turning Point renegotiated the terms of the grant and instead used it on administrative support for the existing psychiatric staff members, so they can spend less time on paperwork and more seeing patients, Raney said. The facility also is limiting psychiatric services to only patients who prove their commitment to therapy, because it doesn't have the staffing to handle more.

"That's the tragedy," Raney said. "We could do so much more if we had more people."

Cook County Jail had to scramble when it lost 11 of its 15 psychiatrists in 2011, after a federal program that provides student loan assistance to physicians who work in underserved areas removed all county and municipal correctional facilities from its approved site list.

It has since replenished its psychiatric staff by boosting salary offers and talking up the perks of working at a jail, such as the administrative staff that takes care of the billing process so psychiatrists can focus on the patient, said Dr. Claudia Fegan, chief medical officer at Cook County Health and Hospitals System, which operates the jail's health services.

Legislation to address the state's psychiatrist shortage is in the pipeline.

A bill introduced in the Illinois House in February aims to lift Medicaid reimbursement rates for psychiatric treatment by tying them to higher Medicare rates. Another calls for creating a Behavioral Health Education Center, administered by a state university, with psychiatry residency slots plus internships for other mental health professionals who would be placed in underserved communities.

Meanwhile, a state law passed in 2014 allows licensed clinical psychologists with advanced, specialized training to prescribe certain medications to treat mental health disorders. About 150 psychologists are undergoing the extensive training required to apply, many of them in hospitals in central and southern Illinois where they will stay and practice, said Beth Rom-Rymer, who led the movement to pass and implement the legislation when she was president of the Illinois Psychological Association.

"There is tremendous interest," Rom-Rymer said. "Psychologists are very enthusiastic about being able to gain these skills and broaden their authority."

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Amazon patents drone that can react to gestures

BY HAMZA SHABAN
Washington Post

Amazon.com Inc. has been granted a new patent by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for a delivery drone that can respond to human gestures.

The concept is part of Amazon's goal to develop a fleet of unmanned aerial vehicles that can send packages to customers in 30 minutes or less. Issued this week, the patent may help Amazon grapple with how flying robots might interact with human bystanders and customers waiting on their doorsteps.

Depending on a person's gestures — a welcoming thumbs-up, shouting or frantic arm waving — the drone can adjust its behavior, according to the patent. As described in the patent, the machine could release the package it's carrying, change its flight path to avoid crashing, ask humans a question or abort the delivery.

Among several illustrations in the design, a person is shown outside a home, flapping his arms in what Amazon describes as an "unwelcoming manner," to showcase an example of someone shooing away a drone flying overhead.

"The human recipient and/or the other humans can communicate with the vehicle using human gestures to aid the delivery along its path to the delivery location," Amazon's patent states. (Amazon Chief Executive Jeff Bezos owns the Washington Post.)

Another diagram depicts the steps a drone would take when reading human body language as it delivers packages: "Receive human gesture"; "access gesture database"; "determine human gesture based on gesture database"; "proceed in accordance with determined human gesture and delivery instructions."

According to the patent, the drone's communication system would include an array of sensors, including a depth sensor and cameras to detect visible, infrared and ultraviolet light. The drones would be able to recognize hand and body gestures, human voices and movement, such as a person walking closer to the drone or away from it.

If the drones are cleared to deliver, they can release boxes with extra padding from the air, or they can land and then offer the parcels, the patent said.

Since unveiling its plans to develop an air delivery service, Amazon has applied for several ambitious patents that include the use of giant airships to serve as mobile, flying warehouses, and designs for drones that self-destruct during an emergency.

There's no word on when or even whether the gesture-recognition system might debut. Amazon declined to comment. In 2016, the company made its first autonomous drone delivery to a shopper in the United Kingdom. A private customer trial for drone delivery in Britain is ongoing.

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7637.27	5769.39	Nasdaq Comp.	7421.23	6992.67	6992.67	-489.32	-6.5	+1.3	+20.0
2872.87	2322.51	S&P 500	2741.38	2585.89	2588.26	-163.75	-6.0	-3.2	+10.4
2001.48	1673.30	S&P MidCap	1936.89	1838.84	1839.47	-96.18	-5.0	-3.2	+8.6
29760.60	24131.40	Wilshire 5000	28419.57	26895.55	26912.64	-1632.54	-5.7	-3.2	+10.4
1615.52	1335.03	Russell 2000	1587.74	1510.08	1510.08	-75.97	-4.8	-1.7	+11.5
403.72	363.05	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	377.36	363.05	365.82	-11.89	-3.2	-6.0	-2.8
7792.56	6876.96	FTSE 100	7164.19	6876.96	6921.94	-242.20	-3.4	-10.0	-5.7

Gold	+38.00	\$1,349.30
Silver	+3.33	\$16.53
Crude Oil	+3.54	\$65.88
Natural Gas	-10	\$2.59
10-year T-note	-0.04	2.81%
Euro	-0.0055	to .8086/\$1
Yen	-1.28	to 104.82/\$1

Most active

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE			
STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	
Bank of America	29.17	-3.00	
Gen Electric	13.07	-1.24	
Ford Motor	10.56	-0.59	
Twitter Inc	31.03	-4.55	
Oracle Corp	44.79	-7.48	
Chesapeake Energy	3.07	+0.01	
Western Fargro & Co	50.95	-4.92	
AT&T Inc	34.70	-2.30	
Phizer Inc	34.49	-2.29	
Snap Inc A	16.36	-0.65	
Kinder Morgan Inc	15.01	-1.40	
Weatherford Intl Ltd	2.39	-0.19	
Citigroup	67.90	-5.57	

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET			
STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	
Facebook Inc	159.39	-25.70	
Micro Tech	54.21	-6.37	
Novasc Inc	11.1	-0.02	
Adv Micro Dev	10.63	-0.84	
Microsoft Corp	87.18	-7.42	
Apple Inc	164.94	-13.08	
Comcast Corp A	33.17	-2.66	
Intel Corp	49.36	-1.81	
Geron Corporation	5.64	+2.27	
Cisco Syst	42.42	-2.59	
TOP Ships Inc	19	+0.00	
Nvidia Corporation	232.97	-17.51	
Applied Matis	55.38	-4.06	

EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS			
STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	
Alps Alerian MLP	9.31	-0.58	
Barc iPath Vix ST	49.76	+10.26	
CS V5 2x Vix ShMT	10.57	+3.69	
iShs China Large Cap	45.97	-3.22	
iShs Emerg Mkts	46.89	-2.32	
iShares EAFE ETF	67.94	-2.53	
iShares Rus 2000	150.05	-7.75	
PowerShs QQQ Trust	158.51	-12.51	
ProShs Ultra VIX ST	20.24	+5.88	
ProShs Short VIX ST	11.41	-1.50	
SPDR S&P500 ETF Tr	258.05	-16.15	
SPDR Financial	26.82	-2.05	
VanE Vect Gld Miners	22.12	+0.69	

Largest Companies

Based on market capitalization			
STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	
AT&T Inc	34.70	-2.30	
AbbVie Inc	97.46	-16.25	
Alibaba Group Hldg	181.20	-19.08	
Alphabet Inc C	1021.57	-114.16	
Alphabet Inc A	1026.55	-107.87	
Amazon.com Inc	1495.56	-76.12	
Amgen	169.43	-18.81	
Apple Inc	164.94	-13.08	
BP PLC	39.17	-3.06	
Bank of America	29.17	-3.00	
Berkshire Hath A	288755.00	-21875.01	
Berkshire Hath B	192.46	-14.50	
Boeing Co	321.00	-9.47	
Chevron Corp	112.98	-2.42	
Cisco Syst	42.42	-2.59	
Citigroup	67.90	-5.57	
CocaCola Co	42.33	-1.13	
Comcast Corp A	33.17	-2.66	
Disney	98.54	-4.33	
Dow DuPont Inc	63.06	-4.90	
Exxon Mobil Corp	72.89	-2.23	
Facebook Inc	159.39	-25.70	
Gen Electric	13.07	-1.24	
Home Depot	171.80	-7.16	
Intel Corp	49.36	-1.81	
IBM	148.89	-11.37	
JPMorgan Chase & Co	107.01	-8.43	
Johnson & Johnson	125.10	-8.58	
MasterCard Inc	171.83	-10.72	
McDonalds Corp	154.98	-7.38	
Merck & Co	53.41	-2.42	
Microsoft Corp	87.18	-7.42	
Netflix Inc	300.94	-17.51	
Nvidia Corporation	232.97	-17.51	
Oracle Corp	44.79	-7.48	
PepsiCo	106.15	-5.49	
Phizer Inc	34.49	-2.29	
Philip Morris Intl	95.63	-6.76	
Procter & Gamble	75.91	-3.06	
Royal Dutch Shell A	62.41	+2.4	
Suncor Cap	39.75	-1.90	
3M Company	215.36	-21.86	
Unitedhealth Group	212.55	-15.31	
Verizon Comm	46.29	-2.27	
Visa Inc	117.00	-7.53	
Walmart Strs	85.42	-3.75	
Western Fargro & Co	50.98	-4.92	

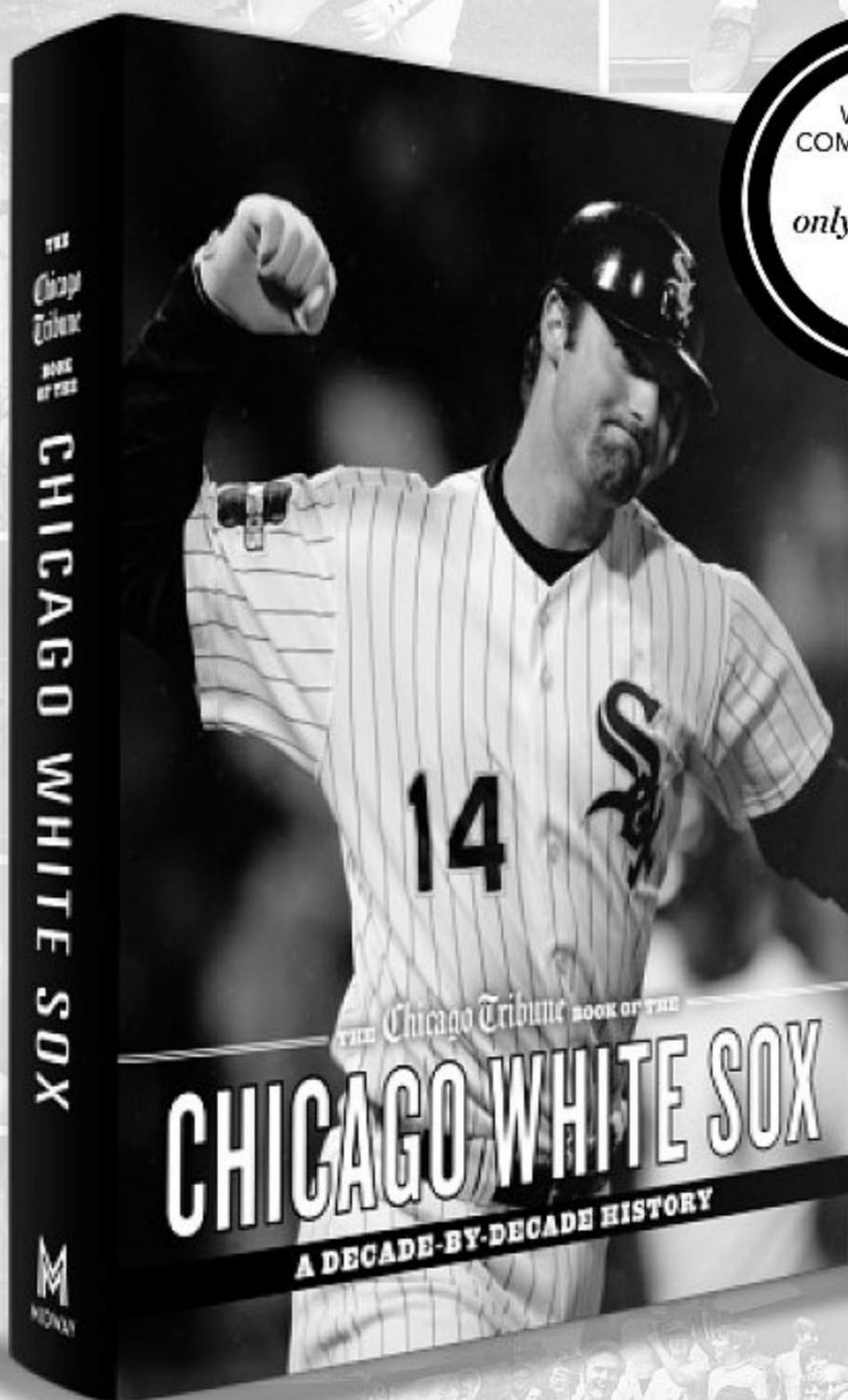
How the region's Top 100 companies fared

Ranks based on market capitalization of public companies headquartered in Illinois and north-west Indiana as of Friday, March 23, 2018

RANK/COMPANY	CAP	CLOSE	WEEK	1-YR
1 Boeing Co	188,498	321.00	▼ -9.47	+84.5
2 AbbVie Inc	154,763	97.46	▼ -16.25	+52.5
3 McDonalds Corp	123,131	154.98	▼ -7.38	+23.2
4 Abbott Labs	103,906	59.50	▼ -3.68	+35.3
5 Caterpillar Inc	86,231	144.29	▼ -12.17	+59.8
6 Kraft Heinz Co	73,164	60.03	▼ -5.33	-32.1
7 Walgreen Boots Alli	64,819	65.43	▼ -2.14	-19.3
8 Mondelez Intl	60,251	40.51	▼ -2.68	-6.1
9 CME Group	53,705	158.12	▼ -7.00	+37.9
10 ITW	53,591	156.91	▼ -14.05	+19.7
11 Deere Co	47,842	148.00	▼ -15.88	+37.3
12 Exelon Corp	36,391	37.71	▼ -0.67	+6.6
13 Baxter Intl	34,725	64.29	▼ -3.60	+25.6
14 Allstate Corp	32,698	92.25	▼ -5.28	+15.5
15 Discover Fin Svcs	24,773	70.07	▼ -6.47	+5.9
16 Arch Dan Mid	23,499	42.05	▼ -1.45	-5.0
17 Nthn Trst Cp	22,508	99.45	▼ -7.76	+16.5
18 Equity Residential	21,486	58.39	▼ -1.33	-4.3
19 United Cont'l Hldgs	19,186	67.39	▼ -3.49	-2
20 Ventas Inc	17,136	48.11	▼ -2.04	-20.2
21 Motorola Solutions	16,821	104.28	▼ -4.55	+26.9
22 Dover Corp	15,187	98.35	▼ -1.73	+28.2
23 Grainger WW	15,138	270.05	▼ -18.70	+14.4
24 ConAgra Brands Inc	14,223	35.50	▼ -1.11	-9.9
25 CNA Financial	13,365	49.28	▼ -2.67	+20.4
26 Ulta Salon Cosmetics	12,338	202.29	▼ -19.59	-28.1
27 Gallagher AJ	12,099	66.69	▼ -4.32	+21.3
28 LKQ Corporation	11,506	37.17	▼ -2.38	+25.8
29 IDEX Corp	10,936	142.78	▼ -4.94	+57.5
30 CDW Corp	10,700	69.91	▼ -5.91	+21.6
31 TransUnion	10,467	57.01	▼ -2.19	+51.3
32 Packaging Corp Am	10,303	109.20	▼ -9.31	+20.9
33 Ingredd Inc	9,155	126.74	▼ -5.08	+6.9
34 GrubHub Inc	9,121	104.61	▼ -5.92	+212.2
35 CBOE Global Markets	9,080	111.71	▼ -7.51	+41.2
36 Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	8,796	57.89	▼ -4.19	-2.6
37 CF Industries	8,613	36.92	▼ -1.41	+29.7
38 CDK Global Inc	8,607	63.97	▼ -5.57	-9
39 NiSource Inc	7,780	23.06	▼ -3.7	+1
40 Jones Lang LaSalle	7,620	167.81	▼ -6.26	+56.2
41 Equity Lifesty Prop	7,420	83.63	▼ -2.32	+8.2
42 Zebra Tech	7,260	136.35	▼ -6.99	+56.9
43 Middleby Corp	6,834	122.63	▼ -7.36	-9.7
44 Old Republic	5,610	20.83	▼ -4.47	+12.3
45 Hill-Rom Hldgs	5,569	84.17	▼ -2.55	+22.1
46 Aptargroup Inc	5,389	86.77	▼ -3.38	+14.1
47 Brunswick Corp	5,150	58.82	▼ -2.79	-2.4
48 Littelfuse Inc	5,083	204.73	▼ -18.46	+31.3
49 Stericycle Inc	5,003	58.49	▼ -5.10	-28.7
50 USG Corp	4,726	33.51	▼ -0.81	+6.6
51 Wintrust Financial	4,610	82.00	▼ -9.31	+21.9
52 Morningstar Inc	4,047	94.01	▼ -3.97	+21.2
53 Equity Commonwth	3,679	29.57	▼ -3.39	-5.8
54 Hyatt Hotels Corp	3,673	76.36	▼ -3.47	+44.4
55 John Bean Technol	3,569	113.05	▼ -8.75	+28.9
56 Tribune Media Co A	3,531	40.36	▼ -0.85	+10.2
57 First Indl RT	3,415	28.42	▼ -1.53	+10.6
58 MB Financial	3,401	40.50	▼ -3.69	-1
59 KapStone Paper	3,355	34.46	▼ -3.35	+48.7
60 Navistar Intl	3,121	31.63	▼ -3.68	+25.6
61 Teleph Data	2,883	27.76	▼ -0.97	+12.4
62 Kemper Corp	2,851	55.40	▼ -1.40	+44.5
63 Adtalem Global Educ	2,817	46.75	▼ -2.15	+42.1
64 Cabot Microelec	2,767	108.05	▼ -4.77	+48.9
65 Paylocity Hldg	2,744	52.18	▼ -1.93	+49.7
66 RLI Corp	2,719	61.48	▼ -2.45	+9.0
67 Tenneco Inc	2,678	52.09	▼ -3.02	-15.1
68 GATX	2,578	67.86	▼ -2.25	+19.1
69 Envestnet Inc	2,549	57.00	▼ -5.0	+74.6
70 Retail Prop Amer	2,494	11.37	▼ -3.36	-17.6
71 Fst Midw Bcp	2,461	23.90	▼ -2.35	+5.8
72 Group Inc	2,414	4.30	▼ -0.30	+8.0
73 Anixter Intl				

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File No. D18153637 on the **Date: February 26, 218**
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A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 4, 2018, at Franklin Park Community Center, 9560 Franklin Avenue, Franklin Park, Illinois 60131. Bidders are required to attend. 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 bond and a payment bond, each 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 Bidder must certify (if true) on a form provided by Owner that the Bidder is not barred from contracting with a unit of State or local government as a result of a conviction for violation of 720 ILCS 5/33-E-3 or 33E-4 as amended. To the extent required by law, the Bidder shall comply with the applicable 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. 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 informalities and irregularities in any bid, and to reject any or all bids.

STATE OF MICHIGAN 37TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION CALHOUN COUNTY CASE NO. 16-3453NA

TO: **CASSIDY HOLT (07/20/1990)**

IN THE MATTER OF: **KAYSON KENNEDY (12/04/2016)**

PUBLICATION OF PARENTAL-RIGHTS TERMINATION HEARING

A hearing regarding termination of parental rights will be conducted by the court 05/09/2018 at 9:30 am in courtroom 249, Calhoun County Justice Center, 161 E Michigan Ave, Battle Creek, MI 49014 before Judge Yost-Johnson.

This hearing may result in the termination of your parental rights. You have the right to an attorney. There is no right to a jury at this hearing. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that CASSIDY HOLT (07/20/1990) personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO DISADVANTAGED BUSINESSES

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CAREER FOCUS: EDUCATION

JOBS SECTION

Educational leadership styles: Which one fits you?

If you're looking to take your career in education to the next level, part of that means understanding what kind of leadership skills you have — and how you'd apply those in your job. Because educators are already a pretty diverse crowd, it should be no surprise that leadership styles can vary pretty widely too. So let's look at the main types of educational leaders.

The Authoritarian

This sounds severe, but the authoritative leader is the one who is able to set a clear direction or implement a new vision. This means the leader is a decision-maker, often the final say. The authoritative leader is often the cheerleader-in-chief, motivating a team (or multiple teams) toward a single goal. The authoritative leader is a confident, strong voice, and comfortable making decisions. If you feel more comfortable giving orders than taking them taking them, then this might be your style.

Pro: Things get done how you want.
Con: Team members may have trouble connecting to this kind of leader, since they're less engaged in the decision-making process.

The Team Builder

This kind of leader, also known as an affiliative leader, focuses on building, maintaining, and repairing relationships. The affiliative leader's priority is on harmony and collective productivity. This type of leader typically strives to get input from others and have good relationships with everyone on the team, rather than hand down assignments.

Pro: Team members feel valued, connected.
Con: Poor performance is sometimes ignored in favor of maintaining larger group harmony.

The Politician

This kind of leader, also known as the democratic leadership type, works on consensus. This leader has the final say, but relies on having other stakeholders weigh in

as well. The diverse perspectives can foster creativity and innovation, because everyone is able to give input and share their points of view.

Pro: Team members feel more engaged because they have a say in the process.
Con: Decisions may not happen quickly if you're waiting for mass buy-in.

The Coach

The coaching-focused leader prioritizes team development over immediate achievement. Meeting goals is about the process, and providing feedback and instruction to make sure that members of the team are able to succeed in the project at hand, or on a more long-term basis. It's also a natural leadership style for many teachers, who are already accustomed to nurturing talent to hit milestones. In this role, the coaching leader often delegates tasks and responsibility to help team members understand and learn in a hands-on way.

Pro: This is a very forward-thinking leadership style, and encourages team members to set and achieve their own goals.
Con: It can be time-consuming to incorporate feedback and ongoing training. Also, if team members are resistant to learning, that can also slow overall progress.

The Visionary

The visionary leader is focused on innovating and improving outcomes. For these leaders, the status quo is less important than setting goals and improving how students learn, how teachers work in the classroom, etc. The visionary leader typically spends a lot of time brainstorming and engaging others in common goals.

Pro: Employees feel empowered to find new ways to accomplish goals.
Con: Sometimes focusing on the big picture can lead to neglect of the everyday, or less interesting tasks at hand.

— *Kate Lopaze, The Job Network*

INTERVIEW TIPS

6 Really smart answers to the toughest interview questions

You're in a job interview, and have been rocking all the usual questions that come your way. What's your five-year plan? Tell me about your last job. What brought you to this industry in the first place? Then there's a question that stumps you a little, and you pause. Uh oh, they've hit a gap in your prep, or touched on an uncomfortable subject.

How do you deal with tough questions that you didn't anticipate? **Let's look at some common tough interview questions, and some sample responses.**

I know everyone has a go-to "weakness" in these job interviews, but what's your real biggest weakness?

I tend to take on too much myself, because I have high standards and get impatient when others don't meet them. But I'm working on my delegating skills and learning how to let others do their jobs while I do mine.

Why do you have so many jobs on your resume? Do you consider yourself a "job hopper"?

No, I don't think of it that way. I have been very faithful to my vision when it comes to my career. I have very specific goals, long-term, and have taken advantage of growth opportunities along the way when certain jobs started to feel stagnant. For example, I left XYZ Corp because there was no room for professional development, no chance to be promoted. That's why I was so excited to hear about your opening here. This is the kind of place I can see myself growing and evolving for a long time.

Looking at your resume, you're awfully senior for this junior-level job. How do we know you won't jump ship as soon as something else comes along?

I'm a big believer that you can't always take a linear approach to your career, that it's about the quality of experience rather than the quantity. This job appeals to me because it's a chance to learn and grow in an area that interests me for the future, so to me that step back in seniority is an investment.

It looks like you have a significant gap on your resume, and your cover letter mentioned that you took time off to start a family. Will you be having more kids in the near future?

Taking time off was a choice that worked best at the time, but now I'm ready to move forward with the next phase, and focus fully on the next steps in my career.

Note: It's illegal for interviewers to ask about your family status, so if you get a sneaky question like this one, it's best to turn it into a general answer without giving specific information about your spouse, your family, your personal plans, etc.

Do you think you've peaked in your career?

Oh jeez, I hope not! But seriously, I don't think of a career as an uphill/downhill thing. I try to keep learning new things and finding new and better ways to do my job. So it's less about being on the way up or on the way down, and more about keeping things moving forward, no matter what.

How would you deal with a colleague who threw you under the bus for something that was their fault?

Office politics are always fun, right? Seriously, though, I'd start by taking it up with the person directly. I don't think there's anything to gain from publicly humiliating anyone, even if they just tried to do it to me. I'd also make sure that my boss privately understands the reality of what went on — what my role was in the issue, whether I shared any of the blame, or what I did to help resolve the problem.

If you're facing challenging questions, don't stress out too much, and don't let yourself get that "deer in headlights" look. The most important thing is to pivot the question into familiar territory — especially if you can use it to highlight one of your strengths, or emphasize your goals.

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John Fath, a project manager in financial technology, says he knows that phrase a little too well. "I've been the last man for three jobs in the past year — three jobs that I really wanted and three jobs where I knew I would do great things," says Fath, 42, who lives in St. Paul, Minnesota, with his wife and two sons. "It's a tough thing to hear, especially when you know you're so close."

Fath says it's easy for people to tell him he needs to get up and fight harder for the next job, but he doesn't think they realize how hard it is to do just that. "In November, I had three different interviews with a firm I really want to work for, including a final interview in Dallas with three partners," Fath says. "They flew me there and put me up in a great hotel and it just seemed like all signs pointed to me getting the job. Then I didn't. And now I'm supposed to fly back home and get started all over again? That's a tough thing to do."

Specific needs

Even though his interviews in Dallas went well, Fath says he felt the job offer slipping away when they asked specific questions about certain processes. "I didn't answer those too well because I don't deal in that specific area right now," he says. "I could tell that there were people in the room who were expecting that I knew those very specific answers, and I didn't."

Christine Emmanuel, a career coach in New York, says those specific questions are usually the factors that separate the hired from unhired. "As you move up the chain of authority, you're likely to run into people who aren't concerned about your work ethic and your accomplishments. What they want to know is do you know how to help them keep making money or make more money and will they have to wait around while you learn on the job?" Emmanuel says. "I find that a lot of candidates try to fake their way through an answer instead of being honest and offering an alternative response."

Emmanuel suggests saying something like "That sounds like a very specific issue. I'm not going to pretend that I know all the minutiae of what you're talking about, but I can give you an example from my previous job where I did this, this and this."

Basically, you're telling them that you understand the importance of the small steps. "Companies want big thinkers and great leaders but in an era where things can change overnight, executives want to know there will always be people who know how to run the shop," she says. "I'd say 50 years ago, there wasn't a manager in this country who

"The fact that you want the job is something that you should emphatically state in as many ways as you can without being annoying. When they ask you a question, your answer should stress or emphasize how you would love to have the opportunity to fix this or improve that. Every answer, every time."

couldn't get on his hands and knees and fix whatever needed to be fixed, but that changed in the '90s. Managers became the vision guys. They became the people with the MBAs who thought of new ways to solve problems without having real experience with those problems in the first place."

Assert yourself

Another factor in not getting that final offer may have something to do with a job candidate's final interview. "Most people know that they should definitely ask for the job, but many of them treat that aspect of the interview as the closing, the final thing they say on the way out," says Hannah Barowitz, a Los Angeles-based corporate speechwriter. "The fact that you want the job is something that you should emphatically state in as many ways as you can without being annoying. When they ask you a question, your answer should stress or emphasize how you would love to have the opportunity to fix this or improve that. Every answer, every time."

Desperate, confident? "No one needs to seem like they're begging for the job but you have to seem interested," she says. "I've talked to people who think that being flippant about a new position makes them appear strong. Like, 'Hey if you give me the job, great. If not, I've already got a great thing going with my current employer.' That's just stupid. Why would I hire that person?"

— Marco Buscaglia, Tribune Content Agency



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This time, there's no doubt:
Ramblers roll into Final 4 for the 1st time since 1963, will face Michigan

NCAA coverage, Pages 2-5

OPENING SHOT
Steve Rosenbloom
Seriously? They brought Loyola a nine seed in the Elite Eight after the Ramblers already had beaten a six, a three and a seven? A nine seed? Come on, NCAA. Are you already out of competition here? More, **Page 2**



< Loyola didn't need a hero Saturday night, but it had another star: Ben Richardson made 6 of 7 3-pointers en route to a game-high 23 points.

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STEVE ROSENBLIOM

Loyola finds new way to win

No. 11 seed Loyola opened the NCAA tournament by stripping a sixth-seeded Miami team into a lot more turnovers than it averaged all season.

Then came a game in which the Ramblers bodied up against a brawnier third-seeded Tennessee team.

That was followed by outrunning a more athletic seventh-seeded Nevada team.

The Ramblers were letting opponents pick the style of game and then beating them at it.

That's the sign of good coaching. That's the sign of poised players. That's the sign of a team acting as if it was only halfway to its expectation.

Audacity was wearing maroon and gold. And then in the Elite Eight on Saturday, the Ramblers ran into a Kansas State team that looked very much like themselves.

Bruce Weber's Wildcats were tough defenders but not as good offensively. After Loyola's chameleon-like wins in the tournament to that point, this seemed simple. Not easy. But simple. Play your game. Extend the dream. Grab that police escort to the Final Four.

Turned out I was wrong. It was easy. After trailing big in two games, the Ramblers jumped out to a 15-5 lead with less than six minutes gone.

By the time the Ramblers took a 19-7 lead, every starter had made a basket as they hit eight straight shots.

As the Ramblers went up by 11 near the end of the first half, the TBS broadcast noted that Kansas State had never come back to win a game in which it trailed by 10 or more.

By the time Loyola blew out to a 54-33 lead with less than seven minutes gone in the second half, San Antonio was getting fitted for Gryffindor's colors.

Things turned a little hairy with 5:10 to go, but Loyola had made it look so easy that it could afford to give up a 10-0 run and still have a double-digit lead.

To think, Weber's ninth-seeded Wildcats beat blue blood Kentucky to get to the Elite Eight, only to find out they were out-Cinderella'd. Outplayed too. Easily.

Just imagine: Loyola, a team whose three wins came by a total of four points was obliterating an opponent in the Elite Eight. Everyone saw that coming, right?

No matter. Everyone sees them going to the Final Four.



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The Ramblers huddle for a photo after defeating Kansas State to win the South Region.

Stevie Sunshine's Weekly Power Rankings:

- 1. Luscious
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- 4. Robustos
- 5. Sister Jean
- 6. Porter Moser
- 7. Yu Darvish's slider
- 8. Future ace Lucas Giolito
- 9. Colby Red Blend
- 10. The I'm Fat podcast's "March Fatness" brackets

ESPN signed deposed Bears coach John Fox as an analyst, and I'm thinking, well, yeah, you have to jump at the chance to hire the guy who says, "Football is 11 guys doing things."

Fox doesn't plan to say anything insightful on ESPN because he believes it will provide a competitive advantage to NBC.

And it ought to be a hoot when ESPN asks Fox to break down coaches' challenges.

The Falcons announced they hosted former Bears linebacker Pernell McPhee, or as Bears fans call it, triage.

The NFL is going to install a new catch rule. It doesn't clarify much, but at least it does it in fewer words.

Retired Browns left tackle Joe Thomas, recounting the era of former Browns coach Rob Chudzinski: "Both those days were outstanding."

The Blackhawks' goal differential plummeted to minus-22 after a 5-2 loss to the dreadful Canucks on Thursday, but remember they pounced on bagged teams to start the season and blew up to plus-13 after two games, which would make them a minus-35 since then, which would've made them third-worst in the Western Conference.

Jon Lester tweet Monday: "I'd like to give a happy birthday shout out to everyone's favorite AARP member, Mr. @D_Ross3. Rossy is 41 years old today and looking forward to wearing socks with his sandals. Love you buddy!"

What's up, Duane Sutter?

THE LINEUP

Getting a whole new look



A new design of **Sister Jean bobbleheads** became available for preorder Friday, but the first dolls won't get to customers until June.

The National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum, in partnership with the Loyola athletic department, revealed the look of the collectible — a collage of images to represent Ramblers team chaplain and 98-year-old superfan Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt.

The mold features her maroon and gold scarf and matching sneakers, a black blazer with Loyola's logo, a basketball in her hands and a base marked with the words "Loyola Chicago" and "Sister Jean." The original bobblehead, given away or sold in 2011 and 2015, featured the nun in a maroon blazer — and without that ever-present scarf.

Nearly 2,000 of the new bobbleheads had presold in a little more than 24 hours, according to an email from the museum Saturday evening. There has been such hot demand for the original bobblehead that some have sold on eBay for about \$380.

Bobblehead Hall of Fame CEO Phil Sklar called Sister Jean "one of those amazing feel-good March stories."

Added athletic director Steve Watson: "She is an amazing person and part of the fabric of what makes Loyola such a wonderful place. Most people never have their own bobblehead, but the fact that Sister Jean is about to get her second shows just how special she is."

Proceeds from the new doll — which costs \$33, shipping included, at bobbleheadhall.com/sisterjean — will benefit the Loyola Athletic Fund and the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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From left: Clayton Custer, Ben Richardson and Donte Ingram get the Loyola crowd fired up after Ingram makes a basket late in the Elite Eight victory over Kansas State at Phillips Arena.

SOUTH LOYOLA 78, KANSAS STATE 62

Ramblers take it easy

Final Four dream a reality: Loyola rolls past K-State, earns date with Michigan

BY SHANNON RYAN | Chicago Tribune

ATLANTA — In late September, Loyola legend Jerry Harkness stopped by Gentile Arena to watch the Ramblers' first practice of the season.

"This team, they're going to do something special," he said he told a former teammate.

As Harkness sat behind the bench Saturday with other members of Loyola's historic 1963 team, he realized his first impression of this team was accurate. Fifty-five years after the historic 1963 national championship, the 2018 Ramblers made their own history.

The Ramblers, the No. 11 seed in the South Region, improbably returned to the Final Four. They did it with relative ease, with a 78-62 blowout against ninth-seeded Kansas State and its vaunted defense.

Loyola, tucked away near Lake Michigan in Rogers Park on the North Side and often forgotten in a city obsessed with professional sports, earned the city's biggest victory since the Cubs won Game 7 of the 2016 World Series.

Like Harkness, coach Porter Moser was quick to remind reporters that his team didn't just start playing this way in March. Locked-in defense, unselfish scoring and sweet passing have been Loyola basketball staples all season. It's a team that relishes the detailed critiques offered in the "Get Better" videos shown after every game.

"This is not something where it just started," Moser said. "These guys have been investing for a long time on how hard they worked, how hard they believed, and we've kind of had this mantra about the process."

Fans waved their maroon and gold scarves above their heads as their chants of "L-U-C" changed to "Final Four." Players poured confetti on themselves. The band played "Sweet Home Chicago" as players cut down the nets. Moser hopped over press row for a long embrace with his wife and four kids, and assistant coaches sought out their fathers and brothers in the stands.

Loyola (32-5) will face Michigan (32-7) in the Final Four on Saturday in San Antonio.

Teammates lifted Ben Richardson after a voice over a Phillips Arena loud speaker



Coach Porter Moser hugs freshman Lucas Williamson in the final moments Saturday.

announced he was the South Region's most outstanding player after he scored a career-high 23 points.

Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt, the team's 98-year-old chaplain, sat gleefully in her wheelchair, watching the celebration unfold as she has through each game of this incredible run.

Players wore Final Four T-shirts and tied snips of the net into their caps. They expect the party in Chicago to be just as lit when they return there Sunday.

"To bring the joy to the city and make everybody happy in the city of Chicago is crazy," said senior Donte Ingram, who played high school hoops at Simeon. "The buzz going around campus and town, it's totally different. It's on the rise and I expect it to go up even more."

Harkness, who played in the historic "Game of Change" during the 1963 tournament, was struck with emotion in the final seconds as he realized the Ramblers were once again among the college basketball elite.

"It's back. It's back," said Harkness, 77, as players more than a half-century younger celebrated around him. "It's beautiful that they went before I went into a hole in the ground."

Loyola, picked in the preseason to finish

third in the Missouri Valley Conference, became the first team from the state to reach the Final Four since Illinois in 2005. That team, of course, was coached by Bruce Weber, who coached Loyola's opponent Saturday.

The Ramblers are the fourth No. 11 seed to advance to the Final Four, following LSU in 1986, George Mason in 2006 and VCU in 2011.

After rallying to win each of their previous three games to reach the Elite Eight, the Ramblers rolled into the Final Four. They controlled the game from tipoff while making Kansas State's vaunted defense appear helpless.

Richardson was the hero, but he didn't need to make a shot in the final seconds as Ingram, Clayton Custer and Marques Townes did in wins over Miami, Tennessee and Nevada. Richardson delivered from tipoff until he checked out the game with 34.6 seconds left and was met with a Moser bear hug.

Richardson, the MVC's defensive player of the year, shot 7 of 10 from the floor, hitting 6 of 7 3-pointers while adding four assists and six rebounds. He had already reached his season-high point total with 14 minutes to play.

BIG NUMBER

4 No. 11 seeds to make the Final Four. Loyola follows in the footsteps of LSU (1986), George Mason (2006) and VCU (2011). All three lost in the national semifinals, so if Loyola is able to beat Michigan in the Final Four, they would become the lowest seed to make an NCAA tournament championship game.

After hitting a 3-pointer and drawing a foul in the second half, he lay on the court smiling and exhausted, spreading his arms as though he were about to make a snow angel.

"I felt like I was in a rhythm," he said. "I got a good look to start the game, and that kind of started me off. And then I hit a contested one, and then after that I was really in a rhythm. The rim starts to look a little bit bigger."

Shooting 57.4 percent from the field with 17 assists, Loyola's offense was clicking. Its defense held the Wildcats to 34.8 percent shooting.

You know it's your night when the officials correct a basket nearly four minutes later from a 2-pointer to a 3-pointer as they did in the beginning of the second half on a long jumper by Ingram.

Loyola showed it can win in a multitude of ways.

After trailing 15-6 in the second round against Tennessee and 20-8 against Nevada in the Sweet 16, Loyola burst out of the gates against Kansas State. The team had emphasized avoiding a slow start this time.

The Ramblers built a 19-7 lead and connected on eight consecutive shots in the first half to control the game 36-24 at halftime.

After Kansas State took a 5-4 lead, the Wildcats never led again as Loyola went ahead by as many as 23 points. Loyola's best game of the tournament was also its biggest blowout since a 19-point Feb. 21 victory against Southern Illinois.

The Ramblers won their previous three games by a combined margin of four points. But they proved they aren't solely driven by luck or divine intervention.

"These guys, I'll tell you, they're going to win it all," Harkness said. "I'm not saying it because they're Loyola. I'm saying it because they're magnificent."

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WEST MICHIGAN 58, FLORIDA STATE 54

Wolverines get job done with 'great' defense

They limit 'Noles to 7 baskets in 2nd half, hold on for victory

BY GREG BEACHAM
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — With more defensive will than shooting skill, Michigan muscled its way back to the Final Four.

Charles Matthews scored 17 points and the Wolverines earned their first Final Four berth since 2013 with a 58-54 victory over Florida State on Saturday night in the West Region final.

Moe Wagner added 12 points as No. 3

seed Michigan (32-7) earned its 13th consecutive victory by persevering through a defense-dominated second half and holding off a late charge from the ninth-seeded Seminoles (23-12), who had already knocked off three higher-seeded opponents on the school's longest NCAA tournament run since 1993.

With tenacious defense and just enough made free throws down the stretch, the Wolverines hung on and advanced to San Antonio next weekend to face Loyola (32-5).

"I said (at halftime) we're shooting 33 percent," Michigan coach John Beilein said. "That might change in the second half,

but we've got to understand we may not make shots. (But) we're still going to win the game with our defense.

"(I said) we've just got to hang in there. Don't give them second shots, try and take away the 3 and the drive. We did a great job on defense."

The Wolverines discovered early on that they wouldn't be able to run away from the Seminoles with the same ease with which they dispatched Texas A&M in the Sweet 16. Michigan scored 99 points on nearly 62 percent shooting against the Aggies.

Instead, defense and turnovers dominated the regional final in the first half, which ended with Michigan up 27-26

despite managing only one field goal and missing four free throws in the final eight-plus minutes.

Phil Cofer scored Florida State's only two baskets in the final seven minutes while the teams combined for 22 turnovers in the first half.

The Seminoles managed only two points in a 10-plus-minute stretch spanning halftime, and Michigan took a 10-point lead before Cofer led Florida State back into it.

Cofer scored 16 points to lead the Seminoles (23-13), who missed 23 of 30 shots in the second half. But they were able to stay close thanks to the Wolverines' own offensive struggles.

NCAA TOURNAMENT

Sunday is favorite day

Wright's urgent message to his top-seeded Wildcats: You've got to want it more

BY JIMMY GOLEN | Associated Press

BOSTON — When Villanova coach Jay Wright talks to his players about their 2016 national championship, he wants them to remember what it felt like before they took the court, not after they cut down the nets.

"There's a certain hunger when you've never been there that can elevate you, that you just want it so bad," he said Saturday as his team prepared to play Elite Eight newcomer Texas Tech on Sunday for a spot in the NCAA Final Four.

"When you're in it for the first time and you're advancing, you're so excited," Wright said. "You're so hungry. That can be your advantage. We've got to remain humble and we've got to be more hungry than Texas Tech and then hope some of our experience pays off."

No. 1 seed Villanova will face the third-seeded Red Raiders at TD Garden, a matchup of tournament veterans against a team that is so unfamiliar with this level of March Madness that coach Chris Beard had to ask his players what the next round is called.

"We just made the — what's it called? The Great Eight?" he asked his players Friday after beating Purdue to advance past the Sweet 16 for the first time in the program's 93-year history.

"Elite," guard Keenan Evans corrected him.

"The Elite Eight our second year together," Beard said. "We're blessed to be here, but we've earned the right to be here."

Villanova (33-4) has made seven trips to the Sweet 16 just since Wright arrived in 2001, going on to the Elite Eight four times while making two trips to the Final Four. They won it all in 2016 and last year bowed out in the second round.

That set off alarms for Wright.

"It felt like our team last year, that kind of hit us," he said. "We had two similar seasons in a row. You go into the NCAA tournament, you're a 1 (seed versus a) 16. It's crazy to say, but I kind of felt like it was just business as usual."

Guard Phil Booth said Wright hasn't done anything differently to keep the team hungry. But he doesn't need to.

Only four current players were on the roster when the Wildcats beat North Carolina for the 2016 title, including Booth and guards Mikal Bridges and Jalen Brunson.

"I don't think this team needs any pumping up," Booth said. "I don't think anybody feels complacent."

Here are some other storylines for Sunday's game:

Conference call: As Texas Tech (27-9) practiced Saturday, the Big 12 could claim two of the final eight teams in the tournament, with Kansas facing Duke on Sunday. That wasn't surprising to the Red Raiders, considering the conference schedule they had to slog through.

"We battled every night," Evans said. "Close games, just like tournaments are, and tournament teams every night in the Big 12. So it definitely prepared us for this."

The Red Raiders went 11-7 in the conference, losing four straight in February. But the last two were to ranked teams, Kansas and West Virginia. They lost again to the Mountaineers in the conference tournament.

The Big 12 put seven teams in the NCAA tournament, and four advanced to the Sweet 16.

"The Big 12 is just a grind. It's well-documented," Beard said. "Hall of Fame coaches. Every team has NBA prospects. ... The grind is just brutal when you're in it, but it does pay dividends when you get out of the tunnel."

Pitch imperfect: The big debate in the Texas Tech locker room is about music. More specifically: Some of the players think Beard plays too much country music.

In Lubbock, Texas, them's fightin' words. "We have a deal where they get three songs and I get one," Beard explained. "That's the ratio. Unless we lose, and then I get three, and they get one. So, win. It's a winner's world."

Evans said he is warming to it. Some of it. "I don't know any of the song names," Evans said, "but you'll catch me singing along to some of them."

Ever the coach, Beard used it as an opportunity for teaching.

"Diversity is the spice of life," he said. "That's what makes our country great. Look at the room today, everybody's different. Diversity is America. Diversity is the beauty in life."



EAST REGION

(1) Villanova (33-4) vs.

(3) Texas Tech (27-9)

1:20 p.m. Sunday, CBS-2

The Wildcats fell behind West Virginia by six points with 11 minutes remaining in the regional semifinal. Villanova then struck like a tsunami, outscoring the Mountaineers 22-6 over the next five minutes to put it away. For the 2016 NCAA champion to return to the Final Four, it will have to get through a game Texas Tech squad that handled Purdue in the Sweet 16. The matchup to watch pits Wildcats guard Jalen Brunson against the Red Raiders' Keenan Evans. They are their teams' top scorers and control the action. In coach Chris Beard's second season, Texas Tech is in the Elite Eight for the first time.

Villanova's Jalen Brunson, top, and Texas Tech's Keenan Evans
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MIDWEST REGION

No. 1 Kansas (30-7) vs.

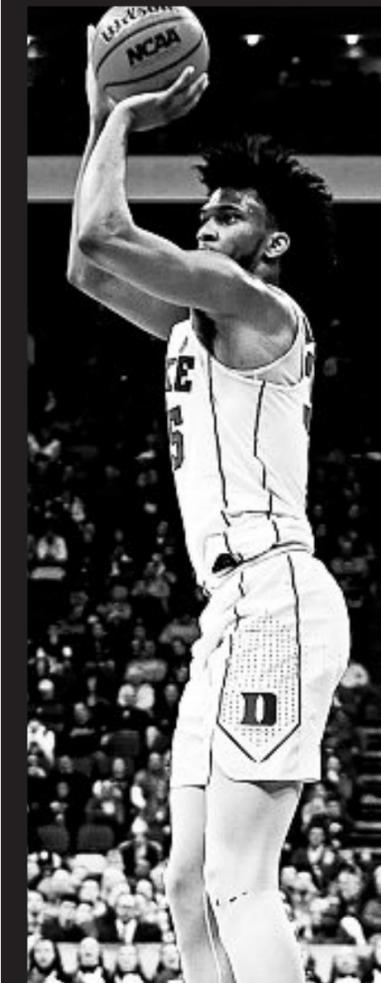
No. 2 Duke (29-7)

4:05 p.m. Sunday, CBS-2

The only region in which the top two seeds pushed through, Kansas and Duke are meeting in the NCAAs for the sixth time since 1986, with the Blue Devils leading 3-2. After opening a 20-point lead, the Jayhawks held off Clemson in the Sweet 16. Kansas is looking to break through to the Final Four after falling in the previous two regional finals. Duke looks to return to the Final Four for the first time since winning the 2015 national title. The key matchup: Duke's inside strength, led by freshman Marvin Bagley III, and Kansas' Devonte' Graham-led backcourt.

— Kansas City Star

Kansas' Devonte' Graham, top, and Duke's Marvin Bagley III
GETTY PHOTOS



In tourney of Cinderellas, big upsets, No. 1 Kansas, No. 2 Duke buck trend

BY LUKE MEREDITH | Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — In a tournament defined by unpredictability, one regional final makes sense.

No. 1 Kansas and No. 2 Duke will square off in the Midwest final Sunday for the last spot in the Final Four — and the stakes are huge even by Elite Eight standards.

Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski is looking to make his 13th Final Four, which would break a tie with UCLA legend John Wooden. Kansas coach Bill Self, who recently joined Krzyzewski and Wooden in the Naismith Hall of Fame, is hoping to snap a two-year losing streak in regional finals and improve a 2-7 record in Elite Eights.

After scores of upsets produced some rather strange matchups elsewhere, it'll be "Rock, Chalk, Jayhawk" versus Coach K and the Blue Devils in a classic finale.

"It's great when you have two programs of this status play for a Final Four berth," Krzyzewski said. "I think it's great for the sport."

Said Self: "It'll be a tough game, but it's going to be a fun game. We've got our hands full, but we like to think they have their hands full too."

As for the latest chapter in the series, the top-seeded Jayhawks (30-7) are more like a plucky underdog — at least by their high standards.

They clawed their way into their third straight regional final as a No. 1 behind teamwork and a toughness that wasn't always there in the winter. The last two victories, over Seton Hall and Clemson, came by just four points apiece, but Kansas has won six straight postseason games.

The second-seeded Blue Devils (29-7) and their cadre of ridiculously talented freshmen appear to be rounding into title-contending form. Duke cruised through to the Sweet 16 but then had to survive a furious challenge from ACC rival Syracuse and its bewildering 2-3 zone Friday night.

The young Blue Devils have flourished under the leadership of senior captain Grayson Allen, who is 12-2 in the NCAA tournament.

"We're both here for a reason," Duke star Marvin Bagley III said. "It'll be a good one."

Here are some of the key story lines:

Graham vs. Grayson: For all the talk about the young stars on each team, each is run by a standout senior guard coming off a so-so game. Devonte' Graham, the Big 12 Player of the Year for Kansas, shot just 4 of 12 in an 80-76 victory over Clemson, and Allen was just 3 of 14 on 3-pointers in a 69-65 win over the Orange. But Krzyzewski and Self expect their veteran leaders to bounce back. "He's the best intangibles guy we've ever had here," Self said of Graham.

MB3 vs. Duke: It's a good thing Kansas sophomore big man Udoka Azubuike is fully healthy after a strained ligament in his left knee kept him out of the Big 12 tournament because Bagley, who had 22 points and seven rebounds against Syracuse, promises to be a handful. Azubuike played an NCAA tournament-high 25 minutes against Clemson, scoring 14 points with 11 rebounds. Keeping Azubuike out of foul trouble will be crucial for Kansas.

Blue vs. Blue: Duke and Kansas have met previously in the NCAA tournament, most notably in 1991 when the Blue Devils won 72-65 for the first of consecutive championships. The teams' last tournament matchup was in the 2003 Sweet 16, when the Jayhawks won 69-65 behind coach Roy Williams, who left Lawrence to take over at North Carolina shortly after that season.

The numbers: Kansas ranks second all time in wins with 2,247, and Duke is fourth at 2,144. ... This is the Jayhawks' 22nd appearance in the Elite Eight, third-most in history. Duke is playing in its 21st regional final. The Blue Devils are 9-6 against No. 1 seeds. ... Kansas earned its third straight 30-win season Friday, a few hours before Krzyzewski picked up his 1,100th career victory. ... Self is 2-5 in the Elite Eight at Kansas. He also lost regional finals at Tulsa and Illinois before taking the KU job.

He said it: "When you start thinking about (breaking records), you can rationalize. And rationalization is one of the things that stops people from continued excellence because they live in the past. And then they stop adapting and they stop getting hungry." — Krzyzewski, when asked about potentially passing Wooden in Final Four appearances.

NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

Ogunbowale, Mabrey lift Notre Dame within 1 game of Final 4

Associated Press

Arike Ogunbowale scored 27 points and Marina Mabrey added 25, hitting a career-high seven 3-pointers, to help top-seeded Notre Dame beat Texas A&M 90-84 on Saturday in the NCAA regional semifinals in Spokane, Wash.

The Irish will play in the Elite Eight for the seventh time in the last eight seasons against Oregon, which eliminated Central Michigan 83-69.

The Fighting Irish (32-3) rallied from a 13-point first-half deficit and are back in

their familiar spot of playing for a trip to the Final Four.

"We got down big," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "We've been down in other games. We feel like we are poised and can come back."

It took a fantastic shooting performance from Mabrey and some key contributions late from Ogunbowale and Jackie Young for Notre Dame to hold off Chennedy Carter and the Aggies. Young had three key baskets in the final five minutes and finished with 15 points. Mabrey was 7 of 11 on 3-pointers, and the Irish made 10 of 18 shots from

behind the arc.

"I practiced for it," Mabrey said with a grin. "When the shots are open, they're a little bit easier to make. My teammates are finding me in great positions."

Carter finished with 31 points and seven assists. Aarion Howard added 26 points and 14 rebounds for the Aggies (26-10).

Notre Dame shot 53 percent and put up 90 points despite barely getting to the free-throw line, where they were 6 of 8.

This was the first tournament meeting between the Aggies and Irish since the 2011 national championship game.

Oregon (33-4), which earned a second consecutive trip to the Elite Eight with its 12th win in a row, got 23 points and 14 rebounds from Ruthy Hebard.

UConn, South Carolina advance: Napheesa Collier had 16 points and 11 rebounds to help top-seed UConn beat Duke 72-59 and advance to the Elite Eight for the 13th consecutive season.

UConn (35-0) will face defending national champ South Carolina (29-6), which got 20 points and 13 rebounds from A'ja Wilson in its 79-63 win over Buffalo.

CUBS

All about the 2018 season

If once-lovable losers turn into perennial winners, they still will be hard to hate



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

The parade has been over for 17 months now, but the legacy of the Cubs' championship season remains untouched as they prepare for the 2018 campaign.

The 14 holdovers from the '16 World Series roster are all golden, knowing their place in Chicago sports history already is sealed.

President Theo Epstein is Teflon, successfully having drawn up the plan that finally ended the 107-year-long drought in 2016.

Wrigley Field is a giant ATM, spewing out more and more revenue for the Cubs owners with each expensive new add-on.

And manager Joe Maddon is a statue-to-be-sculpted later, with only its location outside Wrigley a question mark.

The so-called foundation for sustained success that Epstein repeatedly mentioned in 2011 has proved to be sound, and the Cubs enter the year after the year after *the year* as overwhelming favorites to win another National League Central title and compete for a second World Series championship in three seasons.

Waiting for October, once an annual pipe dream on the North Side, has become standard operating procedure at the start of each season.

But the Cubs aren't exactly a dynasty yet, even if they play one on TV. Sure, they have earned a spot alongside the prime-time triumvirate of the Yankees, Red Sox and Dodgers, and you will see plenty of their games broadcast nationally this year.

The national media also loves the Cubs, not to mention the photogenic ballpark they play in, and with David Ross, Rick Sutcliffe and Ryan Dempster spreading the Cubs gospel as baseball analysts for ESPN and MLB Network, there's seldom a discouraging word heard nationally about your local heroes.

A million or so Cub bloggers also agree their team is great, and of course mlb.com is quite fond them as well.

With all those platitudes flowing freely toward the corner of Clark and Addison streets, are the Cubs in danger of turning into one of those teams America loves to hate, like the Yankees or Duke?

Has success killed the Cubs' lovability?

We soon may find out. The goal is to win, of course. The Cubs don't have to apologize for their success, and their fans can't be faulted for their newfound confidence in all things Cubs, a stark change from the "Oh, no!" attitude that ended with the final out of Game 7 against the



Indians in Cleveland.

But the Red Sox model, which the Cubs often follow to a T, proves the path from perennial underdogs to insufferable winners can be difficult to avoid. The rise of Red Sox Nation coincided with the end of the Red Sox as a team you could root for, unless, of course, you were born that way.

Certainly Cubs fans always will love their team. But outside the Cubs bubble, perhaps they're becoming an organization that's easier to root against, like the Yankees under George Steinbrenner's ownership.

"In a perverse way, isn't that high praise?" Maddon said. "I'm not (worried).

"Listen, it's an interesting concept. Here's the thing about us, though — and I'm not trying to separate us from them or saying we're better. I think our guys are very appealing."

Maddon mentioned Kris Bryant and Anthony Rizzo as two stars with national appeal, then snapped off the names of other young Cubs.

"Javy (Baez)? People love Javy for the way he plays and things he does," he said. "Addison (Russell), (Kyle) Schwarber, (Willson) Contreras ... I could keep going down the list.

"I think our guys are likable, so it's hard to wear the black hat. If you think about it, part of our attraction is we're good, with some really good guys."

The Yankees always had a Reggie Jackson, a Roger Clemens or an Alex Rodriguez to boo. The Red Sox of the post-drought era included such villains as Curt

Schilling, Manny Ramirez, Josh Beckett and Jonathan Papelbon. Their owner, John Henry, is so self-absorbed you would think he was personally responsible for the '04 and '07 titles.

The Epstein-era Cubs haven't had any true villains, unless you count John Lackey, who apparently has retired.

"Johnny was an easy foil, absolutely," Maddon said with a laugh. Maddon argued his players are motivated, humble, accountable and hard-working. In the off-season the Cubs added Yu Darvish, Brandon Morrow, Tyler Chatwood and Steve Cishek, all of whom seem to be good guys.

So what's not to like? "Listen, our guys get it," Maddon said. "We just don't have black hat kind of guys."

The days of Milton Bradley and Carlos Zambrano seem like ancient history.

Other than limited partner Betsy DeVos, the controversial U.S. Department of Education secretary, and outspoken business operations president Crane Kenney, there really are no polarizing figures to be found in the Cubs' 376-page media guide. Even Tommy La Stella managed to change his image this spring.

Perhaps the one who receives the most barbs is Maddon himself, and that usually doesn't begin until the postseason. Giants broadcaster and former Cubs pitcher Mike Krukow was one of those critics who ripped Maddon even after the Cubs won the World Series.

"As it turned out, they won despite him, despite his over-

managing," Krukow said afterward. "And it'll be forgotten by a lot of people, but it won't be forgotten by me and a lot of people."

Maddon was criticized again last October for inserting Lackey in the ninth inning of a tied Game 2 of the NL Championship Series, instead of using closer Wade Davis. Justin Turner hit a game-winning home run, and Maddon absorbed more heat while shrugging it off.

Cubs executives wonder why Maddon gets so much grief after what he has accomplished here, and Rizzo hinted success has spoiled some fans.

"Joe has won every year — 100 games and (92) last year," he said. "If you're criticizing that, you need to take a step back as a fan and rethink what you're saying. If you're taking these times for granted, go back 107 years. What's going on right now, 20 years from now, you're going to be telling your kids and grandkids about (us).

"These are good times, and Joe is the main reason. He runs the ship."

Maddon's success and gift of gab make him an easy target, but in truth, he doesn't really fit the black hat mode either.

So maybe the Cubs can win every year and still be "the Cubs," a team with national appeal and a collective lack of pretense.

And perhaps their fans can avoid being perceived as arrogant, a tag often attached to their peers in New England.

This is a Cubs team that's easy to like, and hard to hate ... unless it's in your genes.

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— Cubs manager Joe Maddon

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2018 OPENER
Cubs at Marlins
11:40 a.m. Thursday, WGN-9

HOME OPENER
Pirates at Cubs
1:20 p.m. April 9, ABC-7

ABOVE
Kris Bryant and Anthony Rizzo embrace at the World Series ring ceremony last year.
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CUBS NOTES

Caratini beats out veteran Gimenez for job as backup catcher

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — The Cubs believe 24-year-old **Victor Caratini** will benefit more as a major-league backup catcher than he would in the minor leagues.

That was a big factor in the team's decision to select Caratini for the job — at least to start the season — over the more experienced **Chris Gimenez**.

"(Caratini) might not get enough opportunity to play enough in the beginning," manager **Joe Maddon** said Saturday. "However ... going through the

preparation every day and getting some action ... is that as valuable for him as it is for him at Triple-A (Iowa), where he's done a good job in the past and you know he can do that?"

Starting catcher **Willson Contreras** will not yield much playing time. But the Cubs believe that the switch-hitting Caratini can handle backup duties without stunting his development.

Caratini batted .254 in 31 games with the Cubs last season. In 292 at-bats at Triple-A Iowa he batted .342 with 10 home runs and 61 RBIs.

Gimenez, 35, will report to

Iowa, but he can ask for his release by June 1 if he has not been promoted by then.

That two-month window will give the Cubs ample time to assess whether Caratini can still develop as a major-league backup or if he should be optioned to Iowa.

"We felt this was the right thing to do right now," Maddon said. "We also felt if it doesn't play well for Victor, getting enough at-bats, it's always something we can flip-flop at some point."

Weighing Strop: The Cubs were assessing the health of reliever **Pedro Strop**, who was to make

his second appearance Saturday night.

"If we're not satisfied with his health, then you got to do something else," Maddon said.

That would create two openings, with **Eddie Butler** (who started a split-squad game Saturday night against the Mariners), **Justin Hancock**, **Anthony Bass** and **Kyle Ryan** in contention.

Back to basics: As the Cubs concluded their last workout, Maddon was reminded about the "cavalier" effort put into cutoff and relay drills that forced him to install remedial drills in 2015.

"You always have those one or two dudes (thinking), I'm a big leaguer. We don't need to do that stuff anymore," Maddon said. "There's not a more annoying phrase out of anyone's mouth when they don't think they have to do anything anymore because they think they're beyond that."

"Players today don't have a lot of the fundamental base they need, and it has to be taught on the major-league level. So for the group that always has fought that, I would be wary of that person fighting it. Because more often than not, they were lacking in some of those areas."

WHITE SOX

All about the 2019 season

Focus of this year is really next year as Sox rebuild gets underway for real



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the White Sox

Every rebuild has its honeymoon period, and the White Sox currently are in the midst of theirs.

For the time being, few fans venturing out to Sox Park are going to complain about unforced errors, blown saves or outfielders running into each other as a fly ball drops between them. Fans still can grumble about the bad umpiring, of course, but since no one expects a winner in 2018, the major-league team isn't going to be held to a particularly high standard.

The focus is on what's in store down the road, and for Sox fans there's plenty.

Michael Kopech, Eloy Jimenez, Dylan Cease and Luis Robert all showed glimpses this spring of why they are considered among the top prospects in the game, even as Jimenez and Robert suffered injuries and Kopech fell flat on his face in his last two outings in spring training.

The Sox's spring was like a sneak preview to a movie that won't come out for months, simply whetting appetites before the start of the main attraction.

Snapshots of the future were everywhere one looked.

Cease, 22, was throwing 98 mph with ease as he pitched 6 1/3 shutout innings while striking out nine. He will start out in Class A.

Robert, 20, hit a grand slam with a sprained left thumb. He also is going to Class A after rehabbing the thumb for a couple of months.

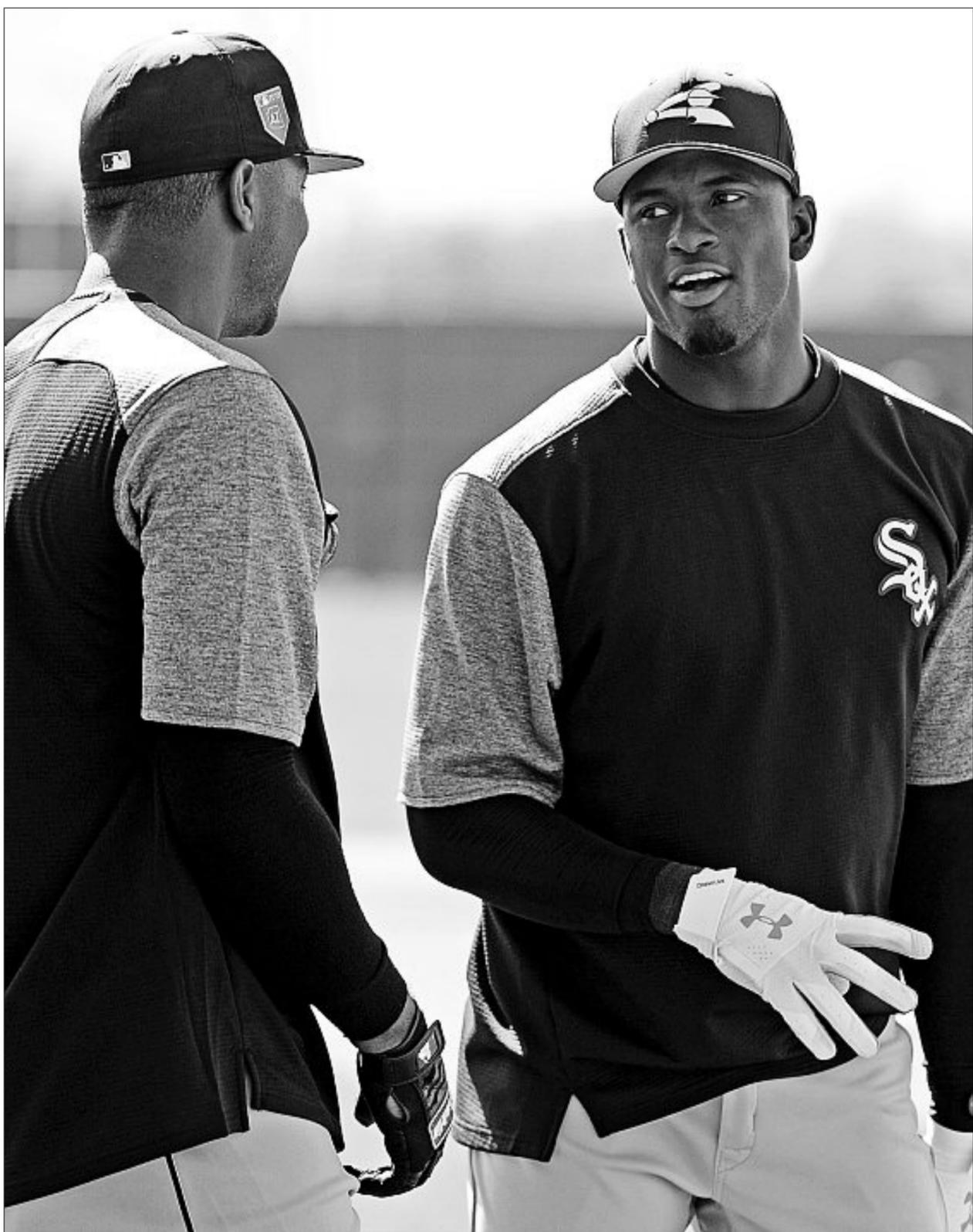
And Jimenez, 21, went home run/home run/triple in his first three Cactus League at-bats after a two-week layoff, causing even the most jaded observers at Camelback Ranch to text the "Hm" emoji to their friends back home. Jimenez is headed to Double A, where Frank Thomas was in 1990 when he jumped from Birmingham to the Sox on his way to the Hall of Fame.

In a perfect dream Jimenez and Kopech, who is headed to Triple-A Charlotte, would arrive on the South Side the same day, just as Thomas and Alex Fernandez did in the summer of 1990.

"It would be pretty cool if it worked out that way," Sox general manager Rick Hahn said. "But they're going to dictate the timing of that."

"There's only a 20 percent chance Eloy is ready the same day Kopech is ready to make his major-league debut as a starter, given our rotation. So I wouldn't count on it, but ..."

But Kopech is much closer than Jimenez?



"He's certainly closer than Eloy, I would say," Hahn said. "Well, actually, that's not entirely fair. Kopech is 21 years old, has like 15 innings above Double A and a career high of 135 (or) 137 innings over the course of a season. Last year was the first year he took the ball every fifth day."

"(We) don't necessarily want to throw him into the big leagues, which is more intense innings and a little more trying physically, until (he has) a good base to build off and (we're) not pushing him too deep on an innings load."

"Eloy is 20 and has spent three weeks above A ball. Obviously (he has) a world of ability, a world of confidence (and is) a fairly unflappable guy who is ready for the next challenge. ... Hitters make it pretty clear when they're ready."

As "Dumb and Dumber's" Lloyd Christmas would say: "So you're telling me there's a chance?"

Perhaps it's better for the Sox to stagger their arrivals, as the Cubs did in 2015 with Kris Bryant, then Addison Russell, then Kyle Schwarber. Waves create a wonderful sense of continuity.

And debuts are now a big deal. The anticipation in the stands on the day of Yoan Moncada's Sox debut last summer provided a ballpark buzz that will be remembered.

Now that so many teams have opted for the tear-down/build-up strategy, there are plenty of plans fans can use to measure the Sox's progress. The Royals' plan took several years to come to fruition, while the Brewers went from

start-up to contender in their second year.

Could the Sox go to maximum warp speed to fast-forward the rebuild?

It already seems they're ahead of their own projections. Hahn said he was able to accomplish their player acquisition goals "a little quicker than we anticipated," but he pointed to the 2018 draft, when the Sox pick fourth, and the summer trading period as mile markers on the road of stockpiling young talent.

"But in terms of the speed with which we were able to accomplish those goals in the past year, yeah, in all honesty we're a little ahead of where we anticipated being right now," Hahn said. "But we always knew it was going to bleed into this development stage, where we were going to have to be patient and ... allow these guys to not only develop and show what they're capable of doing but differentiate themselves from one another (and) seize that opportunity to show they're part of that core going forward."

Whatever the Sox do, they appear to have the blessings of most of their fan base. Hahn's Q-rating remains high, and there's little question Sox fans have bought in.

They saw it work on the North Side. And older fans recall a similar Sox rebuild in the early '90s featuring Thomas, Fernandez, Jack McDowell and Robin Ventura, not to mention the 2000 season when Paul Konerko took control of a young Sox team that came out of nowhere to win the American League Central.

When it starts clicking, it's a lot of fun to watch.

"I got stopped a decent amount (in Arizona) by Sox fans saying how happy they are with the direction, how it has been communicated and thus far how the plan has been executed," Hahn said. "We don't expect that to last into perpetuity."

The promise of better days ahead can be both a gift and a curse. It gives the rebuild architects cover for a couple of years, but it also means they have to finish the job before all that goodwill runs out.

If this rebuild flops, the Sox will be behind the eight ball for years, especially if the Cubs continue to thrive.

The outcome never is guaranteed, but the more talent a team brings in, the better the chance it eventually will work. And rest assured the Sox aren't done hoarding.

"People are going to want to see progress from our young players, realizing not everyone is going to advance at the same pace," Hahn said. "And they're going to want to see us be proactive when the time is right to round out the roster once we're in a position to win."

"We're thrilled with how fans have received this. But we know we bear a responsibility to make clear where we're at and back up our words with action."

The seeds are being planted. Now sit back, relax and watch 'em grow.

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— White Sox GM Rick Hahn

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2018 OPENER

White Sox at Royals

3:15 p.m. Thursday, NBCSCH

HOME OPENER

Tigers at White Sox

3:10 p.m. April 5, NBCSCH

ABOVE

Luis Robert, left, and Eloy Jimenez begin '18 in the minors but won't stay too long.
RON VESELY/GETTY

WHITE SOX NOTES

Fulmer has good outing, earns nod as No. 5 starter over Santiago

BY FABIAN ARDAYA
Chicago Tribune

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The battle for the back end of the White Sox rotation played out in real time Saturday at Camelback Ranch.

Right-hander **Carson Fulmer**, the favorite for the final slot, faced Rangers minor-leaguers on the back fields in what should be his final audition before opening day. Left-hander **Hector Santiago**, a non-roster invitee back for a second go-round with the Sox, started against the Dodgers.

It appears the battle has, at least temporarily, been decided. Fulmer

is expected to begin the season as the No. 5 starter, with Santiago taking a swingman role.

"I'd be lying if I said I didn't have any pressures," Fulmer said. "I wanted to take advantage of the opportunity, and I tried to do too much. It got me into trouble. Once I got over that, I calmed down and pitched how I usually do."

Said Santiago: "I threw the ball well but never got stretched out. I think that's a part of their plan. They have a bunch of prospects, are in the rebuilding process and giving them a shot. (Fulmer's) going to be a starter in their future, so give him a shot. I'll go to the pen

and have no problem with that."

With fellow young hurlers **Lucas Giolito** and **Reynaldo Lopez** watching, Fulmer pitched 5 1/3 innings, allowing an earned run with seven strikeouts and, perhaps most importantly for him, only two walks.

Santiago battled early trouble, allowing three of the first four Dodgers to reach, culminating with a three-run homer on a breaking ball to **Austin Barnes**.

Santiago did not allow another run, and after ditching his long sleeves before the third inning he faced the minimum six batters to complete his four innings in an

eventual 7-3 win.

Fulmer has been plagued with command issues throughout the spring, allowing more than a walk and a run per inning through five starts. He struggled to a 5.79 ERA in 25 outings with Triple-A Charlotte last season but excelled in September with the Sox, posting a 1.64 ERA in 22 innings.

Bullpen battles: Right-handers **Bruce Rondon** and **Jeanmar Gomez**, two of five relievers battling for the final three spots in the Sox bullpen, were reassigned to minor-league camp.

The non-roster invitees were

competing with returning relievers **Juan Minaya**, **Gregory Infante** and **Aaron Bummer**. With the bullpen situation figured out, the roster stands at 27. Injured left-hander **Carlos Rodon** holds one of the roster spots, making backup catcher — **Omar Narvaez** or **Kevan Smith** — the lone decision left to be made.

Rondon and Gomez were effective, with Rondon allowing one run in five appearances and Gomez allowing his first run of the spring Friday in his sixth outing.

Fabian Ardaya is a freelance reporter for the Chicago Tribune.



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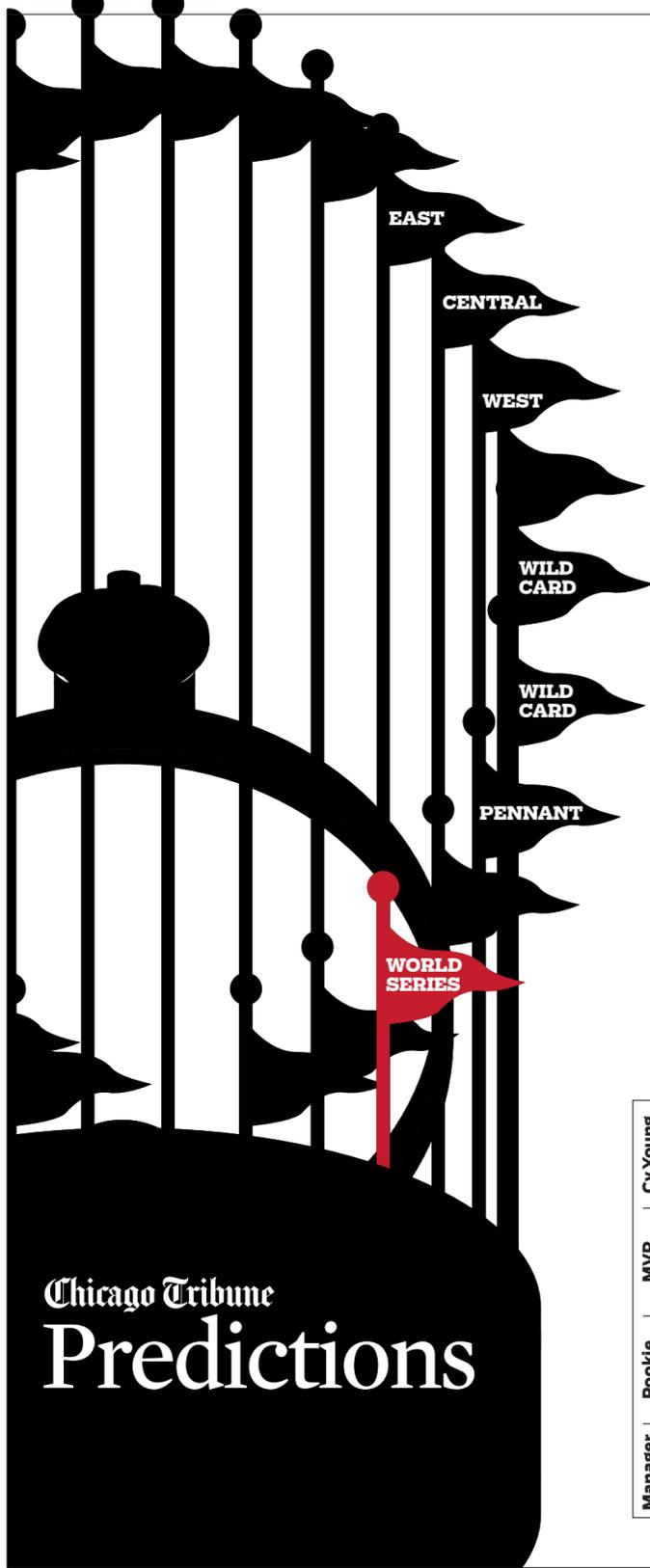
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BASEBALL NOTES

Sale struck by liner, expects to be OK to pitch opener

Tribune news services

This was not the sight the Red Sox envisioned in **Chris Sale's** final spring training tuneup: Their ace crumpled on the ground, knocked off the mound by a line drive.

Sale quickly got up, flexed his leg a few times and walked off the field under his own power Saturday in Fort Meyers, Fla. The AL East champions called it a bruised left hip, and Sale said the injury wasn't serious and wouldn't jeopardize his opening-day start Thursday against the Rays in Tampa, Fla.

"I don't see anything lingering from this," Sale said. "Looked a lot worse than it really is."

Sale was struck by a liner off the bat of the Astros' **J.D. Davis** in the first inning. X-rays were negative.

"When it first hit me, it got me in the hip, but got the nerve," Sale said. "So it shot all the way down to my foot. So, that's what made me worried. I was telling them when I was out there, 'Give me a minute. It'll come back. I'll be fine.' They didn't want to wait, so I got it evaluated, looked at, figured out nothing serious, just a bruise."

"It kind of just shocked me more than anything, that initial blow."

Sale considered himself fortunate.

"That's another reason we're thankful it hit me where it did," Sale said. "I don't have a whole lot of padding anywhere on me, but if I'm going to get hit, somewhere in the hip or the butt's going to be the place to go. Better than a rib, arm, hand, even the face. So this was best-case scenario."

Manager **Alex Cora** said he expects Sale to pitch the opener.

"I bet, yeah," Cora said. "He was committed to throw more pitches in the game. I was like, 'No you're not throwing.'"

■ The Red Sox traded infielder **Deven Marrero** to the Diamondbacks for a player to be named or cash. ... Catcher **Christian Vazquez** and the Red Sox agreed on a contract that takes him through the 2021 season. Vazquez, who had been signed for 2018, was assured more than \$13 million with the three extra guaranteed years.

Liner hits Johnson in face: Rangers minor-league coach and former big-league slugger **Howard Johnson**, 57, was hit in the face by a line drive hit by the Indians' **Eric Gonzalez** and was taken from the dugout on a stretcher in Surprise, Ariz.

Play was stopped for 10 minutes before Johnson was taken to a hospital. Team officials said he was resting comfortably.

Johnson is the hitting coach at Triple-A Round Rock. He played 14 seasons in the majors and hit 228 home runs.



JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

Red Sox starter Chris Sale said he is thankful he got hit in the hip because there isn't "a whole lot of padding anywhere on me."

■ The Rangers cut **Bartolo Colon**, 44. Colon made five starts in spring training and had a 3.00 ERA in 18 innings. The team faced a Saturday deadline to either add the right-hander to their 25-man roster, cut him or pay him \$100,000 to stick around for now. The Rangers have the option of renegotiating a new deal with Colon, and have shown interest in keeping him.

Extra innings: The Braves released LHP **Scott Kazmir**, 34, after he failed to win the No. 5 spot in the rotation. Kazmir will earn \$15,554,483 on the final year of his contract.

... Giants LHP **Madison Bumgarner** had surgery on the broken pinkie of his pitching hand and is expected to miss four to six weeks. He was injured Friday when he was hit by a line drive. ... Marlins RHP **Dan Straily** will begin the season on the DL because of forearm tightness. An MRI revealed inflammation. ... LHP **Patrick Corbin** will start for the D'backs on opening day against the Rockies. ... Cardinals closer **Luke Gregerson** will begin the season on the DL with a hamstring strain. ... The Brewers optioned RHP **Junior Guerra** to Triple-A Colorado Springs. ... The Twins reclaimed 1B/DH **Kennys Vargas** off waivers from the Reds, two days after the Reds claimed him from the Twins. ... Mets RHP **Zack Wheeler** was optioned to Triple-A Las Vegas. ... Yankees OF **Jacoby Ellsbury** will start the season on the DL because of an oblique injury that has sidelined him three weeks. ... Yankees 1B **Greg Bird** was scratched from the lineup of a game against the Braves because of a sore right foot.

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Yu Darvish

The Cubs coveted Darvish after realizing more than one year ago that it was going to be virtually impossible to re-sign Jake Arrieta. Darvish's 11.04 strikeout rate per nine innings — including a 10.69 rate after Tommy John surgery — convinced the Cubs he was worth a six-year, \$126 million contract that includes an opt-out clause after his second season.

The Cubs believe they can help Darvish, 31, maximize use of his six-plus pitches and not limit his repertoire, as many say the Dodgers did during his second-half stint with them.

Darvish has been under the microscope since leaving his native Japan in 2011 after posting a 93-38 record and 1.99 ERA in seven seasons for the Nippon Ham Fighters of the Pacific League.

In one of his first moves with the Cubs, President Theo Epstein submitted a bid of about \$12 million. But the Rangers earned his rights with a \$51.7 million

posting fee and then signed him to a six-year, \$60 million contract.

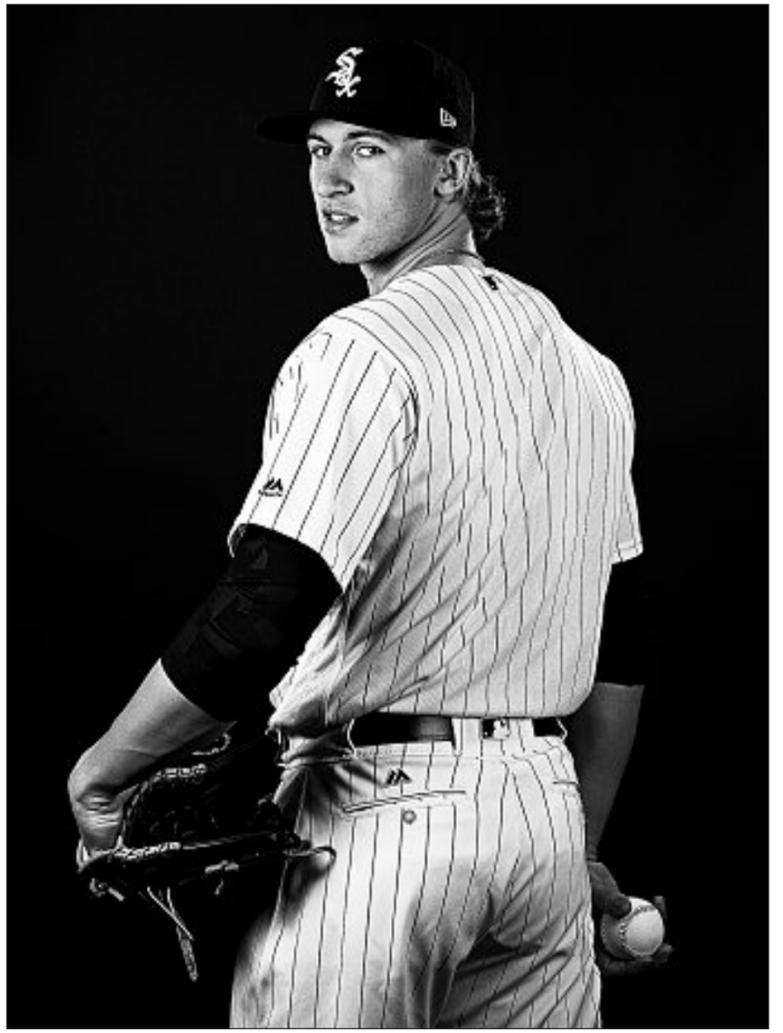
With about 100 Japanese media members following him, Darvish didn't disappoint in his first season with the Rangers by winning 16 games. Darvish lost to the Orioles in the 2012 American League wild-card game but rebounded in 2013 by striking out 277 in 209²/₃ innings — both career highs — and finishing second in the AL Cy Young Award voting to Max Scherzer of the Tigers despite having a slightly lower ERA (2.83 to 2.90).

The Cubs didn't possess the prospect package to satisfy the Rangers last July, but they had ample money to sign him once he became a free agent. A mid-December meeting in Dallas attracted both sides, with the Cubs contingent impressed with Darvish's eagerness to speak English and the prized right-hander enticed by the Cubs' resources to make him more effective.

New faces

WHITE SOX
THEY'RE ON THE WAY

BY PAUL SULLIVAN | Chicago Tribune



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Michael Kopech

After more than a year of hearing about the promise of Michael Kopech, White Sox fans should be able to watch the real deal in the not-so-distant future.

Kopech is the most anticipated Sox pitching prospect since Chris Sale, the popular ace who was traded to the Red Sox in 2016 for a package that kicked off the rebuild and included Yoan Moncada and Kopech. The Sox kept him in camp most of the spring, giving Kopech an opportunity to show he deserves an early — though not too early — call-up.

After an impressive start in the Cactus League, Kopech floundered in his last two outings, one of which came in relief. He said he needed to work on his in-game concentration.

"I'm not too worried about that," Kopech said after his first poor start. "I know what kind of pitcher I am and what I'm capable of (doing)."

Kopech was optioned to Triple-A

Charlotte on Tuesday, and the Sox downplayed the lackluster ending.

"We really don't care about the limited sample of a couple of March outings," general manager Rick Hahn said. "The first two outings were real good and the last couple were shaky."

The Sox asked the fireballing right-hander to use his changeup more this spring and chalked up the poor outings to the development stage.

In truth, the Sox seem more concerned with Kopech's mound composure.

"He would miss his spot and turn around and need a second to pull it together," Hahn said. "He didn't lash out at anyone, but you could tell he was getting mad at himself. And it was building with each missed spot."

Hahn said Kopech admitted his composure was something he needed to work on. Hahn said Kopech needed to "channel" his emotions on the mound.



Tyler Chatwood

In one of the first major moves of a pitching-heavy offseason, the Cubs signed Chatwood to a three-year, \$38 million contract.

The Cubs clearly are banking that the confines of Wrigley Field will be friendly to Chatwood, who had a 5.17 ERA in 53 games at Coors Field since 2012 but posted a 3.18 on the road.

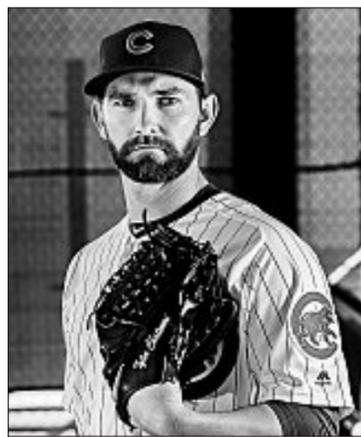
Chatwood and Stephen Strasburg of the Nationals have the second-lowest road ERA (2.57) over the last two seasons. That includes a 4-1 victory over the Cubs at Wrigley Field on June 8 in which he allowed four hits over six innings and induced 12 ground-ball outs. Chatwood, 28, is 2-0 with an 0.69 ERA in two career games at Wrigley.

Chatwood appears shorter than his 6-foot frame, but his body can generate a fastball clocked as fast as 96 mph. The biggest issue for Chatwood will be throwing all his pitches for strikes on the first pitch — which he struggled with last season.

Chicago was one of Chatwood's preferred destinations once he became a free agent last winter, and the Cubs scouting and analytics departments impressed him immediately in showing him how much they think he can improve.

Chatwood was a second-round pick of the Angels in the 2008 draft (No. 74 overall) and remains a polished fielder and a respectable hitter.

The Cubs had no reservations about signing Chatwood despite two Tommy John surgeries, as he agreed to terms on Dec. 7.



Brandon Morrow

Eleven years after earning the closer's duties with the Mariners, Morrow has regained that role with the Cubs after signing a two-year, \$21 million contract that includes an option for 2020.

Drafted ahead of Andrew Miller, Clayton Kershaw, Tim Lincecum and Max Scherzer in the first round of the 2006 draft, Morrow's health finally allowed him to regain his 97 mph fastball.

Morrow complements his fastball with a slider, and he exposed the weakness of several Cubs batters in the National League Championship Series with a high fastball.

That was the punctuation mark to a remarkable turnaround by Morrow, who spent the first two months at Triple-A Oklahoma City. He struck out 50 while not allowing a home run in 43²/₃ innings for the Dodgers. Morrow limited left-handed batters to a .125 batting average.

Durability could be a factor for Morrow, who hasn't appeared in more than 45 games in a major-league season since 2006 because of various injuries and four seasons (2010-13) in a starting role.

Should Morrow falter or need a break, the Cubs could opt for sidearmer Steve Cishek, Carl Edwards Jr., Pedro Strop or left-hander Justin Wilson.

Morrow joined Darold Knowles (1973) as the only pitchers to appear in all seven World Series games, and the Cubs made efforts to limit Morrow's spring workload.

Morrow was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes during his senior season at Rancho Cotate High School in Rohnert Park, Calif., and he wears a monitor.



Eloy Jimenez

The hassle heard 'round the Cactus League occurred at Sloan Park on March 10 when Eloy Jimenez bugged Rick Renteria to give him an at-bat against his former organization, the Cubs. After Renteria finally relented, Jimenez hit an opposite-field home run to reward his manager for the opportunity.

"A big at-bat for him," Renteria said the next day. "A big at-bat for everybody."

At 6-foot-4 and 220 pounds, Jimenez has the kind of power scouts drool over, and his plate discipline is remarkable for someone with only 18 games at the Double A level.

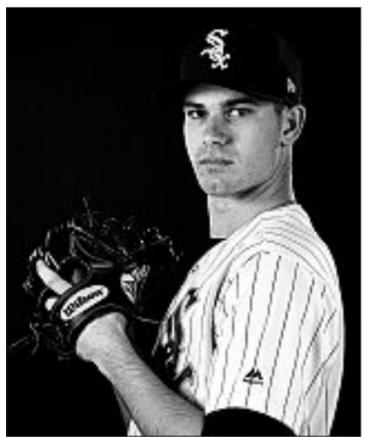
"It's hard to believe all the things he's doing," starter Reynaldo Lopez said. "When you see a guy like him with that talent talking about how the pitchers are going to pitch him, how he's going to prepare for a specific pitch in a specific count, it's impressive. ... It shows you he's special."

Jimenez hit only three home runs in 68 at-bats last year in Birmingham, which has a pitcher-friendly park, but he seems to be made for hitting in the friendly confines of Guaranteed Rate Field.

The Sox likely will bring him up at some point this season but insist they are not going to rush him just to please fans.

"They make it pretty clear to you that they're ready," Hahn said, repeating his mantra.

Told Jimenez's knowledge of the strike zone reminded one of a young Frank Thomas, Hahn didn't dispute the notion. "That's a great name," he said. "I like that one."



Dylan Cease

Imagine throwing a 98 mph fastball in a major-league training camp and being virtually ignored because another guy is throwing 100.

That was the story for Sox prospect Dylan Cease, who was acquired along with Jimenez in the Jose Quintana deal with the Cubs last July.

Cease went 0-8 with a 3.89 ERA and 52 strikeouts in 41²/₃ innings in nine starts at Class A Kannapolis. The Sox ignored the record, however, and gave Cease an invitation to camp, knowing it could pay off in the long run.

Not many teams let Class A starters get innings in the middle of spring training, and Cease said he was "very fortunate, very thankful" for the chance. He used it well, striking out nine and allowing only three hits in 6¹/₃ innings.

Some in the Cubs organization looked at Cease as a reliever down the line, but the Sox like what he brings as a starter. Hahn said they do see potential as a dominant closer but think his value now is in the rotation.

"We certainly view him as having as high a ceiling as any pitcher in the organization," Hahn said. "We view Dylan not too dissimilarly than how we viewed Kopech a year ago. Obviously plus-plus stuff and (he) comes into the season with a career high of innings somewhere in the 70s, primarily because of injuries along the way."

The Sox want Cease to get through an entire season pitching every fifth day, so he may not make it higher than Double A this year.

NBA

BOTTOM 10 IN THE NBA

1	Suns	19-55
2	Grizzlies	19-54
3	Hawks	21-52
4	Magic	22-51
	Mavericks	22-51
6	Nets (Cavs own rights)	23-50
7	Bulls	24-49
	Kings	24-49
9	Knicks	26-47
10	Lakers	32-40

Through Saturday's games

BULLS' NEXT 3 GAMES

- Tuesday at Rockets
- Thursday at Heat
- Friday at Magic

TANK WATCH
NBA STYLE

24-49

Bulls are 7th worst in the NBA

Streak: Lost 5 | Last 10: 3-7

■ The Bulls could have trouble making up ground down the stretch: Only four of their remaining nine games are against teams currently in the playoffs.

THE LIST

NBA awards season: Top coaches

Ask any voting NBA beat writer which is the most difficult postseason-award ballot to fill out and, more often than not, the answer will be the same: Coach of the Year. It's arguably the most competitive field every season. The ballot calls for only three names: a first-, second- and third-place vote. Here's this year's ballot.



Dwane Casey, Raptors: This should be an overwhelming choice. After Raptors general manager Masai Ujiri called for a potentially ominous new culture following a disappointing playoff exit, Casey got multiple All-Stars to buy into a new offensive system while maintaining his defensive demands. The fact the Raptors bench is as productive as it is speaks to players accepting roles. The Raptors tied a franchise record with 11 consecutive victories and reached 50 wins faster than at any point in their history.



Brad Stevens, Celtics: Gordon Hayward, the much-ballyhooed, All-Star signing last offseason, exited with a season-ending injury in the first six minutes of the first game. All the Celtics did was open 16-2. Now, they're dealing with All-Star Kyrie Irving's absence for three to six weeks following a minor knee surgery and still shaping up as a formidable force in the Eastern Conference. Stevens' exacting standards have led to the Celtics leading the league in defensive rating for most of the season.



Terry Stotts, Trail Blazers: The Trail Blazers' hot finish gives Stotts a slight nod over Nate McMillan, whose Pacers weren't supposed to survive the Paul George trade. Coincidentally, Stotts and Casey worked together under George Karl in Seattle and Rick Carlisle in Dallas. Stotts' creative offensive mind and player-coach reputation has empowered the dynamic backcourt of Damian Lillard and C.J. McCollum. And the team has made strides defensively.

—K.C. Johnson

BULLS NOTES

Dunn, LaVine will hit the road

Injured guards slated to travel with team on 3-game trip

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

DETROIT — Back in Chicago, **Kris Dunn** exercised on an elliptical machine Saturday while wearing his walking boot, which should say plenty about whether the second-year guard wants to salvage any of the remaining nine games on the Bulls' schedule.

Dunn will get to travel farther than a stationary exercise device allows come Monday. In a mild surprise, coach **Fred Hoiberg** said both Dunn and **Zach LaVine** will join the Bulls on their three-game trip, which starts with Tuesday's game in Houston.

That said, it's still a strong possibility — possibly even likely — that LaVine will be shut down for the remainder of the season with his mild left knee tendinitis.

Dunn, who has turf toe, is trying to return, but Hoiberg admitted the guard will have to be "reconditioned" after sitting since March 15.

"It's important to have those guys around the team as much as possible, even if they're not playing," Hoiberg said. "Zach really wants to help as far as being around for the young guys, talking to them, leading them. He's been really good on the bench throughout this time he's been out of the lineup."

"Kris has been really good in that role as well. And hopefully we'll have **Lauri (Markkanen)** playing at least some of those games."

Markkanen, who also stayed in Chicago on Saturday, isn't expected to play in back-to-back games, which the Bulls close the trip with in Florida.

Roster roulette: The Bulls signed **Jaylen Johnson**, a 6-foot-9 forward they had in training camp after he went undrafted from Louisville. They promptly assigned him to Windy City of the Gatorade League, where he has averaged 11.7 points, 7.6 rebounds and 2.9 assists in 49 games.

Two league sources said the Bulls also could sign veteran combo guard **Sean Kilpatrick**, who recently finished two 10-day contracts with the Clippers.

The Boston Herald reported Kilpatrick was close to signing with the Celtics before a second team "stepped in with a better offer."

The moves speak to the Bulls taking fliers on young players and also to some roster maneuvering that could be tied to being below the salary-cap floor.

Summer school: Hoiberg is counting on strong participation in the team's Chicago-based offseason program.

"I know players in the off-season have to get their time," he said. "A lot of that will happen right after the season, but we're going to ask these guys to be back and build that chemistry so we can get a leg up heading into training camp next year."

LaVine will be playing this summer rather than rehabbing following knee surgery, as he did last year.



CARLOS OSORIO/AP

Veteran center Robin Lopez returned to the Bulls lineup Saturday night after sitting out since March 15.

PISTONS 117, BULLS 95

Unhappy returns

Lopez, Holiday back in lineup, but that doesn't change Bulls' fortunes

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

DETROIT — Robin Lopez never has experienced anything like the in-and-out nature of his season, which continued with the Bulls' 117-95 loss to the Pistons on Saturday.

That's five straight losses, one each to match the number of games Lopez has played since management moved to the player-development/draft lottery-enhancement stage of the season.

Lopez, who hadn't played since March 15, started along with Justin Holiday, another veteran removed from the rotation save for select games. Coincidentally, the only other time since the All-Star break those two started the same game was here March 9.

Neither player has complained, which is as admirable an achievement as the Bulls have accomplished since the break.

"I'm still practicing with the guys, still getting up and down in that capacity," said Lopez, who had four points and three rebounds in 17 minutes. "It's a little different, but I'm not somebody commanding the ball every possession. So it's easy for me to find spots where I feel comfortable."

Speaking of comfortable, the Bulls defense laid out the welcome mat for a Pistons team playing its first home game since that March 9 night. The Pistons put a 2-4 West Coast swing in their rearview mirror by shooting 50 percent, making 16 3-pointers and recording 33 assists on 43 field goals.

Anthony Tolliver led eight Pistons in double figures with a

THE BOX SCORE

BULLS	MIN	FG-A	FTA	REB	A	PF	PTS
Valentine	27:18	7-14	0-0	1-3	3	1	18
Vonleh	25:04	5-13	1-2	3-6	1	2	12
Lopez	17:09	2-7	0-0	2-3	1	0	4
Holiday	21:30	2-9	0-0	0-4	0	1	5
Payne	25:46	4-10	1-2	1-6	3	4	10
Nwaba	25:56	5-12	2-3	1-7	1	5	13
Portis	25:27	5-13	0-0	0-4	4	5	10
Grant	22:55	4-10	0-0	1-3	1	0	10
Felicio	19:40	4-6	2-2	4-8	2	0	10
Zipser	15:06	0-2	0-0	1-1	2	1	0
Arcidiacono	10:59	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	3
TOTALS	39:57	6-9	14-43	27	20	95	

Pts: FG .402, FT .667. 3-pointers: 11-35. 314 (Valentine 4-7, Grant 2-3, Arcidiacono 1-1, Nwaba 1-3, Payne 1-5, Vonleh 1-5, Holiday 1-6, Lopez 0-1, Zipser 0-1, Portis 0-3). Team rebs: 8. Team turnovers: 12 (16 PTS). Blocks: 1 (Lopez). Turnovers: 12 (Portis 3, Vonleh 3, Valentine 2, Zipser 2, Lopez, Nwaba). Steals: 10 (Vonleh 3, Arcidiacono, Grant, Holiday, Nwaba, Payne, Portis, Valentine). Technical fouls: None.

DETROIT	MIN	FG-A	FTA	REB	A	PF	PTS
Griffin	26:20	4-8	0-0	1-4	9	1	10
S.Johnson	12:31	0-2	0-0	0-3	0	0	0
Drummond	35:48	6-9	3-4	7-20	4	0	14
Bullock	29:03	5-9	0-0	0-0	3	0	15
Jackson	21:57	5-10	3-4	0-3	1	0	15
Kennard	26:39	5-9	2-2	0-3	6	2	13
Tolliver	25:48	8-15	3-3	1-6	1	3	25
Ennis III	24:22	5-9	3-4	0-3	1	2	13
Smith	22:38	5-9	1-1	0-1	7	1	12
Moreland	4:39	0-2	0-0	3-5	1	2	0
Galloway	3:25	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Buycks	3:25	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Ellenson	3:25	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	43:86	15-18	12-49	33	11	117	

Pts: FG .500, FT .833. 3-pointers: 16-42. 381 (Tolliver 6-12, Bullock 4-7, Griffin 2-5, Jackson 2-6, Kennard 1-3, Smith 1-4, Galloway 0-1, S.Johnson 0-1, Ennis III 0-3). Team rebs: 14. Team turnovers: 13 (10 PTS). Blocks: 7 (Drummond 4, Kennard, Moreland, Tolliver). Turnovers: 13 (Griffin 4, Bullock 2, Jackson 2, S.Johnson 2, Kennard, Moreland, Smith). Steals: 6 (Drummond 4, Kennard, Smith). Technical fouls: None.

BULLS	22	25	29	19	95
DETROIT	36	30	29	22	117

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season-high 25 points, including a career-high six 3-pointers. That's what happens when a team continues to play new combinations and leaves Zach LaVine, Kris Dunn and Lauri Markkanen at home.

"Our closeouts were a half-second late," Bulls coach Fred Hoiberg said. "That's all it takes in this league for a team to get comfortable."

On the same day his older brother, Drew, advanced to the Final Four with Loyola as an assistant coach, Denzel Valentine led the Bulls with 18 points.

"It's crazy — who would've ever thought a mid-major would make it to the Final Four?" Denzel said of the Ramblers. "Despite our loss, it just puts a smile (on) my face."

"He works so hard recruiting. He's always on the move, in the gym, taking time with his players. Cam (Payne) and I worked out there over the summer, built some relationships with some players and coaches, so I feel we're a part of it a little bit."

"They're making the city proud (and) I'm happy for them. I feel (as if) it's me about to play in the Final Four. But they're not satisfied. They're trying to win it all."

Valentine advanced to the Final Four in 2015 with Michigan State, losing in the semifinals to eventual national champion Duke. He spoke with his brother on FaceTime and said he'll attend next weekend's semifinal, a scheduled off day for the Bulls.

"It's nuts," Denzel said of his Final Four experience. "It's my best basketball experience — that and getting drafted."

"The whole week of festivities, you feel like a movie star. It's an unreal feeling. I'm proud of him."

Andre Drummond finished with 15 points, 20 rebounds, four assists, four steals and four blocks for the Pistons. He's the first player to reach those levels since Hakeem Olajuwon in November 1993, according to basketball-reference.com.

Drummond's early damage came against the rusty Lopez, a voraciously curious Stanford graduate known for his exotic offseason travel. Lopez has spent considerable offseason time in Asia.

Asked how he stays in shape while traveling the world, Lopez joked: "Lots of backpacking, but no inclines. Only flat surfaces in those cities."

The inclines are saved for the Bulls' rebuild.

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Curry, Irving out with injuries

Warriors, Celtics PGs may not be ready for start of playoffs

By TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

The NBA playoffs start in three weeks. Whether the Celtics' Kyrie Irving and the Warriors' Stephen Curry will be ready when the postseason starts seems doubtful, at best.

The Celtics said that Irving will need at least three and possibly as many as six weeks to recover from a procedure performed to relieve irritation on his left knee Saturday, that news coming almost simultaneously with the word that Curry has a Grade 2 sprain of the medial collateral ligament in his left knee.

The Warriors said Curry will be evaluated again in three weeks.

Based on those timetables, it would appear that both the Celtics and Warriors will not only be without their All-Star point guards for the rest of the regular season — but very easily could still be without them for Game 1s of their respective first-round matchups.

"It could be a lot worse," Warriors coach Steve Kerr told reporters just before Curry's MRI results were revealed. "You think about some of the other guys in the league that have suffered injuries this year. Gordon Hayward is the first one that comes to mind. This is not a major injury. The timing's not ideal, but we can overcome this."

"Steph can be back this year. ... Just got to hold down the fort and understand this is all part of the journey."

In the short term, it would seem like being without Irving and Curry for the final games of the regular season won't have a pronounced effect on either club. The Celtics are fairly well locked into the No. 2 spot behind the Raptors in the Eastern Conference playoffs, and the Warriors will almost certainly finish No. 2 in the Western Conference behind the Rockets.

Curry got hurt when teammate JaVale McGee fell awkwardly into him.

"I think JaVale probably felt bad last night because he was involved even though it was a total fluke, an accident," Kerr said.

If Irving needs six weeks, that would mean the Celtics — a team that has been dealing with injury issues since the first quarter of the first game of the season, when Hayward was lost for the year — would need to get through the entire first round without their best player. Irving's procedure was to remove a wire in his surgically repaired kneecap, since that wire was irritating a tendon and apparently causing soreness.

"It's tough when you lose anybody, especially multiple guys," Boston's Jayson Tatum told Celtics.com. "We're just going to have to try to figure it out and figure out how to win games."

The Warriors have also been dealing with multiple injuries. Curry had ankle issues before the knee injury, and the reigning champions have also been playing of late without Draymond Green, Kevin Durant and Klay Thompson.

NHL

BOTTOM 10 IN THE NHL

1	Sabres	58 points
2	Canucks	61
	Coyotes	61
4	Senators	63
5	Red Wings	65
6	Canadiens	66
7	Blackhawks	71
8	Islanders	72
9	Oilers	73
10	Rangers	74

Through Saturday's games

HAWKS' NEXT 3 GAMES

- Monday vs. Sharks
- Thursday vs. Jets
- Friday at Avalanche



**TANK WATCH
NHL STYLE**

31-36-9

Hawks are 8th worst in the NHL
Streak: Won 1 | Last 10: 3-6-1

■ The Blackhawks have a chance to make up some ground in the race for the bottom. Their next three games are against probable playoff teams.

THE LIST

Awards season: Top coaches

Here are the five leading candidates for the NHL's Jack Adams Award, given to the head coach who has contributed the most to his team's success. The winner will be selected at the end of the regular season.



Gerard Gallant, Golden Knights: Gallant has taken a roster made up of other teams' castoffs and led it to heights an expansion team never has reached before. Absolutely no one — maybe not even Gallant himself — saw that coming.



Paul Maurice, Jets: Blessed with talented youngsters such as Patrick Laine, Nikolai Ehlers and Kyle Connor — along with a decent veteran core — Maurice has the Jets on the verge of their first playoff appearance in four years.



Peter Laviolette, Predators: In each of his three seasons behind the bench, Laviolette has taken the Predators at least one step deeper into the playoffs. His teams never "wow" you with skill, but they usually beat you anyway.



John Hynes, Devils: Most people picked the Devils to be bottom-feeders again this year, but some smart offseason additions and Hynes' ability to develop young players have them in the playoff hunt.



Bruce Cassidy, Bruins: Since taking over for Claude Julien late last season, Cassidy has breathed new life into a Bruins team that looked to be fading. They're a legitimate threat to come out of the East.

— Joe Knowles

BLACKHAWKS 3, ISLANDERS 1

Hawks halt 5-game losing streak

Forsberg stops 28 shots, Kane, Saad, Seabrook score in road victory

BY DENIS P. GORMAN
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Anton Forsberg stopped 28 shots to help the Blackhawks snap a five-game losing streak with a 3-1 win over the Islanders on Saturday night.

Patrick Kane and Brandon Saad scored in the second period, and Brent Seabrook added an empty-netter for the Hawks.

John Tavares scored late in the third period and Jaroslav Halak finished with 22 saves as the Islanders lost for the fifth time in six games and 13 in their last 15 (2-9-4).

The Hawks were eliminated from postseason contention for the first time since 2008 following their 5-1 loss to the Avalanche on Tuesday, and pushed the struggling Islanders to the verge of being knocked for the second straight year.

Kane opened the scoring 2:36 into the second period with his team-leading 26th of the year.



BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY

Matthew Highmore of the Blackhawks gets tangled up with Johnny Boychuk of the Islanders.

With the Hawks on the power play after Thomas Hickey was whistled for tripping Tomas Jurco as the two battled for a puck along

the boards, Kane's shot from the right circle deflected off Adam Pelech's stick blade and through Halak.

It took the Hawks 1:49 to add to their lead as Saad tapped a rebound off of his initial shot — which ricocheted off the end

THE SUMMARY

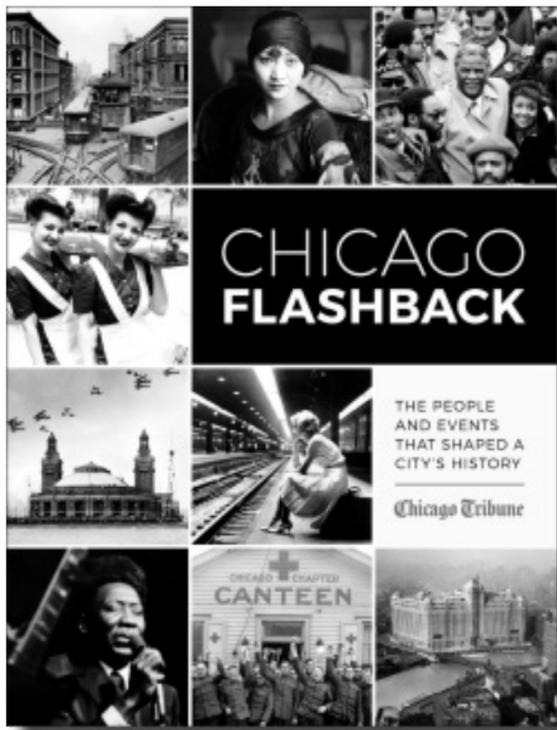
BLACKHAWKS	0	2	1-3	
N.Y. Islanders	0	0	1-1	
First Period: None. Penalties: Anisimov, CHI, (tripping), 14:51.				
Second Period: 1, BLACKHAWKS, Kane 26 (Gustafsson, Sharp), 2:36 (pp). 2, BLACKHAWKS, Saad 17 (Oesterle, Rutta), 4:25. Penalties: Hickey, NYI, (tripping), 2:03.				
Third Period: 3, N.Y. Islanders, Tavares 33 (Hickey, Lee), 17:18. 4, BLACKHAWKS, Seabrook 6, 18:46. Penalties: Lee, NYI, (holding), 1:55; Anisimov, CHI, (tripping), 11:48.				
SHOTS ON GOAL:			PP:	
BLACKHAWKS	9	10	6-25	1-2
N.Y. Islanders	10	8	14-32	0-2
Goalies: BLACKHAWKS, Forsberg 10-16-3 (32 shots-31 saves). N.Y. Islanders, Halak 18-26-6 (24-22). Referees: Tom Chmielewski, Tim Peel. Linesmen: Shane Heyer, Pierre Racicot. T: 2:14. A: 13,091 (15,795).				

boards — along the goal line before the puck bounced off the back of Halak's left skate into the net.

Forsberg made the lead hold up, even though he only faced 18 shots in the final 40 minutes. His lone mistake was Tavares' unassisted goal with 2:42 left, but Seabrook's empty-netter with 1:14 left ended the scoring.

One-timers: The teams split the regular-season series, with the Islanders winning 7-3 at the United Center on Jan. 20. ... Hawks captain Jonathan Toews missed his second straight game with an upper body injury. ... The Hawks scratched LW Anthony Duclair.

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SUNDAY ON TV/RADIO

MLB EXHIBITION

Noon	Yankees at Rays	MLBN
2:05 p.m.	Cubs at Royals	WGN-9, WSCR-AM 670
2:05 p.m.	Brewers at White Sox	NBCSCH, WGN-AM 720
8 p.m.	Dodgers at Angels	MLBN

COLLEGE BASEBALL

10 a.m.	Army vs. Navy	CBSSN
Noon	Louisiana State at Vanderbilt	ESPN2
2 p.m.	Minnesota at Nebraska	BTN

NBA

5 p.m.	Knicks at Wizards	NBA TV
7:30 p.m.	Jazz at Warriors	NBA TV

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL: NCAA TOURNAMENT

1:20 p.m.	Villanova vs. Texas Tech	CBS-2, WMVP-AM 1000
4:05 p.m.	Kansas vs. Duke	CBS-2, WMVP-AM 1000

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL: NCAA TOURNAMENT

11 a.m.	Louisville vs. Oregon State	ESPN
6:30 p.m.	Mississippi State vs. UCLA	ESPN

WOMEN'S CURLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

2 p.m.	Gold medal match	NBCSN
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FIGURE SKATING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

11 a.m.	Ice dance free program	NBCSN
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GOLF

9 a.m.	WGC Match Play semifinals	Golf Channel
1:30 p.m.	PGA Corales Puntacana Championship	Golf Channel
2 p.m.	WGC Match Play final	NBC-5
4 p.m.	Champions Rapiscan Classic	Golf Channel
6 p.m.	LPGA Kia Classic	Golf Channel

NHL

11 a.m.	Flyers at Penguins	NBC-5
6:30 p.m.	Bruins at Wild	NBCSN

AHL

3:30 p.m.	Springfield at Toronto	NHLN
5 p.m.	Grand Rapids at Wolves	WPWR-50

MEN'S COLLEGE HOCKEY: NCAA TOURNAMENT

3 p.m.	Teams TBD	ESPN2
5:30 p.m.	Teams TBD	ESPNU

MEN'S COLLEGE LACROSSE

11 a.m.	Notre Dame at Ohio State	ESPNU
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MOTORSPORTS

4 p.m.	NASCAR Cup STP 500	FS1
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PREMIERSHIP RUGBY

9 a.m.	Wasps at Leicester Tigers	NBCSN
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COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Noon	Minnesota at Northwestern	BTN
1 p.m.	North Carolina at Notre Dame	ESPNU
6 p.m.	Texas A&M at Florida	ESPNU

TENNIS

10 a.m.	ATP/WTA Miami Open	Tennis Channel (more, 6 p.m.)
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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL: SPRING TRAINING

RECORDS	AMERICAN LEAGUE	SPRING TRAINING RESULTS, SCHEDULE	SATURDAY'S RESULTS	QUICK HIT	*-SPLIT SQUAD
WHITE SOX 15-12-3	15-12-3	White Sox 7, L.A. Dodgers 3	Sox's Santiago: 6KS, 3 ER, 4 IP		
Seattle 16-12-2	16-12-2	Cubs* 3, Colorado 0	Cubs' Happ: leadoff HR		
Boston 18-9-1	18-9-1	Phillies 22 LOB; Tigers 16	Phillies' Rizzo: 2-R HR		
Cleveland 18-12-2	18-12-2	Boston 6, Houston 0	Red Sox second straight shutout		
Detroit 11-15-4	11-15-4	Miami 4, Washington 3	Mariners' Rivera 3-4, HR, 3 RBIS		
Houston 18-10-2	18-10-2	St. Louis 8, N.Y. Mets 7	Thomas walk-off single		
Kansas City 16-12-2	16-12-2	N.Y. Yankees 8, Atlanta 3	Yankees score 6 in top of 9th		
Los Angeles 14-17	14-17	Philadelphia 4, Detroit 1	Phillies' 22 LOB; Tigers 16		
Minnesota 13-13-3	13-13-3	Pittsburgh 7, Tampa Bay 5	Rays' Duffy: 3-5, 2 RBIS		
New York 15-9-4	15-9-4	N.Y. Yankees 13, Toronto 6	Yankees' Kratz: 2-3, 3 RBIS		
Oakland 14-14-2	14-14-2	White Sox 7, L.A. Dodgers 3	Sox's Santiago: 6KS, 3 ER, 4 IP		
Tampa Bay 13-15-1	13-15-1	Cleveland 10, Texas 3	Indians' Kluber: 6 KS, 2 ER, 6 IP		
Texas 17-2-3	17-2-3	Milwaukee 10, Oakland 5	Phillies' 22 LOB; Tigers 16		
Toronto 15-15-1	15-15-1	San Diego 6, Cincinnati 2	Padres' Szczur: 2-R HR		
NATIONAL LEAGUE	ARIZONA 15, L.A. ANGELS 9	D-backs Herrmann: 3-R HR	Kansas City 4, Arizona 4	K.C.'s Schwindel: 2-R HR in 9th	
CUBS 18-12-3	18-12-3	Minnesota 10, Baltimore 4	Twins' Diaz: HR, 4 RBIS		
Arizona 12-16	12-16	Sacra. 6, San Fran. 5	Giants' Panik: 1 H, 2 RBIS		
Atlanta 13-16-2	13-16-2	SACRA'S SCHEDULE	SITE	TIME	
Cincinnati 10-18-2	10-18-2				
Colorado 12-15-2	12-15-2				
Los Angeles 15-14-1	15-14-1				
Miami 15-11-3	15-11-3				
Milwaukee 15-9-4	15-9-4				
New York 19-8-3	19-8-3				
Philadelphia 12-16-2	12-16-2				
Pittsburgh 10-18-2	10-18-2				
St. Louis 16-11-2	16-11-2				
Tampa Bay 13-15-1	13-15-1				
Texas 17-2-3	17-2-3				
Toronto 15-15-1	15-15-1				
games vs. non-MLB					
Opponents do not					
count in standings					
through Saturday					

WHITE SOX 7, DODGERS 3

WH. SOX	AB	R	H	BI	LAD	AB	R	H	BI
L. Garcia	3	0	1	1	Cuddeback	2	1	1	0
J. Baker	1	0	0	1	J. Peter	3	0	0	0
A. Garcia	2	0	0	1	Hrmdz	2	1	1	0
G. Zolner	2	0	0	0	M. Perez	2	0	0	0
S. Sanchez	3	0	0	0	G. Rodriguez	1	0	0	0
D. DeAnna	1	0	0	0	K. Vazquez	3	0	0	0
M. Skole	10	4	0	0	A. Bames	2	1	1	0
S. Lincecum	3	1	0	0	D. Peters	1	0	0	0
J. Cronin	2	1	1	0	T. Thompson	4	0	0	0
K. J. Carr	4	1	1	0	P. Rios	1	0	0	0
N. Narvaez	2	1	0	0	A. Hernandez	3	1	0	0
N. Nolan	1	0	0	0	A. Torres	4	0	0	0
J. Perez	2	2	2	1	K. Furr	3	2	2	1
J. May	4	0	1	1	C. Conroy	1	0	0	0
					E. Rios	1	0	0	0
					C. Ordaz	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	33	7	8	7	TOTALS	34	3	7	7

E. Wood 2 (DP), P. Perez 1 (L), L.A. Dodgers 9, LAD: WHITE SOX 4, L.A. Dodgers 3

WH. SOX	AB	R	H	BI	LAD	AB	R	H	BI
L. Garcia	3	0	1	1	Cuddeback	2	1	1	0
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J. May	4	0	1	1	C. Conroy	1	0	0	0
					E. Rios	1	0	0	0
					C. Ordaz	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	33	7	8	7	TOTALS	34	3	7	7

L. Wood 2 (DP), P. Perez 1 (L), L.A. Dodgers 9, LAD: WHITE SOX 4, L.A. Dodgers 3

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L. Garcia	3	0	1	1	Cuddeback	2	1	1	0
J. Baker	1	0	0	1	J. Peter	3	0	0	0
A. Garcia	2	0	0	1	Hrmdz	2	1	1	0
G. Zolner	2	0	0	0	M. Perez	2	0	0	0
S. Sanchez	3	0	0	0	G. Rodriguez	1	0	0	0
D. DeAnna	1	0	0	0	K. Vazquez	3	0	0	0
M. Skole	10	4	0	0	A. Bames	2	1	1	0
S. Lincecum	3	1	0	0	D. Peters	1	0	0	0
J. Cronin	2	1	1	0	T. Thompson	4	0	0	0
K. J. Carr	4	1	1	0	P. Rios	1	0	0	0
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J. Perez	2	2	2	1	K. Furr	3	2	2	1
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					C. Ordaz	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	33	7	8	7	TOTALS	34	3	7	7

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TOTALS	33								

NFL

New rule? There's a catch

NFL set to redefine controversial play as '3-step process'

BY COLLEEN KANE
Chicago Tribune

When trying to come up with the latest iteration of the most hotly debated NFL rule, Troy Vincent and his committee decided to work backward.

Vincent, the NFL executive vice president of football operations, gathered video of some of the most controversial plays involving the catch rule. That included Lions wide receiver Calvin Johnson's 2010 play in the end zone against the Bears and Steelers tight end Jesse James' overturned touchdown against the Patriots in 2017.

And then Vincent asked committee members if they wanted the result of the plays to be a catch.

The NFL competition committee used such discussions to come up with its newest definition, one of several rules changes to be proposed and debated at the NFL annual meetings from Sunday to Wednesday in Orlando, Fla.

Competition committee Chairman Rich McKay, also the Falcons president, said on a conference call with Vincent and reporters Friday that the group "tried to make it a very definable, three-step process."

"Control — you need a clean catch of the ball — two feet down or a body part and then do anything with the ball that shows it's a football act," McKay said. "That could be reaching for a goal line like Jesse James did, reaching for a first-down line, tucking the ball away, a number of things."

Stricken from the most recent rule would be the wording that made not maintaining control while "going to the ground" cause for an incompletion. That was the case in James' overturned touchdown, which McKay said would be a completion in the reworked rule. The committee also reworded a portion to indicate movement of the ball does not automatically result in loss of control.

McKay noted the committee studied how many fumbles might result from the removal of the "going to the ground" wording and said it didn't find very many. That's one of several debates sure to come up this week.

Here are a few other notable proposals that will be discussed at the meetings.

■ The Jets are proposing a change to make defensive pass interference a 15-yard penalty rather than a spot foul, as is the current



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A catch or not a catch? The NFL hopes to refine its definition of plays such as this one involving the Bears' Zach Miller (86) against the Saints.

case. Their proposal makes an exception for an "intentional and egregious foul," which would result in a spot foul.

Vincent said the proposal has "momentum," but he and McKay brought up likely discussion points.

McKay noted that 11 of 303 pass-interference calls resulted in penalties of 40 yards or more and said the committee believes the calls have a very high accuracy rate. Vincent, a former NFL cornerback, spoke of the reasoning behind having different rules in the NFL from in college, which carries a maximum 15-yard penalty.

"The professional defensive backs, we're too skilled, we're too smart and we can play the play," Vincent said. "So you can be strategic about it. ... You don't

want the defensive back to strategically grab the guy."

■ After discussions with officials at the NFL scouting combine last month in Indianapolis, the competition committee is proposing Al Riveron, senior vice president of officiating, and members of his department in New York be allowed to eject players who commit flagrant non-football acts on the field.

"(The game officials) were quick to point out in these situations — where there are non-football acts and there's a lot going on — many times they're at a loss to capture what exactly happened and the right (player) numbers," McKay said.

■ The committee is proposing a resolution that would allow teams to sign a head coaching candidate

officially during the postseason, even if the candidate's current team is still playing.

The proposal comes in the wake of Patriots offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels backing out of his agreement with the Colts after this year's Super Bowl. McKay said "numerous impetuses" led to the idea.

"Every year it has become harder as the media has paid more focus to those coaches and who may be going where," McKay said. "We felt like we needed to get over that hurdle and propose that you can sign a contract. It doesn't mean you can work. You have to stay with your team. But the contract in our mind is something we needed to get behind us."

■ Doing away with the meaningless extra-point attempt after a

ON THE CLOCK

32 Days until the NFL draft. The Bears own the No. 8 pick in the first round.

winning touchdown is scored at the end of regulation is another committee proposal. McKay said the NFL didn't like the look of the end of the Vikings-Saints playoff game last season when the teams had to come back onto the field for the Vikings to take a knee on the extra-point attempt after winning. ■ The committee also proposes to make permanent the rule that spots the ball at the 25-yard line after a touchback on a free kick.

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Floyd Sullivan helped curate the art in the exhibition "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Punch Line" at the Chicago Literacy Alliance.

The art of the strip

How comics grew up with newspapers in Chicago

One day in 1924, a man named Harold Gray met with Joseph Medill Patterson, the co-editor of the Chicago Tribune and the New York Daily News.

Gray carried with him some drawings, and he laid them out on a desk. They were sketches for a proposed comic strip he had named "Little Orphan Otto."

Patterson looked closely at the drawings and said the boy looked like a girl. "Put a skirt on him and call him Annie."

And so, was "Little Orphan Annie" born, becoming a durable and popular part of the daily lives of millions. The strip spawned plays and movies and all sort of items, including a



RICK KOGAN
Sidewalks

couple of cute little dolls that are resting in a basement in the West Loop.

"I bought those dolls online," says Don Evans. "I got most of the stuff for this exhibit by just asking people to let me borrow comic books and artwork."

He was saying this in the LitLounge, a basement space at 641 W. Lake St. that is part of the Chicago Literacy Alliance, which is housed mainly on the building's second floor.

Against one basement wall is the exhibition that Evans

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Delete Facebook and save your friends

"It's time to protect yourself — and your friends — from Facebook," read the click-bait headline Monday on Mashable, one of many columns this week decrying how Cambridge Analytica, a firm aligned with the presidential campaign of Donald J. Trump, scraped and mined data from many millions of unsuspecting users of the social network and allegedly used them for nefarious political purposes.

And what was the preferred snare of Cambridge Analytica? A dumb personality quiz that offered to tell you more about yourself. Talk about the perfect bait for this age of



CHRIS JONES

self-obsession when we're all interested primarily in the nature and importance of ourselves.

For anyone who works for a beleaguered professional news organization — over which the revenue-sucking, content-stealing Facebook has reigned of late with a palpable glee — there was major schadenfreude to be had on Thursday. Facebook's CEO and COO, Mark Zuckerberg and Sheryl Sandberg, respectively, both of whom have positioned themselves as where-the-puck-is-going predictors and guardians of the culture, initially had disappeared in the face of a sudden crisis of

trust threatening their own wealth. This is what overcautious executives are wont to do, of course, unless they finally listen to someone telling them that they are falling behind the story, that their brand is headed straight for the toilet and that an honest, personal response is the only solution.

Incredibly — truly incredibly — on Thursday, Zuckerberg seemed at least mildly in favor of some government regulation. For a social network at the center of the great wave of amateurization, an entity that has aimed to both control and replace news organizations like this one with stories posted by those who are not required to state their conflicts of

Turn to **Facebook**, Page 2

Weird science

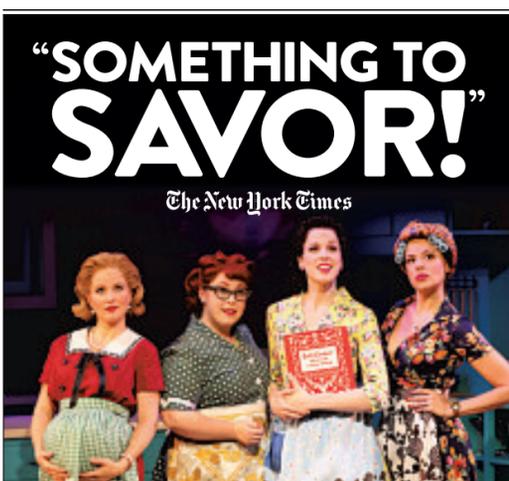
American Science & Surplus provides a magical shopping experience.
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A case for concrete

Map provides a guide to Chicago's collection of architecture in this largely unloved material.
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Changing tax script

New tax law makes deductions more difficult for actors.
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COMMENTARY

Stereotypical female film roles to retire

BY KATIE WALSH
Tribune News Service

Break out the balloons and cake. We'd like to throw a retirement party — for some of the most insidious female stereotypes in Hollywood movies.

It's been an eventful few years for women in Hollywood. With the #MeToo movement, a cathartic reckoning with and cleansing of sexual harassment in the industry, as well as continuing discussion about representation and inclusion both on screen and behind the camera, it feels like a long-overdue seismic shift is underway.

Despite that, it sometimes seems as if these much discussed changes have yet to make their way to the screen, and the numbers prove it.

In July 2017, USC's Annenberg Inclusion Initiative released its annual report analyzing representation in top-grossing movies. Looking at 900 films from 2007 to 2016, researchers found that only 12 percent had gender-balanced casts.

However, it's not just the number of female characters that's the problem. Tired, regressive stereotypes continue to plague many of the female characters in TV and film, and it's time to see them go.

Here are some candidates for cliched roles we'd like to put out to pasture.

The long-suffering wife.

See also: Wife on the phone
Too often, movies about difficult men and male antiheroes feature wives whose only character trait is exasperation — to illustrate just how difficult that man is. In the recent LA heist film "Den of Thieves," we know Gerard Butler's tough detective character, Big Nick, is a madman because he eats a doughnut from a blood-spattered box in the middle of a crime scene, but that fact is underscored when his frustrated wife, Debbie (Dawn Olivieri), packs up and leaves, along with their daughters. Later, he barges in on her dinner date and then cries next to a playground to clarify that, yes, he does feel emotions. Debbie and their daughters aren't actual characters with inner lives; they serve only to tell us more about Big Nick. Might as well just write them out, or at least offer them more characterization, because otherwise they're just pawns in this story.

On the flip side, many stories about male heroes use long-suffering wives to offer emotional stakes to a crisis. These women seem to always be tethered to a phone as they try to contact their husbands, whether



Laura Linney seems tied to her phone in "Sully."



Zoey Deschanel stars in "(500) Days of Summer."

at war or on a crashing plane, and let the phone slip from their hands only while watching a dramatic news report on TV. The best example of this would be Laura Linney's Lorrie Sullenberger, wife of Charles "Sully" Sullenberger (Tom Hanks), in Clint Eastwood's "Sully."

Sexual conquest to help him get his mojo back

See also: The manic pixie dream girl
This character was popularized in pop culture with a gender swap of the stereotype in 1998's "How Stella Got Her Groove Back," with Angela Bassett and Taye Diggs. But more often than not, the female versions of these characters are flippantly used and discarded without any sort of development or nuance, like Katie Aselton's Sarah in "Father Figures." Ed Helms plays Peter, an uptight divorced doctor searching for his birth father with his twin brother, Kyle (Owen Wilson), but really, it's a journey to find himself. And for Kyle, that



Katherine Heigl plays a cold career woman in "27 Dresses."



McKenna Grace bonds with "Gifted" co-star Chris Evans.

means getting Peter hooked up, and any woman they encounter is an option. Peter finally succeeds, by swooping in on a sad Sarah, drinking alone at a hotel bar. The encounter puts a renewed spring in his step — bully for him.

Another version of this would be the manic pixie dream girl, as coined by film and music critic Nathan Rabin in 2007 to describe quirky, oddball female characters who help a man feel excited about life again. Natalie Portman's Shins-listening weirdo Sam (hobbies include: primal screaming on top of heavy machinery) in "Garden State" is the best example of this, but notable manic pixie dream girls include Zoey Deschanel's Summer in "(500) Days of Summer" and Kirsten Dunst's Claire in "Elizabethtown."

The cold careerist

Katherine Heigl has made a career out of playing cold, careerist women who are eventually softened by love and marriage.

Exploring those characters fully can be interesting, especially in the rom-com "27 Dresses." But those characters can drift into stereotype all too easily when the focus isn't on them. See Bryce Dallas Howard's notoriously derided Claire in "Jurassic World" — a woman so uptight, she wears high heels to work on a dinosaur island. Another indicator of her coldness: that perfectly sharp bob haircut. You see, as she becomes more relaxed, so does her hair. Get it?

The rape victim who inspires action

It's a trope almost as old as cinema itself. From D.W. Griffith's "The Birth of a Nation" to Nate Parker's "The Birth of a Nation," female victims of violence (usually sexual) have inspired men to vengeance. In Griffith's "Birth of a Nation," the sexual violation of a white woman by a black man inspires the Ku Klux Klan to take to its hoods and torches. In Parker's "The Birth of a Nation," he employs at least three rapes to justify Nat Turner's bloody massacre. The rapes are not a part of the Turner legend, but within a two-hour running time, that kind of gendered violence creates a narrative shortcut to justify his killing spree, shocking and horrifying the audience to get them on Turner's side. In terms of character motivation, sexual violence against women is more often than not lazy screenwriting.

The plucky girl-child who helps a man find his purpose

This can go one of two ways: super-dark, like Jodie Foster's teen prostitute Iris, who helps inspire Travis Bickle's (Robert De Niro) shoot-em-up in "Taxi Driver"; or more heart-warming, like in the film about a sweet child prodigy, "Gifted," where McKenna Grace's math whiz Mary helps her guardian uncle Frank (Chris Evans) grow up. Either way you slice it, these plucky, precocious girls (always girls, rarely boys) help men find their destiny.

There are certainly valid ways to write these types of stories and characters. But most often these characters aren't developed enough to stand on their own. They serve only to aid a male character's characterization or arc. It's reflective of a predominantly male worldview. We can only hope that more inclusion of diverse voices will hasten the retirement of these stale and empty stereotypes.

Katie Walsh is a Tribune News Service critic.

What Mark Zuckerberg's admissions teach us

Facebook, from Page 1

interest, and do not fool yourself otherwise, here was a stunning statement.

You would not find many of the journalists sitting in Tribune Tower — for a few more weeks, anyway — so blithely inviting in some government oversight. *Au contraire*. We'd be taking to the barricades. We have quotations in our lobby arguing that, in a democracy, the power balance needs to be the other way around: *we're* supposed to keep *them* in check.

Zuckerberg, though, was trying to preserve the highly profitable fiction of Facebook neutrality. In essence, he finally admitted

that he wanted government protection from the downside of his own toxic content. Until this week, he had thrived by claiming that this was not, really, his content. But this week, finally, he had come to see that giving voice, say, to fascists and Russian political meddlers was a practice that was starting to threaten everything.

Zuckerberg's admission was one of those Oprah-style *aha* moments. A gotcha. A revelation of the Oz-ian man fiddling with machines behind the curtain. You're not a news organization at all, or even a community-building one, pal. Actually, you're a data-mining and microtargeting operation for your own

profit. You might have genuinely been deceived here by those smart faux academics with the posh Cambridge name, but you're still all about monetizing analytics, dude, when you're claiming to be all about the intersection of news and friendship.

Life being complex, ironies abound here, not that most people are looking for them these days.

That anti-Facebook Mashable story was intended to be shareable — yes, on Facebook. So now we have stories perfectly tailored to Facebook, that are dependent on Facebook and are decrying Facebook. Get your head around that. Of course, it was hard for

me to read that Mashable story online without being asked for my personal data, which Mashable really, really wanted. And honesty also requires me to point out that my employers, who have their own problems of disclosure, similarly are interested in your data, albeit for business rather than political purposes. That's assuming you believe you can separate the two.

By Thursday, National Review had come up with the counternarrative to the sudden anti-Facebook sentiment among progressives this week, pointing out that the Obama administration had been widely lauded during the 2012 election for (in part) using the Facebook profiles of a wide swath of people not just to predict how they might vote in the election, but how to turn those electors into someone who might vote for Obama.

So sophisticated was Obama's microtargeting operation — based mostly in Chicago — that Sasha

Issenberg could write in the MIT Technology Review that the campaign already knew the names of most of the people who had voted for Obama in 2008. The Obama campaign's doings were nowhere near as close to Cambridge Analytica as the National Review claimed, but at least two points were irrefutable: The Obama campaign absolutely encouraged and developed influencers who we might previously have thought were merely our friends. And the evidence shows that our tolerance for friendship-fused data-scraping without our specific permission clearly varies according to how much we like or hate whomever is doing the scraping.

We are just so absurdly naive. Persistently so. And the truly terrifying realization this week is how well this is understood by people who have agendas, people who do not necessarily wish us well.

Maybe we are witnessing the ultimate corruption

of friendship in this moment, or at least the revelation of the destruction of what used to be friendship, back when we actually talked in person and did not hide behind our screens. More likely, though, this is the comeuppance for our exaggerated sense of self-importance, our wrongheaded belief that while the behavior of everyone else could be predicted with the right data, while everyone else has their own agendas, we ourselves are beautiful, shining beacons of individuality, spontaneity and honorably ethical opinion.

Nope. But back to that question about deleting your Facebook account. Go ahead (wish I could, but I can't, not in this job).

But know this first. Back in the 19th century, a lot of reform-minded European writers — H.G. Wells, George Bernard Shaw, Henrik Ibsen — became interested in eugenics, which boiled down to the belief that since stupid people tend to elect stupid leaders, power should therefore reside not with the aristocratic but an intellectual elite. Winston Churchill had some sympathy with this point of view, the absurd subway-train scene in the movie "The Darkest Hour" notwithstanding.

But if the 20th century has taught us anything, it is that this way fascism lies. (You can currently see all of this under debate in "An Enemy of the People" at the Goodman Theatre).

Ordinary people are not rocks; they cannot merely be mined for analytics and their friendships should not be abused. By anyone. In this age of technology, social media has become the vox populi. It is a crucial check on governments, and, yes, on journalists and news organizations, including your Chicago Tribune.

But we now all see that Facebook was never free.

We all paid a price. We just didn't see the digital fingers probing our insecurities.

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Comics' special place in history

Comics, from Page 1

mounted in February and that will run until April 21. It is called "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Punch Line: The Evolution of Chicago Comics into an Art Form" and it is a modest show, made up of a couple of dozen examples of the comic art for which Chicago played an influential role.

"It is probably true that no other publisher in history ... took as much interest in the comics he published as Patterson did," wrote Stephen Becker in his 1959 book, "Comic Art in America" (Simon & Schuster). "The Tribune and the News did not dominate the twenties; yet of the dozen enduring strips created in that decade, half are their products. (They were) essential in the transition from comics as an adjunct to journalism to comics as a profession in itself."

Some of those strips are featured in this show: "Gasoline Alley," "Moon Mullins," "Dick Tracy" and "Brenda Starr." There is also more recent work from artists such as Skip Williamson and Jay Lynch, Justin Green, Nicole Hollander and Chris Ware.

Small as it is, the show is nevertheless informative, interesting and heartfelt and yet another expression of Evans' tireless passion and enthusiasm.

He is a novelist ("Good Money After Bad") and the editor of the anthology "Cubbie Blues: 100 Years of Waiting Till Next Year." But he is always busy in other literary matters. It took him two years, for instance, to create the Chicago Literary Hall of Fame, which launched with an event in 2010 that featured its first class of inductees: Gwendolyn Brooks, Nelson Algren, Richard Wright, Studs Terkel, Lorraine

Hansberry and Saul Bellow.

Two years ago he moved from Oak Park to New York with his wife, Margaret, and their son, Dusty, so she could care for an ill sister. Don would come back for an event here and there, which included induction ceremonies for new members of the Hall of Fame, a staged reading and a bus tour of Gwendolyn Brooks' Bronzeville neighborhood.

In August, he and Dusty moved back permanently, and Margaret will be home soon.

"And now is the time for me to get more involved," Evans says.

The comic show is part of that, as has been a reorganization of the LHOFF board and all sorts of planned events and activities such as The Great Chicago Books Club, the next meeting of which will feature Edna Ferber's 1912 collection of stories titled "Buttered Side Down" and takes place 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday (more at chicagoliteraryhof.org). In May there will be a refreshed website and, Evans says, "There's always the matter of raising money, and I have not given up on a permanent space for the Hall of Fame."

The space he has now is part of the CLA.

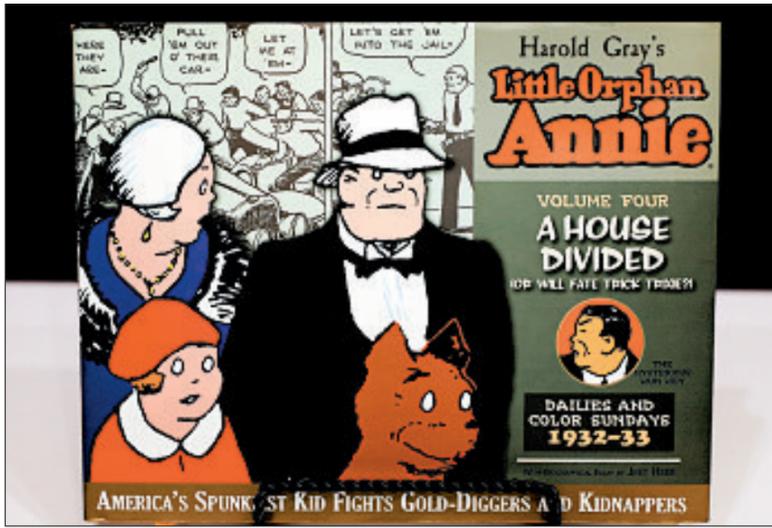
"The people there could not be more supportive," he says. "For a little organization like ours, with nothing close to money for a physical space, having a home address, and a place we can comfortably meet people, get work done, network among other organizations, has meant a great deal to us. My admiration for CLA's vision, and all the good work they're doing, is primarily what made me want to do something special over there, and hence the comics show."

The Chicago Literacy Alliance was formed in 2012 with the stated and



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"A Funny Thing Happened," which traces the history of comic strips in Chicago, runs through April 21.



"Little Orphan Annie" was first proposed as a comic named "Little Orphan Otto."

ambitious goal of helping to create "a future in which 100% of Chicagoland residents are functionally literate." In 2015, it opened the Literacenter in this Lake Street building, proclaiming it "North America's first shared workspace dedicated to literacy" and starting with 18 member organizations. There are now more than 100 and a vast array of services, programs, opportunities and events.

The best way to explore the CLA is to visit its website (chicagoliteracyalliance.org), but after seeing the comics show you might consider dropping into Open Books, which colorfully occupies the first floor of the building.

Open Books (www.open-books.org) is an idea born in 2006. Its founder was Stacy Ratner, the same person responsible for starting the CLA. Its first

home was on Institute Place from 2009 until moving into its current home in 2015. It offers tens of thousands of books at reasonable prices, most of them donated, with proceeds going to help fund literacy programs. If you are lucky, you'll meet store manager Dominic Loise, a delightful guy who is also wild about the written word, as is his wife, Jenna Nemece-Loise, a school librarian.

Open Books also sells comics, and I've been thinking a lot about comics these last few days, thanks to Evans' exhibition and the fine story by my colleague Steve Johnson about an exhibition of the work of Charles Schulz called "Snoopy and the Red Baron" at the Elmhurst History Museum.

It's hard to fathom how important comics once were. Want to try? Read this from a guy named Moses Koenigsberg, a newspaper executive and founder of the King Features Syndicate, who long ago called the comics "an organ of modern culture ... a powerful determinant of national character. (The comic) has sown cheerfulness; it has put to scorn the narrowness of little men; it has discredited the defeatist; it has lifted the heart and broadened the vision of numberless seekers for a smile; it has spread optimism by whetting the eagerness to live; it has promoted realism through disillusionment; it has kept America face to face with itself."

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Cumming embraces milestone gay lead

By **MEREDITH BLAKE**
Los Angeles Times

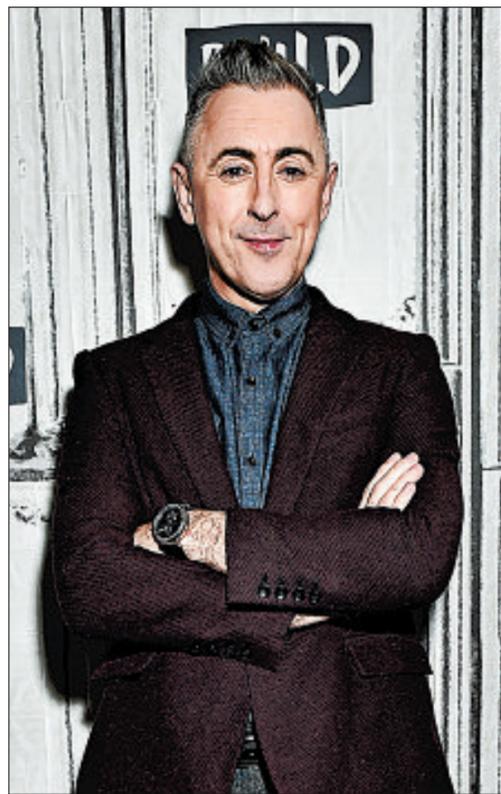
In the new CBS crime procedural "Instinct," Alan Cumming plays Dylan Reinhart, a former CIA operative and musical savant who's become an Ivy League professor and best-selling criminal psychopathology expert, and who also rides a motorcycle, wears natty Savile Row suits and eats pizza with a fork and knife.

And, oh yeah, he's married to a man.

"His sexuality is not what the story's about," Cumming said in his rolling Scottish burr. "It's way down the list of attributes he has, and I like that. But obviously it's good to be newsworthy."

At a time when LGBTQ characters are more visible than ever in much of popular culture, "Instinct" feels like an overdue milestone: It is the first hourlong broadcast drama featuring a gay lead character. The series, adapted from the novel "Murder Games" by James Patterson and Howard Roughan, also represents a major step for CBS, a target of intense criticism for the lack of diversity in its programming.

The drama follows Dylan and NYPD detective Lizzie Needham (Bojana Novakovic) as they hunt for a serial killer. His home life with Andy (Daniel Ings), who quit a career in corporate law to open a bar, is also on display. While their relationship is not the central focus of the show, Cumming takes the responsibility seriously.



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"I was very conscious that it was portrayed in a very positive and non-stereotypical or (non-) caricatured way," said Cumming, 53, who is an executive producer on "Instinct" and has been married to artist Grant Shaffer since 2012. They recently published a children's book, "The Adventures of Honey & Leon," about their dogs.

"When you think of most gay storylines in mainstream television, they are either pretty drama-fueled and hedonistic, or they're dying or in some perilous situation."

The show's creator, Michael Rauch, wrote the pilot with the actor, known for his puckish charm, in mind. "I knew he could pull off anything and just look incredibly dapper in a tweed suit, and yet at the same time be able to play

the layers of someone who is conflicted and feels abnormal for various reasons," Rauch said.

Cumming campaigned on behalf of Scottish independence and is a vocal supporter of refugees and LGBTQ causes. Beginning in May, he'll go on tour with a cabaret show, "Legal Immigrant," about his experiences in his adopted country.

He became a U.S. citizen in 2008 and describes the current political climate as "a scary, scary time," particularly for immigrants and the LGBTQ community. "The very worst feelings of prejudice and anger and violence have been enabled and encouraged by Trump. Even if he goes, that's going to take a generation to wash that away," Cumming said.

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March 25 birthdays: Film critic Gene Shalit is 92. Singer Aretha Franklin is 76. Musician Elton John is 71. Actor James McDaniel is 60. Actress Marcia Cross is 56. Actress Sarah Jessica Parker is 53. Singer Katharine McPhee is 34. Rapper Big Sean is 30.



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Shopper Larry Simpson combs through aisles of prisms, magnifying lenses, components, tools and gear at the American Science & Surplus store in Chicago.

Warehouse of wonders

Shopping is a strange adventure at American Science & Surplus

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI
Chicago Tribune

Perhaps you've heard: American science has taken some hits lately. According to a study by the National Science Foundation, only around 40 percent of Americans hold "a great deal of confidence" in the scientific community. Our Climate Change Denier in Chief holds science in such low regard that during his first year in the White House, he didn't bother naming anyone to run the Office of Science and Technology Policy; the job has fallen since, de facto-style, to a 31-year-old former political science major. And though the United States government funded almost three-quarters of basic scientific research in the decades after World War II — research intended to teach us something fresh, the kind of research that helped position this country in a leadership role in the world — the government now funds less than half of basic scientific research. Though we claim to be relentless technological innovators, we've been actively conceding that title.

And yet, as Yoda once said, there is another.

American Science & Surplus, founded in Chicago more than 80 years ago, is not a hardware store (though there are similarities), or an art supply store (though artists swear by the place); despite the name, it doesn't even seem accurate to describe it as a science-supply store (though it's been that for generations of Chicagoans). It's more like a market for the lost and curious, the scientifically and mechanically inclined who nevertheless are uncertain if they need a very old induction motor or the brake pads from an F-16. Paul Chapman, a longtime employee and general manager, recalls a father walking in with his son. They appeared unsure of what they wanted. The boy had a science-fair project — science fairs are a primary reason for shopping at American Science — and the father said: We need something to separate a neutron from a proton.

The assistant manager said: Sir, that's an atomic bomb.

No, the father said, we're trying to do something else.

At American Science in Geneva, not far from Fermilab, a scientist recently asked for a 55-gallon drum of iron filings. American Science didn't have one, but it acquired one.

Chapman recalled: "We had a teacher come in who asked, 'Where do you keep



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"We had a teacher come in who asked, 'Where do you keep the eyeballs?'"

— Paul Chapman, general manager

the eyeballs? I didn't stock eyeballs that she was looking for but I did track down a bucket of sheep eyeballs. About 15 years ago we had these shrunken heads from a tribe in South America who would stretch orangutan skins over molded heads — gruesome and very popular in the store, and once we sold out we never could get them again. We've had those suits that firemen wear to run into fires. We've had turtle and cat skeletons. We have giant suction cups used to patch the hulls of naval vessels. We have a two-seat military toilet — why dig two holes when you can dig one? We've had motors for bomber planes, and we have these mechanical animals that are supposed to work but don't, so maybe a hobbyist is building a robot and they need a part — these are perfect."

He has a letter hanging in his cubicle that was written by a devoted customer: "You should start buying more alien items, UFO items, Bigfoot items and doctor's bags."

Chapman started 20 years ago at American Science, but he was a regular since he was about 5: "My father brought me in and had to carry me out when I refused to leave."

It's understandable. Should there be a grass-roots movement to take back American science, this could be the safe house. The Milwaukee Avenue

store — not to be confused with the Milwaukee, Wis., store (there are three locations) — is in a strip mall in Gladstone Park on the Northwest Side of Chicago, behind a pancake house, next door to a travel agency. The humorless white lettering along the facade offers no hint of what's inside: What's inside is not self-consciously quirky or particularly funny or hip or ironic, but sincerely unusual, and chaotic. It's a bit too easy to say this is a mad scientist's lab, but words fail. It's hard to know where to look. The eye will not settle. Your question is not: Where do we start shopping? The question is: What could you possibly want that you know for certain they'd have? A 69-cent satchel of wax beans? A bag of lobster bibs? A weather balloon?

Because a sizable chunk of the store's stock is surplus bought from companies, manufacturers and other stores — the now-defunct, legendary Uncle Fun novelty shop in Lakeview was once a source — there is a relatively good chance that items will never be restocked: air cargo casters, ferrite suppressors, industrial wind tunnels (\$795), brass sextants, plastic "Oscarsque" statues, "Caution Falling Ice" tape, periodic table charts.

Art directors and set designers for movies, theater and TV series have shopped here for ages. John Hughes was a customer. The MythBusters, too. No surprise then, American Science employees have art and science backgrounds in about equal measure. The walls and ceiling are covered with decades of their work — hand-drawn signs about otters, paintings of Bill Nye and Stephen Hawking, robots cobbled together from scraps.

"M. Night Shyamalan presents Assorted Signs," reads one shelf label.

American Science was founded in 1937, by Western Electric employee Al Luebbers. He spotted a company tossing out lenses; they gave him the entire stock to get rid of them, which Luebbers then sold himself — 10 lenses for 50 cents. The business grew from there. Luebbers opened the first American Science on Northwest Highway, but according to owner Patrick Meyer, the eccentric tone is all Jerry Luebbers, Al's son, who expanded the business in the 1970s (and died in 1988, at 46).

Meyer — who started there when he was 16, and is now 50 — has never worked anywhere else. "Finding this stuff never gets old," he said. "A company in Des Plaines manufactured bus-stop shells for the CTA but oversized it and the shells wouldn't fit the bus stops so we got these 6-foot chunks of curved glass. An artist bought the whole stock. That kind of thing happens. Something is misprinted, oversized, undersized, over-manufactured — I just bought bandannas because the print job was off by like a quarter of an inch. Sometimes companies spit out a test run on a product before they'll settle on the final (version). So we buy the tests."

The core customer remains the science student, or the science teacher. "Back in the day, lab materials were readily available in schools," Meyer said. "Now you see that not happening in all kinds of schools as much." So they sell lab coats and test tubes and test-tube holders and beakers and circuit boards, lab frogs and clamps and petri dishes.

From their crowded store, across decades, they've watched patterns form and attitudes shift toward science. Lately, there have been more students in STEM and STEAM-based curricula coming in. For years, Meyer watched the do-it-yourselfers dry up as "people seemed to stop fixing stuff in their homes," he said. Now the Maker Movement has filled the gap.

As for everyone else? To stroll American Science & Surplus on a weekday is to browse with generations of the uncertain and curious, not looking for anything in particular. Angela McElwain has been shopping here for decades. The other day she brought a friend, Sue Madel. "I did not know that this place existed," Madel said, "but I know that I don't need a hemostat."

"I have one," McElwain said.

"You do? Why?"

"Who knows? You never know what you need."

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JASON WOODS PHOTOS

The Concrete Chicago Map serves as a portrait of many of the area's top concrete designs. They include, top from left: Marina City, the University of Illinois at Chicago's Behavioral Science Building and its Science and Engineering South; bottom from left, Henry Hinds Lab, St. Mary of Nazareth Hospital and Northwestern Library.

Take another look at Chicago in concrete



BLAIR KAMIN
Cityscapes

Concrete is a tough material, and tough to love. While architects admire its strength, economy and ability to be sculpted into organic shapes, the public is generally cool to the material, thinking it has all the charm of a parking garage. The twin corn-cobs of Bertrand Goldberg's Marina City, now official Chicago landmarks, are a notable exception.

Now, five years after the bitter battle that preceded the demolition of Goldberg's cloverleafed Prentice Women's Hospital in Chicago, London-based Blue Crow Media has brought out the Concrete Chicago Map, a two-sided hunk of paper that gathers many of the area's top concrete designs for what is, in effect, a group portrait — one aimed at preventing the better ones from

being smashed to bits like Prentice.

"Proactive preservation," the map's editor, Chicago's Iker Gil, calls this admirable but imperfect effort.

"Not every building deserves to be saved, but having those informed conversations is important," says Gil, 40, a lecturer at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and editor of the quarterly design journal MAS Context.

Since 2009, Blue Crow Media has carved out a mini-niche with smartly designed maps that celebrate buildings and infrastructure in cities from Tokyo to Paris to Boston. In the digital age, such maps may seem anachronistic, but the format allows many photographs to be displayed on a single page, making the buildings appear more impressive than they would on a smartphone's small screen. The Chicago map, available at the publisher's website for \$11.60, measures roughly 24 inches by 16 1/2 inches unfolded. It features 20 black-and-white photos with blue sky backdrops.

One side of the map displays those shots, as well as a knowledgeable introduction by Gil and

bare-bones descriptions of 42 concrete buildings, including the 20 in the photographs. On the other side, a precisely honed regional map depicts the footprints of concrete buildings in red, set against an appropriately gray background. Red arrows point the way to far-flung examples in places like northwest suburban Elgin.

The photographs, by Jason Woods, effectively emphasize the organic sculptural forms of such structures as Walter Netsch's main library at Northwestern University as well as the brute muscularity of the Johnson Publishing Co. Building by Dubin, Dubin, Black & Moutoussamy. Netsch (a partner at Skidmore, Owings & Merrill), Goldberg and Harry Weese were among the mavericks of mid-20th-century Chicago modernism, breaking out of the arid, right-angled strait-jacket that trapped the less-creative followers of the master of steel and glass, Ludwig Mies van der Rohe.

As Gil's introduction reveals, the concrete beat goes on in powerfully sculpted residential high-rises like Ralph Johnson's Con-

temporaine and Jeanne Gang's Aqua Tower. There are smaller-scale concrete gems as well, including a secluded Lincoln Park house by Pritzker Architecture Prize winner Tado Ando.

Still, there are several weaknesses that I hope will be corrected if the Concrete Chicago Map ever gets to a second edition.

The map, Gil explained, originally was going to focus on a subsection of concrete buildings — those of the mid-20th century style known as Brutalism, whose name derives from the French *brut*, as in the unrefined or brute strength associated with exposed concrete. As a result, the photos fix concrete in the '60s, '70s and '80s rather than offering contemporary examples. As a result, you might be left with the impression that concrete buildings tend to be anti-urban fortresses, like C.F. Murphy Associates' Arthur J. Schmitt Academic Center at DePaul University, a knockoff of Boston's Brutalist City Hall. The newer ones are more city-friendly.

Worse, the map makes no mention of the Chicago area's greatest concrete building, Frank

Lloyd Wright's recently restored Unity Temple in Oak Park.

Though it was completed in 1908, long before the other buildings in the survey, Unity should have been included as their masterly forerunner. Its stark exterior masks Wright's dazzling manipulation of interior space. Architects like Netsch would seek to match Wright's standard, but would sometimes produce interiors as confusing as a labyrinth.

Despite these faults, the Concrete Chicago Map performs a valuable service by drawing attention to the architectural aspirations and achievements of the Chicago area's concrete buildings. To be sure, it was steel that made this town's architectural reputation, especially through the innovation of the steel-framed office building in the 1880s. But don't count out concrete. By starting an informed dialogue, the new map gives the best structures of this often-maligned material a fighting chance to survive.

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New script on taxes for actors

Tax 'cut' costs Chicago actors deductions they now rely on

BY MORGAN GREENE
Chicago Tribune

On Dec. 22, 2017, before leaving for Christmas break, President Donald Trump signed the Republican tax bill into law. The passing of the bill — introduced as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act — was a major legislative victory for Trump and the Republican-controlled Congress. On Jan. 1, the new tax code went into effect. In the months before and after the passage of the bill, the new code was widely criticized by Democrats as favoring wealthier Americans and corporations, especially in the long term.

Now, as the height of tax season comes and Americans consider how much they'll pay in taxes next year, one group of workers is bracing for major changes: actors. Under the new law, they could potentially lose a lot of money — as could the non-profit theaters where they are employed.

For actors, making a living invites uncertainty; there's always the lingering question of when, and if, the next job will come. Actors hired as employees receive W-2s, while other jobs provide independent-contractor income (nonemployee compensation) reported on Form 1099. A mix of jobs and tax documents makes an average tax season for actors complicated. This year, there's even more anxiety than usual: Actors, like other workers in similar situations, are losing the deductibility of unreimbursed employee business expenses.

"There's all this misinformation," said David Turrentine recently at his Lincoln Square storefront. Turrentine, an enrolled agent (a federally authorized tax practitioner) who works with Chicago theater artists, is also an Actors' Equity Association (AEA) member known for frequently understudying roles at Chicago Shakespeare Theater. This tax season, he's heard a lot of the same questions: "I'm losing all my deductions? Should I incorporate? What should I do? How does the new law affect me?"

There are changes in the tax code that will affect everyone. Individual rates for most incomes are temporarily lower, and the federal corporate tax rate decreases to 21 percent; deductions for state and local property, income and sales taxes are capped at \$10,000; the standard deduction almost doubles to \$12,000 for singles and \$24,000 for married couples filing jointly; the child tax credit increases, the personal exemption is eliminated and the Affordable Care Act mandate is repealed.

But when they file their 2017 taxes, actors are able to itemize and deduct expenses for W-2 income. For 2018, that option disappears.

Expenses can account for a major part of an actor's financial life — and are not just luxuries and salon treatments.

What kinds of business expenses do actors encounter? Here's an example: A young union actor moves to Chicago, hoping to work at one of the major Equity theaters. She pays a photographer for new headshots, prints out her resumes and subscribes to a few publications to stay up to date on theater news. She uses her laptop for research and her home office to record auditions herself. She takes voice lessons and dance classes to sharpen her audition skills. She sees a show every night she can.

Eventually, she books a gig at one of the suburban musical theater houses. She clocks hundreds of miles driving to and from rehearsals, she's up to date on her union dues (currently 2.375 percent of gross earnings on an Equity contract and an additional \$170 annually), and, as she's rehearsing, 5 percent of every paycheck goes to her agent, 10 percent after performances begin.

In a short period of time, she's accrued thousands of dollars in acting-related expenses. And she's one of the lucky ones. Maybe she's able to justify the costs because, in her 2017 filing, she knows she'll write off those expenses — everything from the moving costs to agent commission — as deductions.

"If you were working for an employer, you could negotiate with your employer to get them to pay for these kinds of expenses," said Turrentine.

"But we're basically self-employed."



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David Turrentine works on the taxes of Heather and Bill Bannon in his Chicago office. Turrentine, an actor himself, frequently helps local theater actors with their taxes. Bill Bannon is an actor and Heather Bannon is a former stage manager. Both are affected by the new federal tax law.

That's the contradiction faced by actors working as employees.

Unlike independent-contractor work, a typical W-2 job would allow business expenses to be covered by the employer. Say a full-time newspaper reporter has to jump in a cab to cover a story or conduct an interview over coffee — she can expense her transportation or meal. But W-2 short-term acting jobs exist in a gray area. Companies are generally not paying for everything that has to happen outside of the rehearsal room for an actor to be able to deliver a top-notch performance.

Sandra Karas, who is the AEA secretary-treasurer, director of the AEA's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program and a practicing tax attorney, conservatively estimates that actors spend 10 to 30 percent of gross earnings on business expenses. Turrentine offered up similar numbers.

Karas recalculated some example tax forms of Equity members with business expenses. For some actors, their taxes nearly quadrupled under the new code.

An actor who earned \$97,000 (with three-quarters from pension and investments) and would pay \$12,434 for 2017, would pay \$14,769 under the new law, an increase of 19 percent. A married couple who earned \$65,000 and would pay taxes of \$1,228 for 2017, would owe \$4,535 for 2018, an increase of 269 percent. An actor who earned \$28,000 and

difference between rent for me," she said about losing business expense deductions. "It's not just extra money.

"Everyone told me when I was younger, don't pursue art because there's no money in it," she said. "And it's true. There's no money in it. But there are ways to survive if you know things like how to calculate your deductions. And I'm nervous that it's just going to confirm this idea that you shouldn't do what you love because society is constantly making it more difficult for you to make money."

One of the younger members at the meeting was Aaron Davidson, an actor who appeared in last year's production of "Hair" at the Mercury Theater. He's currently auditioning and counting on this year's refund to help him stay afloat until the next gig. As an actor who has worked out of town in Colorado on W-2s, his business expense deductions often helped him break even on taxes and receive a refund.

"This year is literally the most I've ever made from theater, and it's like \$28,000, which feels like everything for me, and is nothing," he said. "I'm terrified of having to pay money. Where does that come from? ... It's the younger people that make 20-something thousand dollars that needed those little things to help them."

Davidson said he was attending auditions later in the week in

Karas said. "Sometimes when you're really a high earner, apart from your agent, you don't have many expenses. Because you've got gigs. You're not out there relearning everything and developing new skills and going to auditions all the time."

Gregory Mermel, a certified public accountant who specializes in working with people in the arts, also ran a few representative examples of the effect of the new tax law on actors. There were minimal changes for those without significant business expenses taking the standard deduction.

A non-Equity actor earning \$40,000 from a W-2 day job and \$10,000 from 1099 income — such as recording commercials and local stage work — would have \$887 less in net tax under the new code. An actor in a similar position, but with a child, would benefit further with the increased child tax credit.

In Mermel's examples, actors who would see the greatest changes in their returns are those considering self-incorporating.

Self-incorporating involves creating a company that hires out the artist's services. Actors would then file corporate tax returns, which allow for business-expense deductions. Under the new code, these pass-through entities are also able to claim up to a 20 percent deduction of profits from qualified business income, before this income is taxed at the individual rates.

In Mermel's examples, a union actor earning more than \$300,000 in W-2 income — a homeowner with property taxes and mortgage paying bigger agent commissions — would have almost \$2,000 more in net tax under the new code. The actor loses state and local property, income and sales tax (SALT) deductions, about \$5,000, as well as \$56,000 worth of professional business deductions. The actor does benefit from no longer being subjected to additional Medicare tax on high W-2 income, as well as the Alternative Minimum Tax — a supplemental income tax that often affects high earners. Still, the actor's taxes jump from about \$85,000 in 2017 to \$87,000 under the new code. But, if the actor incorporated, total taxes drop to \$81,000 — about a \$6,000 benefit.

But self-incorporating is an option that rarely makes sense for working- and middle-class actors — the majority of actors in Chicago. According to AEA, the average union actor works only 16 to 17 weeks out of the year. Incorporating means losing unemployment benefits, and it's expensive in other ways with additional administrative costs.

The final blow of the new code could hit nonprofit theaters themselves. The new law could reduce charitable giving.

With the increased standard deduction, cap on SALT deductions and lower individual tax rates, middle-class earners are less likely to itemize, losing the tax benefit of charitable deductions. According to a study from the Tax Policy Center, only 10 percent of households making \$75,000 to \$100,000 would benefit from a charitable deduction under the new law (down from 27 percent).

The number of households claiming an itemized deduction

for charitable giving is estimated to drop to 16 million from 37 million. Middle-class households claiming the charitable deduction are estimated to drop to 5.5 percent from 17 percent.

Chicago's storied companies with deep donor bases (and the recipients of the majority of foundation funding) will likely be able to weather shifts in funding. Middle-class donors giving a few hundred dollars to smaller companies, and new companies, are the donors more likely to stop giving.

"That's potentially ugly," said Mermel, about the effect on charitable giving.

"I definitely hope the reform doesn't discourage anyone from donating to any charities," said Steppenwolf Executive Director David Schmitz. "And I don't think it will. I think we see most Steppenwolf donors give because they love the theater."

A number of non-Equity theaters said similar things.

Stephanie Weddell, executive director of Sideshow Theatre Company, said: "We always like to think that people give to nonprofit organizations and theaters like Sideshow for reasons other than tax deduction. But in the current climate that we're in and everyone really across the board struggling with contributed income and earned income, when something like this comes up, we can't just ignore it. And it is definitely a big incentive for charitable giving that's now not there."

There's also the looming threat of the Trump administration's recently released 2019 budget plan: the National Endowment for the Arts would have its budget cut to \$29 million from \$150 million.

Even with the potentially damaging changes in the new code, there are still some silver linings.

The best news for Chicago actors is that independent contractors, who receive 1099s, can still claim business expense deductions. And, in Chicago, where actors often dabble in side projects, there's a lot of 1099 work. Many nonunion actors are paid on 1099s, along with directors, playwrights, designers, choreographers, musicians and even those portraying a patient with medical concerns as part of hospital training programs or recording a book on tape. Workers receiving 1099s can also use the new 20 percent deduction of qualified business income.

"That's the Chicago style, if there is a Chicago style," Turrentine said. "Employment soup. I worked a day on 'Chicago Fire.' And then I worked at Raven Theatre tonight, and I got a 1099 from them."

One thing Karas, Turrentine and Mermel all recommended is keeping good records. Artists should still track expenses in the same way as previous years, especially to use against potential 1099 work. Karas said household and business expenses can also help qualify actors for subsidized housing consideration.

One more thing the experts said: Don't panic.

"It's just a different art form than it was," Turrentine said. "The art of taxes."

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Sandra Karas, a practicing tax attorney, conservatively estimates that actors spend 10 to 30 percent of gross earnings on business expenses.

would pay taxes of \$513 for 2017, would pay \$1,726 for 2018, an increase of 236 percent.

"This is an important industry," Karas said recently at the Actors' Equity office in Chicago. "We're not just fancy artists. We provide incomes and entertainment for lots and lots of people. And I've asked people casually, what would you do if somebody decided that you'd go home and you wouldn't be able to listen to music, watch television, hook into ESPN or HBO or Showtime or any of those? Because they're all art-driven. ... And so I think we're really talking not just about saving our own lives but saving the life of the entertainment industry in the country."

As part of AEA's multicounty tax tour, Karas was in town to offer a seminar for Chicago members. A portion of the meeting covered the less obvious deductions of an actor's business expenses: business gifts (maximum \$25 per person), telephone and internet/cable (whatever percentage of use you can attribute with documentation to your business), gym membership (no), the cast's bar tab after rehearsal (no).

The question Karas urged members to ask is: If I were not in this industry, would I be doing and paying for this?

Sara Williams, a performer who recently moved to Chicago from Pittsburgh, was one of the actors at the meeting. "It's the

New York. "And I always know in my mind, all right, I spend this money, I know I'll be able to deduct it. And even if, when it comes to tax season, it doesn't make a difference, mentally it makes enough of a difference that I don't feel guilty doing it. I can see myself and other people literally not doing things to make our craft and ourselves better because we cannot deduct it."

Actors who work steadily at Chicago's major Equity houses — or actors who have spousal income or other means of support — may be able to justify additional expenses without a tax write-off. But even most successful Chicago actors live modestly, compared to film and TV performers on the coasts. Equity weekly minimum salaries under the Chicago Area Theater contract, effective through June 2018, range from \$229.75 to \$811.50.

Actors newer to the business, who may be more likely to forgo costly training without the deduction of business expenses, are not likely to book gigs at the higher-paying companies — like a show at Chicago Shakespeare that requires dialect skills, or a production of "Once" at Paramount Theatre that requires the ability to play an instrument or a Lookingglass Theatre audition that requires acrobatics — without staying on top of their skills.

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Miguel Galarraga, of Corazon de Xoconostle Tours, descends into a 1,500-foot sinkhole known as Sotano de las Huahuas, or "cellar of the macaws."



Above: Media Luna is a spring-fed lagoon popular with swimmers and scuba divers. Archaeologists discovered several pre-Hispanic offerings in the water.

Right: A tourist bus circles the historic center of San Luis Potosi.



Canoes, caves & culture

Adventure awaits in Mexico's San Luis Potosi

STORY AND PHOTOS BY MARK JOHANSON | Chicago Tribune

SAN LUIS POTOSI, Mexico — Imagine if you took a giant bottle of Champagne, shook it up, popped the cork and let the bubbles rush all over your body. Now imagine you're 60 feet beneath the surface and strapped into scuba gear when it happens. That, in essence, is the riotous joy one experiences when floating above a geothermal spring.

I've discovered this while swimming past one of the six springs that feeds a little-known prehistoric lagoon in Mexico called Media Luna. Lost in its whirlpool of bubbles, I watch in awe as they tickle their way around my skin, rising to the surface and popping in the midday heat.

Swimming through Media Luna's crystal-clear waters, I pass a petrified forest and cavernous subterranean corridors en route to a spot where, in

the 1970s, underwater archaeologists discovered the fossilized remains of a mammoth. Its head lay on the bottom alongside hundreds of pre-Hispanic offerings deposited in this crescent-shaped oasis by the region's ancient settlers, who used it as a center of worship.

Not only is Media Luna one of the most intriguing underwater archaeology sites in Mexico; it's also a haven for beginner divers. Ossiell Martinez of Dive School Media Luna tells me after our dive that the famed explorer Jacques Cousteau once named this lagoon among the best spots on the planet to learn the basic techniques of cave diving. I can see why.

What I can't understand is why I'm one of the only foreigners here. Per-

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Las Vegas gambling and tourism still in slump

BY HUGO MARTIN AND DAVID MONTERO
Los Angeles Times

Las Vegas tourism leaders revived the famous "What happens here, stays here" slogan three months after a mass shooting on the Strip, but gaming revenue and visitation numbers remain depressed in the tourist destination.

In January, total visitation to the city dropped 3.3 percent, while gaming revenue from the Strip slumped by 8.89 percent,

the steepest percentage drop among all Nevada gambling markets for the month — and the biggest for the Strip since the Oct. 1 shooting at a country-music festival that killed 58 people and wounded hundreds more.

But tourism and gaming officials attributed much of the decline to factors beyond the mass shooting, including the month having one fewer weekend compared with January 2017 and the shift of the lunar new year to February.

The Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority said there were nearly 2,000 fewer available rooms in January compared with a year ago because of construction.

A monthly report recently issued by the Nevada Gaming Control Board showed revenue on the Strip declined by nearly 9 percent — for a haul of \$554.8 million in January.

October revenue had been down 6 percent followed by drops of 6 percent in November and 3.25

percent in December.

Michael Lawton, senior research analyst with the control board, said that tourism has been down since before the Oct. 1 shooting and the situation hasn't been helped by several properties on the Strip undergoing renovation.

Downtown Las Vegas was a bright spot, with gaming revenue up 1.6 percent — a fourth straight month of increases. Laughlin and Reno reported increases in gaming revenue and hotel occupancy.



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Tourism is down in Las Vegas following last year's mass shooting, but experts say multiple factors are to blame.

Mexico's adventure travel hub

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haps it's because this spectacular undersea labyrinth is nowhere near Mexico's famed coastline.

Most tourists visit our southern neighbor for its lavish beach resorts and towering Mayan ruins. I've come for adventure. I've based myself in the long-overlooked central state of San Luis Potosí, halfway between Mexico City and Monterrey. It has neither beaches nor Mayan ruins. Instead, it boasts untouched turquoise rivers, still-thriving Wixaritari and Teenek cultures, and a terrain riddled with deep sinkholes, like a block of Swiss cheese.

San Luis Potosí has been a fast-growing destination among domestic tourists for several years. The U.S. State Department advises Americans to "reconsider travel" to this part of Mexico, citing crime and gang activity "in parts of San Luis Potosí state." However, the global think tank Institute for Economics and Peace rates the state well above more touristed areas like Mexico City, Oaxaca and Baja California Sur on its latest Mexico Peace Index. Having traveled extensively in Mexico, there was nothing in San Luis Potosí that put me on edge.

The region has atmospheric places to stay, like the colonial-style Hilton (rooms from \$115). Three dozen more hotels are in development. Tourism officials predict an additional terminal at the international airport in the state's namesake capital will more than double annual arrivals from 500,000 to 1.2 million once it's finished later this year.

My journey through this burgeoning adventure travel hub began, in earnest, in a totally different landscape: the vast wilds of the Wirikuta desert. I hiked five hours from the small colonial town of San Antonio de Coronados, past a peyote-riddled scrubland and up to a hilltop sanctuary known as Ameyaltonal, held sacred by the local Wixaritari community. When I arrived, a shaman cleansed my body with smoke and aromatic herbs in a ceremony where we honored the four cardinal directions, the earth below and the sky above.

I also took a harrowing ride on the roof of a 1961 Jeep Willys high into the Sierra de Catorce mountain range to visit the once-glorious 18th-century silver mining outpost of Real de Catorce. This former ghost town has been repopulated in recent decades and revitalized for the tourist industry, drawn to its crumbling colonial churches and charming cobbled streets.

Now, I've traded the arid high plains of the state's western corridors for the subtropical forests and sinkholes of the Zona Media, home to the Media Luna lagoon.

I'm traveling with Miguel Galarraga, one of the founders of Corazon de Xocnostle Tours, a new agency that's made a big name for itself pioneering novel adventures across San Luis Potosí. The offerings include everything from half-day visits in abandoned mining towns to multiday hiking



Visitors explore the surreal structures of a garden built by the late British artist Edward James in the Huasteca Potosina region.

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A river guide paddles up the milky green Tampoan River in a wooden canoe.



The Voladores de Tamaletom are dancers who "fly" around a pole while suspended upside down.

and rock climbing expeditions.

A former economist, Galarraga got into tourism as a way to share his love of climbing. He even met his two co-founders (an ex-banker and an ex-chef) in San Luis Potosí's close-knit climbing community. So perhaps it was only a matter of time before we'd find ourselves peering over the edge of a 1,500-foot sinkhole known as Sotano de las Huahuas ("cellar of the macaws").

Hundreds of parrots, parakeets and swifts swirl around its perimeter in a tornado of squawking wings. We wait for them to finish their mesmerizing morning show and then take a leap of faith over the edge.

I have no prior rappelling

experience, but Galarraga insists it isn't necessary. Overcoming anxiety proves the biggest challenge as he and his team lower me like a swinging tea bag into a giant earthen cup.

Some 600 feet below, we reach the cave's first chamber: a primordial world of moss-covered rocks, fanning ferns and thickening air. We walk along its slippery, spongy terrain to peek into the depths of the second chamber. It's a good two hours before we're pulled to the top, just in time to catch the birds returning to their subterranean homes.

My final day in San Luis Potosí is spent in the tropical rainforests and turquoise river canyons of the Huasteca Potosina region. This

easternmost section of the state is home to the Teenek dancers Voladores de Tamaletom, who "fly" around a pole while suspended upside down. It's also where you'll find a surreal sculpture garden by the late, eccentric British poet and artist Edward James. But my main objective is to take a wooden canoe into the even more surreal Tampoan River, whose milky green waters radiate in the Mexican sun. My destination: the 345-foot Tamul Waterfall.

It takes nearly two hours of paddling to reach the base of this towering cascade. I break up the journey with stops at water holes along the edge, including one where you can swim into the

pitch-black darkness of a limestone cave. I also ditch the canoe on my return journey and instead float back (thanks to my safety vest) through its small — though body-jostling — white-water rapids.

It's hard to believe that just a few days ago — and just a few hours away — I was in the middle of a sun-baked desert and amid the bubbles of a sacred spring. It's a testament to the diversity San Luis Potosí packs into its compact borders.

Mexican tourists already know this. It's about time the rest of us caught on.

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Tour France right, even the first time



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In Paris last June, I kept running into a delightful woman from Indiana on her first trip there. Wonderstruck by the city's charms, she was doing everything right — picking up French words, conversing with every local she could and enjoying the great artistic and cultural experiences.

To get the most out of France, it's essential to connect with the culture. Go on a wine tour, play boules with the locals and make an effort to understand what matters to the French about their country. If you're a first-time visitor to France, here are some more tips.

Slow down and savor the experience. There's a lot to see: three mountain ranges, two very different coastlines, several cosmopolitan cities and countless sleepy villages. If you only have one or two weeks for your first trip, don't try to do too much. Limit yourself to Paris and perhaps one other popular region (Normandy, the Loire, the Dordogne, Provence or the French Riviera). You can't experience l'art de vivre — the art of living — if you're rushing around.

Learn the ins and outs of transit. Though you shouldn't speed through the place you came to see, it makes sense to use the high-speed bullet train (TGV) to get between far-flung destinations. Buy

early; advance-purchase discounts can get snapped up months ahead — and if you're traveling with a rail pass, reserve your TGV seats as soon as you can. Local trains and buses get you to smaller towns — or you can rent a car.

Manual transmission cars are cheaper to rent and get better mileage. Driving rules are largely the same as in the U.S., but mind the speed limit — speed cameras are everywhere, and tickets are costly. At the pump, make sure you're getting the right fuel: Essence is gasoline while gasoil is diesel.

In Paris, transit passes decrease your cost per ride: Buy a carnet of 10 Metro tickets or a Passe Navigo (which covers Paris as well as trips to outlying chateaux and the airports; the weekly pass is valid Monday-Sunday).

Memorize (at least) five French phrases. You'll get better treatment if you use basic French pleasantries: bonjour (good day); pardon (pardon me) — you'll be using it on the Metro; s'il vous plait (please); merci (thank you); and au revoir (goodbye). Begin every encounter (for instance, when entering a shop) with "Bonjour, madame (or monsieur)," and end every encounter with a cheery "Au revoir, madame (or monsieur)."

Sightsee smartly. Check for sightseeing passes and combo-ticket deals. For example, the Paris Museum Pass pays for itself with four key admissions in two days (for example, the Louvre and Orsay museums, Sainte-Chapelle church and the Palace of Versailles), and it lets you



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Lingering in outdoor cafes is the norm in France — eat long and well. A good meal is a three-hour joyride for the senses.



Admire the skill of ball-tossing boules players in village squares — or join a game for maximum joie de vivre.

skip the ticket line at most sights. Without a pass, buy advance tickets online to save time in line. It's always smart to reserve a ticket for the Eiffel Tower well in advance of your trip.

Treat your taste buds. A

good meal is a three-hour joyride for the senses — as rich as visiting an art gallery and as stimulating as a good massage. Choose a spot filled with locals and off the main drag. Restaurants open for dinner at about 7 p.m. and are most

crowded at about 8:30 p.m. — reserve ahead for a splurge meal. You can order off the menu, which is called la carte and offers more selection; or you can order a multi-course, fixed-price meal, which, confusingly, is called le menu. Cafe hours are generally longer than restaurants, and they offer more simple and quick options on their menus. When considering the high cost of eating out, remember that tax and tip (which amount to about 25 percent back home) are included in the prices on the menu.

Sleep in style. The French rate hotels with stars: I like well-located, family-run two-star hotels. They are simple, comfortable and can be preferable to a fancier three-star place in a less charming location.

In Paris, apartment rentals are generally no cheaper than nice hotels, but you'll get more space and can save some money on meals. A budget alternative in expensive cities are short-

term rental services such as Airbnb. In the countryside, home rentals (gites) are a great value: For an average of about \$1,500 a week, you can rent a three-bedroom two-bathroom place — that's \$500 each for three couples.

While these tips can help prepare you to have a better trip, the most important tip is to travel with the right attitude. Become a cultural chameleon ... embrace the French ways. Don't be judgmental. Travel with a spirit of adventure and strive to get out of your comfort zone. If you travel with the childlike joy and wide-eyed enthusiasm of the traveler from Indiana, you're sure to have the trip of your dreams. You might even come home a Franco-ophile!

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TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Why can't JustFly.com just fix my ticket to Australia?

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT
King Features

I recently made a reservation through JustFly.com to travel from Minneapolis to Coffs Harbour, Australia, via Sydney. Three weeks ago, I looked up my reservation on the Qantas website and found that the U.S. flights had been canceled.

Neither Qantas nor Justfly.com contacted me regarding the cancellation. I called Justfly.com immediately and it changed the itinerary, but I have yet to receive the confirmation and e-tickets.

I have spent hours on the phone every day with JustFly.com. The company insists that it has not received the approval from Qantas to issue the tickets. I'm supposed to leave in four days. I also called customer service at Qantas, and they said I had to go through my booking agent. Can you help?

— Janice Malvey, Minneapolis

A: JustFly.com and Qantas should have notified you of your ticket changes immediately and worked with you to fix your itinerary.

So what went wrong? Sometimes, this kind of problem comes up when there's a communication breakdown between you and your agent or airline. To prevent it, don't forget to give your travel agent all of your contact information, including an email and phone number. I checked with you, and you said you'd furnished JustFly.com with all of your contact information.

Maybe JustFly.com and Qantas crossed their wires, which means there's nothing you could have done to prevent it.

Your case is an important reminder to check on the status of your flight a few weeks before you fly, just in case there's an unexpected schedule

change, and especially when you're dealing with multiple legs. And it's another reason why you should consider using a human agent, who will make sure something like this doesn't slip through the cracks.

I didn't see much of a paper trail in your case — the email correspondence between you, your airline and your online agent. Instead of calling everyone, I recommend sending an email to all the parties, politely asking them to address the problem. Too few travelers try that, and instead pick up the phone and waste hours of their time. Fortunately, you kept your itinerary and other documents, which are essential in establishing a paper trail.

There's a shortcut. You could have forwarded all of that information, along with a polite email, to the

executive contacts for Qantas and JustFly.com. Their contact information is available on my consumer-advocacy site (elliott.org/company-contacts/qantas-airways-limited/ and elliott.org/company-contacts/just-fly-com/). They need to know about your problems, preferably in writing. An email can help you create a paper trail, which saves you time and can come in handy if you ever need to go to court.

I reached out to JustFly.com. Within minutes, you had a new itinerary and e-tickets for the domestic portion of your trip.

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CELEBRITY TRAVELER CHELSEY CRISP

Actress loves Hawaii's beaches

BY JAE-HA KIM
Tribune Content Agency

Though Chelsey Crisp is a scene stealer for her portrayal of Honey on ABC's "Fresh Off the Boat," the Los Angeles-based actress says she often goes unrecognized when walking around with her husband, screenwriter Rhett Reese. "It takes hair and makeup a long time to turn me into Honey," Crisp said, laughing. "I'm very pale, so they have to put a tan on me and make my hair very big. It really is a process, but it's so much fun playing her."

An edited version of our conversation follows.

Q: Where do you spend the most time when you're not in Hollywood working?

A: Phoenix probably, I'm from there and love it. My family is still there, and my husband is from Phoenix as well. We go back a lot. Living in Los Angeles, it's just an hour flight. We both love the heat. Interestingly, about half of my family is in Colorado, so I spend a lot of time there, but I've never acclimated to it. I'm a desert baby. I'm always cold on set. (Fellow actress) Constance Wu and I are always freezing on set together.

Q: What is a favorite vacation spot?

A: Kauai, the Garden Island. There's just something so special about it. I like Hawaii because there's great hiking and amazing beaches on the North Shore. I look like a California girl, except my skin is painted on to play Hon-



DANA PATRICK PHOTO

ey. I'm very white, so I'm not a huge lay-out-at-the-beach beachgoer. Don't laugh because I'm not joking, but I'm usually the one wearing a sweater, a big hat and have an umbrella. My husband's the same way, though. (Laugh.)

Q: What do you like best about filming outside of California?

A: I enjoy being in different places. I have filmed in Atlanta a few times and loved everything about it. The people are exceptional and the food — wow! It has its own entertainment industry set up there now. I have filmed in New Orleans as well and felt similarly about the industry there. Often when you go shoot somewhere else, people are really excited to have you there, so there's a sense of helpfulness that comes from the community.

Q: Can you share a memory about traveling when you were younger?

A: The first time I traveled on my own without my family, I was 20 and in college. I went with a Shakespeare program in

England. I was wide-eyed and full of wonder. It was a wonderful trip. It was great to travel and see how people viewed the United States from a foreign point of view.

Q: Have you ever taken a job because the location was so enticing?

A: Oh, yes. It wasn't a film or TV job. Universal Studios was opening a new park in Singapore, and they asked me to go there for a year. I helped open the park. It was hard to leave L.A., to step out of the business for a year, but the idea of living in Singapore and experiencing everything about that part of the world was something I couldn't pass up. It was an amazing year. Singapore is such an incredible country. It was fascinating and I loved it.

Q: Where would you like to visit next?

A: In the U.S., Chicago is the No. 1 place I want to go to. I am dying to go there and see Second City and all the wonderful places. I'm such a comedy nerd.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.



THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE

Hiking is how visitors get around national park Isle Royale, where The Northwest Passage is offering a backpacking trip in August. There are no roads on the Michigan island.

TRIPS, TIPS & DEALS

Backpack across Isle Royale

By PHIL MARTY | Chicago Tribune

Isle Royale is one of the country's lesser-known national parks. The Michigan island sits in Lake Superior, off the coast of Ontario. To get to it, most people take a ferry from Copper Harbor or Houghton, Mich., or Grand Portage, Minn. There are no roads on the island, so hiking and kayaking are how you get around. The Northwest Passage is offering a backpacking trip across the park Aug. 11-18. Though you don't have to be an experienced backpacker to do this trip, you do need to be able to carry a 30-pound backpack while hiking six to 10 miles a day over what sometimes can be challenging terrain. This also involves primitive camping, so you'll be sleeping in tents at campsites that may or may not have outhouses, and all water needs to be purified. On the plus side, you're likely to view a variety of wildlife, including moose, fox, beaver, mink and more. Sadly, Isle Royale's once-famous wolves have died off. Cost for the eight-day/seven-night trip is \$1,395 per person, double occupancy. Singles will be matched up with a participant of the same sex. If the trip gets sold out, it's also possible to arrange custom trips through The Northwest Passage. Info: 800-732-7328, tinyurl.com/y7cm4cbj

Southeast Asia sampler

A good taste of Southeast Asia is offered in a 21-day/17-night small-group tour offered by Odysseys Unlimited. Southeast Asia Odyssey visits Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and Thailand, with departure dates in October and November. Among highlights are two days in Siem Reap, Cambodia, to give adequate time to explore Angkor Wat and the other significant temple complexes. In Laos, there's a visit to a rice farm, an exploration of Luang Prabang and a river cruise that includes stops at the villages of ethnic hill tribes. The cruise ends in Chiang Rai, Thailand, whose highlights include an elephant sanctuary. Wrapping up, there are two days to explore Bangkok. The trip is priced from \$5,787 per person, double occupancy, which includes round-trip air from Chicago. Other inclusions are internal flights, most meals, 17 nights' lodging, touring by private motor coach and a tour director. Departures are available from other cities at varying prices. Info: 888-370-6765, tinyurl.com/y7qy3dqj

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Cruise kudos

Cruisers may want to look over the 2018 Cruisers' Choice Awards at CruiseCritic.com. The awards are based on ratings given by CruiseCritic members for voyages taken in the past year. In the best overall category, Celebrity Equinox earned the top rating for large ships. Other firsts were Oceania Cruises' Riviera for midsize, Viking Sea for small to midsize and Silversea Cruises' Silver Galapagos for small ships. See all the ratings at tinyurl.com/ydfjftv.

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:

■ It's lights, camera, action for the 20th annual Wisconsin Film Festival on April 5 in Madison. More than 140 films will be screened during the week-long event, ranging from shorts to features. Some directors — notably Tim Hunter and Andrew Bujalski — will be on hand for Q&A sessions about their films. Another feature of the festival is the Big Screens, Little Folks series of movies for young people. www.2018.wifilmfest.org

■ The Duneland Woodcarvers Club holds its annual Woodcarvers Show on April 14-15 in Portage, Ind. Artists in woodcarving, gourds and wood-working from throughout the Midwest will display their work and be judged. tinyurl.com/jhvf3q8

■ The World's Largest Textile Garage Sale will be April 12-14 in Minneapolis. Available at garage-sale prices will be fabric, yarn, patterns, beads, buttons, sewing machines and more. The items have been donated by businesses and individuals, and money raised benefits the Textile Center, a national center for fiber art. tinyurl.com/ycf34ehm

■ Spring will break out at the Milwaukee Art Museum during the annual Art in Bloom on April 12-15. There will be floral displays, gardening seminars, a marketplace and more. www.mam.org/bloom

■ The 20th annual Ebertfest will be April 18-22 in Champaign. The film fest was started by the late Pulitzer Prize-winning movie critic Roger Ebert. All films will be screened at the restored 1920s Virginia Theatre. www.ebertfest.com



ALIZA RAND/UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON ARTS INSTITUTE

Guest filmmakers answer audience questions at the 2017 Wisconsin Film Festival in the Union South Marquee on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus. This year's festival is scheduled to begin April 5.

■ The Southern Illinois Earth Science Club will hold its annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show on April 14-15 in Marion. In addition to lapidary displays there also will be fossils and Indian artifacts. tinyurl.com/y87el54s

■ The Armstrong Air & Space Museum in Wapakoneta, Ohio, pays homage to native son Neil Armstrong, first man to set foot on the moon. www.armstrongmuseum.org

■ You can order the 2018 Pure Michigan Spring/Summer Travel Guide or view it online at tinyurl.com/y7plwftm

■ Great Value Vacations has a six-night English B&B Vacation with London that's priced from \$1,434 per person, double occupancy, including round-trip air from Chicago. The April departure includes two nights' lodging in London, a manual-shift rental car and vouchers for four nights' B&B lodging. tinyurl.com/yd67be4x

■ The 35th annual Myrtle Beach World Amateur golf tournament, featuring more than 3,000 competitors, will be Aug. 27-31 in Myrtle Beach, S.C. The recently renovated

DoubleTree by Hilton, Myrtle Beach Oceanfront is offering a special package for \$79 per night. Find the deal at <http://group.doubletree.com/WorldAM2018> and information on the tourney at www.myrtlebeachworldamateur.com.

■ Bruce Hornsby will be the headliner for the Telluride Jazz Festival, which will be Aug. 3-5 in the popular Colorado ski town. Tickets are on sale now. www.telluridejazz.org

■ FamilyVacationCritic.com has five family vacations under \$1,000 at tinyurl.com/y8tfa37f.

Deals and websites listed here have been checked for availability as of press time. Listings are not endorsements. Send tips at least a month in advance to ChicagoTribTravel@gmail.com.

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NEED TO KNOW

Not a New Yorker? It'll cost you to visit Met

Associated Press

New York's Metropolitan Museum is now charging a mandatory \$25 entrance fee to most adult visitors who don't live in New York state.

The new policy, announced in January, took effect in March.

Entrance will remain free for children under 12 and pay-what-you-wish for students in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

Students living outside the tri-state area will be



ANGELA WEISS/GETTY-APP

The new admission policy at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art took effect this month.

charged \$12 and seniors \$17.

People from all over the world had been able to come to the museum for nearly nothing since its founding in 1870. But the number of people willing to pay a suggested dona-

tion of \$25 dropped off substantially in recent years.

The New York Times says that initially, New York residents who show up without proper identification will be asked to bring it next time.



Las Vegas' vintage scene is strong, which is to be expected in a town where everything, trinkets and clothing included, is over the top.



More than 15 secondhand stores line Main Street between West Charleston Boulevard and West Wyoming Avenue, Las Vegas' unofficial vintage row.



An artist works on a new piece during the buzz of First Friday, a street festival that takes over the Arts District once a month.

How I lived it up in Vegas without breaking the bank

Indulge in the luxe, fine food with deals on and off the Strip

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY AMELIA RAYNO
Minneapolis Star Tribune

I took a breath, buried my pride and slid the \$20 bill across the counter, suggestively.

"Are there any complimentary upgrades available?" I asked the woman working the check-in at the Luxor Hotel & Casino on the Las Vegas Strip.

I was in town for four nights and on a mission to live it up in Las Vegas while keeping my bank account in check — so I'd packaged my flight and hotel, chosen the cheapest room available and hoped for a little of that Sin City sleaze to make my stay a little more lavish.

The woman checking me in eyed my monetary offering but never stopped typing on her computer.

"No," she retorted, without acknowledging the money now awkwardly languishing between us.

Defeated, I reached for the bill and pulled it back, clumsily.

Oh, well, there were plenty of other ways to save in Vegas, a wonderfully wacky alternate universe in which deals are pitched as eagerly as dice on a craps table — as long as you know where to look.

And one such offer was five seconds away.

"I can upgrade you to a better room for an extra \$10 a night," the clerk offered. "It's usually \$20."

"I'll take it," I told her.

I was in. I had breached the unspoken threshold to Vegas' labyrinth of deal-making and money-saving. Over the course of four nights, I would push the limits of my penny-pinching strategy while still living the luxe life — taking in a headliner show, bouncing around a festival, indulging at the day spa and savoring a bounty of crafted coffee drinks, mouthwatering meals and cosmopolitan cocktails.

The mini-upgrade, I'd soon discover, was just the beginning.

The sushi chef making edible art in front of me passed me a



"Old" Vegas boasts some new draws — and lower prices than the Strip.

dish holding two buttery pillows of deep red sashimi.

"Only tonight," he said, then added in a hushed tone, of the fish that is increasingly rare because of its dwindling numbers, "bluefin."

The meal lasted two hours before the finale — a small bowl of green tea ice cream and mango mochi — arrived. I felt indulgent.

Then the bill came. For \$23. That's right. At Yama Sushi — an establishment that boasts rarely seen varieties and cuts from whole fishes — an all-you-can-eat special costs just \$23.

I was in Vegas' Chinatown, a neighborhood that rivals those in San Francisco and New York in size and sports some of the best food in the city, yet is often overlooked, in part because much of it is confined to dull strip malls. But on this rainy January evening, it couldn't have felt more posh.

Just an eight-minute cab ride from the Strip, Chinatown has plenty more to offer — from a charming Thai wine bar (Chada Street) to Korean barbecue (Tofu Hut and more) to Asian-American fusion (Sparrow + Wolf). On a Monday night, parking spots were hard to come by and many eateries were nearly packed.

I topped off dinner a couple of storefronts down at Golden Tiki, a bar with oversized wooden doors and Tiki totems for handles. Inside, I was plunged into near blackness. When my eyes adjusted to the low lighting, I was transported to a tropical paradise with bamboo walls, water features, hanging lanterns and a "sky" full of shooting stars. Cocktails ring in around \$12, still a relief after I'd mistakenly ordered an \$18 martini near the Luxor casino a night earlier.

Off the Strip and around the city, there are other gems touting great food and low prices.

On my first night in town, I wandered over to the Arts District, northwest of Las Vegas Boulevard, for First Friday, a free monthly festival. For \$10, I hit one of the many food trucks for three al pastor tacos, then browsed the various art stalls and studios, meandering past baby strollers and body-painted women, dancers and drag queens, pottery booths and poodles with hats. Nearby ReBar — that's part thrift shop, part cocktail bar that donates a portion of drink sales to local charities — sold me an old-fashioned for just \$7.

South of downtown, the quirky

Sister's Oriental Market & Video touts authentic Laotian food next to Asian dried goods — and bootleg videos. When I went to the counter to order, an Asian-American man was getting up to leave.

"I'll be flying back from New York for your food again," he told the owner, a jovial woman who called me "sis" and checked in with me twice to "make sure I wasn't crying" from the spice.

On the Strip, there are deals to be found, though usually only within the context of the typically exorbitant prices: A large Starbucks coffee, for example, comes close to \$7. But during happy hour (times vary), many of the Strip's high-profile restaurants slash prices by as much as half.

Still, even when taking advantage of the deals at the Cosmopolitan's Momofuku, my meager meal of lamb ribs, a side of smashed cucumbers and a glass of sake came to \$37 before tip.

I was in search of the perfect Vegas souvenir — and with shops lining the sidewalks by the dozen, I had ample opportunity. But I wasn't on the megamall-like Strip, where mass-produced trinkets and clothes from high-end chains can cost a fortune. I had ambled back to Main Street

in the Arts District. There, an impressive array of vintage and antique stores create a community.

Had it been a taste of Vegas glam I was craving, sparkly clutches, gold-rimmed barware and luxurious fur wraps tempted at many stops. And as for classic Sin City kitsch, there was plenty of that, too, in the form of retro postcards, gambling relics, Vegas-themed teacups, salt and pepper shakers, and fuzzy dice.

On a Saturday night, I took in the nearly sold-out Criss Angel show at the Luxor, nabbing a \$100 ticket for just \$67 after signing up for MGM's free membership club. I used the savings on a glass of sparkling wine (which was poured close to the rim as if it was a beer) and a box of peanut M&M's to enjoy while the headliner cut women in two and sent doves flying into the rafters.

After jetting from one side of town to another, eating, drinking and reveling in Vegas culture, I was in need of a little rest and relaxation. I'd planned to lounge at the Bellagio's ornate pool area all afternoon; travelers can get a taste of the elegant establishment without coughing up the hefty price of a night's stay by reserving a chair for \$20 on weekdays. But when it started raining, I pivoted. I received a full refund for my Bellagio reservation.

I had heard that the Groupon app was rife with Vegas deals, and I found one that was the perfect calming replacement for a missed day at the pool: a spa day at the Flamingo hotel that let me live the luxe life for half the price. For a service normally valued at more than \$200, I paid a mere \$112.

Two hours later, I was lounging on a warm massage table with scents of lavender lingering in the air and the promise of a foot-bath treatment and use of the spa's extensive facilities — a eucalyptus steam room, sauna, and hot and cold tubs, among them.

In four jampacked days, I'd indulged in every thrill, satiated every craving and pampered myself in royal fashion.

And yet, I still had money to spare.

Perhaps it was time to gamble? After all, I might get some free drinks, another win.

FORK IN THE ROAD



Embellished tin ceilings, old-time woodwork and an antique cash register give a nostalgic feel to the Landmark 1850 Inn, which is the oldest tavern in Milwaukee.

Milwaukee, old style

'Brew City' pours on the charm at these neighborhood taverns

STORY AND PHOTOS BY MARY BERGIN | Chicago Tribune

MILWAUKEE — Long before trendy gastropubs, tony taprooms and multiscreen sports bars, drinkers imbibed at the neighborhood tavern.

That still happens in "Brew City" Milwaukee, whose oldest bars may lack frills and hype but make up for it with quirks and personality.

Owners are proud caretakers of local history, even though they may not bother with a website or advertising. Hours of operation are fluid. Think homey, not buffed. Addresses are often in a residential area, rarely an entertainment district.

Many were "tied" houses — each linked to one brewer's products exclusively — until Prohibition put an end to these business relationships. The Uptowner, 1032 E. Center St., a Schlitz-only bar by 1891, morphed into a pharmacy that sold whiskey as medicine. No other Milwaukee tavern has been in business longer, without interruption.

Semantics matter. The oldest tavern is the stately Landmark 1850 Inn, 5905 S. Howell Ave., a purportedly haunted stagecoach stop with ornate woodwork, leaded glass, embellished tin ceilings and a cash register that needs a stiff cranking to open. Lovers of ghosts and crispy-thin pizza find their way here, as do flight crews on layover at Milwaukee's international airport, across the street.

Milwaukee Food & City Tours highlights stops like this on the Pre-Prohibition Historic Bar Tour, for \$60.

Another option is to explore on your own. Here's where:

Valley Inn

Don't be alarmed to see police officers at this spot at 4000 W. Clybourn St., between Miller Park and Miller Brewing Co. Manager Barbara Orban, a culinary school grad with a "Property of Milwaukee Police" sweatshirt, is from a law-enforcement family.

Mellow country music plays as cook Theresa Damato fills grill orders. The women's sidekick is a tall mannequin whose attire and accessories change with the seasons.

Soups to potato chips are house-made. Meats come from Bunzel's, a four-generation butcher shop, 5 miles away. Rotating specials include tender pot

roast sandwiches.

Portions are generous. The pudgy Valley Bomber, shredded beef and cheese on grilled garlic French bread, arrives with a steak knife standing in it.

Valley Inn, in the same family for two generations, is the last bar in the secluded enclave of Piggsville. You'll find it under the Wisconsin Avenue viaduct in the flood-prone Menomonee Valley. Flooding drove other businesses away, but a tight-knit neighborhood remains.

Puddler's Hall

Look for free music here on Tuesday nights, but not in the bar, where TVs are quietly tuned to sports. Milwaukee Guitar Club gathers in the attached dance hall for its weekly jam.

Musicians sit around pushed-together tables while dipping into thick folders of sheet music, strumming and singing. They ignore a stage whose backdrop is a mural of iconic Milwaukee architecture.

Patrons come for the twice-monthly blues jam and shows by traveling musicians. Others are here for team trivia on Mondays, table tennis on Thursdays and cribbage whenever. Parents in the trendy Bay View neighborhood bring their kids for playtime on the first Sunday of the month.

The 1872 tavern at 2461 S. St. Clair St. was a Pabst tied house and union hall for Milwaukee Iron Co. puddlers (those working with molten metal).

"You would have seen the stacks from here," says owner Casey Foltz. Condos are slowly replacing cottages from that era.

He co-owns Foltz Family Market, 3 miles north. Pizzas from the market (made by a brother) are popular fare at Puddler's. So are \$1 grilled cheese sandwiches (3-8 p.m. Tuesdays) and the free "Puddler's Hall ruined my life" bumper stickers.

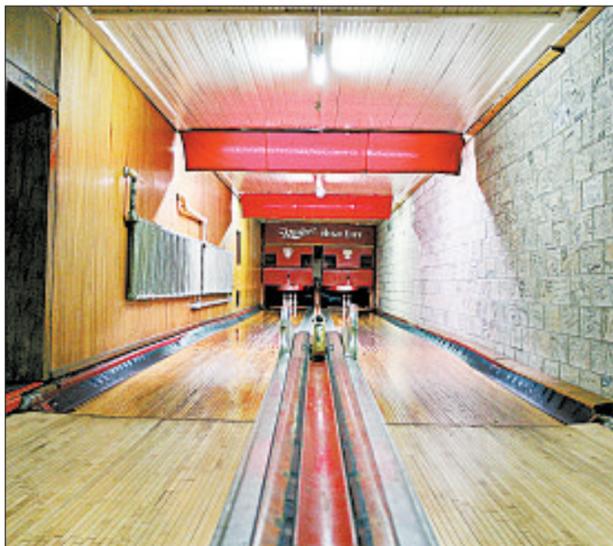
Wolski's Tavern

The owners of the oldest family-run tavern in Milwaukee are historically resourceful.

Bernard Wolski opened the Miller tied house in 1908, five years after buying a badly damaged building at an excellent price. He used logs to hoist and roll the structure a few blocks to East Village, his modest Polish



Milwaukee Guitar Club members come to Puddler's Hall for their weekly jam session on Tuesday nights.



Pins are set by hand at the basement bowling lanes of Holler House.

neighborhood.

More than a century later, great-grandson Bernie Bondar — Bondarenko, actually — is sharing lunch with a stranger. "You like corned beef?" he asks. "Then you'll love this — pickled beef tongue. Twenty-one days in the brine."

The tasty sandwich is not for sale because Wolski's has no food menu. Just free popcorn, free dartboard play — and a free beer when showing a tour coupon from Lakefront Brewery, less than a mile away.

Customers who stay until it's lights out get an "I closed Wolski's" bumper sticker, a rite of passage for four decades of young adults. The souvenir is printed in batches of 25,000, enough for two years, and the tradition began after rugby players demanded a reward for their patronage.

Long gone are other East Village businesses. Only Wolski's remains, at 1836 N. Pulaski St., and little has changed, from the antique cash register to the carved bar with stained-glass insets. Tacked to the ceiling are flags from around the world, including a handmade Polish flag.

Kochanski's Concertina Beer Hall

Music begins here around 7 p.m. Wednesdays, not in the

roomy dance hall but on a little stage near the entrance at 1920 S. 37th St.

A drummer and an accordion player start with waltzes. Couples take a spin between tables and the bar counter. Owner Andy Kochanski lights a log cabin incense burner. Shots of Jeżynowka (a Polish blackberry brandy) cost \$2. Swig Polish beer from tap, can or bottle.

Performing at the weekly polka jam are a mix of professionals and hobbyists. Kochanski, who bought the longtime Art Altenburg's Concertina Bar in 2007, added a beer garden and annual Polish Pile Up Music Festival (with car and motorcycle show).

"Somebody needed to step up and save it for Milwaukee and for polka," he says of the brick building and its heritage. He stayed true to the bar's polka traditions during his first year but "polka doesn't pay the bills anymore," so now he books other musical genres too.

Milwaukee's once-plentiful polka-bar scene has all but vanished. Kochanski's, in the southern Burnham Park neighborhood, is an exception. When the tavern was constructed in 1900, it was surrounded by celery fields and workers lived upstairs. Then came heavy industry, and the bar was home to workers union offices.



The Valley Bomber, shredded beef and cheese on grilled garlic French bread, arrives with a steak knife standing in it at Valley Inn.

Holler House

Tenpins started flying two years after this place opened in the 1950s. "We're too lazy to change this place," deadpans the second-generation owner, who turned 92 in February.

Shortly after she and husband Gene took over, women began leaving behind brassieres. What began as a dare turned into a tradition. Dozens of bras hang from the ceiling; many more are stored or given to charities. Some arrive with a story, like the gal who stopped by before breast-reduction surgery. Donors hail from Australia to South Africa.

"We never know what to expect," says Skowronski's daughter, Cathy Haefke, who lived in the bar-house at 2042 W. Lincoln Ave. until age 19. Her dad was born there.

On Wednesday "social nights," loyal customers take turns providing an early-evening meal. Jaci Hoppe — who brought sloppy Joes with chips and earned raves for "orange fluff" salad — began coming here with her father 70 years ago. He'd order a shot and beer for himself, a candy bar for her.

Across the street are Milwaukee barons Pabst, Schlitz and Blatz, in Forest Home Cemetery, which offers maps and guided tours — so does Tom Haefke, Cathy's husband, before Halloween.

Mary Bergin is a freelance writer.

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Chicago students will spend spring break helping out in Puerto Rico, Heidi Stevens writes

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Be a parent first, then a pal

Friendly family relationships are fine, experts say, but boundaries provide a sense of security



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Should she take a stand on heels?

Dear Amy: In recent years, I have stopped wearing high-heeled shoes. They can be so bad for the joints, tendons and the lower back. I object to the idea of women being encouraged to harm ourselves to meet an impossible standard of beauty.

I was recently asked to donate to a charity that provides formal clothes to underprivileged kids for their prom.

I have a few pairs of gently used and fairly expensive heels that I don't wear. I could easily donate these shoes.

On the one hand, I have an opportunity to help a girl somewhere to feel special and beautiful. On the other hand, I hate the idea of reinforcing this unreasonable ideal in the mind of an impressionable young person. Should I donate the shoes?
— *Shoeless Joan*

Dear Shoeless: It is not your job to tell underprivileged teens — or anyone — what they should desire in the way of footwear. For example, I might not necessarily approve of the symbolic corporate yoke implied by the necktie, but — well, I think it would be refreshing if people didn't pressure one another regarding choices that really are personal.

Aside from donating these shoes, and possibly making someone's day, your other option is to toss these shoes into the landfill. I assume you don't want to do that. Maybe you could attach a tag to each pair of shoes, telling prospective wearers, "You may think you look fierce in these shoes, but they are really an orthopedic nightmare, a joint-killer and a tool of the patriarchy. Enjoy!"

Dear Amy: I was widowed almost five years ago after a 46-year marriage. I have been in a relationship for two years. He lives with me because my home is closer to my work. He is in a better financial situation than I am. We split expenses for the most part, but I will often bring home dinner (for which I pay).

When we go out, he normally pays, but I often offer. Sometimes he lets me pay if I insist. When we travel, we split gas costs and eat at McDonald's (for which he pays). Recently, we were having dinner with a friend. When the check came, my friend was estimating her share of the bill. He looked at me and said, "Where's

your share?" I did not know what to say since he would normally pay my share, so I laughed along with both of them.

Money is a very personal topic to me. My late husband would have never embarrassed me in front of a friend.

We frequently went to nice restaurants, and he would plan fun things for us to do. I also have friends in relationships who go on expensive trips and eat out at nice restaurants. I do not want an extravagant lifestyle. However, I would like to do more than we are doing, but I do not know how to bring this up. Am I making too much out of what happened at dinner? I feel disrespected.
— *Wondering*

Dear Wondering: Three of you went to dinner. Your friend estimated the amount she owed. Your guy was likely trying to make a "joke" to cover the fact that he was not picking up the check for your friend.

Aside from that, you seem to believe he is cheap, even though he always picks up the check when you go out (if you don't want to pay, then don't "insist!").

The most important aspect of your question is that you don't seem to know how to talk to him about it. Instead, you are doing a little dance — every meal, every household expense, every penny you spend, you hold up against every penny he doesn't spend.

If you want to upgrade from McDonald's and also want him to pay for these nicer outings, you really must talk about it. This should lead to a larger discussion of finances. He may have expenses he has not disclosed. And yes, he may be cheap.

Dear Amy: I'd like to offer a note of support for your answer to "No Sex in the Country," the letter from a woman who did not want to have a sexual relationship with her male friend, who continued to pressure her. I wonder if men understand how trapped women feel when they are persistently pressured for sex. It's a deal breaker, for sure.
— *Been There*

Dear Been There: I completely agree.

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balancing act

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Rebuilding Puerto Rico on spring break

Chicago students prefer helping out

If you read this column with any regularity, you know I have a soft spot for stories about young people on a mission.

I'm inspired, and a little amazed, at the kids who look around at the world they'll inherit and decide to go ahead and start changing it now — not when they're paying taxes or raising kids or feeling unfulfilled at work. They don't need the trappings of adulthood to wake them up to inequality and need. They look around and see plenty of both, and then they look around for ways to solve them.

So it is with a group of Chicago Public Schools high schoolers who will spend spring break in Puerto Rico helping rebuild the island, which is still reeling from a hurricane that struck six months ago.

Eight students, all friends from Storehouse Church in Portage Park, will travel with a church leader and two parents to help rebuild homes and distribute resources in the San Juan, Carolina, Camuy and Moca regions. They leave Sunday.

"You read a lot about how we're in a culture of self-focus and iPhones and iPads and i-everything," Storehouse Pastor Lou Ramos told me. "But when we put this idea out there, the response was amazing. I'm speaking to them, and they don't see this as giving up anything. They see this as an amazing opportunity to make a difference."

Seven of the students are high schoolers, ranging from freshmen to seniors at Lincoln Park High School, Jones College Prep, Noble Prep, Chicago International Charter School Northtown Academy and Elmwood Park High School. One is a student at Triton College.

Each student had to raise at least \$1,000 to cover travel and lodging expenses.



CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Elyan Mendez, from left, Kayla Nazario, Jalen Aybar and Faith Ramos will fly to Puerto Rico on Sunday to spend spring break on hurricane relief. The students are friends from Storehouse Church in Portage Park.

"None of them, obviously, had one thousand bucks just sitting around," Ramos said. "They raised funds through friends and grandmoms and uncles and partners."

Ramos is not going on the trip, but his daughter, Faith, a sophomore at Jones College Prep, is.

I asked her if the prospect of spending spring break doing work — likely, grueling, messy, hot work — rather than chilling with friends left her feeling conflicted.

"Personally, I'd much rather help other people out," she said. "I just feel more happy being able to go and make a difference."

Her family traveled to Puerto Rico two years ago for vacation.

When they watched the videos of Hurricane Maria's devastation, she said, they were heartbroken.

The church collected 300,000 pounds of water, diapers, formula and other supplies to ship to Puerto Rico last fall. But Pastor Ramos said the students — "our young leaders," he calls them — wanted to do more. So they started planning this spring break trip late last year.

"I'm 50 percent Puerto Rican," Elyan Mendez, a freshman at Lincoln Park High School, told me. "I have family on the island."

He said his dad asked him if he wanted to go on the trip, and he never hesitated.

"Anyone should jump at the

chance to be able to do something like this," Mendez said. "People are going through something tragic, and they need help, whether they're family or not."

Category 4 Hurricane Maria swept across Puerto Rico on Sept. 20, the strongest storm to hit the U.S. territory in 89 years. At least 60 people were killed. Six months later, more than 100,000 families and businesses still don't have power.

The reports remain heartbreaking: Lines, 250 deep, of people waiting for bottled water and a single box of food. Families buying ice every day to keep milk and perishables in coolers.

The Chicago students will be

volunteering at a home for the elderly and working with local churches to rebuild houses and deliver food, clothing and other supplies.

"I think it's going to encourage our young leaders to dream at an even bigger capacity," Pastor Ramos said. "Some of them, they struggle. I have been asked, 'Can you get me some money to take the CTA?' You know what I'm saying? Some of them have never flown in an airplane. This is going to be a life-changing moment for them."

Faith Ramos said the students belong to a youth group at their church, which gives them opportunities to volunteer closer to home, as well.

"We make food packages and give them to homeless people," she said. "We stay and talk to them for a while."

Pastor Ramos thinks the trip will put some of Chicago's challenges in a different light.

"Here in the States, we've got all the amenities," he said.

And he hopes the students help put Chicago in a different light as well.

"I want people to know Chicago is so much more than the bad stuff," he said. "It's not just people getting shot. There is also a lot of good."

He teaches his church: Where there's a will, there's a way.

"These young leaders, they wanted to go on this trip, and they found a way," he said. "At a young age, now they know even an obstacle like \$1,000 isn't enough to stop them from following their dreams. They're going to come back even more passionate about facing any of life's challenges."

He said the church is planning another trip to Puerto Rico at the end of June. He plans to go on that trip, and he welcomes more volunteers.

"Any principals, students, families who want to jump on," he said. "Why not?"

A simple, beautiful question.



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Be a parent, not just a pal

BY DANIELLE BRAFF
Chicago Tribune

Susan Wholley bought her daughter her first drink when she turned 21, and she was the person her daughters turned to when they had questions about sex and marijuana.

The Connecticut hospice worker, tutor and single mother to 19- and 22-year-

Experts say friendly family relationships are good, but children need sense of security that firm boundaries can provide

old daughters, said she loves her open relationship she has with them, where nothing is off-limits.

"They know they can say anything to me, and come to me about everything," Wholley said. "Is there

more of a friendship? There definitely is, with the understanding that they can't cross the line."

That line — the one that's separating a parent from being a friend — is one that many parents are

straddling these days, and some are leaning more toward the friendship side.

Can you be best friends and parents with your children simultaneously? And, should you?

Studies dating back to

the 1960s have proved the merits of authoritative parenting, but in recent years, as attachment parenting (essentially, reacting to the needs of the child first) has grown and children-first initiatives have

been broadcast to parents, the lines of how to parent have been smudged.

Should you be authoritative? Or should you give them the freedom to be who they are, to make their own choices and to be on the same level as the adults?

"Children want and need boundaries. They cannot ask questions about how far

it is to go,” said Barbara Harvey, executive director of Parents, Teacher and Advocates in Atlanta, which helps parents become better at parenting. “They depend on parents to set the parameters and keep them safe.”

When children don’t have boundaries, they become stressed. And this is the reason why so many children are stressed: They have no real security at home, Harvey said. When a child is a parent’s best friend, there is often too much pressure placed on the child to know about — and to be overly involved in — adult situations.

“Children are not mentally or emotionally ready for this role,” Harvey said.

As a result, it often forces children to grow up too quickly, and keeps them from being actively and normally involved with their own peers.

While a child may choose to identify a parent as a “best friend,” it’s different if a parent calls that child a best friend. It’s too much pressure on the child if the parent confides in him, as a best friend would.

“This places the child in a confusing situation, where they feel they need to support and guide the adult, who is supposed to be supporting and guiding them,” said Nicole Beurkens, a licensed psychologist with the Horizons Developmental Resource Center in Michigan. “Parents need to be firmly in the role of guide — and be willing and able to set whatever rules and expectations are needed, including appropriate consequences, for the good of the child.”

The line between being a friend and a parent is thin, however, which makes this separation murky at times.

Both require good listening skills, spending time together and looking out for each other.

“But at the end of the day, your best bud isn’t going to make you follow

rules, and isn’t always giving you good advice,” said Casherie Bright, a Utah-based therapist focusing on kids and teens. “Parents need to be able to discipline their child, and be OK if their child doesn’t always like them, because parents have to make hard decisions, like making kids brush their teeth, even if they don’t want to, or go to bed at a good time, even though it’s more fun to stay up all night.”

Wholley likes to remind her daughters that unlike their friends, she won’t allow them to shut her out of their lives for two weeks.

The line separating a parent from being a friend is one that many parents are straddling these days, and some are leaning more toward the friendship side.

And they’re not allowed to yell at her. After all, she’s their mother, even if they may be leaving her nest.

Many parents think that if they have a good, friendly relationship with their child, that the child will do what the parent wants, because they’re friends and because the child wants to please them.

But typically, the opposite happens.

Children get confused about their role, and if the parents try to establish any rules, the child resents it because they never had any rules — and now they feel like their parents are hypocrites, Bright says.

This “hands-off” approach tends to lead to

rebellion and other issues.

Shanna Donhauser, a child and family therapist in Seattle, said that when parents lose their strength and power, children struggle with having so much power, and they tend to scream, become anxious and unsettled.

“They already feel small and vulnerable, and they need your size and strength to help them feel protected,” Donhauser said. “You can still be friendly with your children, but you must still be in charge, and have clear and consistent boundaries.”

Age is a factor, however. Parents should be completely authoritative with children up to 36 months, when children are too young to make any decisions for themselves.

“This is when kids need parents to make all the decisions, and place the strongest and most protective barriers,” Harvey said.

When the child turns 3, there is a shift toward more democracy, but parents still make most of the decisions. However, Harvey said, children should get to make some decisions at this point based on a parent’s choices: peanut butter and jelly or ham sandwich for lunch?

As children enter elementary school, parents can allow children to make age-appropriate decisions about what to wear to school, what instrument to play, etc. With middle-schoolers, parents have to walk a fine line between authoritarian, democratic and permissive.

“Parents need to pay close attention and determine almost on a minute-by-minute basis what kids need,” Harvey said. “The younger the teen, the more parenting is required; as they age and move into college, this is where the mentor/friend role is most appropriate.”

Danielle Braff is a freelancer.



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“Be aware and respectful of the cultures and customs of the people you’re around. Don’t make assumptions,” advises behavior specialist Dr. Mary Alvord to spring break travelers.

‘What happens here, stays here’ not always a good idea

BY CHRISTEN A. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

An opportunity to retreat to a sunny, warm place that is much happier than the last few cold months is here in the form of spring break.

Whether you’re planning to gallivant overseas or soak up some sun down South or out West, the “what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas” mindset can creep in as you attempt to fully get away from your day-to-day concerns.

But to be a “visitor of integrity,” psychologist and behavior specialist Dr. Mary Alvord says the Vegas mindset is the one thing you should leave at home.

“When you prepare to go to a different city, state or foreign country,” she says, “it is crucial to look at the cultural and behavioral norms, and expectations. This makes for respecting the place and people you’re visiting.”

Alvord, who also is an adjunct associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences, says this “in the moment” thinking can be caused by mindlessness, coming from an individualized culture, and

abusing substances that reduce impulse control.

“When a group gets together, a group norm can be set up. People can start doing what they think is a silly thing, but because they are unaware of the culture, it turns into an offensive, harmful thing.”

Westerners who recently visited Cambodia know this all too well.

In late January, Cambodian National Police arrested a group of foreigners for “singing and dancing pornographically,” near the country’s notable Angkor Wat temple complex.

Ninety travelers were detained, and all but three have been released. This small group could face up to 12 months in Cambodian prison.

To avoid spending a year in a foreign prison because of bad behavior on vacation, Alvord says to “learn about and respect other cultures.” She offers the following tips:

Be culturally competent. “You need to be aware and respectful of the cultures and customs of the people you’re around; don’t make assumptions. Learn what attire is appropriate for the street, the evenings or sacred sights. Consider body language,

too, like personal space, handshakes, hugs, kissing and eye contact.”

Get familiar with the language. “Know the basics, like ‘hello,’ ‘goodbye’ and ‘thank you.’ Yes, English may be considered the ‘international language,’ but if you go to some countries outside the major cities, they do not speak English, so you need to make an attempt.”

Understand police behavior. “Find out the protocols regarding police and what getting help is like. Know when and how to seek help, when to not seek help, and who you should seek help from.”

Beware of social media. “Fifty years ago, if you misbehaved badly, it would just be a local thing, and maybe your family would be the only ones who knew. But now, it’s instantaneously shared by millions all over the world. Not only that, it’s there forever. Nothing is really private; you can go viral in a second.”

Study the area. “Know which places are safe to walk around late at night.”

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A week of things to do with the kids

Monday

KITCHEN ADVENTURES: PRETZELS

Knead, twist, boil and bake your way to a tasty treat at this nifty spring break activity for ages 12 and up. Make a giant Bavarian-style soft pretzel to take home (along with the recipe) during one of three Monday classes. 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/yc7nl54f

Tuesday

SPRING BREAKOUT ADVENTURES

Two outlets of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County — one in Elgin, one on Chicago's South Side — offer spring break programs this week. Students can try their hand at archery (equipment provided); take an orienteering course; hike outdoors and more. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday at Rolling Knolls, 11N260 Rohrssen Road, Elgin; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at Dan Ryan Woods, Western Avenue and 87th Street. Free. tinyurl.com/ybrf9tp3

STROLLER GROOVES: MUNTU DANCE THEATRE

Your little ones are sure to shake their pull-up-clad bottoms at this audience-interactive concert from Muntu Dance Theatre. It's the final entry in the Stroller Grooves concert series, so don't miss out. Noon to 1 p.m. at the Crystal Gardens inside Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave. Free. tinyurl.com/y78blb8l

Thursday

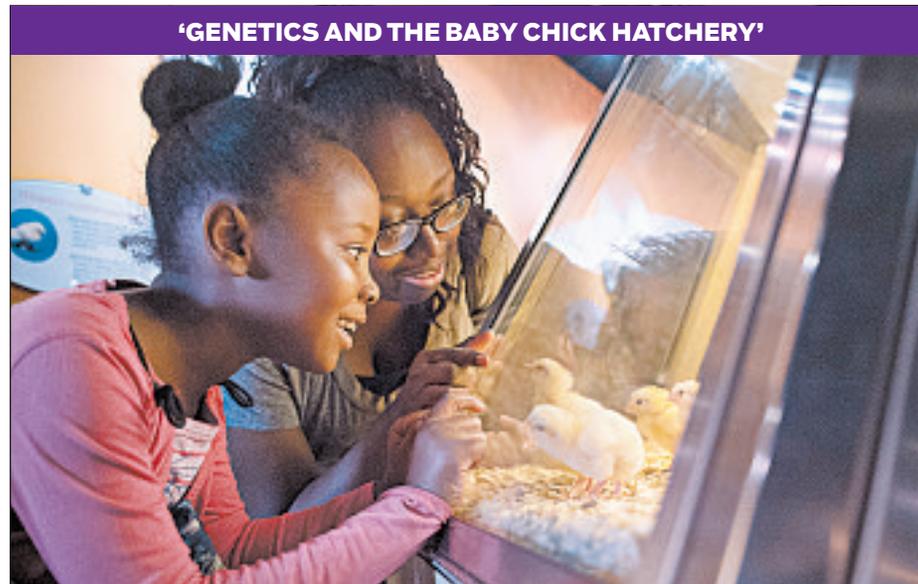
PAINTING WITH PIE

It's every kid's dream come true: Play with your food and call it art. The Smart Museum of Art teams up with Bang Bang Pie Shop for this all-ages event, in which Bang Bang bakers bring chocolate chess pies and spiced tart-cherry pies for eating; meanwhile, the museum provides canned cherry filling (along with more conventional art supplies) to daub on a canvas. It's inspired by a Robert Arneson print on view in "The History of Perception" exhibition. 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Smart Museum of Art, 5550 S. Greenwood Ave. Free; RSVP in advance. tinyurl.com/yco6vvvg

UNDERWATER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

In a fun twist on the classic Easter egg hunt, you'll need a bucket — and a swim-

BY WEB BEHRENS | Chicago Tribune



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Thanks to spring break, the Museum of Science and Industry stays open late all week — till 5:30 p.m. (instead of 4 p.m.) weekdays and till 9 p.m. Saturday. Of course, the enormous institution is packed with exhibits; one perennial favorite (and perfect for spring-time) is this look into genetics. Learn about DNA and genetic engineering, but don't move on until you've waited patiently at the incubator. Fingers crossed, you'll see a baby chick emerge. Daily at MSI, 5700 S. Lake Shore Drive. General admission is \$22, \$13 for kids 3 to 11; discounts for advance online purchase and for Chicago residents. tinyurl.com/yb6ngde4

suit. Separated by age groups (starting with babes as young as 12 months), children wade into Schaumburg Park District's Water Works zero-depth pool to corral colored plastic eggs. The fun starts at 6 p.m., with new waves of egg seekers every 15 minutes; kids 9 and up get their shot at 7:15. At the Water Works, 505 N. Springinsguth Road. \$12-\$18, free for adults. tinyurl.com/y8r7urg4

Friday

EVANSTON MARSHMALLOW DROP

It's BYOB — bring your own basket — for this genius new twist on the de rigueur egg hunts of spring. Thanks to the city of Evanston, kids can instead scurry for marshmallows that get dropped from a helicopter. The hunt takes place in three waves, according to age: 4 and under (with an adult); 5 to 8; and 9 to 12. Each age group also searches for one golden marshmallow, which earns its finder a grand prize. 11 a.m. at James Park, Oakton Street and Dodge Avenue, Evanston. Free. tinyurl.com/ya88b486

MACY'S FLOWER SHOW

Macy's annual flower show takes on an especially kid-friendly theme this year: The flora evokes classic fairy tales, and visitors will embark on a choose-your-own-adventure path through the stations to discover brave princesses, wicked queens, fairy godmothers and more. Although you can visit any time during store hours through April 8 (except Easter Sunday, April 1), check the schedule for special kid-friendly events, such as Friday's performances of "Amira: A Chicago Cinderella Story" by Hyde Park School of Dance at 12:30 p.m., followed at 1 p.m. by Musicality, a local vocal ensemble you might have seen on "America's Got Talent." At Macy's, 111 N. State St. Free. www.macys.com/flowershow

'NO BLUE MEMORIES: THE LIFE OF GWENDOLYN BROOKS'

An iconic Chicagoan, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Gwendolyn Brooks is the focus of this unique 70-minute show created by Manual Cinema. Paper puppets and live actors shown in silhouette via projector provide the visuals while a live band plays an original score. 7:30 p.m.

Friday, 3 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Studebaker Theater (inside the Fine Arts Building), 410 S. Michigan Ave. \$25, \$15 for students. tinyurl.com/ydx25tlh

Saturday

VERTICAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Here's another fun twist on the egg hunt: climbing. The staff of West Loop's Brooklyn Boulders tucks plastic eggs into the climbing wall nooks for kids ages 4 to 12. The event is open to all (no membership required); parents must be present to help supervise. The whole family must complete waivers, which you can download (www.brooklynboulders.com/chicago/waiver) if you wish. 9 a.m. to noon at Brooklyn Boulders, 100 S. Morgan St. \$20 per kid, free for parents. tinyurl.com/y7lkw3aq

HABITAT PARK EGG HUNT

Head to the Kohl Children's Museum to scurry around the outdoor Habitat Park (weather permitting), where eagle-eyed kids reap big egg rewards. The five-hour event includes eggs with special prizes inside, from sweet treats to one-year museum memberships. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Kohl Children's Museum, 2100 Patriot Blvd., Glenview. \$12 to enter museum, plus \$6 per child to hunt. tinyurl.com/yco6mdxa

LUNCH WITH THE BUNNY AND DOGGIE EGG HUNT

A North Side gem, rambling Horner Park (which stretches from Montrose Avenue to Irving Park Road, on the west bank of the Chicago River) doubles as Easter Central on Saturday with two family events: Lunch with the Bunny from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by the Doggie Egg Hunt from 1 to 3 p.m. (Each is ticketed separately.) At Horner Park, 2741 W. Montrose Ave. \$10 per person for lunch; \$5 online/\$10 day of event per dog for egg hunt. tinyurl.com/yahtn34y

MEET AUTHOR BLUE BALLIETT

Acclaimed local author Blue Balliett, best known for her children's mysteries "Chasing Vermeer" and "The Wright 3," writes about places she knows, such as Hyde Park. So it's no surprise that her latest book — a ghost story, this time — is set in Nantucket, where she also spends a lot of time. Meet the author and learn how she developed "Out of the Wild Night," at 3 p.m. at 57th Street Books, 1301 E. 57th St. Free to attend; \$18 for "Wild Night." tinyurl.com/y9eaptam

Web Behrens is a freelance reporter.

Meet Marlon Bundo, vice presidential bunny

Charlotte Pence's pet has Instagram fans, stars in book

BY NARA SCHOENBERG
Chicago Tribune

Before the book and the social media following, before the groundbreaking ride on Air Force Two, he was just another scrappy Chicago bunny, looking for a new home.

Charlotte Pence, the older daughter of Vice President Mike Pence, first met the fluffy black and white charmer in 2013, when she was a college student at DePaul University. He was up for sale on Craigslist, and Charlotte Pence texted his owner, asking about the price.

"Make me an offer," the owner replied.

Pence joked with a friend that the bunny owner sounded like a character in "The Godfather," the 1972 mafia movie in which Marlon Brando famously declares, "I'm gonna make him an offer he can't refuse."

"We should name (the bunny) Marlon Brando," Pence's friend said.

"We should name him Marlon Bundo!" Pence said, and they did.

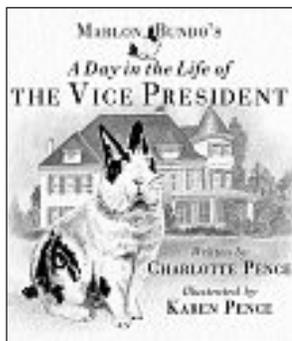
Five years later, Marlon, aka BOTUS (Bunny of the United States), is the most famous pet in the impressive menagerie of Vice President Pence and his wife, Karen. Reportedly the first bunny to fly on Air Force Two, Marlon has an Instagram account with 16,800 followers, acting experience and now, a children's book.

On March 19, Regnery Kids published "Marlon Bundo's A Day in the Life of the Vice President," a gentle and informative peek at the vice president's role written by Charlotte Pence, and illustrated with watercolors by her mother. The vice president posed for the book, as did Marlon, making the project a family



REGNERY KIDS

Marlon Bundo relaxes with second lady Karen Pence and her daughter Charlotte, who wrote a kids' book about her dad, told from Marlon's point of view.



affair.

Charlotte Pence, 24, an assistant at a Los Angeles talent agency, recently talked about the book, the bunny and the role of Second Pet. The following transcript was edited for length and clarity.

Q: Why did you want a bunny?

A: I was in the market for a bunny because I was going to school in Chicago at DePaul — I was in film

school and I wrote a short film that had a bunny in it, and the bunny was kind of a symbolic character and appeared throughout the short film. People had said, "You know, bunnies are really hard to get, you should just change it to a turtle or a bird or a cat or something," and I just really felt strongly that it should be a bunny. So I looked into it, and I found Marlon on Craigslist, and we drove out to the suburbs, my friends and I, and we picked him up. I think he was like \$20 (laughs). He was in the short film, and I just kept him after that.

Q: He seems like a big personality.

A: He honestly does have a personality. If we're being loud, he'll stamp his foot down, like rabbits do. And he seems to kind of pose for

pictures. I think he knows when he's getting his picture taken (laughs). And he is very, very nice. Some rabbits can bite or be kind of aggressive, and he has never bit anybody. He's very cuddly. He'll sit in our laps. He'll follow us around, actually. If we have him out upstairs in our living room, he'll follow us around like a dog.

Q: He's enjoyed some pretty nice perks as BOTUS.

A: We found out he was the first bunny ever to ride on Air Force Two, so that was fun. When we moved out to D.C., we just brought him on in his cage, and brought him off, and he was totally fine. He just kind of sat there. When we were bringing him off that plane, I think that's when a lot of media saw that we had a bunny, and that became a

big story because people found out his name, and (they) kind of liked that.

Q: What inspired you to write the book?

A: Honestly, it started with Marlon. We started his Instagram page right after my dad was inaugurated. I made it really quickly, not knowing if anybody would follow it, and it got pretty popular. So my mom and I were just sitting one day in our living room and we had kind of played with the idea of writing the book, and we thought it would be really fun if she would illustrate it because she's such a great watercolor artist. We were really just throwing ideas around, and the thing that stuck out to us the most was, we can make it an educational book that teaches kids and families and teachers about the role

of the vice president.

Q: Is there a political aspect to being a vice presidential pet?

A: Marlon really brings people together from all different viewpoints. I really mean that. A lot of people will comment and will say, "I don't agree with your family's politics, but I love Marlon so much." They'll say, "It's one of my favorite accounts that I follow, but I'm not a Republican." I think that's great.

Q: What's next for Marlon?

A: We'll see. He will be on our press tour with us for the book, so he'll get to meet a lot of his fans, which is really exciting. We'll see if there's a sequel or anything like that. We're kind of open to everything.

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Kids team up with ghost in hearty whodunit

Language and narrative shimmer in Blue Balliett's latest novel for young readers

BY JULIA KELLER
Chicago Tribune

If ghosts were ever to unionize — and can't you just imagine Local 187 of the International Brotherhood of the Writhing and Shrieking Deceased? — among their demands would be a requirement that "Out of the Wild Night" be inserted into the backpacks of children everywhere. That's because the new novel for young readers by Blue Balliett is more than just ghost-friendly. It is passionately, poetically and profoundly pro-ghost. It shimmers and shivers with beautifully wrought passages that turn ghosts into superstars.

If every kid had a copy of "Out of the Wild Night" close at hand, there would be no more need for nightlights. Teddy bears could breathe easier, as frightened children no longer clutched them with fur-gouging intensity at every post-midnight bump or shuffle.

Balliett, who lives in the Chicago area, has always been able to spin a great yarn. Her previous books include "Chasing Vermeer" (2004), "The Wright 3" (2006), "The Calder Game" (2008), "The Danger Box" (2010), "Hold Fast" (2013) and "Pieces and Players" (2015), novels that combine crackerjack mysteries with subtle social commentary about issues such as diversity, economic justice and the importance of nurturing curiosity in children. Book by book, Balliett has created her own genre: whodunits with a heart,

featuring kids at the helm.

But in "Out of the Wild Night," she has concocted her best novel yet, a story that blends deft wordplay, scintillating adventure, a provocative mystery, an emphatic plea for historic preservation — and a determined public relations campaign on behalf of ghosts.

A ghost, in fact, narrates the story, which is set on Nantucket Island and consequently sways and jumps with the erratic rhythms of the sea. An elderly woman

named Mary W. Chase died a century ago but now finds herself "tossed with no warning into the rough, pitch-and-tumble world of the living." A great danger stalks her beloved island. But she needs help to fight back. And as the novel proves, ghosts and kids make a great team.

With Mary as their secret sidekick, the kids try to save the island from peril and keep several families intact. Let's face it: There are few forces in the world more powerful than a kid on a righteous mission.

The plot is intriguing, but what really keeps the book humming along is Balliett's rich, playful language, deployed in a gorgeous tumble of metaphors, allusions and analogies. The sounds of an invisible crowd

amassing along a beach are downright musical: "Splish, wish, gurgle, shree. ... Splot, shrok, spatter, crrrunch." The author's descriptions of Nantucket — where, Balliett tells readers in an afterword, she lived following college graduation and to which she now regularly returns — are



'Out of the Wild Night'

By Blue Balliett,
Scholastic, 320 pages,
\$17.99, ages 8-12



LUCY BIXBY PHOTO

Blue Balliett, who lives in the Chicago area, writes novels that combine crackerjack mysteries with subtle social commentary about issues such as diversity and economic justice.

alluring: "The moon tonight is milky, a melting scoop of vanilla ice cream. Haze puddles around the edges and it feels close, as if a kid could reach out a spoon and tilt the sky for a taste."

The story takes place in November, and November is "a time of crisp, bright moons and of liquid mockingbirds in the tallest trees. ... Skies can be cool and gentle as the inside of a clamshell, a powdery wash of cream drifting toward lavender." It is a time that brings "the whisper of what's possible."

And that may be the most important takeaway of Balliett's books: a reminder to kids of the infinite power of possibility. Her characters learn that the world is always shifting and rearranging itself, that hard work and desire really can change things.

"Out of the Wild Night" has a lot of fun stuff to say about ghosts, but its true concerns are kids and noble causes.

With its scrumptious language and its briny blaze of seafaring atmosphere, this is a book that was born to be read aloud, preferably on a dark and stormy night when the shutters are rattling and the electricity has gone out, necessitating the use of a flashlight to see the page — a night, that is, when ghosts are inclined to gather 'round like old friends.

As Mary puts it: "Being dead has its advantages, especially around here."

Julia Keller, former Tribune cultural critic and winner of the Pulitzer Prize, has published eight novels, the latest of which is "Fast Falls the Night."

Making a case for 4 radical women

Rachel Carson, Jane Jacobs, Jane Goodall and Alice Waters profiled in 'Visionary Women'

BY JOANNA SCUTTS

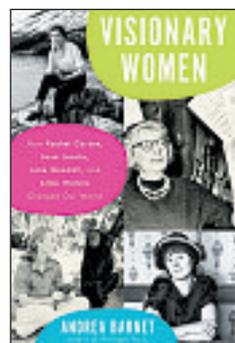
Special to The Washington Post

They were single and married, mothers and not, educated and self-taught, financially comfortable and struggling. Their work spans the second half of the 20th century and continues into the present. They did not know one another. But in her lively new biography of Rachel Carson, Jane Jacobs, Jane Goodall and Alice Waters, Andrea Barnet makes a compelling case that these women “changed our world.” Environmentalists in the broadest sense, their vision — and actions — on conservation, she shows, are nothing short of revolutionary.

“Visionary Women” links her subjects chronologically, with an emphasis on the 1960s. It was then that the women became, collectively, “a kind of true north for the gathering counterculture.” They were Davids aiming slingshots at the Goliath of postwar America, which was waging an all-out “war on nature” with wrecking

balls and toxic pesticides, paving paradise to put up a vast suburban parking lot.

In “Silent Spring” (1962), Carson shocked the nation by laying bare the enormous environmental cost of technological progress. Jacobs, in turn, was fighting to keep another fragile and beautiful ecosystem — her New York City neighborhood — from being flattened by

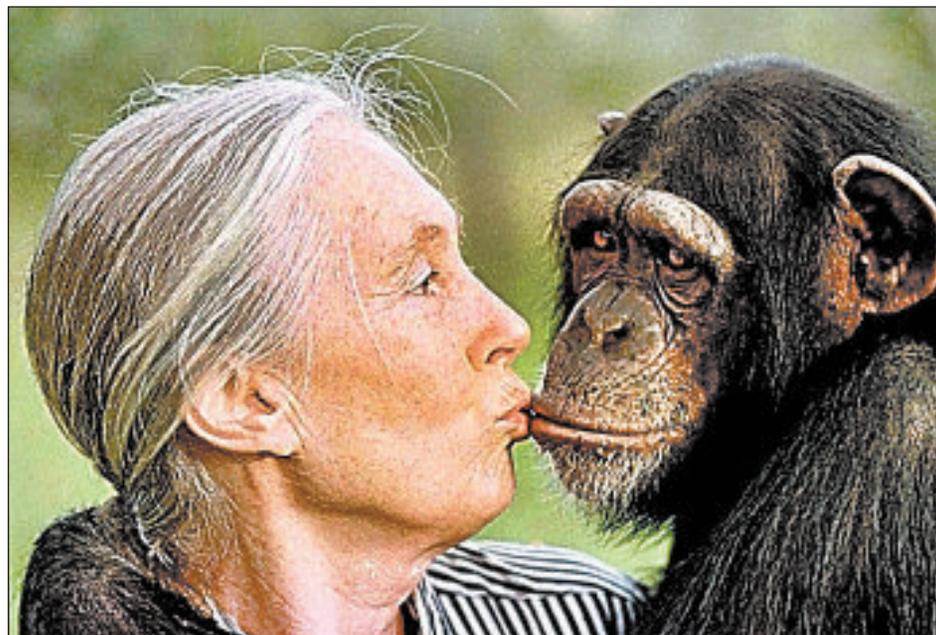


'Visionary Women'

By Andrea Barnet, Ecco, 514 pages, \$29.99

the highways whisking white families to the suburbs. Meanwhile, Goodall camped for months in the jungles of Tanzania to bring back reports of the intelligence and sociability of chimpanzees, which upended the scientific establishment's assumption of human supremacy. Finally, Waters, more product than driver of the counterculture, built a restaurant and a worldwide reputation on the idea that the best meals were created in a respectful symbiosis between environment, farmer, chef and diner.

The '60s saw the gathering of the second feminist wave, and Barnet writes that Betty Friedan might be considered a fifth “vi-



JEAN-MARC BOUJU/AP 1997

Anthropologist Jane Goodall camped for months in the jungles of Africa to bring back detailed reports that showed the intelligence and sociability of chimpanzees.



RACHEL CARSON COUNCIL

Biologist Rachel Carson



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Restaurateur Alice Waters



AP 1962

Activist Jane Jacobs

sionary” in her lineup but for the violence of her approach, her desire to blow up the system rather than safeguard what is valuable. Yet Barnet is careful not to rely on essentialist assumptions about gender. When she describes Carson's style of fostering connection rather than competing with her peers as “female,” the word is set off in scare quotes. Her subjects' femaleness mattered most, unsurprisingly, to men: It was what they saw first and what some of them could not see past.

Over and over Goodall fended off the sexual advances of her much older mentor. Carson was dismissed by her critics as a cat-loving spinster, and Jacobs as a “senti-

mental Hausfrau.” Jacobs embraced her maternal identity, deploying local children, her “little elves,” to knock on doors, gather signatures and draw the attention of the press. It was a way of forcing into the foreground the future that her opponents refused to acknowledge.

Beyond their iconoclasm and remarkably supportive families — and of course, their gender — the main biographical trait these women share is that they all are white. When Barnet writes of the complacent world into which Carson's “Silent Spring” would erupt, “People looked inward to home and family, diverted themselves with easy pleasures, (and) turned a

blind eye to social and racial injustices,” she means white people — those who, like her subjects, were the intended beneficiaries of the vast postwar technological and consumer boom.

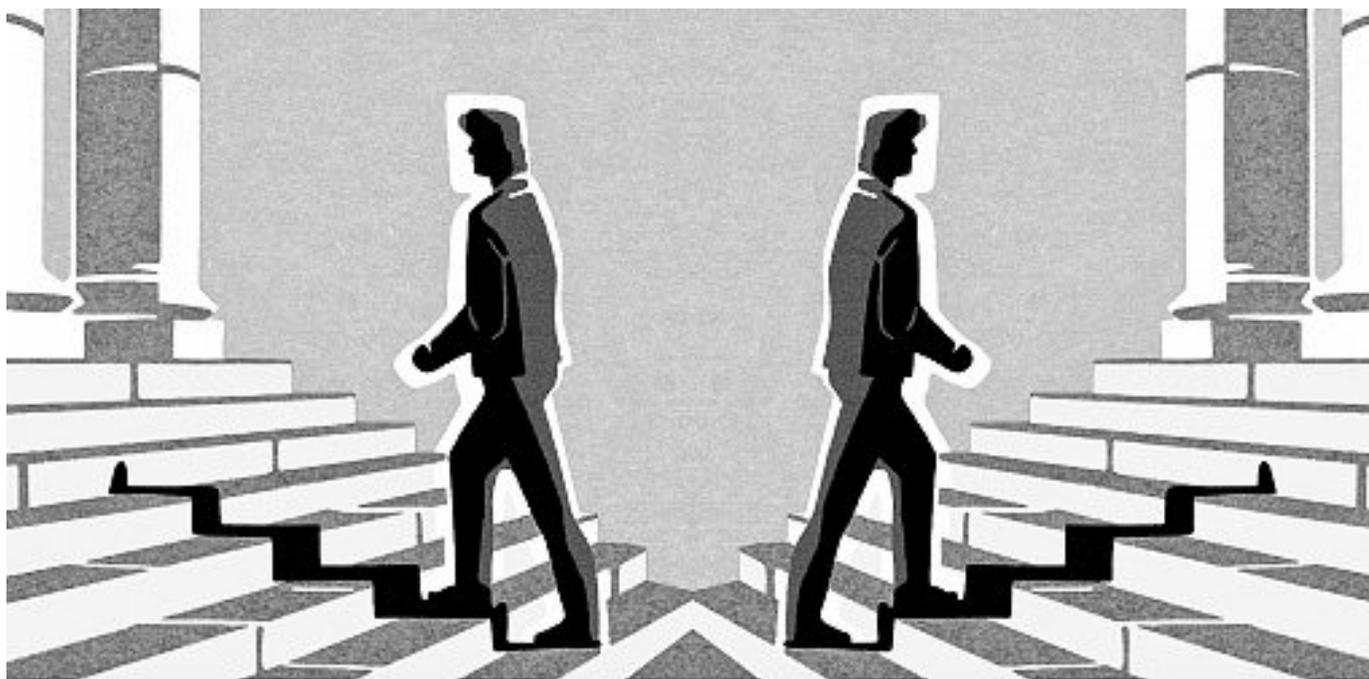
Barnet, whose previous book was about the women of Greenwich Village and Harlem in the 1910s and '20s, acknowledges that the cliché of the suburban American Dream was based on segregation and exclusion. She observes that Jacobs testified to a Senate subcommittee in 1962 about endemic racism at the Federal Housing Authority and that her ideas about the failures of housing projects influenced James Baldwin, yet we don't hear voices from communities of color — the main targets of urban-renewal policies.

Elsewhere, Barnet might have noted, in her discussion of the rise of agribusiness, that the patterns of racial exclusion that created the suburbs also affected rural areas, with black farmers routinely denied federal assistance to save their businesses. That less than 2 percent of the country's farmers today are African-American should affect how we understand the farm-to-table relationship and who benefits from efforts to improve the food supply. Likewise, if there has truly been a “paradigm shift” in the way Americans value the natural world since Carson's book was published, it needs to extend to an understanding of the central role of race in environmental catastrophes like the Flint, Mich., water crisis.

Still, Barnet makes a powerful case for a shared perspective among her subjects, likening Carson's understanding of the sea to Jacobs' view of the city, as “a balance of live and ever-evolving forces, a fluid network of exchanges, as much a *process* as a place.” Goodall recorded everything about her chimpanzees in capacious detail, without hierarchy or categorization, looking “with a kind of blinkered intensity, drawing upon all her senses.” Waters, a young student in France, recalled lavishing a similar attention on “what the fruit bowl looked like, how the cheese was presented, how it was put on the shelves, how the baguettes twisted. The shapes, the colors, the styles.”

All four women learned by immersing themselves in their environment and letting their eyes lead the way. Of the many lessons they have to teach us, this may be the most potent of all: Pay attention.

Joanna Scutts, a literary critic and cultural historian, is the author of “The Extra Woman: How Marjorie Hillis Led a Generation of Women to Live Alone and Like It.”



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What to do about higher ed?

Two books propose radically opposed solutions

BY JOHN WARNER
Chicago Tribune

Two recently released books offer significant criticisms of the current landscape of higher education.

As to what we should do about those problems, the two books couldn't be further apart.

Bryan Caplan, a professor of economics at George Mason University, gives away his big idea in his title: "The Case Against Education: Why the Education System Is a Waste of Time and Money." A dogmatic libertarian, Caplan argues that the primary value of a college degree is in what it "signals," rather than what people may have learned or experienced. The degree mostly says the person is smart and capable, not necessarily specifically prepared for the workplace.

In Caplan's view, most education is wasted on the young, who are "philistines," incapable of appreciating or benefiting from education. Caplan's solution is to "stop using tax dollars to fund education of any kind." He sees a greater role for vocational or trade education, starting early as children fail to show interest or aptitude in school subjects, which should primarily focus on the "practical" — not art, music or anything else that he considers soft.

Caplan even puts in a good word for child labor as an alternative to subjecting

students to schooling they neither enjoy nor appreciate.

Cathy Davidson, director of the Futures Initiative at the City University of New York, offers a different take in "The New Education: How to Revolutionize the University to Prepare Students for a World in Flux."

Davidson also believes higher education needs to change, but rather than starving it, she advocates for a broad-based "revolution" that attacks the barriers between students and learning, including educational costs, approaches to curriculum, and how we measure and credential students. Where Caplan believes we should shut off the spigot, Davidson has a chapter on "college for everyone," examining the potential to innovate community colleges to serve as ladders to social mobility.

Davidson's home institution of CUNY is a leader in fostering social mobility. Despite serving thousands fewer students than all of the Ivy League schools, Duke, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford and the University of Chicago combined, CUNY moves six times the number of low-income students into the middle and upper classes.

The difference in approaches is perhaps rooted in the different disciplines from which the authors come. Caplan is an economist, and his argument rests almost entirely on aggregated data and

averages. Davidson comes out of English departments, and as a humanist, works from real-world individuals and examples to draw broader conclusions.

Caplan's approach makes a kind of sense — degrees are about signaling — until you start to recognize that averages do not tell the stories of individuals, and the notion that we should put children on a track for college or trade school when they're just out of grade school is, I don't know, goofy?

Or un-American, if you prefer, unless America has become something out of "The Hunger Games."

Education does need to continue to evolve, though as someone who has spent the last 17 years on college campuses, you'd be surprised by how much they've changed. College is too expensive, and student debt will be causing significant drag on the economy for years to come. But it's Davidson who has a vision for what education could and should be that's consistent with the traditional values of freedom, opportunity and progress we associate with education.

We have a choice as to which of these visions we'd like to follow. I hope we choose wisely.

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. "Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste Ng
2. "The Warmth of Other Suns" by Isabel Wilkerson
3. "Everything Happens for a Reason" by Kate Bowler
4. "Statistics Explained: A Guide for Social Science Students" by Perry R. Hinton
5. "Essentialism: The Disciplined Pursuit of Less" by Greg McKeown
— *Jimmie J., Chicago*
I think Jimmy will enjoy Atul Gawande's searching and wise, "Being Moral: Medicine and What Matters in the End."

1. "The Immortalists" by Chloe Benjamin
2. "Middlesex" by Jeffery Eugenides
3. "Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste Ng
4. "The Summer That Melted Everything" by Tiffany McDaniel
5. "Into the Water" by Paula Hawkins
— *Patti B., Arlington Heights*
I'm hoping that Patti hasn't yet read J. Courtney Sullivan's "Commencement," because it feels like something up her alley.

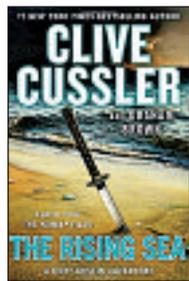
1. "Lincoln In the Bardo" by George Saunders
2. "Leonard: My Fifty-Year Friendship with a Remarkable Man" by William Shatner
3. "The Cubs Way: The Zen of Building the Best Team in Baseball and Breaking the Curse" by Tom Verducci
4. "The Philip K. Dick Anthology: 18 Classic Science Fiction Stories" by Philip K. Dick
5. "Harm's Way" by James Bassett.
— *Dave F., Knoxville, Ill.*
I think Dave will dig the slow-building dread of T.C. Boyle's "When the Killing's Done."

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NATIONAL BEST-SELLERS

HARDCOVER FICTION



1. **"The Rising Sea: A NUMA Files Novel"** by Clive Cussler and Graham Brown (Putnam, \$29)
Last week: —
2. **"The Great Alone: A Novel"** by Kristin Hannah (Holtzbrinck, \$28.99)
Last week: 1

3. **"The Woman in the Window: A Novel"** by A.J. Finn (William Morrow, \$26.99)
Last week: 5

4. **"Little Fires Everywhere"** by Celeste Ng (Penguin, \$27) *Last week: 3*

5. **"Fifty Fifty: A Harriet Blue Novel"** by James Patterson and Candice Fox (Little, Brown, \$28) *Last week: 4*

6. **"Before We Were Yours: A Novel"** by Lisa Wingate (Ballantine, \$26)
Last week: 10

7. **"An American Marriage: A Novel"** by Tayari Jones (Algonquin, \$26.95)
Last week: 9

8. **"The Flight Attendant: A Novel"** by Chris Bohjalian (Doubleday, \$26.95)
Last week: —

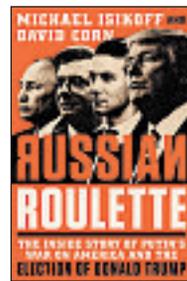
9. **"The Kremlin Conspiracy"** by Joel C. Rosenberg (Tyndale, \$27.99) *Last week: 6*

10. **"The Escape Artist"** by Brad Meltzer (Grand Central, \$28) *Last week: 7*

For the week ended March 18, compiled from data from independent and chain bookstores, book wholesalers and independent distributors nationwide.

— Publishers Weekly

HARDCOVER NONFICTION



1. **"Russian Roulette: The Inside Story of Putin's War on America and the Election of Donald Trump"** by Michael Isikoff and David Corn (Twelve, \$30)
Last week: —

2. **"The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi: My Journey Into the Heart of Scriptural Faith and the Land Where It All Began"** by Kathie Lee Gifford (Nelson, \$24.99)
Last week: 3

3. **"12 Rules for Life: An Antidote to Chaos"** by Jordan B. Peterson (Random House Canada, \$25.95) *Last week: 2*

4. **"I've Been Thinking ...: Reflections, Prayers, and Meditations for a Meaningful Life"** by Maria Shriver (Dorman, \$20)
Last week: 1

5. **"Food: What the Heck Should I Eat?"** by Mark Hyman M.D. (Little, Brown, \$28)
Last week: 3

6. **"Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House"** by Michael Wolff (Henry Holt, \$30) *Last week: 6*

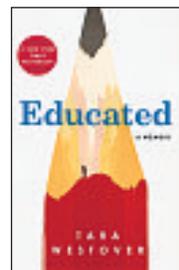
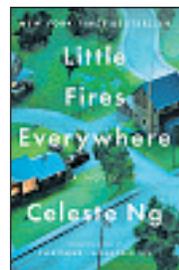
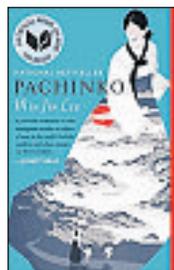
7. **"Educated: A Memoir"** by Tara Westover (Random House, \$28) *Last week: 7*

8. **"Killing the Deep State: The Fight to Save President Trump"** by Jerome R. Corsi (Humanix, \$29.99) *Last week: —*

9. **"Don't Bulls--- Yourself!: Crush the Excuses That Are Holding You Back"** by Jon Taffer (Portfolio, \$26) *Last week: —*

10. **"I'll Be Gone in the Dark: One Woman's Obsessive Search for the Golden State Killer"** by Michelle McNamara (Harper, \$27.99) *Last week: 8*

CHICAGOLAND BEST-SELLERS



1. **"Pachinko"** by Min Jin Lee (Grand Central, \$15.99)
2. **"Russian Roulette: The Inside Story of Putin's War on America and the Election of Donald Trump"** by Michael Isikoff and David Corn (Twelve, \$30)
3. **"I've Been Thinking: Reflections, Prayers, and Meditations for a Meaningful Life"** by Maria Shriver (Dorman, \$20)
4. **"Little Fires Everywhere"** by Celeste Ng (Penguin, \$27)
5. **"Educated: A Memoir"** by Tara Westover (Random House, \$28)

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UPCOMING EVENTS



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Monday, April 2 at 7 pm
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www.andersonsbookshop.com

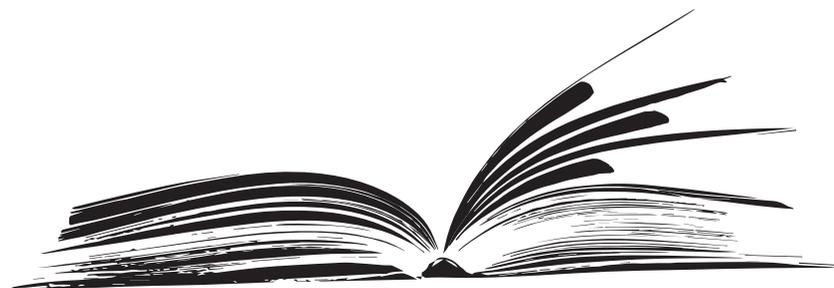
Anderson's Bookshop in La Grange welcomes author Sara Varon sharing her new middle grade graphic novel, **New Shoes**. This event is free and open to the public. To join the booksigning line, please purchase the author's featured book from Anderson's Bookshop.



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Tart lemon curd, recipe follows
8-inch tart shell, recipe follows
Meringue, recipe follows
Whipped cream, recipe follows, optional

1 Bake: Pour lemon curd into tart shell. Bake at 350 degrees until just set (and still jiggly), 5-7 minutes. Cool. Chill.

2 Pipe: When ready to serve, scoop meringue into a pastry bag fitted with a plain tip (or a zip-close plastic bag with a corner snipped off). Pipe meringue onto lemon tart. I like tall spires that resemble aliens, but suit yourself. If you like both meringue and whipped cream, leave room for the cream.

3 Brown: Using a kitchen torch, brown the meringue. If you like, pipe on whipped cream. Enjoy.

Pastry shell: In a food processor, buzz together 1 cup flour, 1 teaspoon sugar and ¼ teaspoon salt. Drop in 7 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut up. Pulse until largest lumps are pea-sized. Drop in 4 to 5 tablespoons ice-cold water; pulse to damp clumps. Turn out, press into a disk and dust lightly with flour. Roll out pastry ⅛-inch thin. Fit into a lightly buttered 8-inch tart pan with a removable bottom. Roll the rolling pin over the top, trimming away excess pastry. Chill 1 hour or more. Cover with parchment (crumple it first to make it pliable) and fill with dried beans. Bake in the lower third of the oven at 400 degrees, 20 minutes. Remove paper and beans. Bake until crisp and golden brown, 10-12 minutes. Let cool.

Tart lemon curd: In a large saucepan set over medium heat, melt ½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter. Whisk in zest of 2 lemons, ¾ cup freshly squeezed lemon juice, 14 tablespoons (1 cup minus 2 tablespoons) sugar, 2 eggs, 4 egg yolks and ¼ teaspoon salt. Whisk until mixture begins to thicken, about 5 minutes. Press through a fine-mesh strainer. Let cool.

Meringue: In the bowl of a stand mixer, whisk together 4 egg whites, ¼ teaspoon salt and 14 tablespoons (1 cup minus 2 tablespoons) sugar. Set bowl into a pan of simmering water. Whisk until 165 degrees hot, about 5 minutes. Pull out pan, wipe dry and snap pan onto the mixer. Whip to beautiful, cool, glossy peaks, about 5 minutes.

Whipped cream: Whip together 1 cup heavy cream, 1 tablespoon sugar and ½ teaspoon vanilla extract until soft peaks form.

A drink, served blindfolded, can change how you taste

BY BETHANY JEAN CLEMENT

The Seattle Times

I am sitting blindfolded at Becky Selengut's kitchen table. I hold out my hands, which feel amorphous and worthless without my eyes to guide them — they wait, suspended in space, for vessels of various shapes, full of things for me to taste. My ears, on the other hand, seem sharpened, the smallest sound ringing through the molecules of the air — I'm listening for clues, trying to figure out what Selengut is doing so I can get the right answers. It sounds like she's making extra noise to mess with me, clanking stuff around.

I don't want to spoil the experiments in Selengut's new book, "How to Taste," for they are fascinating, fun and sometimes super-surprising, as is the book itself. Of course, there aren't "right" answers when it comes to taste, but for a food writer, a series of blindfolded tests can't help but feel consequential.

Selengut is a chef, cooking instructor and author of the books "Good Fish" and "Shroom." But, like "How to Taste," she's anti-intimidating, encouraging and funny. My sightless taste-test adjectives, no matter how tentative ("Grapefruity?"), are met with what sounds a lot like joy. "Taste it again!" she'll exclaim.

It's not giving too much away to say that one of the "How to Taste" experiments should be conducted, if possible, with the kind of classic stemware that martinis come in, and that drinking from that shape of cocktail glass with a blindfold on feels precarious and hilarious. Selengut laughs, approvingly, at my description of one sip as "like your great-uncle



ERIKA SCHULTZ/SEATTLE TIMES

Chef and cookbook author Becky Selengut with one of her dogs, holding out dried herbs to smell.

would drink in his leather chair, old-school, gaso-liney." My nose feels extra-alive; my mouth is suffused with a not-unpleasant burning. I'm winning at the Manhattan experiment!

"I can already tell you're an average taster," Selengut says. Yessssss!

Average, in this case, is what we all want to be. Tolerant tasters, with the lowest density of taste buds, are dealing with a blunt instrument, tongue-wise. But, Selengut writes, "Everyone can learn how to taste more astutely and, in so doing, learn how to make their food taste better."

Selengut's book about how to do that is a delightful, full-on geek-out: six chapters on the basic tastes (salt, acid, sweet, fat, umami, bitter); followed by three on aromatics, bite and texture; then important material on stuff like booze and "The Total Dish." It's all divided into digestible sections, including the aforementioned at-home taste experiments, "Fun Facts," lists like "Top 5 Signs a Cookbook Isn't Worth Your Cash," sidebars like "My Dad Sucks Lemons," recipes that demonstrate various principles, charts and more.

"How to Taste" arose, in part, from Selengut's allergy to garlic — for a chef,

a problematic deficit. How could she make her food taste good, while, crucially, still being able to taste it? In a section of the book called "My Culinary Nightmare," she discusses her process of reverse-engineering a garlic substitute. "That started getting me thinking about food in a whole different way," she says. "Like what is it that chefs think about when they're trying to balance a recipe? How do you know how to tweak and find that little element that's missing?" The results of that change in perspective are all here.

Selengut's cooking-class students also demanded the book. They'd watch her taste something and know exactly what it needed — but how? "It's really unsatisfying, as a teacher, to be like, 'Well, spend 20 years in the business!'" she says. "How to Taste" is a sort of shortcut, so you don't have to go work in a restaurant to learn to be truly comfortable with cooking.

In the end, Selengut tells me that I did great with the taste experiments. I also got to drink a Manhattan. And, as I tell her, learning from "How to Taste" that she once made chicken soup as watery and sad as I did one time is deeply reassuring. If only I'd had her book.



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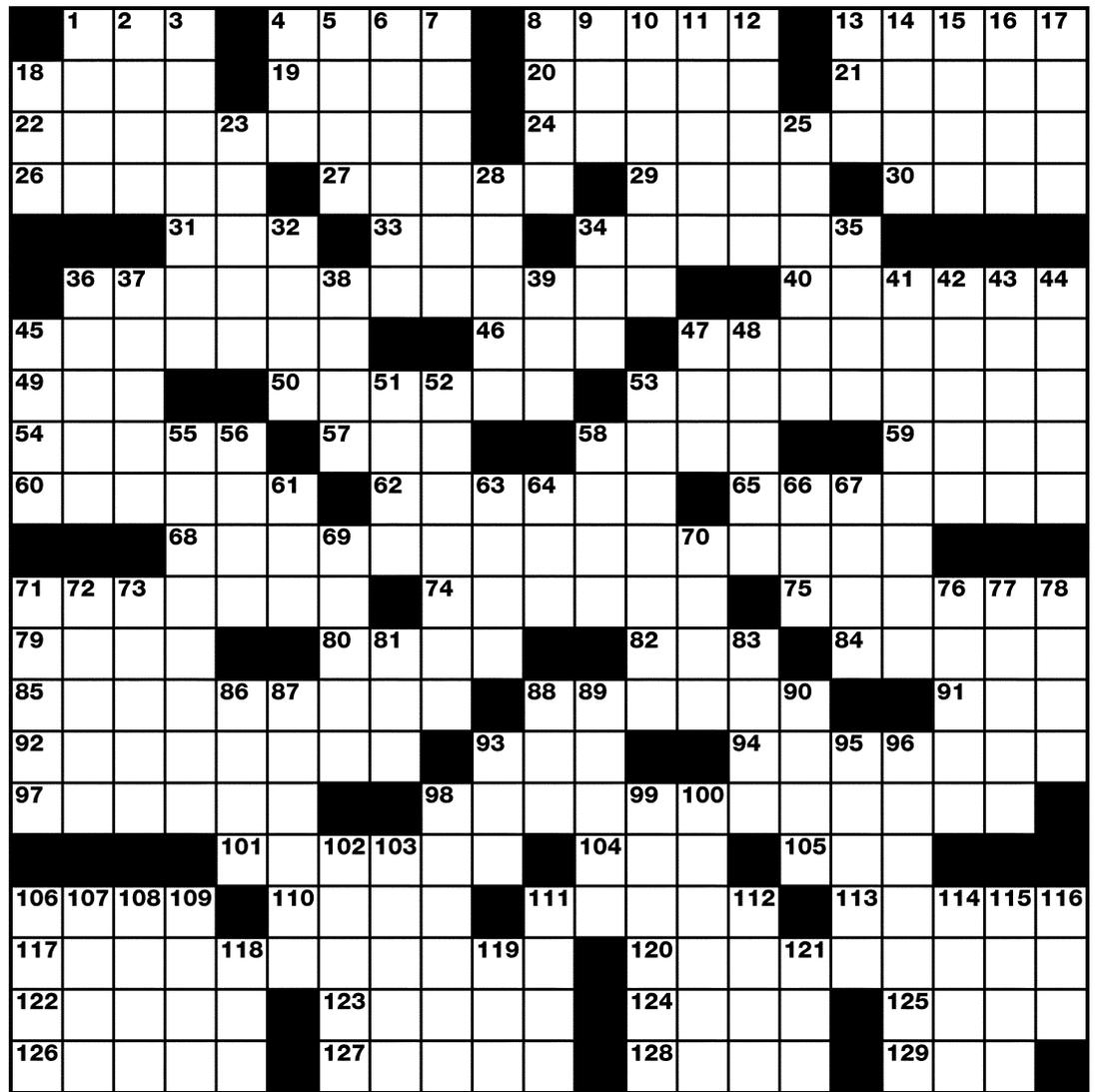
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COPY CATS: Which ought to sound familiar

BY MARK McCLAIN | EDITED BY STANLEY NEWMAN
(stanxwords.com)

- Across**
- 1 Diminutive toymaker
 - 4 It means "trillion"
 - 8 Helped out
 - 13 Early American fur tycoon
 - 18 GI's offense
 - 19 Chopped down
 - 20 Wedding cake figure
 - 21 Infamy
 - 22 Step up from a spinet
 - 24 Sad-eyed pooch
 - 26 By ___ (barely)
 - 27 ___ toast (soup partner)
 - 29 Long sandwich
 - 30 Big name in elevators
 - 31 NHL extra periods
 - 33 Prefix for political
 - 34 Famous folks
 - 36 Investment choice
 - 40 Sorority hopeful
 - 45 Check an addition
 - 46 From the UK, say
 - 47 Line count in a sonnet
 - 49 Below par
 - 50 Canine from China
 - 53 Certain security staffer
 - 54 *Republic* writer
 - 57 Ingot, for instance
 - 58 Ruminant (over)
 - 59 Prayed, in Paris
 - 60 Take for granted
 - 62 Automatic reaction
 - 65 Created like pigtailed
 - 68 World Series setting
 - 71 Athlete's-foot treatment brand
 - 74 Less assured
 - 75 Patrons of 115 Down
 - 79 Major Russian river
 - 80 The slightest sound
 - 82 Family nickname
 - 84 Family, so to speak
 - 85 Amenity for green commuters
 - 88 Opulent residence
 - 91 Director Howard
 - 92 Shoe with a blade
 - 93 Doorstep covering
 - 94 Add to
 - 97 Predecessor of Sadat
 - 98 Tundra
 - 101 Roam around
 - 104 Org. for code crackers
 - 105 Many times, in verse
 - 106 Absent
 - 110 Wines and dines
 - 111 Take on or take in
 - 113 Take a loss
 - 117 Sweet loaf
 - 120 What eight long answers here do
 - 122 Crowd-scene actor
 - 123 Petrol measure
 - 124 "Unfortunately, ..."
 - 125 Med. clinic workers
 - 126 In a prone position
 - 127 City north of Bonn
 - 128 Divests
 - 129 "May I help you?"
 - Down**
 - 1 McGregor of movies
 - 2 Timber wolf
 - 3 Go up alone
 - 4 Road crew material
 - 5 Checkup, for instance
 - 6 Back out a commitment
 - 7 Confounded
 - 8 "Waterloo" group
 - 9 Tax-shelter vehicle
 - 10 Spread gossip
 - 11 '50s Ford
 - 12 Caterpillar competitor
 - 13 Hardwood tree
 - 14 Chase off
 - 15 Lacking slack
 - 16 Prefix for present
 - 17 Half of the checkers
 - 18 Simple rhyme scheme
 - 23 Allude to
 - 25 Libyan port city
 - 28 Great, in retro reviews
 - 32 Sharp break
 - 34 24/7 news pioneer
 - 35 OR activity: Abbr.
 - 36 Cat-collar attachments
 - 37 Almanac section
 - 38 Triple-decker sandwich
 - 39 Sheepskin boot
 - 41 More inane
 - 42 Central part
 - 43 Oddly scary
 - 44 Put a stop to
 - 45 Morning TV cohost
 - 47 Greatly removed
 - 48 1300 hours
 - 51 Attire
 - 52 Didn't look forward to
 - 53 Most squarish
 - 55 Tire descriptor
 - 56 Arabian sultanate
 - 58 Mani-___



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- 61 Linguistic suffix
- 63 Get happy or angry
- 64 Inc. cousin
- 66 Nautical record
- 67 "Sometimes you feel like ___ ..."
- 69 One living abroad
- 70 Operatic piece
- 71 Add, at a record studio
- 72 Author Jong
- 73 Benefits
- 76 Urban wailer
- 77 US Govt. security
- 78 Mailed
- 81 GPS reading
- 83 Beast in 12 Down's logo
- 86 Distort, as data
- 87 Pacific battleground of 1943
- 88 Something seen in a profile
- 89 Valuable violin, for short
- 90 Money in Malta
- 93 Deface
- 95 Office aide
- 96 In a nonpermanent way
- 98 Harries
- 99 Prius or Tesla
- 100 City mentioned in "That's Amore"
- 102 High-minded
- 103 Historian ___ Kearns Goodwin
- 106 Genesis 4 figure
- 107 Candlelike
- 108 Starter like
- 109 Tall tale
- 111 City in Yemen
- 112 Break from a sitcom
- 114 Carton sealer
- 115 Places to stay
- 116 NFL scores
- 118 Be too persistent
- 119 Consist of
- 121 Dollar sign shape

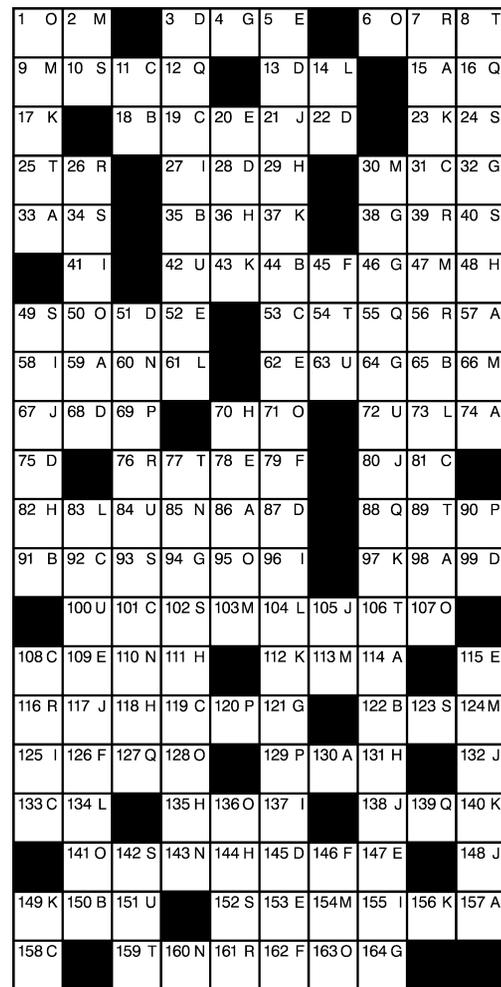
Quote-Acrossic

- Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
- Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
- When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

Clues

- Words**
- A. Regard or devotion 157 57 15 86 59 98 74 114 130 33
- B. Achieves something; 2 wds. 35 65 122 91 18 44 150
- C. Not custom made; 3 wds. 19 92 81 119 133 101
- 53 31 11 158 108
- D. In sum; 3 wds. 99 51 3 28 68 145 22 13 87 75
- E. Exhausted; 2 wds. 109 20 78 62 153 115 52 5 147
- F. Moved gradually 146 126 45 162 79
- G. Routes 66 and 101 46 32 64 4 38 94 121 164
- H. NYC suburb on LI; 2 wds. 29 36 118 82 111 48 70 131 144 135
- I. Contrary to 41 125 58 155 96 137 27

- J. Petula Clark '64 hit 67 80 148 138 21 117 132 105
- K. Two-propeller boat; hyph. 112 140 149 37 23 156 43 17 97
- L. Outdoor builder 83 134 73 14 61 104
- M. Woven in 9 124 30 66 2 103 154 113 47
- N. Blue or young 85 60 110 160 143
- O. Manage 136 107 128 95 6 50 71 1 141 163
- P. Set down 120 129 90 69
- Q. Elect 88 16 139 127 12 55
- R. Metal cutter 116 7 56 76 26 39 161
- S. Bank or fund 123 49 10 34 40 93
- 152 24 142 102
- T. Funeral oration 106 54 77 8 25 159 89
- U. Eddie or Carrie 42 84 72 151 63 100



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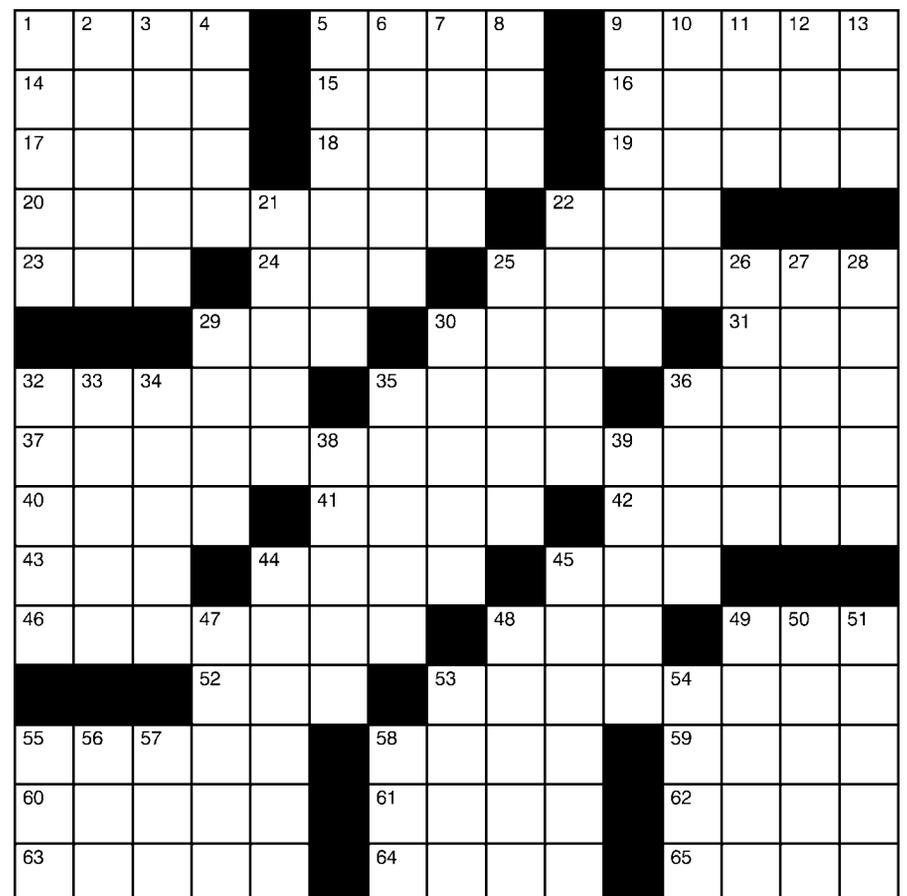
Marine Life

BY CHARLES PRESTON

Across

- 1 Jason's ship
5 Feel pain
9 Idaho's capital
14 Aviary resident
15 Lure
16 Activist actor
17 Away from the wind
18 Hawaiian city
19 Stair part
20 First commercially successful steamboat
22 Malt beverage
23 Understanding
24 Mine output
25 First cup-winning yacht
29 Possessive pronoun
30 Room or pen
31 Avuncular nickname
32 Heidi's creator
35 The south of France
36 Seaweed
37 Bogart-Hepburn conveyance
40 Aspirations
41 Feedbag contents
42 Extreme
43 Diminutive noun ending
44 Night prowlers
45 Free from
46 Heyerdahl's craft

- 48 One of the Three Stooges
49 Greek letter
52 Owns
53 Captain Nemo's submarine
55 Woodland deity
58 Clark Kent's fellow employee
59 SA tree
60 Redolence
61 Green Gables girl
62 Ugandan dictator
63 Instrument of 55 Across
64 Tare
65 1492 vessel
- Down**
- 1 Startle, with take
2 Lunar depression
3 Envy's color
4 River of central Europe
5 Detests
6 Captain Queeg's mutinous ship
7 Weapon handle
8 DDE's command
9 Whiskey ingredient
10 Willow
11 Power people
12 Notice
13 Stray
- 21 Theme
22 Speedily; arch.
25 Acting father and son
26 Cay
27 Basketball player
28 Iowa community
29 Security packets?
30 Early inhabitants of Britain
32 Host of *Unsolved Mysteries*
33 S.S. Van Dyne's detective Vance
34 Arab republic
35 Home of the Dolphins
36 *— Lang Syne*
38 Chess pieces
39 Hushed
44 Royal adornments
45 Alerted
47 Aromatic herb
48 1898 American battleship
49 Oily resin
50 Shroud of *—*
51 Yoga position
53 Not a soul
54 Russian czar
55 Enervate
56 Greek shipping magnate
57 Acme
58 Order's sidekick



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For air passengers, certain dining rules don't apply



JUDITH MARTIN
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: Is dining etiquette different when on an airplane? Should I wait for everyone in my row to be served before eating, as though they are my dinner companions, or should we all politely ignore each other?

What other rules can be ignored, or should be amended, when drinking or eating on an airplane?

Gentle reader: There are many courtesies that you owe your seatmates on a flight, but pretending that you are at a social event is not one of them. If it were, it would be rude to fall asleep while the others were awake.

The fiction that should be observed is that you are each enclosed in your own space, however sparse that is. Therefore, the dining rules require not intruding on others' space with spills or smells.

Dear Miss Manners: My wife, son and I have been invited to my sister's club for pasta/pizza buffets for the past few years. This year, my son, after having made a few trips through the buffet line, got himself some dessert from the dessert table while everyone else was still having entrees.

Nothing was said at the time, but on the way home, my wife informed him that he should've waited for everyone to have finished their entrees before getting dessert. I disagreed with her, saying it was OK to eat at his own pace.

Gentle reader: Apparently your wife wants to

teach your son how to be a guest at a communal meal. You, in contrast, seem to believe that the manners for eating alone will be enough to carry him through. Miss Manners considers that your wife's approach is more considerate, not only of the other guests, but of your son.

Dear Miss Manners: I have lung cancer, even though I never smoked. My prognosis is not good; basically I'm on treatment to extend my life, but it can't cure me. People who know I have lung cancer see me out on my infrequent outings and always say, "You look great."

What should be my reaction? Yes, I look good. But I have been told by doctors I may have a year, maybe two. I'm disabled, can't taste food, get out of breath if I walk more than a block, etc., due to the cancer and its treatment.

What do I say, and why do people base everything on how I look?

Gentle reader: Would you prefer their saying, "Considering that you're on your last legs, you look pretty good"?

Miss Manners can sympathize with your being raw about any comments about your tragic state, but there is no cause to blame people who are only trying to say something nice — and apparently true, as you acknowledge that you do look good. Your response should be a mere "Thank you."

Dear Miss Manners: What is the proper etiquette when an elevator's doors are closing and someone is walking toward it?

Are the people inside obligated to press the "open door" button? Is it improper for the person trying to get on the elevator to stick his or her hand in

and stop the door?

I think once the doors are closing, one must wait for the next elevator, and should not expect the passengers to open the doors. And that passengers should be annoyed (as I am) when someone sticks their hand in and delays my trip!

Gentle reader: Would you allow a regular door to swing closed in someone's face? Miss Manners trusts not.

Etiquette demands a reasonable effort to accommodate elevator late-comers, which means visibly reaching for the "open door" button. Whether actual contact is made with the button can be judged in relation to the distance of the late-comer from the door and how close the door is to shutting.

Dear Miss Manners: Friends frequently make donations in my name to organizations or charities that they support, but I don't. I never know how to respond. It seems rude to say that I don't support or subscribe to the group getting a contribution in my name. Should I just not mention it?

Gentle reader: Although she agrees that third-party donations are not proper gifts, Miss Manners does not believe it is polite to ignore something given in good faith. You may, however, temper the enthusiasm of your thanks, expressing delight that while you had never heard of the charity, you are pleased and grateful on their behalf.

To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to www.missmanners.com or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.



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Last week's crosswords

"GUILTY WITH AN EXCLAMATION"

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RAID	RAP	NESTS	
PARA	TOP	LOOT	SATES
EMU	THEROYAL	WHEE	TALL
PINTA	REMO	ONEMAN	LEE
SENIOR	LAD	SMITE	EVE
IRS	MINES	GETS	SET
ARNO	HAMILTON	BRR	TONY
BEGSFOR	AWIRE	OAF	
OCS	EMITS	ISA	ATWAR
DAH	DENIAL	NEWS	TEHEE
ELON	ROLLING	INDOH	ORB
SLOOP	LENO	YAP	TAOS
BASTE	END	KITE	
BERMUDA	ESP	NEATH	
DWELTON	THECHOSEN	PHREW	
EYESORE	MALAISE	TORRE	
BET	NED	DILATE	STUBS

"Urban Monikers"

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"PT Exercise"

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Last week's Quote-Acrostic

SAMANTHA BEE: COLD FEBRUARY: Februaries are the worst months. Nothing much happens. Punxsutawney Phil gets dragged from his cozy burrow on the second day to suffer a groundhog heart attack on national TV. It's all downhill from there.

Last week's Sudoku

9	1	2	4	8	3	5	7	6
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6	7	9	8	3	4	1	2	5
5	8	3	1	7	2	6	4	9
3	2	7	6	9	5	4	8	1
1	9	5	3	4	8	7	6	2
8	6	4	7	2	1	9	5	3

This week's Jumble

HUDDLE INWARD EASILY
TETHER MAINLY DAMAGE

When asked when she thought the dress would be finished, she —

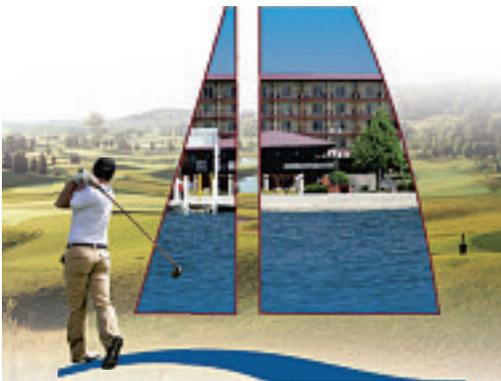
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MARCO RICCA/DRAKE/ANDERSON

This New York kitchen, designed by the Manhattan-based firm Drake/Anderson, flows seamlessly into the main living space because it has repeating touches of color throughout and consistent flooring. Such design touches can help when there are space limitations or a lack of dividing walls.

Low profile, high style

Kitchens that go with the flow

BY KIM COOK | Associated Press

Kitchens tend to be designed as star players on the residential stage. Their role is often aspirational — pro chef's lair, for example, or the country kitchen from that Italian movie you loved.

But there's a different story being played out by some kitchen designers today: kitchens that merge seamlessly into the rest of the main living space.

Sometimes that's because there are space limitations — a smallish apartment, for instance, where the kitchen is cheek-to-jowl with every other room. Or there may be plenty of space, but no walls, so each living zone looks into the next.

Some new kitchens are nearly invisible; others employ decorative and design elements that assimilate them into the look of adjoining spaces.



PAUL STOPPI/DUNAGAN DIVERIO

In this Miami Beach kitchen designed by Dunagan Diverio, pale walls display art as the custom appliance fronts and cabinetry create an integrated, serene sightline throughout an open-plan kitchen and living space.

Cabinetry is the same style, color, material and finish as other furniture. The color palette is the same or complementary. Lighting and accessories echo those in the principal rooms. Flooring is consistent throughout. Appliances are integrated. Even the island and countertops reflect materials used in adjoining spaces.

The Dunagan Diverio Design Group in Coral Gables, Fla., recently completed a Miami penthouse project with an open floor plan. The clients loved to cook and needed lots of space that functioned well.

“But they also wanted the kitchen to have clean lines and be completely integrated into the home’s design,” says firm co-founder Charlotte Dunagan. “We created a kitchen that flowed directly as part of the great room and living space. The concept we aimed for was to conceal as many of the appliances as possible, even going so far as to find a white

oven to blend into the white cabinets.”

It was important to have the finishes all work together, says her partner, Tom Diverio.

“The kitchen really becomes part of the space, especially with the neutral oak wood flooring that continues throughout the home,” he says. “We were also careful to select finishes that were warm and inviting, which appear to be more like furniture.”

Pale walls in the open layout allowed for the residents’ art collection to carry through, further integrating the kitchen into the home.

Architect Dan Brunn in Los Angeles says he, too, keeps flooring the same throughout an open-plan home.

“The dining room and living room are typically connected to the kitchen, so we make the kitchen feel more ‘domesticated,’ less like a stainless steel lab,” he says. “One of my favorite things is

to specify full custom-front appliances.”

New York City designer Amir Khamneipur took a similar approach with his Park Avenue apartment.

“I used flat-panel, semi-gloss-painted cabinetry throughout my kitchen,” he says. “The flat panels allow the kitchen cabinets to read as architectural elements. The geometry, symmetry and balance of lines created by the cabinetry seams were purposefully aligned with mirror work and fireplace height. These different elements coincide to create a harmonious look.”

Khamneipur chose a cream-and-neutral color palette for the minimalist kitchen, reflecting the serene vibe of the apartment. And he added a few clever features, like furniture-style legs on the kitchen island to reflect the neo-classical lines of a sofa and pedestal table across from it.

Dunagan says the inspiration

for the Florida penthouse came from yacht design, in which all available space is maximized. A coffee station got tucked behind pocket doors. A laundry room, service kitchen and Sub-Zero appliances are also concealed behind wood doors or cabinets in the kitchen.

Modern materials and technology make “hiding” kitchen elements easy. Smart induction cooktops are nearly unnoticeable when not in use. Appliances that formerly sat on counters are now built into drawers. LED lighting can be installed virtually anywhere.

Henrybuilt, a Seattle designer and maker of kitchen furniture and storage systems, offers solid-surface counters with drainage for the sink. Storage cubbies for tools, napkins and bread are built into milled wood counters, which are then extended to create eating tables. Knife blocks, utensils, spices, pantry items, and recycle

and trash receptacles all fit neatly out of sight in drawers and sliding cupboards.

Pay attention to how you illuminate the kitchen, says Sheva Knopfler, creative director of Brooklyn, N.Y.-based Lights.com.

“The easiest way to streamline a kitchen is to incorporate simple lighting fixtures that blend in or almost disappear,” she says. “And consider paring down the number of lighting elements, opting instead for fewer, brighter overhead fixtures.”

Pick a style that suits you, and then create a visual flow with lighting in matching metallic finishes, she suggests.

And it’s fine to tweak that plan by adding a piece that’s got some drama or playfulness.

“A statement light allows you to add a bold dash of your personality. It becomes the ‘artwork’ of the space,” Knopfler says. Consider a large chandelier, or a grouping of pendant fixtures.

Add power to your flower containers

How to give your DIY planters a professional touch

BY ROSE SHILLING
Associated Press

A flower planter or hanging basket bought ready-made at a nursery: lush with showy, vibrant blooms, providing an instant splash for your porch, stoop or deck.

Your DIY flower container: sparse-looking for weeks, with one plant that dies, and scraggly stems, small blooms or yellowing leaves as the season goes on.

Still, many gardeners keep trying.

“The benefits of doing it yourself would be choosing your own color scheme, choosing plants that are going to work best for your area and getting to see it grow in,” says Jamie Gulley of Gulley Greenhouse in Fort Collins, Colo.

So how DO you get the look of those perfect, professionally designed planters that you’ve envied at the garden center or on someone else’s front steps?

Here are some tips from the experts.

Stick your fingertips in the soil — yes, really.

Gulley relies on this tried-and-true method of testing the dampness of potting mixture about an inch below the surface.

At the height of summer, expect to water containers daily, or even twice a day if it’s dry and sunny. Water less frequently when the weather’s cooler. Consider buying a self-watering product or a basic drip-irrigation system, used commonly in hot climates where plants might not survive a missed watering.

Or try succulents — jade, hens and chicks, agave — that require less water.

Fertilize right.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Consider populating a container with the gardening industry’s strategy of “thrillers, fillers and spillers” — a tall plant in the center (often a grass or other spikey shape), midheight fillers surrounding it and a trailing plant or vine that spills out.

Fertilizer encourages blooms and prevents leggy shoots. But too much of it can burn up plants. And applying liquid versions or organic options like chicken manure or compost every week or two can be difficult to maintain.

Too many people skip fertilizer or don’t use enough, says Gulley Greenhouse owner and head

grower Jan Gulley, Jamie’s mother.

“It would be just like being in a prison and somebody just giving you water and no food,” she says.

Slow-dissolving pellets that feed plants for several months are a favorite, but poke holes in the soil to reach the roots, she says.

Fertilizer that comes in potting-mix bags runs out

after a few months — or more quickly in high heat, when frequent watering leaches soil nutrients. Start applying additional fertilizer midsummer for spring-potted plants that use these mixtures.

Do a little research.

Impulse buys of gorgeous plants are inevitable, but your arrangements will

be stronger if you first find some images that inspire you, says horticulturist Noelle Johnson, who runs AZ Plant Lady landscape consulting in Chandler, Ariz.

“When it comes to pots, most people like to do that themselves,” she says. “That’s very personal.”

A nursery worker can look at the image (probably

on your phone) and find those plants or ones with the same look or colors.

Some nurseries, including Gulley, offer guides on winning plant combinations by hue or growing condition. Simply pick up the suggested plants and pot them according to the diagrams.

Jan Gulley suggests limiting colors and plant varieties to two or three. If the planter’s too busy, the eye doesn’t know where to focus: “We call them circus pots,” she says.

Pick a planting strategy.

One strategy is to pack the pot for a full look right away, removing plants later to avoid overcrowding, or pruning hard around July Fourth. For example, an inexpensive six-pack of pansies could supplement featured plants early in the season and be removed later.

“We want a planter to be beautiful immediately,” says Richard Hentschel, a horticulture educator with the University of Illinois Extension in St. Charles. If you space plants with room to fill in, the arrangement “just looks weak. It doesn’t look like the store-bought version.”

Or you could be patient, planting with expansion space. Decorative rocks or attractive mulch can cover temporarily exposed dirt patches.

You might mimic the gardening industry’s planting strategy of using “thrillers, fillers and spillers,” Hentschel says. Use a tall plant, often a grass or other spikey shape, in the middle as a thriller. Softer, midheight fillers surround it, and a trailing plant or vine spills out for drama.

For any strategy, pinch off or trim unsightly, dead flowers (“deadheading”). That encourages further blooming.

Raking away some leaves from the garden may reveal little bloomers such as crocuses. But don't scrape the soil bare. A mulch layer is important for plants.



THE MORTON ARBORETUM

Mind your mulch to get garden ready for spring

BY BETH BOTTS
Chicago Tribune

Yes, spring is here! Buds are beginning to open on trees and shrubs. The first flower colors have appeared — the white of snowdrops, the yellow of witch hazel, the electric blue of scilla, the purple of the earliest crocuses.

Now is a good time to spruce up the garden and get it ready for the full rush of spring, said Sharon Yiesla, plant knowledge specialist at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle. Just don't go overboard.

"You don't want to clean up down to bare soil," she said. "Leave your mulch in place. It's protecting the roots of your trees, shrubs and other plants. As it breaks down, it adds nutrients to your soil and improves conditions for your plants."

A layer of mulch also insulates the soil to keep its temperature steady, so early spring warm spells don't trigger plants to sprout that might be hurt by late frosts.

The leaves that fall in autumn are a valuable source of free mulch for many gardeners. Just as

they do in nature, fallen leaves shield plants' roots and then decay to improve the soil in gardens.

By early spring, though, that layer of leaves can be packed down into a dense mat over plants that are trying to sprout. Some early bulbs are so short they may be hidden by a deep layer of leaves.

"Use your leaf rake to loosen the leaves and fluff them up," Yiesla said. "That will make it easier for your daffodils and other spring bulbs to grow."

If there's an extra-thick accumulation of leaves, rake out some of them and add them to your compost pile. Still, "don't scrape all the leaves away," she said. "Leave a layer over your beds to give the roots some protection and nutrition."

Fluffed-up leaves will admit more air and moisture. That will encourage fungi and bacteria to break them down more quickly as temperatures warm.

While you're fluffing your mulch, rake the winter's leaves off the lawn to let sunlight reach the awakening grass. Collect sticks blown down by winter winds, get the last

of your pruning done and pick up trash, she said.

The mulch around trees and shrubs, often made of wood chips or shredded wood rather than leaves, can be left in place, Yiesla said. If it's gotten thin and bare earth is showing, wait until the soil warms (most likely in early May), and then spread some more mulch of the same type right on top.

"The goal is to always keep an even layer of 3 to 4 inches over the roots of shrubs and trees," she said. "Deeper mulch won't help and may keep air and water from reaching the roots."

It's especially important not to pile mulch against the trunks of trees. "The mulch can harbor insects, diseases and rodents, and it traps moisture," Yiesla said. "It can cause your tree's bark to rot."

For tree and plant advice, contact the arboretum's plant clinic (630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org).

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Solar panels put savings on the horizon

BY ELISABETH LEAMY

Special to The Washington Post

Solar panels are no longer just for hippies. If you're just as interested in saving money as you are in saving the planet, solar panels can help. Their price has come down, their effectiveness has gone up, and Congress extended a 30 percent federal tax credit for installing them until the end of 2019. Solar panels can now pay for themselves in as little as five years, depending where you live.

But are they right for your home? Ask yourself these things before making a decision.

Which way does your roof slant?

Because of the United States' position in relation to the sun, south-facing roofs are the most productive for solar, followed by west-facing and then east-facing roofs. North-facing roofs are the least desirable for solar.

Is your roof shaded?

Ideally, the sun will hit your panels for at least five hours a day. If trees, hills or other buildings block the sun from reaching your roof, that's a problem. (And remember: Especially in the city, a tall building could pop up next door in the future.)

How big is your roof?

You need about 100 square feet of area per kilowatt of solar system. An average residential solar system is five kilowatts — 20 panels — in size. So, for that, you'd need roughly 500 square feet of space.

What's the angle of your roof?

The ideal angle for solar panels is 30 degrees, but they can be installed on roofs ranging from zero to 45 degrees. Solar panels for flat roofs are installed on tilted racks. If your roof is very steeply pitched, the sun may not reach the far side. Study your roof throughout the day to see what's really going on.

What type of roofing do you have?

It's easiest to install solar panels on asphalt shingles or corrugated metal roofs. Putting them on slate



DAVID WILLIAMS/BLOOMBERG

If you have the right kind of roof and your local electric rates are high, it might be time to take a serious look at solar.

or tile roofs is more complex and costlier.

How old is your roof?

Solar systems are usually warranted to last for 25 to 30 years. That means your roof should have many years of life left when you install solar panels.

What size system do you need?

Be warned that salespeople can be overly optimistic about how much power a solar system will generate. That's why you should run the numbers yourself using the Energy Department's impartial PVWatts Calculator. The typical five-kilowatt system generates an average of 7,000 kilowatt hours per year.

How expensive is your electricity?

Solar panels are more valuable

if you live somewhere with high electricity rates. The U.S. Energy Information Administration provides a map of electric rates, so you can see how your state compares. Confirm by looking at the rate per kilowatt hour on your bill.

What state incentives are available?

Many states offer their own incentives on top of the federal tax credit. For example, the state of Maryland will pay \$1,000 to residents for installing a solar system. Look up your state in the Database of State Incentives for Renewables & Efficiency.

Does your state have net metering?

Net metering means that if you generate more electricity than you need, the power company will buy it back from you, which can be beneficial. Thirty-eight states

and the District offer net metering.

Is my state an SREC state?

Roughly 30 states plus the District of Columbia require power companies to generate a portion of their electricity from renewable sources such as solar. Power companies will pay you to help them do this. SREC stands for solar renewable energy certificate. For every 1,000 kilowatt hours of solar power you generate, you earn one SREC. Your utility will buy it from you — for as much as \$480 in some areas.

How's the weather in your state?

Solar panels should work in most any state except, perhaps, parts of Alaska. But you can look up your state's average number of days of sun to get a feel for just how productive your system

might be.

What's the cost of solar panels?

The standard five-kilowatt system costs an average of about \$16,000, \$11,000 after the federal tax credit. If you can afford it, buying your solar panels outright will bring you the biggest return on your investment. If not, you could get a solar loan. For those with solid finances, the best choice is a secured solar loan, which means you use your home as collateral. The rate will be lower than on an unsecured solar loan, and the interest will be tax-deductible.

If it seems as if there are more questions than answers, here's the bottom line: If you have the right kind of roof, your local electric rates are high, and your state provides a lot of incentives, it's time to take a serious look at solar.

Ways to make your hotel stay feel more homey

BY DEBBIE CARLSON
Chicago Tribune

Traveling can be great, especially if it's for a vacation, but sometimes carrying a little bit of home with you can liven up a boring hotel room or be something to look forward to when you come back from being out.

Comfort is key, whether that comfort is cozying up the room or wearing something more relaxing as you get ready to call it a day. All of these products fit easily in a carry-on bag to give your hotel room a little something extra.

Debbie Carlson is a freelance writer.



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Where to find notable pendant necklaces



ELLEN WARREN
Answer Angel

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I usually wear delicate necklaces on short chains, but lately I find myself intrigued by some unique statement necklaces, some clearly vintage, that I've seen, often on long chains. Where do you suggest I look?

— *Tired of the Little Stuff*

Dear Tired: I know exactly what you're talking about, and they're not really "statement" necklaces. A statement necklace is something big, eye-popping, bold — one that transforms an otherwise basic outfit (think little black dress) into a wowzer of a look not to be ignored. They're usually a bib style, worn at the neckline.

What you're talking about — on a long chain — is a notable pendant necklace. I've seen many vintage ones (they often feature an animal figure or cameo, 2 or 3 inches high). My own vintage favorite is copper with a large disc with a 3-D dachshund. These necklaces were popular in the 1960s and '70s, and the costume ones (no 14-karat chains!) can be found at decent prices on eBay or Etsy and at thrift stores and antique and vintage stores that specialize in costume jewelry.

If you already have a chain the length of what you're looking for, either chunky or delicate, you can look at stores and on websites for a single object to hang from it, although you'll want to be sure it can fit on your chain without major alterations.

Because the older necklaces you refer to are enjoying resurgent popularity, stores now are carrying new versions that are supposed to look like old ones from decades ago. I've seen some at H&M (www.hm.com), Forever 21 (www.forever21.com) and department stores recently.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I



ANNE-CHRISTINE POUJOLAT/GETTY-AFP

Mary J. Blige's bold pendant necklace makes a statement, even on a glitzy red carpet.

was wondering what color eyeliner a woman in her mid-50s should wear. I have always worn eyeliner to match my clothes (so blue, green, gray, brown), but my mid-20s daughter says that I should only be wearing black eyeliner.

Also, I was taught by a professional that I am to wear the eyeliner on top of the eye and below the eye, and only to put the color halfway across the eyelid working from the outside in to the middle, but not all the way across the lid. I would appreciate your feedback on both questions, please.

— *Charlotte P.*

Dear Charlotte: I agree with your daughter. There was a time when colored eyeliners were in vogue, but I've found that black (or dark brown if you are really fair) are more flattering. I've never heard that "halfway" advice from a makeup professional or anybody

else, and I vote against it.

Lining the whole upper lid and then dotting eyeliner all the way across the eye under the lower lashes is the way to go. Many experts also line inside the lower eye at the waterline (the skin just above the lower lashes) and beneath the upper lashes (also known as tightlining). I've never had luck in keeping the waterline treatment from washing away at first blink, but there are plenty of YouTube videos telling you how to keep this from happening. Many of them involve gel eyeliner, a Q-tip and an eyelash curler.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: My weight fluctuates, and I have several bras (in larger and smaller sizes) that I no longer wear but that still have good life in them. Any ideas on places to donate these undergarments?

— *Frugal Fannie*

nonprofits that help foster children and battered women. Unusable bras are shipped to an individual who breaks down the garments into component parts (wire, fabric) and resells the materials for carpets and other textiles. Ship bras to The Bra Recyclers, 3317 S. Higley Road, Suite 114-441, Gilbert, AZ 85297, or look on its website (www.bra-recycling.com) for one of its many donation centers in the U.S. and Canada.

Angelic readers

In a recent column, I accepted a challenge from reader Maggie, who raved about Maybelline Brow Precise Fiber Volumizer (drugstores, starting at \$7). I said I would try it and report back. Here goes: I liked it for covering random grays. It's like mascara for your eyebrows. But, as far as adding volume, I wasn't impressed and didn't see much in the way of fibers being added to my skimpy brows.

Meanwhile, Mary Ellen S. had this to say on this topic: "Just wanted to add to Maggie's response recommending Maybelline's Brow Precise Fiber Volumizer. I, too, use Maybelline's Brow Precise, but I did not care for the flat applicator it comes with. After trying another Maybelline brow product, I found that the spherical mascara brush applicator from Maybelline Brow Drama Sculpting Brow Mascara was perfect. And it screws into the Brow Precise tube perfectly. It goes on like mascara, fluffs brows up very nicely. Check it out. At the most, spending \$16 for both products."

And Nancy S. says: "For years now I have been using Anastasia Beverly Hills Tinted Brow Gel that I buy at Sephora (www.sephora.com, \$22). It's wonderful, covers all the gray, washes right off when you clean your face and comes in a great choice of colors."

Now it's your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangel@ gmail.com.

Givenchy and power of a little black dress

BY ROBIN GIVHAN
The Washington Post

Hubert de Givenchy was that rare designer whose work reached everyone from fashion aficionados to the casual observers. It defined an era. It helped create the foundation for what it means to be a fashion icon. His work told the story of glamorous sophistication, female rebellion and the complexities of beauty and desire.

He achieved this remarkable feat with a single little black satin dress worn by Audrey Hepburn in the opening sequence of 1961's "Breakfast at Tiffany's." From the front, the dress was simple enough: sleek and sleeveless with a flattering bateau neckline. From the back, it was dynamic, sexy and utterly sophisticated with its geometric cutouts and the alluring way it framed the nape of the neck.

That moment in that dress tells the audience a lot about Hepburn's character, Holly Golightly. For one, it's a cocktail dress — an evening dress — and there she is standing on the street peering into the store window with her breakfast. She has been out all night and she does not look wrecked. She looks splendid.

She has lived and partied and, perhaps, gotten up to no good. And she is none the worse for it.

The dress is not easy to wear. It follows the curves of the body. It reveals the arms. But it's not a dress that constrains a woman. It requires effort but not sacrifice. The dress is special. It makes a woman want to slink about, controlled and teasing. It's possible to envision it on all sorts of shapes — slim like Hepburn, but also curvy. And

it looks as perfect in 2018 as it did 50 years ago.

Givenchy didn't invent the little black dress, but he gave it its enduring cachet. He infused it with meaning beyond the practical and versatile. The dress represented a lifestyle: glamorous, reckless, defiant, urbane. It was Holly Golightly's dress. She was complicated and sad, confounding and charming.

She was not Everywoman. She was exceptional, which is what every woman wants to be. And her signature dress was wondrous.

Givenchy, who died March 10 at age 91, was born a count. He had an aristocratic bearing made even grander by his 6-foot-6 frame. He loved gardens and antiques. As a designer, he came of age during the 1950s and '60s when haute couture dominated fashion and Paris was the center of it all. He apprenticed with Lucien Lelong and Elsa Schiaparelli, but his greatest influence was fashion's most famous ascetic Cristobal Balenciaga, who was both a mentor and friend. And when Balenciaga closed his own atelier in 1968, he directed his heartbroken clients to Givenchy.

Givenchy dressed the grand dames of international society, ranging from France's Marie-Helene de Rothschild to Americans Bunny Mellon, Lee Radziwill and Jacqueline Kennedy. He didn't just stitch up luncheon suits and evening gowns for them; he socialized with them and was part of their world.

His work was known for the quality of its lines. He was not the sort of designer who would try to dazzle the eye with elaborate embroidery or lavish beading. Instead, he

focused on cut and proportion. His clothes exuded luxury but also restraint. He didn't simply create clothes; he crafted a vocabulary of style. And it was that ability to seemingly build an entire world out of silk and satin that made his work with Hepburn both memorable and enduring — and allowed it to resonate with generations of women who envisioned themselves as gamines living fully and self-indulgently.

When Givenchy retired in 1995, he'd already sold his company to LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton. With his departure, the creative reins were handed to the British designer John Galiano, who captured the feminine romanticism of the brand. Over the following decade, other designers cycled through, including Julien Macdonald and Alexander McQueen. But it was Riccardo Tisci, who spent more than a decade at Givenchy, who gave the brand its contemporary resonance — steering it away from a focus on silhouette and a kind of enduring classicism to inject it with Gothic romance and draw inspiration from African and Latin cultures. He created designer sweatshirts and sneakers.

Today, Clare Waight Keller is the brand's creative director. And she has her own ideas about what Givenchy means for customers in 2018, which include a nod toward Brutalist architecture.

But no matter the many divergent aesthetic points of view or the passage of time, Givenchy remains bound up in the collective cultural memory of a single black dress, the man who created it, the woman who wore it. And the timeless desire for a bright, shiny life of glamour and ease.



Givenchy



Audrey Hepburn in a black cocktail dress designed by Hubert de Givenchy for the 1961 film "Breakfast at Tiffany's."

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The Givenchy cocktail dress worn by Hepburn in the 1966 film "How to Steal a Million."



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Celebrity makeup artist helps revive Black Radiance

BY ELIZABETH WELLINGTON

The Philadelphia Inquirer

When Jacen Bowman was serving time in jail for shoplifting, he had no idea that one day he'd be the one bronzing Lupita Nyong'o's cheeks, applying Phylicia Rashad's lashes or grooming Tyson Beckford for photo shoots.

And makeup artist Bowman, 35, certainly didn't think he would be collaborating with popular drugstore brand Black Radiance.

Well before the days of MAC, when Fashion Fair was the only department store brand with colors that complemented black women's complexions, Black Radiance was the go-to drugstore lipstick.

In the late 1990s and early aughts, Black Radiance lost relevance as other brands, like MAC and Bobbi Brown, amped up their beauty options for women of color. But now, Black Radiance, along with other drugstore faves, like Wet-N-Wild and CoverGirl, are making a comeback.

This spring, Bowman, whose company is called Shades of Jacen, put his touch on all of Black Radiance's in-store ad campaigns used in Target, Walmart and Walgreens. He stars in Black Radiance's YouTube tutorials, and he even helped come up with the season's color palette.

According to Bowman, the lipstick look for spring is glossy. And for the face, all that Kardashian contouring is finally on its way out. "I'm a beauty expert now," Bowman told me on a cold, snowy Wednesday afternoon from his New York apartment, where he lives a few days a week. He also has a home in Philadelphia. "My makeup work is in a national campaign. I never thought it would



JACEN BOWMAN PHOTO

Jacen Bowman put his touch on Black Radiance makeup's ad campaigns used in Target, Walmart and Walgreens.

happen." Other A-listers who have been on the receiving end of Bowman's makeup brush include singer Elle Varner and reality star Porsha Williams.

Bowman was also one of the artists on hand at the 2016 Democratic National Convention, where he made up "Scandal" actor Tony Goldwyn and former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. Bowman grew up in Philadelphia's East Oak Lane neighborhood. Back then, he had dreams of becoming a journalist, like his dad. But by the time Bowman went to college, his heart wasn't in it.

He dropped out of Delaware State University and worked in retail. In 2007, Bowman made a bad left turn in life and started shoplifting. He got caught a few times, was arrested, and spent six months in jail. "That's when I said, 'OK, Jacen, you are so smart you have to change the people you hang around,'" Bowman said. "I knew I wanted to get into makeup and get into hair, but I didn't do that because I wanted to please my dad. But before he died, he told me that I didn't have to do what he wanted anymore. ... He passed while I was

in jail."

After he was released, Bowman went to beauty school and landed a job as a part-time assistant makeup artist behind the MAC store in Cherry Hill, N.J. After a few months, he went full time and was on his way to a management career when MAC discovered his background and demoted him back to part-time artist. "That put a flame on my behind," Bowman said. "I decided right then I wasn't going to let anyone tell me 'no' again."

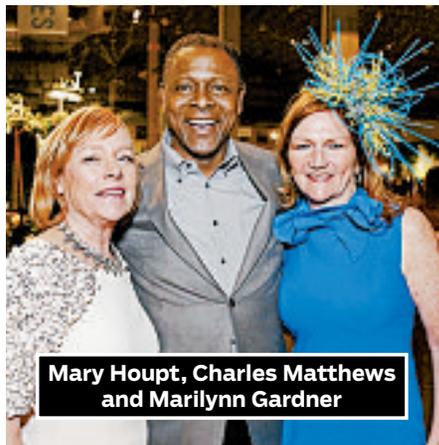
Shades of Jacen was born. Bowman's beauty business grew largely through word-of-mouth. That's how "Good Day Philadelphia" anchor Alex Holley found him.

It's also how Black Radiance marketing executive Lana Gregg learned about his skills. Last year, Gregg, who is based in Los Angeles, tagged Bowman to work on the Black Radiance #Lashtastic promotion in LA. His work went over so well — thanks in large part to his 46,700 Instagram followers — that he was pegged (and paid) for a 2018 collaboration.

"He cares about the faces he works on," Gregg said. "He's good at customizing — no two of his faces look alike."



Kelly Mahieu and Sarah Mills



Mary Houpt, Charles Matthews and Marilyn Gardner



Zachary Ryan Allen, from left, Holly Webb, Norissa Bailey-Topete and Nick Stockwell

Candid Candace

BY CANDACE JORDAN
Chicago Tribune



Garden Show benefit mixes flowers, fashion

Spring came early to Navy Pier, thanks to Evening in Bloom, the opening-night benefit party for the seventh annual Chicago Flower & Garden Show.

The March 13 event featured a high-energy floral fashion show, Hort Couture, that spotlighted the talents of 11 of Chicago's leading floral designers, fashion designers and landscape artists whose garments and accessories were made of flowers, plants and natural materials.

Produced by Flower Show Productions, the party benefited Bernie's Book Bank, a nonprofit that focuses on book ownership for at-risk kids in Chicagoland, and Get Growing Foundation, the charitable arm of the Chicago Flower & Garden Show that produces educational programming and yearlong public outreach initiatives to cultivate the next generation of gardeners.

More than 600 attendees enjoyed a first look at the show, meandering through 170,000 square feet of space with more than 21 distinctive gardens, each drawing on literary inspiration in keeping with the show's theme, "Flower Tales: Every Garden Has a Story to Tell."

For instance, a garden designed by students and teachers from the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences was inspired by J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" series, J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Hobbit" and Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland."

The fragrant fashion show opened with magician Nick Roy and singer Blake Edwards, followed by a rousing performance by Caitlin Simone and Molly Callahan (from Arlen Music Productions) of "Rather Be" by Clean Bandit.

WCGO-AM 1590's Mike Nowak announced details for the upcoming Chicago Excellence in Gardening Awards, and Brian Floriani, founder and executive director of Bernie's Book Bank, spoke about the nonprofit that, since its founding in 2009, has donated more than 11.5 million books to kids in underserved communities.

Freelance writer Candace Jordan is involved with many organizations, including some whose events she covers.

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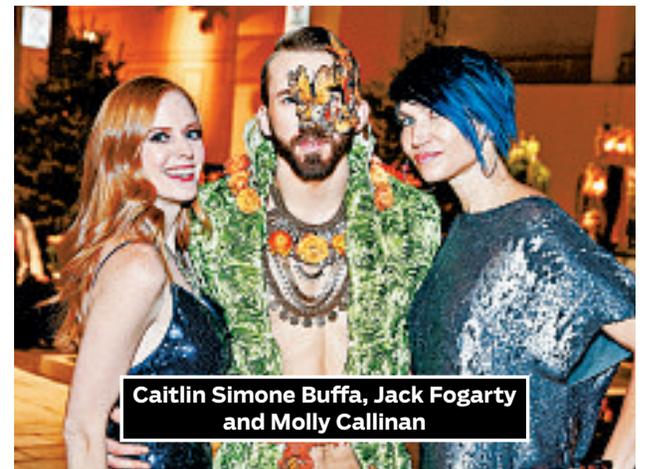
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Peoria has the highest house prices of the five most affordable metropolitan areas on NerdWallet's list. But it also has the highest median household income of the five. The ranking used data from NerdWallet surveys, the National Association of Realtors and the Census Bureau.

Peoria, Decatur land on list of most affordable



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Decatur, Ill., which placed at No. 5 on the affordable list, is home to an Archer Daniels Midland corn-processing facility.

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Whether you can afford a home depends — a lot — on the city you want to call home. A modest income can go a long way in Cumberland, Md., the metropolitan area with the nation's most affordable houses. In contrast, the least affordable homes are in the San Jose, Calif., metropolitan area — the center of Silicon Valley. In Cumberland, a median-priced house costs less than two years' median household income. By contrast, the typical home in San Jose costs about 10 years of household income.

NerdWallet calculated affordability for 173 metropolitan areas by comparing the median annual household income and the monthly principal-and-interest payment for a median-priced single-family home. "Median" means half of the values or incomes are higher and half are lower. Those comparisons revealed the five most affordable and least affordable markets for buying a home.

The lists were compiled using data from the National Association of Realtors, the U.S. Census Bureau and NerdWallet surveys. Mortgage payments — principal and interest only — are based on a 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage, assuming a 20 percent down payment, at 4.08 percent.

MOST AFFORDABLE METRO AREAS

1. Cumberland, Md.-West Virginia

- Median home price: \$84,600
- Median household income: \$45,808
- Principal and interest payment: \$326 (equals 8.5 percent of monthly income)

Despite their affordability, houses in the Cumberland metro area don't sell quickly. In February, single-family home listings had been on the market for a median of 146 days, according to Realtor.com. The national median was 84 days.

2. Youngstown-Warren-Boardman, Ohio-Pa.

- Median home price: \$90,200
- Median household income: \$44,981
- Principal and interest payment: \$348 (9.3 percent of monthly income)

Roughly midway between Pittsburgh and Cleveland, Youngstown was once a steel manufacturing powerhouse. Since then, it has embraced its diminished population and opted not to prioritize growth.

3. Peoria, Ill.

- Median home price: \$120,400
- Median household income: \$57,090
- Principal and interest payment: \$464 (9.8 percent of monthly income)

Among the five most-affordable metro areas, Peoria has the highest house prices. But it also has the highest median household income among the five, boosting affordability.

4. Binghamton, N.Y.

- Median home price: \$108,900
- Median household income: \$51,360
- Principal and interest payment: \$420 (9.8 percent of monthly income)

Nearby Binghamton University is considered one of the top public universities in the country.

5. Decatur, Ill.

- Median home price: \$100,000
- Median household income: \$46,198
- Principal and interest payment: \$386 (10 percent of monthly income)

Decatur is in the heart of corn country, and is home to an Archer Daniels Midland facility that processes hundreds of thousands of bushels of corn a day.

LEAST AFFORDABLE METRO AREAS

1. San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, Calif.

- Median home price: \$1.27 million
- Median household income: \$110,040
- Principal and interest payment: \$4,898 (53.4 percent of monthly income)

This is the only major metro area in this analysis with a six-figure median household income. But it's also the only metro area with a seven-figure median home price.

2. San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, Calif.

- Median home price: \$920,000
- Median household income: \$96,677
- Principal and interest payment: \$3,548 (44 percent of monthly income)

With a median home price of almost \$1 million, homes in the Bay Area are hard to afford.

3. Honolulu

- Median home price: \$760,600
- Median household income: \$80,513
- Principal and interest payment: \$2,933 (43.7 percent of monthly income)

Honolulu is one of the hottest housing markets for international buyers, with Canada, Australia, Germany, Japan and the United Kingdom leading the pack.

4. San Diego-Carlsbad, Calif.

- Median home price: \$610,000
- Median household income: \$70,824
- Principal and interest payment: \$2,352 (39.9 percent of monthly income)

San Diego is also a top destination for foreign buyers, led by Canada, Mexico, the U.K., Japan and Germany.

5. Boulder, Colo.

- Median home price: \$546,400
- Median household income: \$74,615
- Principal and interest payment: \$2,107 (33.9 percent of monthly income)

The population of the Boulder metro area grew by almost 24,000 between 2010 and 2016, to 313,961. It's home to the University of Colorado, where about 30,000 students are enrolled.

It pays to shop around for loan

Good mortgage deal means savings



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It's one of the weirder documented facts about homebuying in America: Surprising numbers of consumers don't bother to shop for mortgage money, even though they could save tens of thousands of dollars through lower interest payments by doing so.

People search incessantly online to find the best deals on hotel rooms, kitchen appliances, furniture, clothing and tons of other stuff. Or they drive out of their way for the lowest gas price. But for some reason, many go limp when it's time to make a really high-dollar purchase — getting a mortgage to purchase a house, often the biggest expenditure of their lives.

Maybe they're shell-shocked from the home-search process. Maybe they assume that lenders quote roughly the same rates and fees, so why bother? Maybe their real estate agents whispered in their ears that their brokerage enjoys a special relationship with a particular lender — in fact, they're partners, sharing profits generated from homebuyer clients — and will give them the best deal around, guaranteed. Uh huh.

When the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau surveyed 5,000 recent home purchasers several years ago in the first national study of its type, it found that fully 47 percent of buyers didn't even "seriously consider" more than one lender; 77 percent applied only to one.

CFPB researchers also found that rate quote variations among competing lenders for the same prime borrower — with a high credit score, 20 percent down payment, seeking the same mortgage amount — frequently vary by one-half of 1 percentage point. That may not sound like much, but the bigger the loan and the longer it continues, the heftier the dollar savings for borrowers who shop and nail down the best-priced money. Even on a \$200,000, 30-year fixed-rate loan, choosing a lender quoting a 4.5 percent rate, compared with a lender who'll do the loan at 4 percent, can cost you \$3,500 in the first 60 months alone. Compare that with saving a few bucks filling up on gas.

New studies suggest that the spread between high and low quotes available to borrowers may be higher — even increasing. Lend-

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Change to Illinois condo law sparks clamor for do-over



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A new law that seemed like a simple fix has sparked an outcry for a do-over.

That's what is happening with an amendment to Section 19 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act that went into effect Jan. 1. The amendment was included last year in an omnibus bill designed to create greater transparency and communication between community associations and their members. It contains a dozen or so provisions directed mostly toward condos. The bill passed both chambers of the Illinois General Assembly and was signed into law as Public Act 100-0292 with little fanfare.

The fanfare came later. Section 19 deals with an association's records and making them available for homeowner review. Associations have long been required to keep within their records a current listing of owner names, addresses and percentages of ownership.

With the new law, associations also must maintain owner telephone numbers and email addresses.

Homeowners previously could request and copy association records by stating a "proper purpose." The definition of such has been hotly debated within the industry and sometimes abused by boards to decline the release of documents.

The "proper purpose" requirement has been eliminated: Upon written

request, homeowners have the right to examine and copy association records.

However, boards are now allowed to require homeowners to certify in writing that the information they receive will not be used for commercial purposes such as advertising their businesses or selling owner contact information. Boards also may fine anyone who makes a false certification.

It's the part about "telephone numbers and email addresses" that is causing a ruckus, and the ruckus has taken lawmakers by surprise.

Gene Fisher is the executive director of the Diverse Harbor Lakeview Association, a coalition of elected leaders from north lakefront condominium associations. Board members are concerned that publication of their personal contact information will exacerbate harassment from dissatisfied owners, he said.

"As one of our members put it, 'Every building has some hostile occupants. What board member wants to get repetitive crank calls from owners who do nothing but complain, or have their email filled with crank messages?'" he said. Such egregious behaviors could discourage qualified and responsible owners from serving on their association boards, he added.

"Many owners are very protective of their personal information," said Derek Wilkinson, vice president at Associa Chicagoland, a management company. "They do not want every person in their association to have easy access to their personal contact information. There is no ability to opt out of this information sharing, so many owners and board members are feeling powerless."



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State Sen. John Mulroe says the new law "maybe ... wasn't such a good idea."

Some owners have said they will delete their email accounts, said Timothy Patricio, property manager at Park Tower Condominium Association in Chicago.

At the recent Condo-HOA Conference & Expo sponsored by the Illinois Chapter of Community Associations Institute in late February, state Sen. John Mulroe, D-Chicago, told attendees, "I thought (the new law) was a good idea just for safety concerns or if you want to get to know your neighbors." A majority of the audience shouted their objections.

A do-over could be on the way. Several bills to modify the new provisions of Section 19 are pending in the current legislative session. They vary, but the most streamlined bill is an amendment to SB-572 that was introduced by state Sen. Kwame Raoul, D-Chicago. The bill strikes the words "email addresses" and "telephone numbers" from records that are subject to records requests.

Mulroe is hopeful corrective legislation can pass. He also encourages members of the public to contact their legislators.

"That's how the process works," he said. "You pass bills, and sometimes there are unintended consequences. Somebody thought it was a good idea. Then we listened, and maybe it wasn't such a good idea. So we can tweak it by amending the (Illinois Condominium Property) Act."

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If an owner won't pay fines, bylaws define consequences



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Q: I am the board president at my association. We have levied fines against owners for various infractions. There are owners who do not pay these fines. How can we, the board, get them to pay? I should add that we are managed by a property management company.

A: My condolences on your election to the board. It's a tough, thankless job, but someone has to step up to the proverbial plate.

The first thing I would do is tell the property manager, "You're fired." If a community association property manager does not know how to collect fines, he or she should not be in that occupation.

Your legal documents should spell out what rights the board has when it comes to collection of any money owed the association. In most states, you can file a lien against the unit for the amount of the delinquency. In fact, in most states you can actually foreclose on the unit to recoup the unpaid money.

Please read your bylaws. Many states require that before you can fine any unit owner, the board must give that owner an opportunity to appear before the board (or a committee appointed by the board) and provide an explanation and a defense of why there should be no fine. In some cases, the board may be sympathetic and decide not to issue a fine; regardless, if your state law — or your bylaws — require such a hearing before any fine can be levied, you will most likely lose in court if



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An association's legal documents should state how the board can seek any money the association is owed. In most states, the board can file a lien against a unit.

you have not carefully and meticulously followed your own rules.

Finally, please consult a local attorney versed in community association law. Typically, while the attorney will charge the association legal fees for the collection activities, if the attorney is successful, those fees will be paid by the unit owner in addition to the delinquency.

Q: I own a house with my ex. We are joint tenants. About six years ago he signed a deed that gives me entire ownership of the house. However, he asked me not to record it because he doesn't want his current wife to know he gave me the house. I would like to know if there are any time limits on recording this deed. If there are time limits, should I have him sign a new deed?

A: Run — do not walk — to the local recorder of deeds in the county where your house is located and record the deed. Although the house originally was held as joint tenants (or tenants by the entirety, which is typical for married couples), upon your divorce, it automatically changed to a tenant in

common arrangement.

You will have to talk to a local attorney, or perhaps to the recorder of deeds office, to determine if the 6-year-old deed remains valid. I hope it was prepared by an attorney and meets all of the legal recording requirements.

Let's analyze this further. Should your ex get divorced again, the house will again become involved. The fact that you have an unrecorded deed is irrelevant to everyone except your ex. Currently, all you have is title to half of the property. And should your ex die, his tenant in common interest may very well go to his new wife. Won't that be interesting: The two ex-wives will own the property as tenants in common.

Tell your ex in no uncertain terms that you must record the deed, or better yet, just do it.

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People search incessantly online to find the best deals on many items. But many don't shop around for mortgages.

Compare lenders' APR quotes to save

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ingTree, an online network with more than 300 mortgage companies competing for homebuyers' business, found that the median spread between annual percentage rate, or APR, quotes to individual borrowers for each loan request on its platform was six-tenths of a percentage point during the week ending March 11. That was up by more than a tenth of a percentage point from a year ago.

What that means is that you as a potential applicant, presenting the identical characteristics to each competing lender — same credit score, same loan amount, same everything — would likely see a high-low spread of nearly six-tenths of a percentage point in quoted APRs. (The annual percentage rate measures the cost of the loan when fees are added into the quoted interest rate, thereby giving a more accurate picture of the true cost per year.) That spread in the case of a \$300,000, 30-year fixed-rate mortgage translates into \$26,780 over the life of the loan.

Another online platform that allows lenders to make competing offers, Zillow Mortgage, conducted a data analysis exclusively for this column that showed the median high-low APR spread in offers on its network of hundreds of lend-

ers and brokers to be even wider — just under seven-tenths of 1 percent on a 30-year fixed loan with 20 percent down.

Erin Lantz, vice president of mortgages at Zillow Group, says homebuyers' willingness to forgo shopping among multiple lenders "is a head scratcher." A "fear bar" may be part of the problem, Lantz believes. There "are a lot of numbers, a lot of terms that are foreign" in mortgages, she says, which for some buyers can be intimidating.

Though there are other online shopping platforms, LendingTree and Zillow are major players, easy to use and free. There are noteworthy differences, however. LendingTree promises you up to five firm offers from competitors but requires you to submit personal identifying information so lenders can evaluate your application. Zillow Mortgage does not require personal information and says it averages 30 return quotes per inquiry, but the quotes only become firm when you actually apply to a specific lender, and that requires submission of the usual personal information needed for underwriting.

Bottom line: Don't go limp. Get active, shop for your mortgage money and save a bunch when it really counts.

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SAVINGS UPDATE

What is a jumbo CD, and should I open one?

Anytime you shop around for CDs, you'll notice that, in addition to their menu of standard options, some banks and credit unions also offer an array of jumbo certificates. What are these products and do they follow different rules than regular CDs?

As you can guess, a jumbo CD simply requires a much larger deposit than a standard CD. Traditionally, the threshold for jumbo CDs has been \$100,000. But with no formal rules on the minimum, some financial institutions have taken marketing liberties to apply the term to \$50,000 or even \$25,000 CDs.

Also historically, jumbo CDs paid higher rates than standard CDs. But ever since deposit rates plummeted and then stagnated after the Great Recession, the spread between standard and jumbo rates has greatly compressed, to the point that jumbo CDs generally pay only a tiny fraction more than regular certificates.

Everything else about jumbo CDs works the same as

standard CDs. A fixed interest rate and maturity term are specified at the outset, and the account must stay funded for the full duration. If cashed out early, a penalty will be applied, and whether this is the same as the penalty for regular CDs will depend on the bank.

So if you have a large sum to save in a deposit account, should you open a jumbo CD?

As always, your best bet is to simply shop for the highest rate you can earn, at an institution you feel comfortable with, for the amount you want to invest. Whether your top find is a jumbo CD or a standard one really makes no difference, since these are just marketing names.

In fact, you may be able to maximize your return and your flexibility (should you need the cash early) by opening multiple smaller CDs instead of one large certificate.

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HOME OF THE WEEK

Contemporary home near Ukrainian Village: \$1.2M

ADDRESS: 2323 W. Erie St. in Chicago
ASKING PRICE: \$1,199,999
 Listed Feb. 15

This home boasts a 4,100-square-foot floor plan with custom built-ins throughout. Features include hardwood floors, a muted color palette, large windows and an Ar-clinea kitchen with oversized island, Carrera marble waterfall, high-end stainless steel appliances and a pantry. Bathrooms have Ann Sacks tile and Zuma, Duravit, Grohe and Toto fixtures. Expansive lower level with heated floors, media room and wet bar. Outdoor living areas include decks, patio and two-car garage.
 Agent: Mark Dollard of Jameson Sotheby's International Realty, 312-751-0300

At press time, this home was still for sale.

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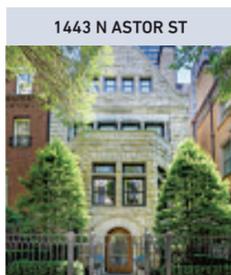
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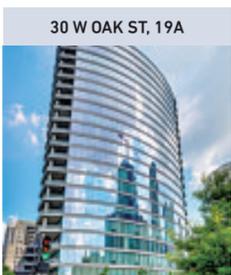
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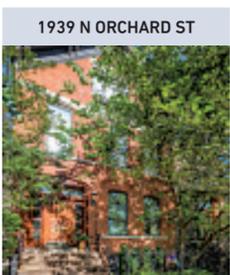
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APARTMENT HUNT

Tower in River North embraces arts environs

BY PAMELA DITTMER MCKUEN
Chicago Tribune

The River North neighborhood is renowned for its dense concentration of art galleries and design studios. Towering over them is a new apartment high-rise, The Gallery on Wells, which also is a showcase of artistic talent.

Throughout the building are numerous works of art, photography and sculpture. A library of art books awaits resident browsing. And an artist-in-residence, Luis Ramirez, is painting murals and teaching art classes.

"Our love of art and the history of the gallery district set the tone for the (building's) arts-centric personality," said Jim Losik, national marketing director for Magellan Development Group, which developed the property.

Ramirez, a pop muralist and graffiti artist whose in-house title is Gallery Graffiti, has completed his first assignment: painting the fitness center walls with an explosion of color.

"I plan to bring different styles of artwork, such as portraits or abstracts, to appeal to the many different residents," Ramirez said. "I want everyone to feel inspired."

The first eight floors of the building, clad in reddish brick, were designed to conform to the surrounding streetscape. Above that podium, a sleek glass tower reaches 39 stories.

The units

The 442 apartments at The Gallery on Wells range from studio to three-bedroom, configured into 18 floor plans. Apartments are on the second and third floors as well as the eighth through 39th floors.

All apartments have driftwood vinyl flooring, full-size clothes washers and dryers, and smartphone compatible keyless entry.



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Some apartment units boast expansive skyline views.



Artist Luis Ramirez painted the fitness center's walls.



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The fine print

The Gallery on Wells, 637 N. Wells St., 312-625-2000, www.rentatthegallery.com

Apartments: Prices based on availability and subject to change. Studio, 452 or 509 square feet, from \$1,793; convertible, 563 to 758 square feet, from \$1,919; one-bedroom, 598 to 821 square feet, from \$2,193; two-bedroom, 963 to 1,396 square feet, from \$3,389; three-bedroom, 1,572 square feet, from \$5,916.

Lease terms: Six- to 12-month lease terms; \$50 application fee and \$450 administration fee.

Renter's insurance: Required.

Utilities: Monthly utility package \$50 to \$100 a month, based on unit size. Includes heat, air conditioning, natural gas and water. Tenant pays electricity, cable and internet. Wi-Fi is complimentary in common areas.

Parking: On-site garage with unreserved spaces, \$250 a month.

Pets: Two-pet maximum, breed restrictions apply. One-time fees: \$325 for one or two cats, \$650 for one dog, \$750 for two dogs. Fur-free floors available.

Smoking policy: Nonsmoking.

Private balconies and terraces are per plan.

Kitchens feature stainless steel appliances, white quartz countertops, contemporary espresso cabinetry and subway tile backsplashes.

A 963-square-foot model is a corner unit with two bedrooms and one bath. The primary living space is enclosed with glass exterior walls on two sides and captures city views from the kitchen, dining and lounging areas.

The kitchen is defined by an appliance wall and a peninsula with breakfast bar.

One bedroom has a walk-in closet, and the other has two linear closets. The

apartment has a private balcony.

The amenities

A meandering lounge on the eighth floor offers over-size seating and television viewing, kitchen, a tech lounge, private work areas and meeting rooms.

The 10th-floor fitness center has cardio and weight training machines, private and group exercise studios, sauna and wet lounges, locker rooms with showers, and a game room with billiards.

An enclosed skybridge on the 10th floor connects residents to an immense rooftop deck atop the office

building next door. Interspersed with native landscaping, the space has a 25-yard swimming pool, sun deck, private cabanas, hot tub, fire pits, grilling stations and community gardens. Anchoring the deck is a sculpture depicting the Rolling Stones' iconic "tongue and lips" logo, an artifact that was displayed at the rock band's special exhibit at Navy Pier last summer.

On the third floor is a doggie spa and covered outdoor play area.

Resident services include 24-hour dry cleaning, automated package room, bicycle storage with repair and washing stations, and on-

site garage with charging stations.

In the street-level lobby, nearly 7,500 square feet of commercial space is under development, including a coffee shop and nail salon.

The folks behind it

The Gallery on Wells was developed by Magellan Development Group and MAC Management. Magellan Property Management manages the building. The first residents arrived in July.

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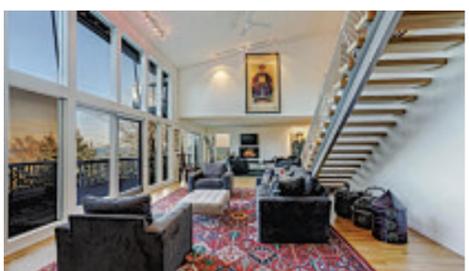


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Chaifetz pays \$9.4 million for Trump Tower condo

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH
Chicago Tribune

Entrepreneur and philanthropist Richard A. Chaifetz was the \$9.4 million buyer of a four-bedroom, 6,850-square-foot condominium unit that takes up half the 87th floor of the Trump International Hotel & Tower, public records indicate.

Chaifetz, 64, in 1984 founded Chicago-based ComPsych, now a worldwide provider of employee assistance programs for corporations, governments and unions. Chaifetz, who has long had a home in Lake Forest and also paid a reported \$34 million in 2016 for an oceanfront mansion in Delray Beach, Fla., now runs the Chaifetz Group, a private investment firm, and is a major donor to several institutions, including the Field Museum. Most recently, he and his wife, Jill, announced a \$15 million donation to his alma mater, St. Louis University, which upped his total contribution to the university to \$27 million.

Chaifetz paid the second-highest price ever for a condo unit in the Trump building, trailing only the \$17 million that Sanjay Shah paid in 2014 for the building's full-floor penthouse on the 89th floor. Chaifetz bought the unit from retired Eaton Corp. executive Thomas Gross and his wife, Jean Michelle Gross.

The unit has 4½ baths, floor-to-ceiling windows,

millwork, built-ins, rift-sawn oak floors, hand-crafted hardware, designer wall coverings, motorized shades, remote-controlled custom lighting, a seven-zone audio/visual system, an eat-in kitchen with a wine cellar and a butler's pantry, and custom built-ins in each of the bedrooms. Five garage spaces also were part of the sale.

Chaifetz's purchase is one of the highest-priced Chicago-area residential property transactions of 2018. Exceeding it are a \$12.1 million sale in January of the 21st floor of the Near North building, marketed as No. 9 Walton, in which billionaire Ken Griffin owns several floors, and the \$10 million that lawyer Philip Beck and his wife spent in January on a seven-bedroom, 6,888-square-foot British Colonial-style mansion on Sheridan Road in Winnetka, which faces the wrecking ball.

A five-bedroom, 7,100-square-foot condominium unit on the 34th floor of Griffin's building was reported by its real estate agent to have sold in early February for \$9.91 million, but the sale amount as shown by the Cook County recorder's office was \$8.912 million.

Sports media personality Mike North sold Park Ridge home for \$830,000: Sports media personality Mike North, recently retired from hosting a daily podcast and writing a column for



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Public records show entrepreneur and philanthropist Richard A. Chaifetz bought a \$9.4 million condo unit that is half of the 87th floor of the Trump International Hotel & Tower. It is the second-highest sale price for a unit in the building.

the Daily Herald, and his wife, Be-Be, sold their four-bedroom, 3,535-square-foot custom-built house in Park Ridge for \$830,000 early this month.

North, 65, got his start as a hot dog stand owner before becoming one of the founding personalities on WSCR-AM, where his everyman persona and bombast graced the airwaves for 16-plus years until 2008.

With his Park Ridge house sold, North said he and his wife will move out March 26. The Norths plan to divide their time between a new home near Huntley — which he said

they bought for \$450,000 — and spending several months of the year in Las Vegas.

"Here's the key: You downsize, you don't downgrade," North said. "Plus, this is a big house. We sold it to a family. Also, I'm retired now, and I gotta be smart. We were smart with our investments over the years."

North said he and his wife threw "the wildest parties" at the house.

"They called me the blue-collar Gatsby around here," he said with a laugh. "We probably threw over 100 parties here during 22 years."

North said he initially had planned to spend more months of the year in Las Vegas during retirement, but with his mother still living in his boyhood home at age 89, he and Be-Be will continue to spend much of their time in the Chicago area. He said they're excited about the move to Del Webb's Sun City community in Huntley.

"The average age there is 57. It's like Disneyland for older people," he said.

In Park Ridge, the Norths paid \$210,000 in 1995 for the property and then built the house, which has 3½ baths, four fireplaces, two staircases, a

family room with a cathedral ceiling and stone fireplace, his and hers offices and a kitchen with top-of-the-line appliances including a stainless steel hood with halogen lighting. The master suite boasts two fireplaces and a large walk-in closet with custom shelving, an in-wall safe and track lighting.

The Norths first listed the house in September for \$995,000 and later reduced their asking price to \$895,000.

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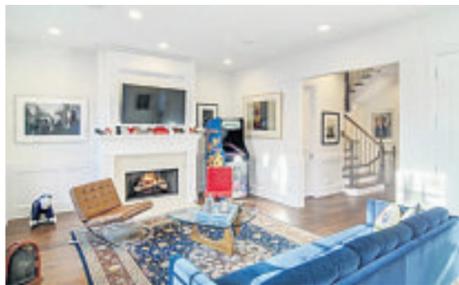
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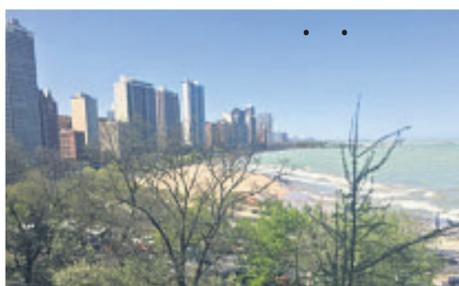
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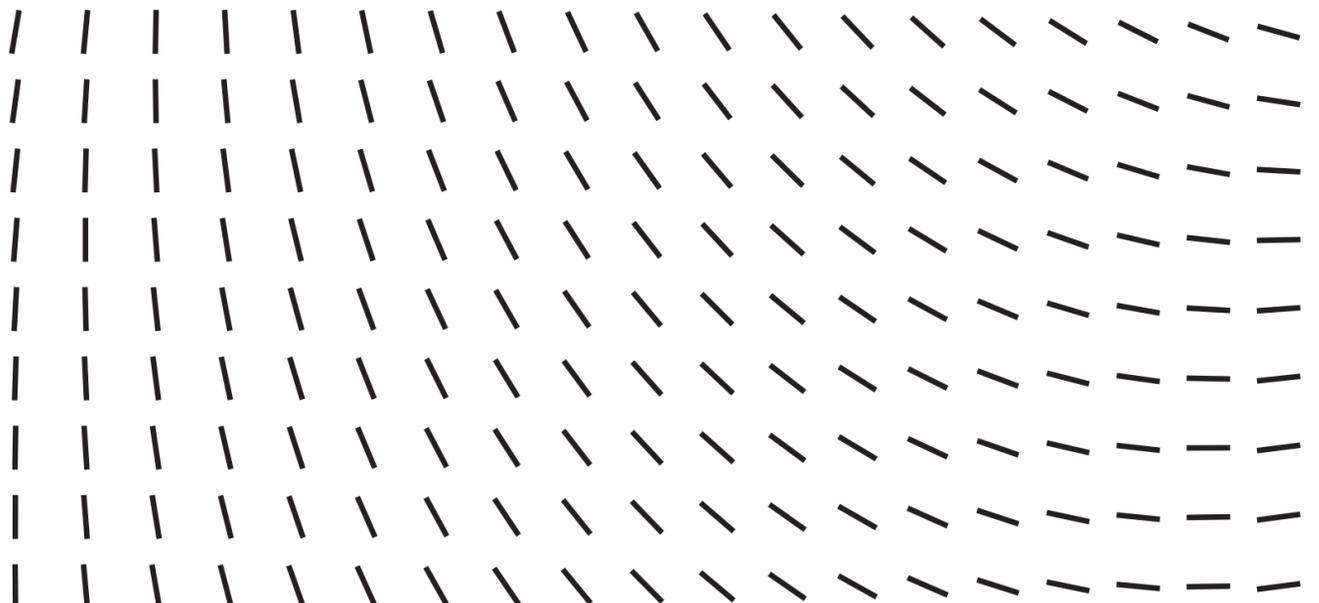
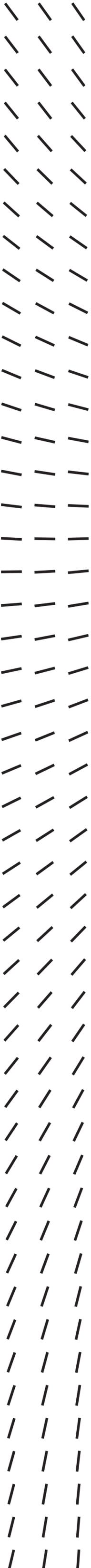


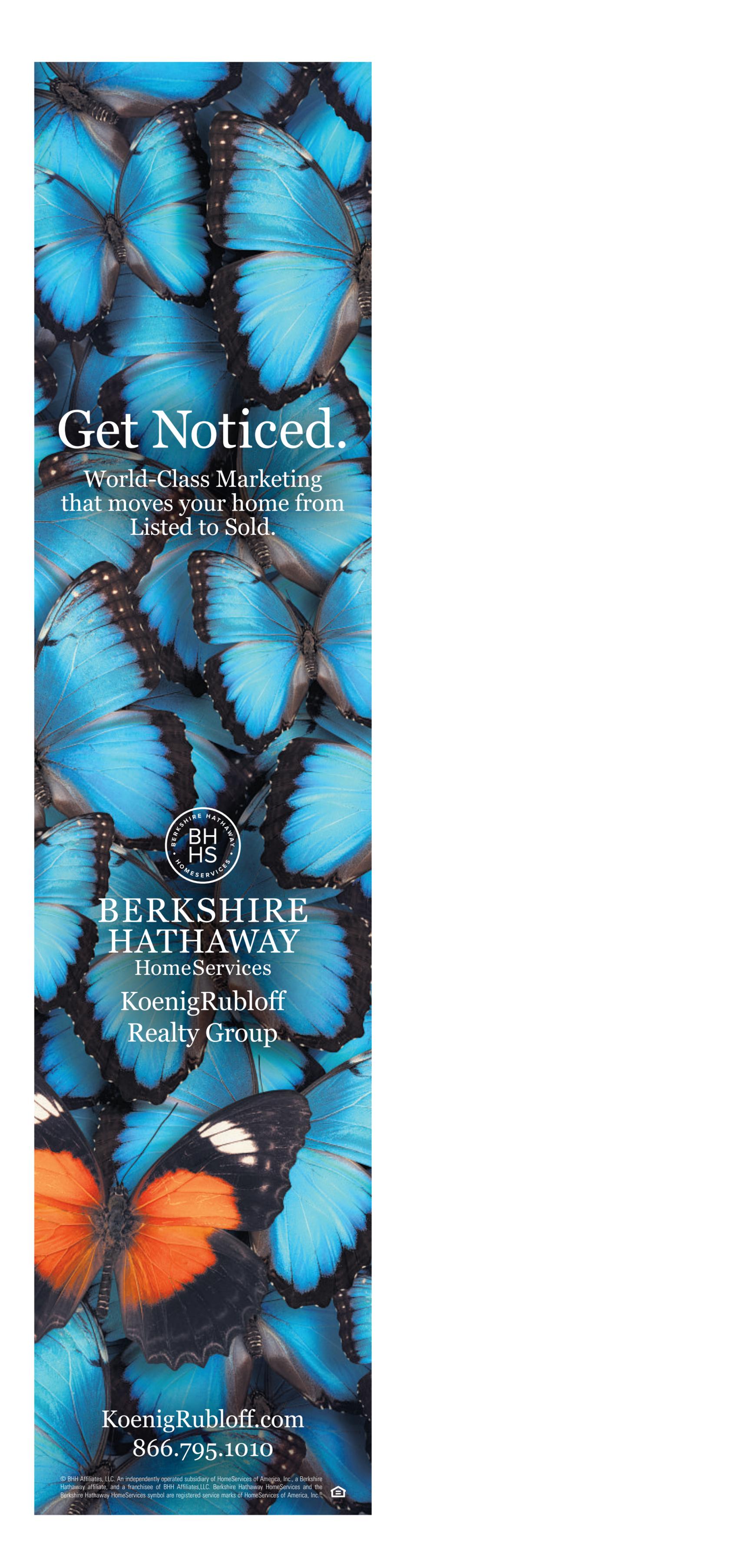
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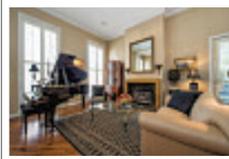
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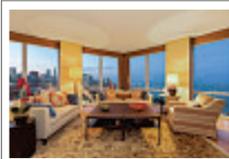
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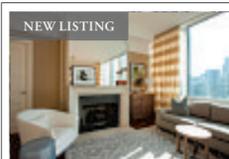
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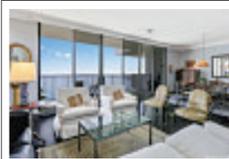
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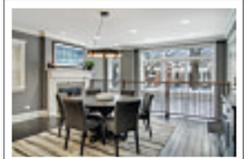
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Learning the logo

What's behind the world's most famous car brands?

BY ROBERT DUFFER | Chicago Tribune

One of the most effective advertising platforms is on four wheels. "The car is a moving billboard," said Michelle Krebs, executive analyst for AutoTrader. "The logos on it allow you to identify it and have some perception of what it stands for."

What it stands for is a lot more than marketing. Even a simple letter can be fraught with meaning, such as the H in Hyundai allegedly symbolizing two people shaking hands. A basic word wrapped in a blue oval can be worth billions: Ford pledged its iconic logo as collateral along with other assets in 2006 to secure

\$23.5 billion in loans and avoid a government bailout.

Some logos are just cool, like the pouncing Jaguar or Lamborghini's raging bull or the man being birthed from a snake in Alfa Romeo, and others are part of a symbolic system that transcends language borders to evoke brand identity in a global marketplace, such as the circular headlights and seven-slotted grille as the face of the Jeep brand.

Consistency is key. "The logos and design cues establish what the brand is," Krebs said. "A company that consistently changes those isn't clear on its mission." Here's a look at the most compelling and mysterious of automotive logos.



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Rolls-Royce: Perhaps the most distinctive and prized logo of any company, the Spirit of Ecstasy is not just the symbol of a woman leaning in, as it were. It is based on Eleanor Thorton, who was immortalized in 1909 for her pioneering spirit and love of racing as part of the Automobile Club of Great Britain that included Charles Rolls and Henry Royce. The retractable figurine is meant to "encapsulate the pursuit of personal liberty, and freedom from conformity," according to Rolls-Royce press materials.



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Chevrolet: The mysterious Bow Tie: Did Chevrolet co-founder William C. Durant find inspiration from Persian wallpaper design or did it have more formal origins back in 1913? "I think it was between the soup and the fried chicken one night that he sketched out the design that is used on the Chevrolet car to this day," his daughter Margery Durant wrote in her 1929 book, "My Father." Whatever the case, the logo has been a picture of consistency since the letters were dropped by the late 1930s.



CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

BMW: Founded in 1916, Bayerische Motoren Werke (or Bavarian Motor Works, in English) incorporates the Bavarian state colors, the second-largest state in Germany that includes the capital city Munich. Early advertising represented the colors in a rotating propeller, suggesting the company made airplanes. But that's not the case; it made engines. Its first complete vehicle manufactured and sold in 1923 was the R 32 motorcycle, which featured a boxer engine design still used today. BMW didn't make cars until 1928.



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Subaru: Celebrating its 50th year in the United States in 2018, Subaru means "unite" in Japanese and was the name bestowed on the brand by parent company Fuji Heavy Industries. It is also the Japanese name for the Pleiades star cluster in the constellation Taurus. Despite being known as the "Seven Sisters," a name derived from traditional Greek mythology, there are six stars in the sky visible by the naked eye. Same with the logo.



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Mercedes-Benz: Perhaps the most recognized automotive symbol in the world, the tri-star represents Daimler (DMG) engines used on land, sea and air, dating from 1909. The Mercedes pseudonym, used by a Daimler dealer in car races, was later applied to Daimler vehicles. By 1925, when the Benz brand merged its company and its laurel wreath logo with Daimler, the Mercedes-Benz tri-star in a circle was born.



CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

Cadillac: The ever-evolving crest of the luxury brand mirrors its rise and fall between the luxury and sub-luxury, or premium, segments. The crown and wreath are gone as of model year 2014 for a more streamlined, modern look. "This new Crest matches the lower, longer, leaner mantra of our current car designs, and reflects the evolution of our Art and Science philosophy," executive design director Andrew Smith said in 2014.



GENE J. PUSKAR/AP

Toyota: Toyota's logo of three interlocking ovals is so layered with meaning it could justify another inexplicable plot featuring Dan Brown's fictional symbolist Robert Langdon. Introduced in 1989 on the Japanese brand's 50th year, the logo on first glance looks like a vertical and horizontal circle in the shape of a T so that it's easily recognized around the world. The broader circle can also represent the world, stamped by T for Toyota. Seen another way, with a bit of a reach, each letter on Toyota can be evoked graphically within the symbol. Toyota says "the two perpendicular ovals inside the larger oval represent the heart of the customer and the heart of the company."



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Mazda: It's a bird, it's an M, it's both. The logo for the small brand beloved by enthusiasts became the word Mazda once the carmaker started exporting from Japan, only to return to a symbolic logo in 1997 for a global market. The M-shaped wings in an oval trademark is said to stand for "Mazda's determination to pursue ongoing improvement to drive powerful, continuous growth." The brand is under 2 percent in the U.S. market. What might be more interesting to typographers and OCDists alike is how Mazda displays its name in all lowercase letters except for the D, so that it fits flush and full in a box, without the vertical element of the d sticking out by itself.



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Buick: Buick doubled down on the potency of its tri-shield logo by removing the brand name from all of its vehicles starting with model year 2019. The decision comes as the brand launches its more luxurious Avenir trim line and reshapes its identity away from one best known as being preferred by older drivers. And my brother. The logo is derived from the Scottish family crest that became the red, white and blue tri-shield launched in 1960 to create a "fresh modern look," according to Buick archives. It was modernized again in 2001 with a see-through stainless steel shield.

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Weak sales for widely praised Honda Accord

BY MARK PHELAN
Detroit Free Press

Despite near universal acclaim for the all-new 2018 Honda Accord, sales are down big time. Vehicle sales overall are off 2.8 percent so far this year, but the Accord's market share is down far more, at 11.7 percent.

At the same time, the car often described as the Accord's archrival, the Toyota Camry, is up 13.7 percent for the year. Like the Accord, the Camry

launched an all-new model last year. The new Camry was greeted positively, but unlike the Accord, with little excitement.

Is the Accord on the ropes? Should shoppers expect fire-sale prices as Honda tries to reverse the slide? Hardly. "It's not the car. It's not the brand. It's the monthly payment," Autotrader senior analyst Michelle Krebs said. "Camry incentives averaged \$2,900 a car in January and February. The Accord averaged just under \$1,200."

Toyota offers discounted Camry leases, while the monthly cost of an equivalent Accord can be up to \$50 more, according to Automotive News. That's a big difference to a customer who doesn't care about Honda's residual values because they'll hand the keys back in three years.

On top of that, Honda has resisted as other Asian brands have begun relying on sales to rental companies to boost numbers as U.S. automakers once did. "In February, more than

18 percent of Toyota's new vehicle sales were to fleets. Honda does no fleet business," Krebs said.

The Accord is swimming against powerful currents: ■ Midsize sedans are not as popular as compact and midsize SUVs like Honda's own CR-V and Pilot. ■ Toyota is expected to throw money at the Camry to retain the title as America's best-selling car. ■ Nissan, which unlike Honda aggressively uses incentives and fleet sales to support sales, will unveil a



WES ALLISON/HONDA

The 2018 Honda Accord has won high praise from auto reviewers, but it has been languishing on dealer lots.

new version of its best-selling Altima this month. ■ A glut of midsize sedans is coming off leases this year, oversaturating a mar-

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ROBERT DUFFER/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The refreshed 2018 Toyota Sequoia is largely a technology update to the aging SUV.

Sequoia: Old made ... less old

BY ROBERT DUFFER
Chicago Tribune

Reclaimed wood. Arcade bars. Conservatism. Toyota Sequoia. Old things repackaged as something new are all the rage.

Toyota's full-size three-row SUV rumbles on, same as it was a decade ago with technology upgraded for the modern era that has the look and feel of something from the prior era. Such is Toyota.

Even though sales of the Sequoia are a fraction of what they were in its heyday in the early half of the millennium, demand remains constant for the Tundra-based SUV.

That old-school feel is welcome by a certain set dissuaded by all the doodads that turn the modern cabin into a carnival. No start/stop push-button on/off switches here: You get a key. And the gear stick is in the console, notched and sturdy. And of course there is a CD player, to play any one of the many very best of the Eagles.

Crank that 5.7-liter V-8 engine and hear that fan roar over anyone talking. And that 11 mpg around town? Could be worse, could be the 1970s.

I get why consumers would opt for a stripped-down family hauler that acts as reliably as a truck. This is a long-haul ride, over space and time, at a reasonable price. And the

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Parting shot: There's newer, better, fresher.

piecemeal comfort and convenience options that abound in competitors can feel like a lot of snake oil salesmanship. I get it.

What bothers me is how the new stuff is swapped for the old stuff without regard to form or function. What bothers me is the touch screen. The post-card-sized interface is smaller than the console cup holders, and the Entune infotainment system is still one of the worst.

Despite having large knobs for climate control and huge buttons on the steering wheel that can't be misapplied even with work gloves on, there's these tiny buttons that a bare pinky pad can't hit with any accuracy to get the secondary vehicle info on the touch screen. And there is still no Apple CarPlay or Android Auto.

A power liftgate with sliding window and power

folding third-row seats make it easy to lug stuff other than people. Second row folds flat as well, for a flat floor cargo area. The 120 cubic feet of cargo volume — a foot shy of the class-leading Chevrolet Suburban — is above average for the class.

Under the hood is the same fuel-snarfing 381-horsepower V-8 engine. We averaged 13.6 mpg at 45 mph on our highway commutes, a far cry from the EPA-estimated 17 mpg highway. Around town, we were at a solid 11 mpg, also well short of the EPA-estimated 13 mpg city. Is it irony to name it for an endangered tree?

The old powertrain with the six-speed transmission is proven reliable in the Sequoia, Tundra and Land Cruiser, and feels like it will run without fault for another decade or three. The 401 pound-feet of torque enables towing up to 7,400 pounds, a capability shared by several midsize SUVs but exceeded by all other full-size SUVs.

Most of the upgrades for the decade-old refresh are standard advanced driver assistance systems, such as pedestrian detection and adaptive cruise control that can be used to a stop.

The safety features are nice, but not worth the upcharge over a lightly used old model Sequoia, if old is your thing.

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Readers call for clarification on salt water in car washes



BOB WEBER
Motormouth

Q: I just read your column "Is salty water reused in car washes?" As a retired chemical marketer who has dealt with salt solubility issues, I suggest you look further into whether there is appreciable salt in recycled car wash water. I fear that Mr. Wulf is misinformed if he believes filtration removes most of the salt from recycled car wash water.

Most road salts are either sodium chloride (rock salt) or sometimes a concentrated solution of calcium chloride in colder weather. Sodium chloride only precipitates (falls out of solution as a filterable solid) above about 23-26 percent. Below those concentrations salt cannot precipitate. And the warmer the water gets, the higher the soluble salt concentrations can get.

While filtration can remove much of the solids (dirt and grit) from recycled wash water, it can only remove solids. So even recycled filtered water can still contain salt.

— S.B., Chicago

A: Thanks to you, S.B. and several other readers who know their chemistry. About the only true way to remove the salt is through distillation or reverse osmosis. Nevertheless, rinsing the undercarriage with saline solution is better than allowing the buildup of salt to eat away at your Edsel.

We reached out to Eric Wulf, CEO of the International Carwash Associ-



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Yolanda Correa, manager of Star Car Wash in Chicago, talks with a customer whose car is covered with salt.

ation, for clarification.

He stated: "Good readers! Most car washes have, essentially, three types of water: fresh (from the municipality), recycled (that has been filtered, either cyclonically or biologically) and reverse osmosis. Some have a fourth — rainwater recapture. Reverse osmosis would be the most purified water, similar to many home filter systems. Reverse osmosis is used as the final rinse, to make sure that the car will dry without spots. It is usually not used for undercarriage washing.

"It will depend upon the car wash you visit, which of the above mix you are getting — but you are likely getting all three for the undercarriage wash. Some washes will feed the undercarriage with fresh water, so in that case the salinity would be low already. But even for those that don't, they are using a mix of fresh, recycled and reverse osmosis (since that is recaptured by the recycling system), which means that the overall salinity of the undercarriage wash water will be better than the salt sticking to the car! No, filtration doesn't remove

all the salt, but the processes that go into the mix of the wash water — filtration, reverse osmosis and fresh — means that salt is quite diluted.

"It's also not uncommon for operators to add a rust inhibitor to the undercarriage water."

Q: Having seen the question regarding "three on the tree," it occurred to me that our federal government may want to mandate all vehicles to have manual transmissions. In this way, it would make it difficult for drivers to drive and text at the same time.

— N.K., Arlington Heights, Ill.

A: Call your congressman. You may be on to something!

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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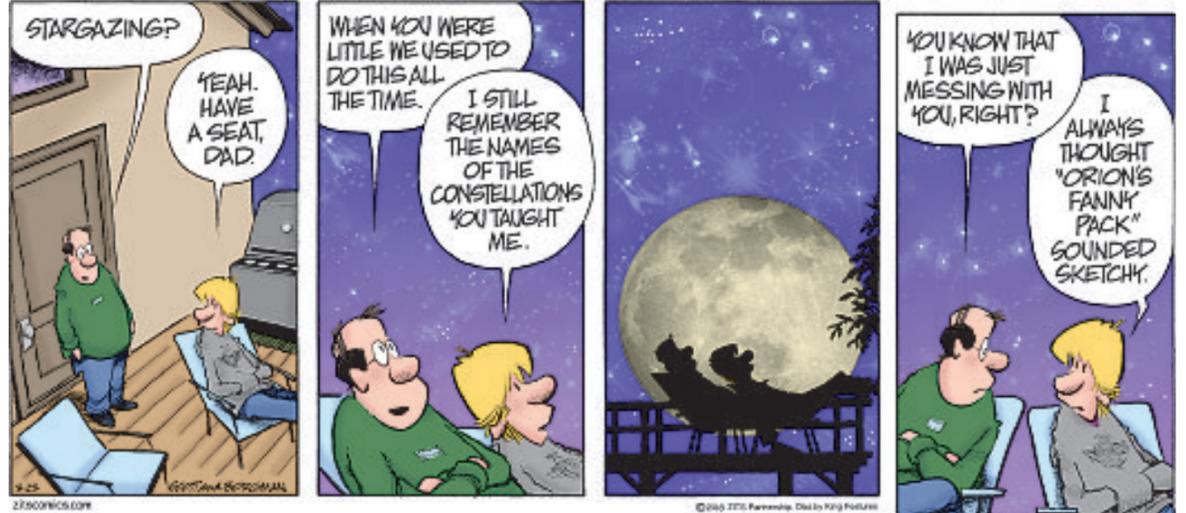
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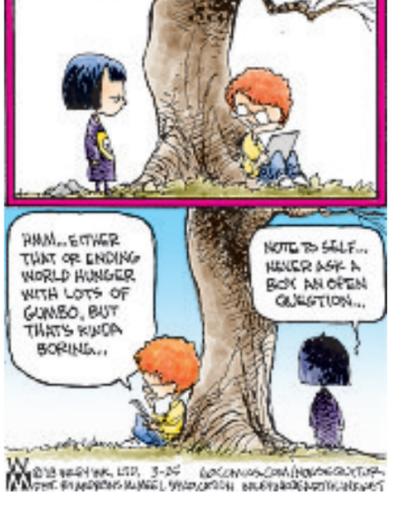
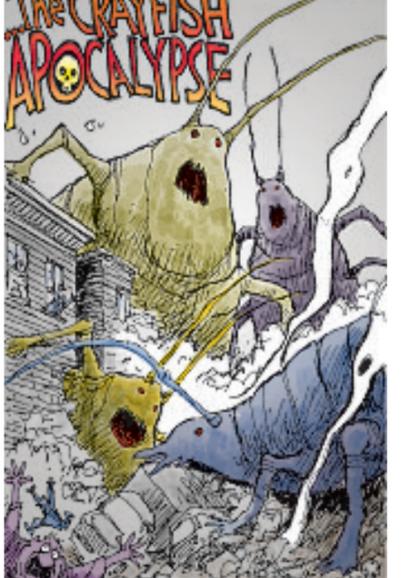
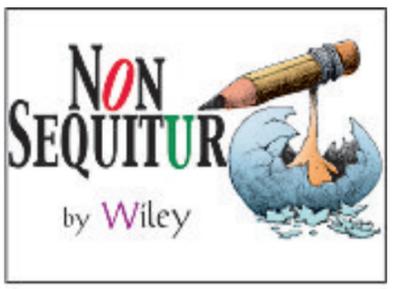
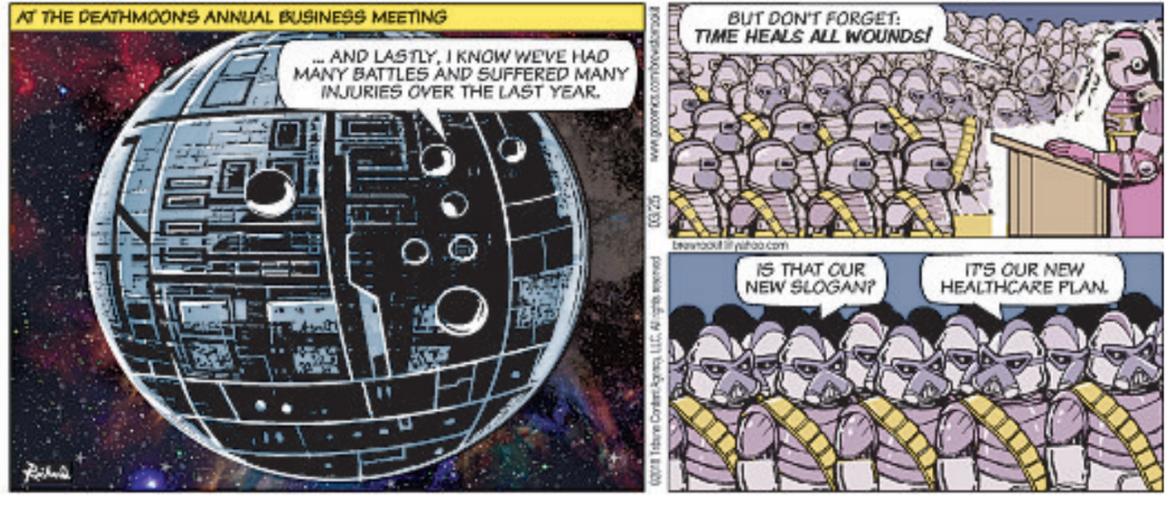
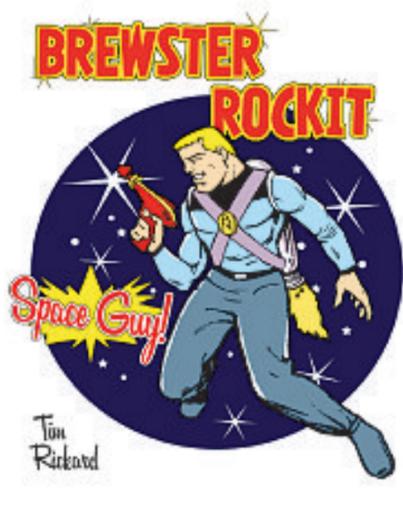
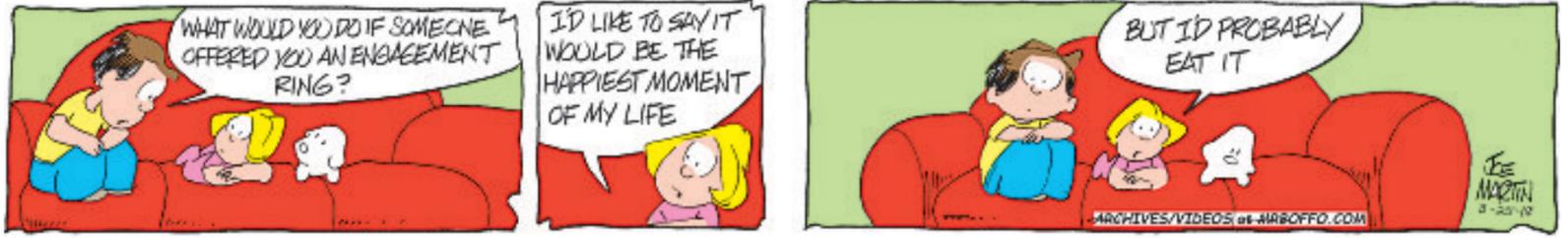
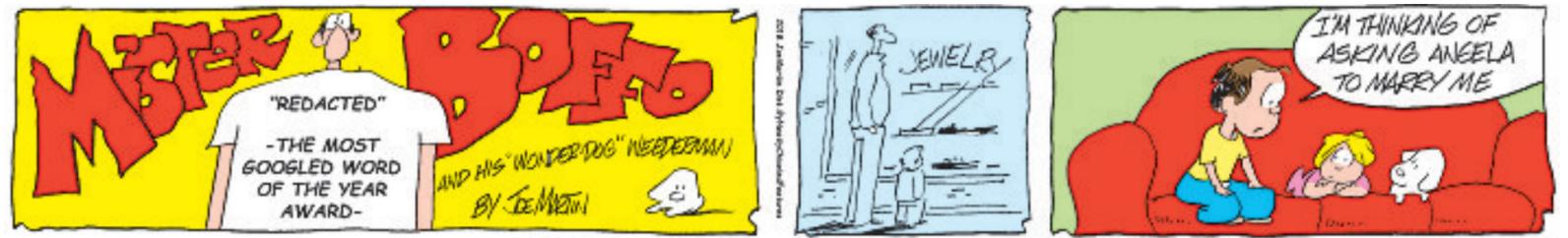
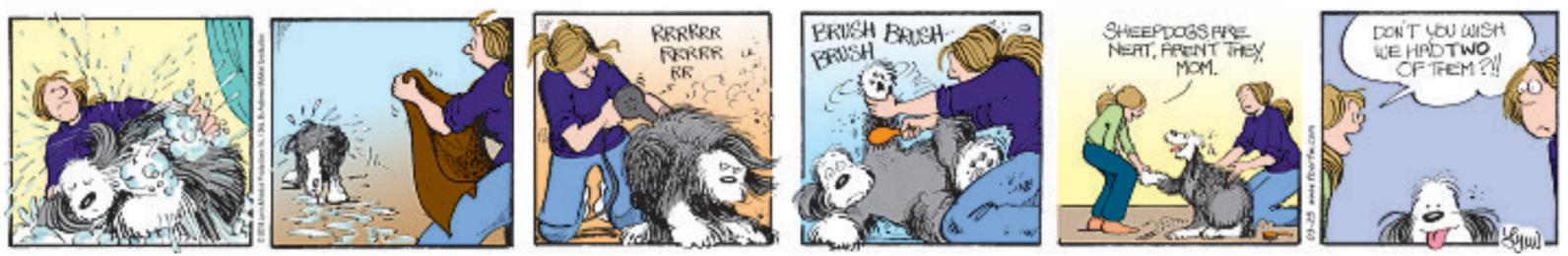
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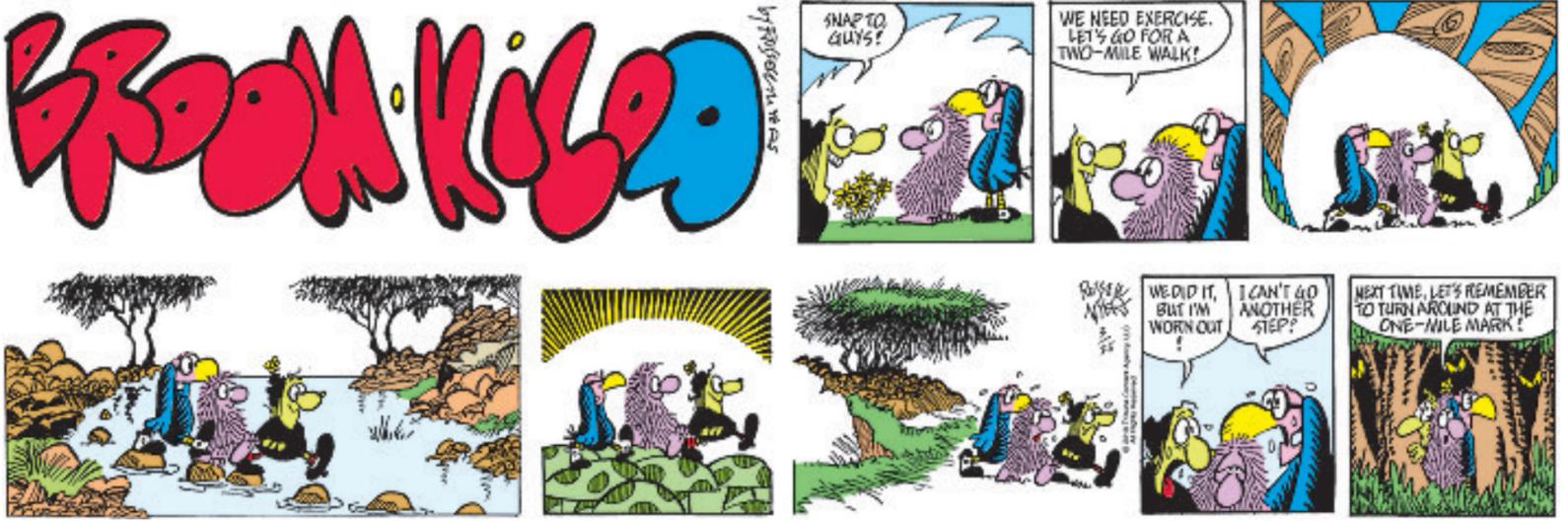
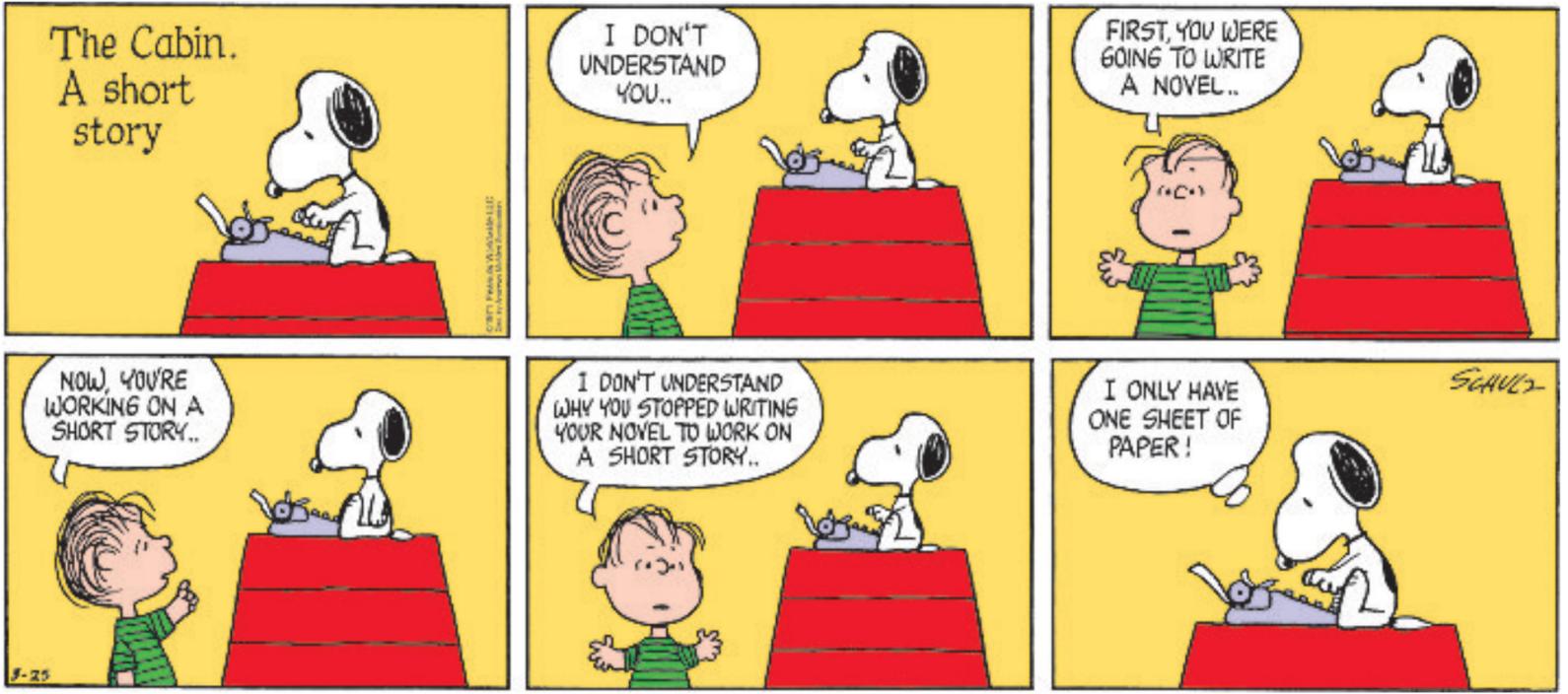
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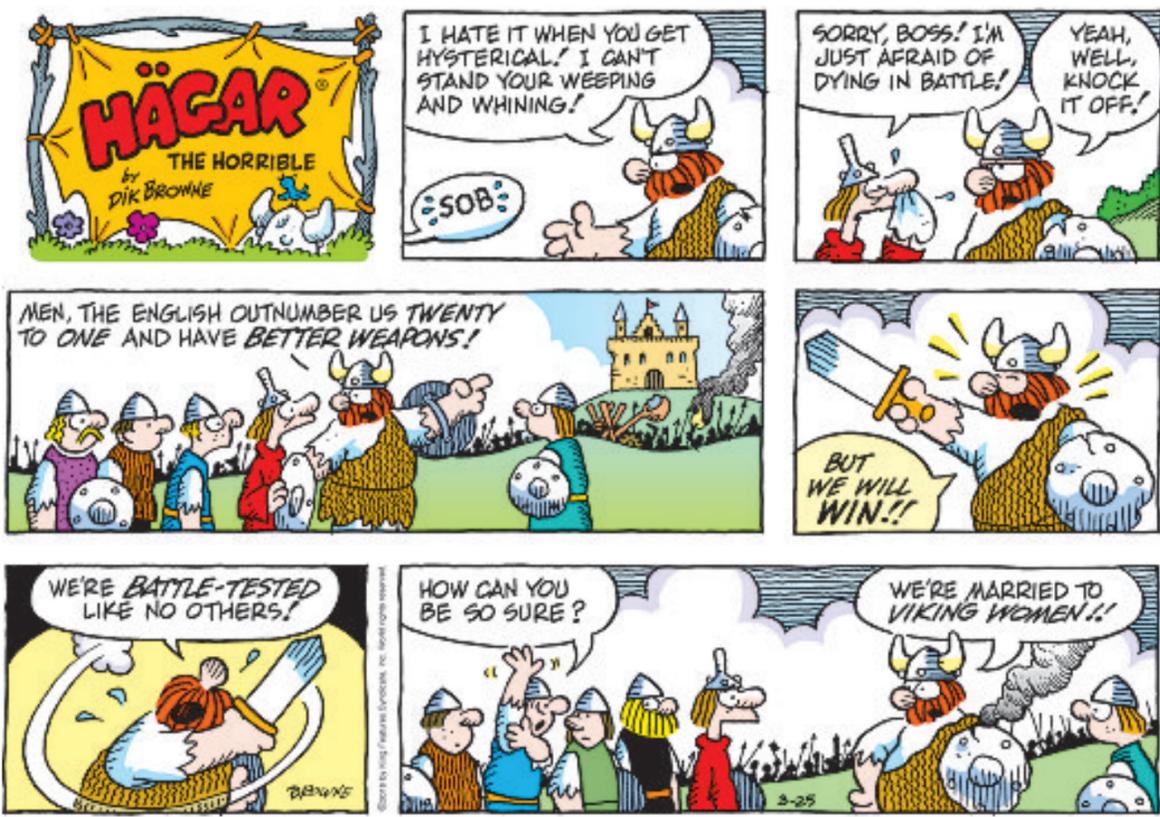
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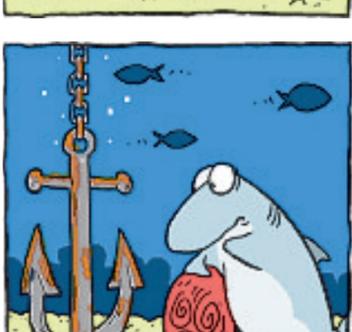


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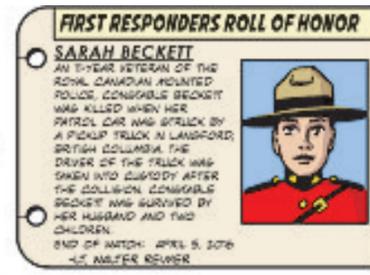
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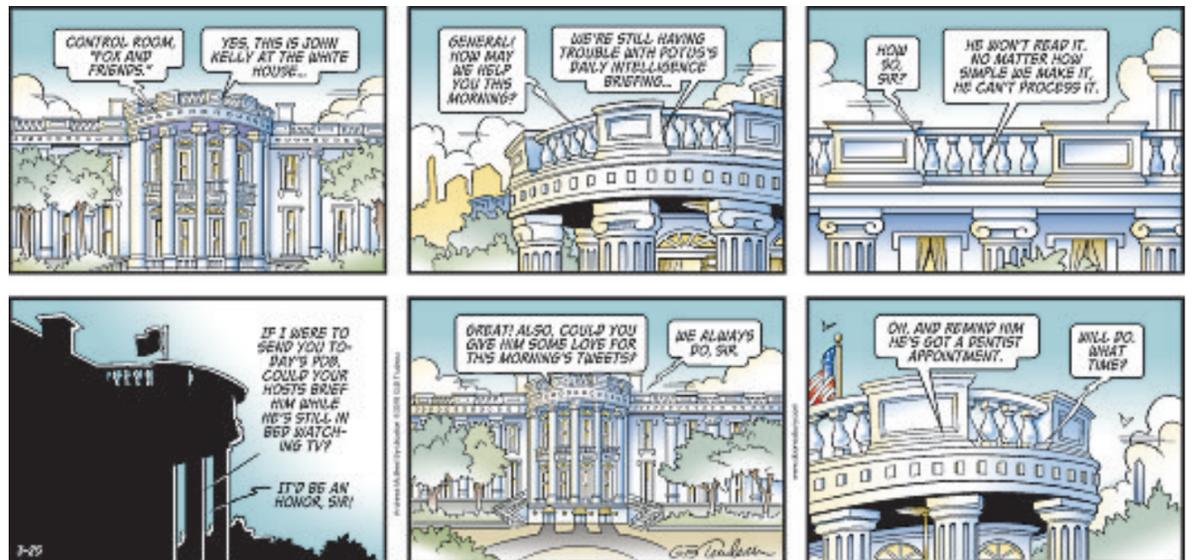
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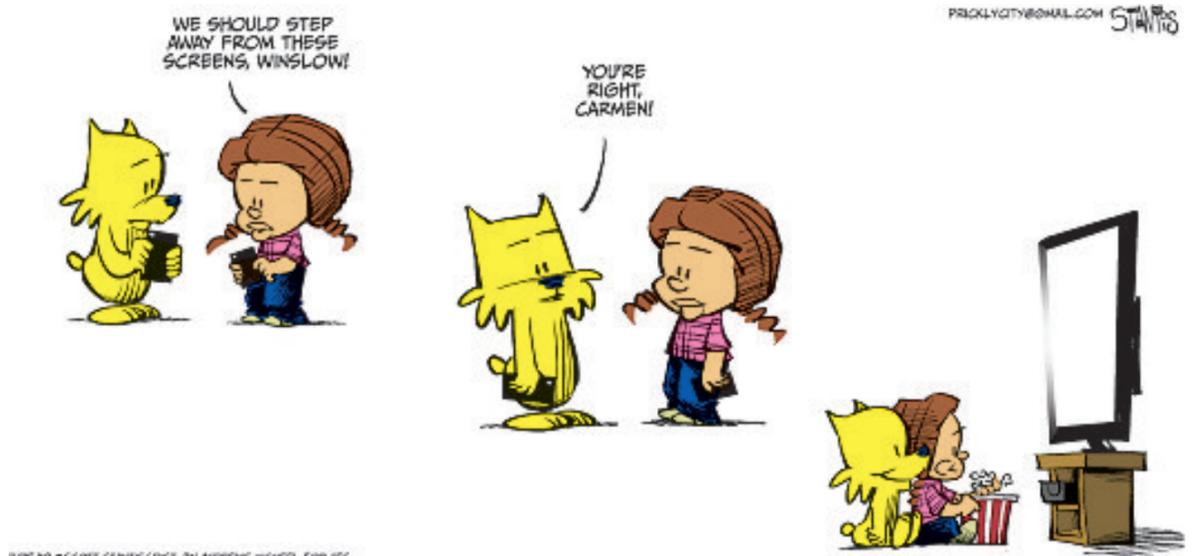
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BY PAUL SULLIVAN Chicago Tribune

Reboot or rebuild?

When Cubs President Theo Epstein was asked last year if the success of the Cubs and Astros would lead to more rebuilding projects, he was skeptical.

"I don't think so," he said. "There are a lot of teams that have tried it and don't end up with the title, and lots of teams that don't take that path that do end up winning the whole thing. There are a lot of different ways to get there."

Whenever a team suffers through a disappointing season with some overpaid and underachieving players, the modus operandi is to start a teardown and go with youth. It's much cheaper for owners than trying to compete, and if fans buy into the rebuild, you can justify tanking as a viable way to get to the finish line.

The Marlins and Pirates are among the newest tankers, joining the Phillies, Braves, Reds, Rays, White Sox and Tigers, who began their tank job in the second half of 2017.

But one prominent team has been the exception to the rule. The Giants lost 98 games in '17 but opted to spend instead of gutting the roster and starting over. They added Evan Longoria, Andrew McCutchen and Tony Watson, hoping that last year's nightmare was a fluke.

"It might be up to us to reinstate that trend," right-hander Jeff Samardzija said. "Maybe make 30-somethings cool again in the game."

Will it work? Who knows? But credit Giants management for at least trying. The team looks old and slow but does have veteran talent. A healthy Madison Bumgarner, who missed nearly three months last season after injuring his left shoulder and ribs in a dirt bike accident, could hold the key.

Power ball

MLB set a record with 6,105 home runs in 2017, roughly a 7 percent increase from the mark of 5,693 set in 2000 during the steroid era.

Giancarlo Stanton flirted with Roger Maris' 61-homer mark that once was the standard, finishing with 59, the most in the majors since Barry Bonds' record 73 in 2001. Overall, 117 players hit 20 home runs or more, and 41 belted at least 30.

On the flip side, hitters also set a record — for the 10th consecutive year — with 40,104 strikeouts, breaking the 2016 mark of 38,982.

"Strikeouts are not something we're looking forward to going into '18," MLB Chief Baseball Officer Joe Torre said. "We want more balls in action."



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Aaron Judge, who hit 52 home runs last season, was key to the Yankees' quick pivot back to championship contention.

Bronx is burning

The Yankees went into semi-rebuild mode in 2016, dealing Aroldis Chapman, Andrew Miller, Ivan Nova and Carlos Beltran for prospects.

But they re-signed Chapman from the Cubs after the season, watched Aaron Judge blossom into a superstar and won 91 games last year, earning a wild-card playoff berth and taking the Astros to Game 7 of the American League Championship Series under manager Joe Girardi.

Now they're having their cake and eating it too. Top prospect Gleyber Torres — acquired from the Cubs for Chapman — is ready to take over at second base, and the Yankees acquired Stanton from the Marlins in a deal that sent second baseman Starlin Castro to Miami. Youth and spending power should propel the Yankees into the World Series with new manager Aaron Boone.

"It has been a tough five years," principal owner Hal Steinbrenner said. "We kept talking about the same guys, they were at (Class A) and then Double A and then Triple A: Just wait, they're coming. They're coming. And some of them have come."

"They have a full year under their belt and they have a lot of playoff experience, which is going to bode well for next year. Four elimination games (in the postseason) — that's high-stress stuff. I'm very excited. ... I really think we've turned a corner here."

21st Century Babe

Angels rookie Shohei Ohtani, the so-called "Babe Ruth of Japan," will be the most scrutinized player this season as he attempts to become a viable starting pitcher and a designated hitter, as he was in Japan.

Angels manager Mike Scioscia said Ohtani will be available to DH or pinch hit or pinch run on "certain days" but probably not on the day after starts.

"If he swings the bat it will be as a designated hitter," he said. "He runs the bases well. He's a very complete player. ... We're not looking at him as the fourth guy on our bench. He's much more than that."

Revisionist history

The rehabilitation of PED user Alex Rodriguez continues with the former Yankees star joining the ESPN "Sunday Night Baseball" booth.

Rodriguez had admitted to using PEDs and was suspended for the entire 2014 season but doesn't have to wear a scarlet letter like Sammy Sosa, Rafael Palmeiro or other alleged cheaters.

Adding to the steroid conundrum is the Giants' decision to retire Bonds' number on Aug. 11 at AT&T Park. The organization not only is forgiving Bonds for his transgressions, it's apparently forgetting them too.

"We're not dealing with full information also on that (PED) issue," CEO Larry Baer said.

Beat the clock

Commissioner Rob Manfred considered implementing a 20-second clock for pitchers but instead limited the number of mound visits per team to six per game, hoping to speed up the action a bit.

According to a report, if the average game time this season is less than 2 hours, 55 minutes, MLB will not impose a pitch clock in 2019. Cubs left-hander Jon Lester is against the clock.

"It's a terrible idea," Lester said. "The beautiful thing about our sport is there is no time. The fans know what they're getting themselves into when they go to a game."

Manfred said speeding up the pace of play is mostly for fans watching on TV, but Lester said it's an unnecessary intrusion.

"Every game has a flow, and I feel like that's what makes it special," Lester said. "If you want to go to a timed event, go to a timed event."

THE POWER OF BULLPENNING



Starters are still on top of the hill, but relievers are swarming in numbers. The latest baseball trend is threatening to level the playing field.

By PAUL SULLIVAN | Chicago Tribune
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The latest word added to the ever-expanding baseball lexicon is “bullpenning.”

It’s the hottest trend, the new cool, the wave of the future in the here and now.

But what is it?

When some baseball people were asked about it at spring training, they looked as though the question was coming in a made-up language from a sci-fi movie.

“What’s that mean, ‘bullpenning?’” Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. “I don’t know.”

White Sox reliever Nate Jones said he had heard of bullpens, “but never heard of (bullpen and) an i-n-g,” while Cubs swingman Mike Montgomery asked if it was “like throwing our side sessions?”

Others understood the concept but declined to use the word in public.

“I don’t subscribe to titles,” Angels general manager Billy Eppler said. “I know that has become a popular term.”

There is no official definition of bullpenning in the dictionary, but Dodgers manager Dave Roberts, one of the foremost practitioners of the art, believes it comes down to two words:

Counting outs.

“It’s certainly more matchup-based, and outside the starter, teams are counting outs more,” Roberts said. “So you can look at it as counting outs, or ‘bullpenning.’”

“You look at last year. I know in the National League, teams across the board were carrying eight relievers for the most part, so that speaks to bullpenning.”

Managing bullpens is usually the most important task of a manager, and having more relievers to choose from adds to the degree of difficulty. Will every move work out?

But the game has evolved to the point where every team’s bullpen has multiple relievers throwing in the upper 90s, and statistical analysis can tell you exactly when every starter’s expiration date is during any given game.

Instead of waiting for the starter to get in trouble, an early hook brings in fresh arms to get through four or more innings.

Generally speaking, it’s used mostly in the postseason when games are more important and relievers can be handled differently because the season is ending and they can rest their arms all winter. But the importance of bullpen roles obviously has increased substantially over the last decade.

“I don’t know why, but I guess there are



just guys with unbelievable arms in bullpens,” Montgomery said. “And teams, the way the game is going toward (employing) sabermetrics, it’s like ‘OK, two times through the lineup and the starter is done.’”

“Look, sometimes that works. Sometimes it doesn’t. I think teams, if a starter is going well, sometimes they pull him too quick, because bullpens are so good. But if

bullpens are worn out, they’re not going to be too good.”

The Rockies spent \$106 million on their bullpen this offseason, signing former Cubs closer Wade Davis to a three-year, \$52 million deal, adding Bryan Shaw and re-signing Jake McGee. Along with Mike Dunn and Adam Ottavino, the bullpen could be more important than the Rockies rotation.



But Rockies manager Bud Black said they aren't reinventing the wheel.

"Are we trying to get the best bullpen we can? Yeah," Black said. "I've heard some different definitions of bullpenning, but I will say I know the importance of starting pitching as it relates to a 162-game schedule.

"I know the importance of durability and starter performance, and what that

means to a bullpen. Am I a proponent of good starting pitching and depth and starting pitcher innings? Absolutely. The better you are in that department, the better you can be in your bullpen.

"You need length out of your starters. You can't throw relief pitchers as much as some people think you can."

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"They had a bullpenning plan for sure, and most days stuck to their guns."

— *Cubs closer Brandon Morrow, above, on his former team, the Dodgers, who won the NL pennant in 2017*

JENNIFER STEWART/GETTY

That's where the new 10-day disabled list comes in. Shortened from the traditional 15 days last year, the 10-day DL can be used to maintain a fresher staff because general arm soreness is an injury whether the pitcher can pitch through it or not. Starters can get rest and miss only a start or two.

The Dodgers had 38 total DL stints in 2017, according to rosterresource.com, leading the majors. Some accused them of "gaming" the system. The Cubs, whom the Dodgers beat 4-1 in the National League Championship Series, had 12 DL stints.

Brandon Morrow, now the Cubs closer, was a major part of the Dodgers' bullpen strategy last year and pitched in all seven games in the World Series. Roberts didn't hesitate to yank starters early, even if they were effective.

"They had a bullpening plan for sure, and most days stuck to their guns," Morrow said. "You saw him take Rich Hill out early a couple of games in the playoffs. All our guys were going good, so there was nothing backfiring.

"I've seen it with a few different teams, and seems to be working, at least if you have the personnel to do it."

Roberts doesn't envision a future in which every starter is programmed to go only four or five innings and the rest of the game is simply matching up the pen to the opposing lineup.

"The value of a guy going six innings or deep in a game and still being effective, those guys are hard to come by," he said. "I think where we're at right now will hold for a while, because of the health of the guys, and it's a very copy-cat league.

"The success of certain teams, how they sort of manage the pens, teams are really committed to the eight-man pen. They're committed to guys who can go two innings. They're obviously aware of the (risks of facing lineups) the third time through, and things like that, so I think there's going to be more of what we saw last year."

Perhaps the future consists of virtual taxi squads where pitchers are shuttled up and down constantly from Triple A to the majors and the top starters all have "rest" periods scheduled into the season.

"You need depth and talent at Triple A, and guys with options where you can rotate a fresh arm in and out, and then you get into creative use of the 10-day disabled list," Black said. "It becomes a new dynamic on how you run your pitching.

"I don't think we're there yet, but we saw some things in the playoffs, the last couple of years. It can make sense in the playoffs because there's an end to it. You have a game or two more (to play), and you can get by. But you can't do that on April 5.



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"The game would have to drastically take a turn to that model, and it would take time for that model to be set in place.

"Does it look like there's some momentum toward that? Yeah, you could say the playoffs the last couple of years have shown that. I still think we're not there yet because bullpen depth and arms and depth in the minor leagues isn't where it needs to be."

Two-hundred innings or more of work was once the stated goal of most starters in spring training. Last year 15 starters compiled 200 or more innings, fewer than half the number (34) from the 2014 season.

That number isn't going up any time soon.

"No doubt," Black said. "That's our fault. There's more of that for sure."

And complete games?

Forget about it. Corey Kluber and Ervin Santana had five apiece in 2017. Six others had two and 19 had one.

"If a starter can go seven innings, it's a win for everybody," Montgomery said. "It used to be if a starter went eight, that's good. Now it's like, 'We'll take seven if we can get it.'"

The trend toward the increasing usage of relievers means managing by the gut is riskier than ever. If your analytical data suggests the starter is going to tire the third time around the lineup, even if he's still dealing now, are you going to ignore it?

"Playing probabilities is probably a good thing," Eppler said. "You go into Vegas and you want to start betting at the craps table, and you kind of play the odds. That's what a dice roll is, right? If you play odds, that can help you be a guide.

"No doubt that intuition comes in, but

BIG NUMBER

2 Starters with more than two complete games in 2017, the Indians' **Corey Kluber**, right, and the Angels' **Ervin Santana**, left. They had five apiece, but there was a big drop-off after that.

there's also a workload aspect, and understanding how much or even how many times they have been up (warming up in the bullpen).

"Like in the NFL, if a team gets a matchup of a speedy wide receiver and an outside linebacker happens to be covering him, that's an important matchup to scrutinize or take advantage of. You're presented with that in baseball and (if) you have the flexibility with your personnel to maximize your win probability (you can take) advantage of that matchup."

Bochy, an old-school type, said there always will be room for both styles of decision-making — by data or by gut instinct.

"The numbers, they're so valuable, too," he said. "There are a lot of variables involved when you talk about numbers, but at the same time I don't think we ever get away from our gut, and what's inside the gut of the player."

Montgomery, who was lifted from a start in July after 84 pitches despite allowing just two hits and a walk over six innings, said the stats are misleading sometimes, citing the smaller sample size of a pitcher facing a particular hitter for a third time in a game.

"We have got to be careful of letting the stats dictate the game," he said. "There's a large element where you have to have (managers and pitching coaches) who have good feel and really know what's going on.

Of course, someone like Kluber, Chris Sale, Clayton Kershaw or Madison Bumgarner will get the benefit of the doubt more than a fifth starter would.

"It's something you earn," said Morrow, a former starter. "I don't think you let your No. 5 starter face a lineup a third time, I guess. The numbers maybe say everything goes through the roof at that point.

"There are definitely going to be the guys you lean on, (to) get seven or eight innings out of them. That's going to save your bullpen. You have to have those guys to go bullpening — those studs in the front."

The studs in the front of the rotations always will be there. But the difference between a fifth starter and a middle innings "bridge" reliever is getting thinner and thinner, and there seems to be no going back.



Skate Room

Vernon Hills rink offers a place to ice skate, just for the fun of it

BY KATHY CICHON

News-Sun

It might just be the only place you can buy new shoes, grab a cinnamon roll and skate a lap or two all within a few feet.

With the recent addition of Skate Room to Hawthorn Mall, visitors to the shopping center can lace up a pair of skates at the indoor synthetic ice rink any time the mood strikes.

"The idea is to be open seven days a week for public skating," owner Kevin Jotkus said. "We're open over 70 hours a week for public skating, so people can come in the morning, in the afternoon, they can come in the evening."

Jotkus and his wife, Alena, opened Skate Room on Nov. 12. Located on the mall's upper level next to JCPenney and across from the food court, the former rue21 store opened with a 1,500-square-foot rink that recently doubled.

Jenna Velelekos, marketing manager for Hawthorn Mall, said the shopping center was excited to offer customers a place for year-round ice skating. Most shopping centers don't have a unique offering such as an indoor ice rink, she said.

"It's just a fun, family-friendly activity to do at the mall," she said.

The idea, Jotkus said, was born from discovering how scarce indoor ice time is for those just looking to have a leisurely skate.

"I have two boys. When they were younger we were always trying to get out to ice skating arenas and try to skate," Jotkus said. "It was always a problem with timing, because the timing never worked for our time when there was public skating."

Often those areas are being used for organized activities including hockey tournaments and figure skating. With the exception of private parties, there are no restrictions on public skate time at the Skate Room.

Living in nearby Riverwoods, Jotkus decided to open Skate Room at Hawthorn Mall.



SKATE ROOM

Skate Room owner Kevin Jotkus said the idea of the rink was born from discovering how scarce indoor ice time is for those just looking to have a leisurely skate.

"The synthetic ice does not require any electrical or water or plumbing lines, so it can be installed anywhere," he said. "It can be in a house, it can be in a mall, it can be outside."

Made from special panels manufactured by Xtraice Synthetic Ice Rinks, the surface gives skaters the same experience as frozen ice.

"It's got lubricant that's built inside the panels," Jotkus said. "Then the skates go over the surface."

You can do all the same moves on the synthetic ice as you do on real ice, he said.

"The gliding experience is really the same. Sometimes you need to get used to it," Jotkus said. "For me, it isn't much different now, but some people who skate on the real ice ... It may feel a little different the first minute, but once you do a couple laps you just kind of forget."

And some people skate for 15 minutes and don't realize that it's not real ice, he said.

At the end of January, the Skate Room closed for a couple of days to double the size of the rink. And a second Skate Room is scheduled to open this spring at Stratford Square Mall in Bloomingdale.

"Skating is amazing. It's a great activity for physical conditioning the entire body. It's great for cardio. It's great for all the body joints," Jotkus said. "Actually, the whole body works."

While people can bring their own hockey skates, they are also available for rent. Rental is included in the admission and lesson price.

Instructors are always available to help those who skate improve their skill, and to help beginners learn to skate too, Jotkus said. Classes are held on Thursdays and Fridays, offering basic instruction. First-time skaters use aid toys that they can hold onto so they don't fall down.

First-time skaters at the facility have ranged in age from a 2-year-old child to a 57-year-old woman.

"That was a great experience for her and for us as well," Jotkus said.

All ages visit Skate Room, he said, recall-

Details

Activity: Indoor synthetic ice skating

Where: 122 Hawthorn Center, Vernon Hills

Hours: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays; 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sundays

Fees: \$15, includes skate rental

Information: 847-918-1600 or

www.skateroom.net

ing the time two friends in their 80s came in with their figure skates.

"They were supposed to be professional skaters when they were younger, but they (hadn't been) skating in over 30 years," he said.

Because so much time had passed since the friends skated, Skate Room staff encouraged them to use the aid toys until they were reacquainted with being back on the ice.

"It's nice when you see the kids are enjoying themselves and learning a new skill," Velelekos said. "It's not just for kids. It's for adults to enjoy as well."

The rink is available for private rentals, and it also has a room for birthday parties.

"We do one hour on ice — 30 minutes free skating and for 30 minutes we do a game," Jotkus said. "Then we have another hour in our party room. We include pizza, cupcakes, soft drinks in our package for \$25 per person."

Every Friday from 6-9 p.m. is Disco Night, complete with DJ and disco lights. The fee is the same as public skate's general admission: \$15.

Jotkus said it's not unusual for older kids to come in and skate for an hour or more while their parents are shopping. With no time limit on the public skate time, skating at the indoor rink is an affordable alternative to higher-priced activities and arcade games that last 30 minutes, he said.

"Those kids who come in and skate for an hour for \$15, what can be better?" Jotkus said.

Kathy Cichon is a freelance reporter.

Great Lakes Fencing Academy

Looking for a thoughtful sport? Fencing could be the way to go

BY SHERYL DEVORE

News-Sun

The Jackim family has a rule: Everyone has to play a sport.

Rich Jackim's daughter, Skyler Jackim, tried soccer, basketball, and other team sports and "she just wasn't really intrigued," Jackim recalled. "When we took her to a trial class ... of fencing, she fell in love with it. She said, 'Dad, I think I found my people.'

"All the people shared the same interests, watched the same movies and read the same books," said Jackim, operations manager at the Great Lakes Fencing Academy based at the Libertyville Club, which also features tennis and fitness.

Jackim, of Libertyville, with his daughter and others, also helped establish the Thundercats fencing team at Libertyville and Vernon Hills high schools. Skyler Jackim also has taught at the academy, which provides instruction to youngsters from about ages 10 through high school. Private lessons for adults can be arranged.

Fencing equipment and lessons are not inexpensive, and it's not for everyone — but the sport is perfect for someone who wants to engage in a thoughtful activity. "Fencing is a sport that seems to appeal to nontraditional athletes," Jackim said.

"We get a lot of kids for whom fencing is the first sport they've ever really tried.

They're not basketball players or baseball players. They're kids who march to their own drummer. It gives them an athletic outlet. It intrigues them. It's as much as a mental game as a physical game," he said.

Private and group lessons are offered to youth; an open gym time for fencing with random opponents is in the works — and any youth who would like to try it can come to a free first lesson.

Fencing has three different weapons — epee, foil and saber, which are flexible and made of metal. In the Olympics, tournaments are scored electronically; special weapons and uniforms are created for that purpose.

Each weapon involves different rules and styles and appeals to kids with different personalities, Jackim said.

At the academy, "we focus on foil and



GREAT LAKES FENCING ACADEMY

The Great Lakes Academy offers a summer fencing camp.

saber. We think those are the two that are most appealing to the young fencer," Jackim said.

"Foil is the classic dueling weapon you see in a lot of movies — it was developed historically as a weapon used to settle a dispute. The target for foil is just the torso. It's a very precise kind of sport. You can only use the tip of the weapon. It appeals to kids who like to think strategically. There's gamesmanship in luring your opponent in and distracting him to score a touch," Jackim said. With saber, the target is anything above the waist except for the hands. Students at the academy begin with foil fencing.

With an epee weapon, points can be made by touching any part of the opponent's body with the weapon's tip.

When Skyler attended middle school and high school, she fenced at the national level and qualified for Junior Olympics. Skyler is now a freshman at Ohio State University, where she joined a fencing club and participates in tournaments, Jackim said.

Details

Activity: Fencing

Where: Libertyville Club, 1030 S. 4th Ave., Libertyville

Hours: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday -Tuesdays; 7-9 p.m. Wednesday; 7:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday; 5-7 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday

Cost: Free first lesson; beginners \$160 for eight 1.5-hour sessions; gear provided free; intermediate and advanced class costs vary

Information: 847-362-5553 or greatlakesfencing.org

Fencing is a nontraditional sport because you don't have to lift weights or run to train, he said. "A lot of it is flexibility and agility and having bouts of stamina. There's hand-eye coordination training, and 70 percent of your success as a fencer is based on footwork. It almost looks like you're at a dance class. The coach will call out a combination of foot moves."

One of the hardest parts of creating a fencing club is finding a good coach, Jackim



Always learning

Whether it's in baseball, English or life, Sox's Abreu craves new knowledge

BY CHRIS KUC | Chicago Tribune

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Jose Abreu propped his foot on a chair situated in front of his locker in the White Sox clubhouse at Camelback Ranch, leaned forward and rested his arms on his knee.

The slugger was getting into listening position.

A reporter was there to discover what makes the backbone of the Sox — a player putting up offensive numbers to start his career that rival some of baseball's all-time greats — tick. It didn't take long for the realization to hit that Abreu was using the interview to do his own bit of learning.

As it turns out, Abreu craves knowledge as much as he craves extra-base hits.

Abreu is a student of the game and of life. Lurking beneath the barrier that stands between the Spanish-speaking Cuban and those who don't understand the language is an introspective 31-year-old who is as in tune with his psyche as he is with his swing.

If Abreu has his way, everyone soon will gain a further understanding of Chicago's most underrated superstar.

Each day Abreu carves out time to learn English, using the educational software Rosetta Stone as well as watching English-language TV. His programming of choice is CNN.

"I'm always trying to find a time during the day — an hour, a half-hour — to learn the language here a little bit more," Abreu said via team interpreter Billy Russo. "I would like to learn the language to completely manage it, and the best way is just to speak with (the media) and connect with the fans. It is not always easy, but I always try to get that time.

"I can understand a lot, but when I have to respond and speak in English, it's a challenge for me — and a tough one. The most difficult part is when I try to connect ideas to structure a phrase. That's prob-

ably one of the toughest parts of any language."

Born in Cienfuegos, Cuba, Abreu's defection to the U.S. in 2013 is well-documented, and he has spent his first four seasons with the Sox posting loud numbers very quietly. Since signing a six-year, \$68 million free agent contract with the Sox in '13, Abreu has averaged .301 with 31 home runs and 103 RBIs per season.

Abreu is one of three players in major-league history to begin his career with four or more consecutive seasons of 25-plus home runs and 100-plus RBIs, joining Hall of Famer Joe DiMaggio and Angels slugger Albert Pujols.

"It has been a matter of me being open to learning, to keep trying new things and adjusting to the things you have to adjust to at this level," Abreu said. "I've been able to apply all that knowledge. I just want to be a person who is always starving for learning."

Abreu is also one of five players in major-league history — along with DiMaggio, Pujols, Al Simmons and Ted Williams — to record 100 or more RBIs in each of his first four seasons.

"This guy is a professional hitter," Sox hitting coach Todd Steverson said. "His maturation has probably been more on the leadership side for me than it has been on the field."

"He's putting his numbers up, but it's



JOSE ABREU

AGE: 31
TEAMS: WHITE SOX (2013-18)
SIGNED THROUGH: 2018
ARBITRATION ELIGIBLE: 2019
FREE AGENT: 2020

Stats	AB	H	HR	RBI
2014	556	176	36	107
2015	613	178	30	101
2016	624	183	25	100
2017	621	189	33	102
Totals	2,414	726	124	410

Avg.	BA	OBP	SLG	OPS
2014	.317	.383	.581	.964
2015	.290	.347	.502	.850
2016	.293	.353	.468	.820
2017	.304	.354	.552	.906
Totals	.301	.359	.524	.883

the way he has gone about mentoring some of the young players we've had here and (is) starting to speak up and take over by saying, 'You know what? You can ride my back for a little while. Let me do this. Just follow my lead.'

"That's something that's always necessary on teams — some peer leadership."

That is important considering the many impressionable young players occupying the Sox clubhouse.

Abreu has become a mentor to Yoan Moncada, Luis Robert and Eloy Jimenez, among others.

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Robert, 20, said his fellow countryman was a “superstar” in Cuba before Abreu left for the U.S. and eventually signed with the Sox. The center fielder of the future is thrilled to be in the same organization with Abreu.

“He was an example for ... young kids there (and) I also think he has been an example for us here with the things he has done,” Robert said via an interpreter. “I like him.

“We have a great relationship and I’m hoping to be like him.”

While his offensive production has been at a high level since joining the Sox, it has only been in the last year or so that Abreu has become more vocal in the

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— Jose Abreu

clubhouse and has opened up more to his teammates, media and fans.

That coincides with what he described as “an introspective analysis of myself and the things that were happening around me” that occurred after the 2016 season

and resulted in a positive change in attitude.

“One of the things I identified was that I wasn’t always as positive as I should be,” Abreu said. “From that point on, I started being more positive by filling my mind with positive things and now that’s one of



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the things I want to pass (on) to the young kids: that if they fill their minds with positive things and think good things are going to happen, (they) are shooting down those mental barriers that sometimes (we) create.”

The openness has further cemented Abreu’s popularity with teammates and fans alike. Now that they are in, they are seeing the true Abreu.

“He matches the fans’ expectations of him,” Sox general manager Rick Hahn said. “They think he’s very prideful (and) he is. They think he’s a professional (and) he is. They think he loves being a White Sox and takes his responsibility as a team leader very seriously. All that is true and

it’s very authentic.

“He’s a fantastic ambassador for the organization in terms of ... the White Sox way of doing things and he’s a fantastic teammate in terms of taking care of guys. He’s spent time with Luis, Eloy, Micker (Adolfo) and the other young players in camp (and) he takes it very seriously. If he in any way can use his experience to make their experiences and transitions easier, he wants to make whatever sacrifice is required to help them.”

This more engaging Abreu should allow others to experience what those close to him already know: In addition to being a prodigious hitter, he’s friendly, introspective, passionate and caring.

“I like to connect with people and help them to improve in any aspect of their lives,” Abreu said. “I think that comes from my parents.

“They taught me that way, and now that I’m a man I like to follow their example and pass that to the young kids and to everybody around me. I believe if someone can make the people around him better, then everybody can be better.

“Also, I embrace the responsibility that (manager Rick Renteria) gave me to be a leader. He encouraged me to be outspoken and even more connected with the guys here. I feel good because I know I can do it and I know I can help the guys who are around me.”



The cornerstone

Rizzo quickly became leader for Cubs, now he's set his sights on doing more

BY MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — Anthony Rizzo's 6-foot-3, 240-pound frame didn't stop him from batting leadoff for 14 games last season, and the Cubs first baseman said he would like to be more versatile in the field as well as at the plate.

"I wish I could play more defense somewhere else," he said.

Manager Joe Maddon actually wasn't afraid to use the left-handed-throwing Rizzo at third base for one inning and in left field for one batter in 2017.

Rizzo's reputation as one of the most feared hitters in the National League is supplemented with his evolving versatility — from stealing 17 bases in 2015 to frequently being deployed within 50 feet of home plate in sacrifice bunt situations because of his fielding and throwing abilities.

That versatility breaks the stereotype of the offense-minded position as Rizzo ranks among the upper echelon of first basemen, which includes Paul Goldschmidt and Joey Votto.

"(Votto) has a Gold Glove (Award) under his belt. So does Goldschmidt," Reds manager Bryan Price said. "But Rizzo is a terrific defensive player, a solid, above-average defender. The fact that Joe put him at third base against us last year, I didn't think that's necessarily a testament to his defensive prowess. But he's a superb defensive player."

"You talk about well-rounded guys who will draw a walk, defend, savvy on the base paths, produce runs and will lead."

Rizzo's ascent has paralleled that of the Cubs, and the time is ripe for him to become even more of a clubhouse leader.

"When I first got here (in 2015), I was told about Rizzo being a leader," Maddon said. "(I thought) 'You have to be kidding me, he's not ready for that. And don't even put that on him. That's unfair when you try to give that kind of responsibility to a guy who is not ready for it.'"

"But now he is. He's older, mentored

properly and unfortunately what he went through takes it over the top."

Maddon was referring to Rizzo feeling the need to speak at a Feb. 15 vigil in memory of the 17 people who were killed one day earlier in a mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School — Rizzo's alma mater.

After rejoining his Cubs teammates, Rizzo said his speech was the "hardest thing he ever has had to do" in his 28 years. But those who have known him since his developmental years as a minor-league prospect and as a Hodgkin's lymphoma survivor weren't surprised by his instant urge to support his community.

"He spends a lot of time and money for very little fanfare to do a lot of really good things," said Cubs general manager Jed Hoyer, who has helped acquire Rizzo in trades with the Padres and Cubs. "It doesn't surprise me at all."

The paths of Diamondbacks manager Torey Lovullo and Rizzo crossed during the 2010 season in the Red Sox system, leaving Lovullo with an indelible impression.

"(Rizzo) was paying attention to the little things, and it's translated," Lovullo said. "That's what Goldschmidt did when he was working his way through the minor leagues. He didn't want to be a one-dimensional player. He wanted to impact the game every way he could."

Despite a craving to play other posi-

First baseman Anthony Rizzo has become a cornerstone for the Cubs with his bat, defense and leadership.

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ANTHONY RIZZO

AGE: 28

TEAMS: PADRES (2011),

CUBS (2012-18)

SIGNED THROUGH: 2019

TEAM OPTION: 2020 AND 2021

Stats	AB	H	HR	RBI
2011	128	18	1	9
2012	337	96	15	48
2013	606	141	23	80
2014	524	150	32	78
2015	586	163	31	101
2016	583	170	32	109
2017	572	156	32	109

Totals 3,336 894 166 534

Avg.	BA	OBP	SLG	OPS
2011	.141	.281	.242	.523
2012	.285	.342	.463	.805
2013	.233	.323	.419	.742
2014	.286	.386	.527	.913
2015	.278	.387	.512	.899
2016	.292	.385	.544	.928
2017	.273	.392	.507	.899

Totals .268 .368 .487 .854

tions, Rizzo knows his biggest defensive value remains at first base, where "that's my job to make the infielders look good and me not good."

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“He has grown as a player. He’s talented. The work ethic, the will, the strength, just the athletic moves. The big guy’s athleticism is real. It doesn’t surprise me.”

— Bud Black, the Padres manager in 2011, on Anthony Rizzo, who struggled to a .141 batting average that season in San Diego

He was credited with 11 runs saved in 2017 and 30 over the last three seasons at first.

“Hitting in the lineup is just hitting. I’m most comfortable hitting third and fourth, but when certain times call for it, and it has to be done (elsewhere), it has to be done.”

A lack of production and injuries to teammates prompted Maddon to put Rizzo at the top of the order in mid-June, and Rizzo responded with a .300 batting average and a .373 on-base percentage to go with five home runs and 11 runs scored in 14 starts.

Although Rizzo didn’t steal any bases from the leadoff spot, he managed to steal 10 in 2017 as he retained tips former Cubs first base coach Dave McKay gave him.

Under McKay’s supervision, Goldschmidt has stolen 71 bases to go with 93 homers over a three-year span.

“(McKay) is awesome at picking up certain things,” Rizzo said. “If you’re not a one-dimensional power-hitting first baseman, (opponents) don’t know what to look for.”

Rizzo doesn’t see the fuss over playing other positions.

“You catch the ball and throw the ball — it’s as simple as that,” Rizzo said. “Obviously, there’s a technique that’s harder over the long course, and you can get burned on it. But for a game or two here or there, or if someone needs to fill in ...

“(Shohei Ohtani) is a guy who is going to be a two-way player. Why can’t a lefty play second base or even catcher?”

Much of Rizzo’s ascent, which started in 2014 with a 53-point climb in batting average and continued with three consecutive 100-RBI seasons, occurred after assistant hitting coach Eric Hinske suggested Rizzo move closer to home plate.

But Hinske left shortly after the 2017 season to become the hitting coach with the Angels.

“I owe ‘Ske’ a lot,” Rizzo said. “He’s one of my mentors in this game and I’ve leaned on him a lot in the past four years — more



than anyone will know. And I’ll still lean on him. He’s still one of my very good friends.

“Obviously, he’s not here anymore. But at some point, and I’ve learned when I was young, you have to be your own hitting coach. You got to be able to coach yourself the best. Chili (Davis) and (Andy)

Haines will be there (this season). They’re great. They’ll be there mentally for me.

“But at the end of the day, I have to know what’s working for me and what’s not.”

Rizzo’s initial struggles as a 21-year-old with the Padres, combined with a chance to grow in another organization with



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executives familiar with his upbringing and ability to overcome health battles with relentless determination, have made his career virtually complete.

“We probably popped him to the big leagues a little sooner than probably what we should have,” said Bud Black, who

managed Rizzo with the Padres and saw him struggle with a .141 batting average compounded by a six-week demotion to the minors. “But it’s fun to see new players, and then for him to go to Chicago when the Cubs were at that point, and watching him grow to where he is now

and what the Cubs have become. It makes total sense to me what has happened.

“He has grown as a player. He’s talented. The work ethic, the will, the strength, just the athletic moves. The big guy’s athleticism is real. It doesn’t surprise me.”

WHOLE NEW BALL GAME

The 2017-18 free agency period was a unique one. The more swings and misses the players took, the more it appeared the owners were pitching junk.

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TIMELINE
Winter meetings
to spring training:
6 key moves

DEC. 8:
*Angels sign
RHP SHOHEI OHTANI
to league minimum*

3 days later



There was no indication the 2017-18 offseason was going to be anything out of the ordinary.

On Nov. 2, the day after the World Series ended, the Angels gave outfielder Justin Upton a five-year, \$106 million contract extension. Upton had \$88.5 million and four years remaining on a deal he originally signed with the Tigers but figured to exercise an opt-out clause and become a free agent for a chance to cash in with a more lucrative contract.

That's how things were going for the game's big-name players. The money train was rolling, and everyone wanted to get on board. But something happened to stop the train.

Whether it was the luxury tax, a

lackluster crop of players, teams budgeting for next year's star-kissed market, teams purposely tanking or the age-old theory of owner collusion, the free agent freeze was real.

It lasted all the way into spring training, potentially changing the offseason market for years to come.

Was it a trend or merely a one-year blip?

"I don't know if it's a trend," White Sox starter James Shields said. "I'm hoping not because it definitely isn't good for the game.

"(But) at the end of the day this is a business and we understand that. They've got to do what they've got to do."

Cubs starter Jon Lester called it "alarming," especially in light of the increasing value of baseball franchises.

"There's no reason why Jake Arrieta,

J.D. Martinez or any of these guys should have to sign a one-year deal," he said. "That's ridiculous. There's too much money in the game.

"The (revenues are) going up. Our game's not suffering at all. There's money to be spent, and for whatever reason it's not being spent."

It all began at the general managers meetings in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., a few weeks after the Upton extension. Baseball executives met with each other and with agents, relaying their interest in certain free agents or potential trade targets.

It's known as a "feeling out" period, during which groundwork is laid and few deals are consummated. One executive gently mocked the proceedings, standing in the hotel lobby doing a self-deprecating imitation of a GM discussing his team's progress.

**DEC. 11:
Yankees trade for
OF GIANCARLO
STANTON**

33 days later



Everyone was waiting to see where Marlins slugger Giancarlo Stanton would be dealt — the Giants and Cardinals being the early favorites — and who would sign Japanese star Shohei Ohtani. The dominoes would start to fall after those two moves, everyone speculated.

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other words, a typical offseason still appeared to be in the works.

“Every year has its own unique dynamic, based on the nature of free agency and how needs line up with surpluses out there,” Cubs President Theo Epstein said on the final day of the meetings.

“So, no different. Just kind of the early stages.”

Ohtani signed with the Angels on Dec. 8, and Stanton shockingly was traded to the Yankees three days later. The winter

meetings in Lake Buena Vista on Dec. 10, complete with nonstop coverage on MLB Network, were expected to be a busy time, with stars such as Yu Darvish, Arrieta, Martinez and Eric Hosmer on the market and several teams in dire need of their services.

Rumors were floated through the usual channels, and even rebuilding teams such as the White Sox got involved. Amazingly, the Sox were touted as the most aggressive suitor of Manny Machado, the Orioles star who was playing out his contract and expected to make \$300 million or more in free agency next winter. It flew in the face of the Sox’s rebuild plan and suggested they felt they could fast-forward to contender status with one swift move.

Turn to **Free Agency, Next Page**

JAN. 13:
Astros trade for
RHP GERRIT COLE

28 days later



Sox GM Rick Hahn helped feed the rumor without actually confirming his interest in Machado, saying the team was willing to take “calculated risks” along the way while maintaining a long-term vision.

The meetings ended with plenty of talk and relatively little action. Smaller moves, such as the Cubs signing starter Tyler Chatwood and reliever Brandon Morrow, were consummated, but the big dogs were still available.

Then came the holidays, the new year and the Super Bowl. With spring training about to begin, more than 100 free agents were still available, including most of the big-name players. The longest deal signed at that point was Chatwood’s three-year, \$38 million contract.

No one could say exactly why the free agent freeze was happening, and Epstein admitted the market was moving at a

“snail’s pace.”

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Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts suggested teams were “saving their powder” for next year’s class of free agents, which should include Machado, Bryce Harper, Josh Donaldson, Charlie Blackmon and, potentially, Clayton Kershaw.

But that didn’t explain why every team was sitting idly by as spring training approached. Everyone had needs somewhere, but no one was budging.

Of course, no one in baseball would mention aloud all the long-term megadeals that haven’t panned out, including the Angels’ Albert Pujols (\$240

million), the Cubs’ Jason Heyward (\$184 million) and the Red Sox’s David Price (\$217 million).

In fact, of the 10 players who have received deals of \$200 million or more since 2012 — Pujols, Price, Kershaw, Stanton, Miguel Cabrera, Robinson Cano, Joey Votto, Prince Fielder, Max Scherzer and Zack Greinke — none has won a World Series with the team that opened the vault for him.

Some certainly performed up to their capabilities, but others were aging, injured, overpriced or stuck on a losing team.

Another factor that couldn’t be admitted to — at least by owners or execs fearing a fine — was the proliferation of “tanking” teams. Successful tank jobs by the Cubs and Astros, the last two World Series champions, gave other owners the bright idea of copying the blueprint.

FEB. 10:
Cubs sign
RHP YU DARVISH
to 6-year, \$126M deal



9 days later

If the teams could convince their fans to buy in, the risk was minimal. And if a team is not trying to win now, there certainly is no reason to spend big money on free agents.

The Marlins and Pirates were the latest to join Club Dead, unloading stars such as Stanton and Gerrit Cole to shed payroll and try to win down the road. Commissioner Rob Manfred argued that every offseason is different and some markets are more robust than others.

No one was buying it. Prominent agent Brodie Van Wagenen, the co-head of CAA, issued a statement hinting at collusion.

“There is a rising tide among players for radical change,” Van Wagenen wrote. “A fight is brewing and it may begin with one, maybe two, and perhaps 1,200 willing to follow. A boycott of spring training may be a starting point if behavior doesn’t change.”

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That wasn’t a realistic possibility. Players making tens of millions of dollars walking out of their spring training complexes in support of their equally high-earning peers was ludicrous, even though they empathized with the un-

signed free agents.

“It’s just alarming that we have so many guys (who) don’t have jobs,” Lester said. “I don’t understand it. Selfishly, I’m glad I’m not in that situation. But for those guys it’s got to be hard.”

Cubs first baseman Anthony Rizzo, who was signed to a team-friendly contract before he became a prominent star, pointed out that players work long and hard for “that golden ticket” of free agency.

“You get screwed along the way,” Rizzo said. “You get left off the big-league roster for a couple days so they can (limit) your service time. You get sent up and down with options. There are a lot of things that go into the business as a player when you go into free agency.

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FEB. 19:
Padres sign
1B ERIC HOSMER
to 8-year, \$144 deal

7 days later

"You worked so hard for that moment, and to not get appreciated for the work you've done? It's probably tough for them."

Shields recalled he'd signed with the Padres on Feb. 9, 2015, when he was a free agent, so he knew the hardship of waiting all winter for a job.

"I was in the same predicament three years ago, so I definitely feel for them," he said. "They have to take care of the process and do what's best for them and their family, and hopefully by the end of spring training everything will pan out and be fine."

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Agent Scott Boras told The Athletic that tanking was a "cancer" on the game, comparing it to the 1919 White Sox, who famously threw the World Series, leading to the banning of eight players.

"We kicked people out of the game when they tried not to win," Boras said, referring to the "Black Sox."

The 2018 White Sox, one of the teams allegedly racing "to the bottom," make no apologies for their game plan. The goal is to win down the road, and no one can tell them how to road-map the process.

"Our focus is on putting the White Sox

FEB. 26:
Red Sox sign
OF J.D. MARTINEZ
to 5-year, \$110M deal



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in the best position to win a championship, and regardless of what may be happening in baseball at a macro level, I know this path puts us on the best course to do it," Hahn said. "That's what my concerns are, not with any outside criticism or scrutiny of that process."

Ultimately, the Cubs proved to be the ice-breaker, signing Dodgers starter Darvish to a six-year, \$126 million deal four days before the start of spring training.

Hosmer and Martinez followed shortly thereafter with nine-figure deals, and many of the middle class of remaining free agents received relatively modest one- or two-year deals.

As the big thaw began, Manfred told reporters in Glendale, Ariz., on Feb. 20 that "rebuilding" was a strategy that shouldn't necessarily be characterized as "tanking."

"My point is this: It is not always transparent to outsiders what the plan is for winning and what the timetable is for winning," he said. "We've always had a cyclical sport. Clubs have gone through cycles in an effort to be competitive.

"I suspect if and when, together with the MLBPA, we reach a conclusion that this is an issue that needs to be addressed, it'll be addressed in collective bargaining. I can tell you that in the last round of bargaining this was not a major issue."

All's well that ends well? It depends on one's viewpoint.

Obviously no one will cry for a player who thought he'd get \$200 million before "settling" for \$126 million. And when downplaying the players' concerns, few fans consider that owners are getting richer and the value of their teams continues to skyrocket.

SAVING UP FOR NEXT YEAR?

The three biggest names set to test free agency after the 2018 season:

- **Bryce Harper** *Nationals OF*
- **Manny Machado** *Orioles SS*
- **Clayton Kershaw** *Dodgers LHP*

Whether the free agent freeze is a trend remains to be seen.

"I hope it's not," Joel Wolfe, Darvish's agent, said after the deal was made official. "I think it's also driven by the number and quality of the players. But I think we will make adjustments, based on what we've seen in this offseason. And it's certainly not over.

"There are a ton of great players still out there (who) need to find homes and jobs. I think we all need to take a good, long look once this is over."



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ALL-AL TEAM

**Our best and brightest from
the American League —
position by position**

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SP

Corey Kluber Indians

Toss-up with Chris Sale, who struck out 308. Sale's late-season fade made Kluber runaway AL Cy Young winner.

Next best: Chris Sale, Red Sox



RP

Craig Kimbrel Red Sox

Averaged 16.43 strikeouts per 9 innings, which doesn't even seem possible in little league.

Next best: Andrew Miller, Indians



C

Gary Sanchez Yankees

Ridiculous start to career: 53 home runs, 132 RBIs in 175 games in 2016-17, with a .920 OPS. Wow.

Next best: Salvador Perez, Royals



1B

Jose Abreu White Sox

Abreu's .552 slugging percentage led AL first basemen, though A's rookie Matt Olson (.651) may usurp.

Next best: Matt Olson, A's



2B

Jose Altuve Astros

After earning MVP honors and winning a ring, Altuve is well on his way to having a plaque in Cooperstown.

Next best: Jose Ramirez, Indians



SS

Francisco Lindor Indians

Power emerged as Lindor zoomed from 15 homers to 33 in 2017, making a great shortstop that much more dominant.

Next best: Carlos Correa, Astros



3B

Josh Donaldson Blue Jays

An "off year" in 2017 still ended with a .944 OPS, and Donaldson should kick it up with free agency looming.

Next best: Mike Moustakas, Royals



LF

Aaron Judge Yankees

Baseball's breakout star may play both corners and DH often with Giancarlo Stanton now on board.

Next best: Justin Upton, Angels



CF

Mike Trout Angels

While Japanese starter/DH Shohei Ohtani stole the limelight in spring training, Trout is poised for another MVP run.

Next best: Kevin Kiermaier, Rays



RF

Giancarlo Stanton Yankees

Stanton and Judge, the new Bronx Bombers, will be so fun to watch they could make Yankee-bashing go out of style.

Next best: George Springer, Astros



DH

Nelson Cruz Mariners

Led AL with career-best 119 RBIs, and paused the All-Star game for a selfie with umpire Joe West.

Next best: Edwin Encarnacion, Indians





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SP

Clayton Kershaw Dodgers

Injuries marred another brilliant season, letting Max Scherzer swoop in for another Cy Young award.
Next best: Max Scherzer, Nationals



RP

Kenley Jansen Dodgers

With 14.4 strikeouts per 9 innings and a 0.746 WHIP, he may be the best lockdown closer since Mariano Rivera.
Next best: Wade Davis, Rockies



C

Buster Posey Giants

Still the best overall catcher in the game, though Willson Contreras is closer than he appears.
Next best: Willson Contreras, Cubs



1B

Joey Votto Reds

With 134 walks and 83 strikeouts in 707 plate appearances, Votto's remarkable plate discipline stands out.
Next best: Paul Goldschmidt, Diamondbacks



2B

Daniel Murphy Nationals

Murphy's dominance during the Mets' 2015 NLCS sweep over Cubs was a shocker, but now he's the best in the NL.
Next best: DJ LeMahieu, Rockies



SS

Corey Seager Dodgers

Slight drop-off from Rookie of the Year season but still the cream of the crop of NL shortstops.
Next best: Trea Turner, Nationals



3B

Nolan Arenado Rockies

Can it get any better than this — three Gold Gloves and an average of 40 homers, 131 RBIs over last three seasons?
Next best: Kris Bryant, Cubs



LF

Marcell Ozuna Cardinals

Cardinals failed to convince Giancarlo Stanton to waive no-trade rights, but Ozuna may be better value for the buck.
Next best: Rhys Hoskins, Phillies



CF

Charlie Blackmon Rockies

Leadoff man led NL in average (.331), runs (137), hits (213), triples (14) and total bases (387).
Next best: Tommy Pham, Cardinals



RF

Bryce Harper Nationals

Finally ready to cash in big on free agency, though Harper's postseason performances have so far been "meh."
Next best: Jay Bruce, Mets



Positions are where players are projected in 2018



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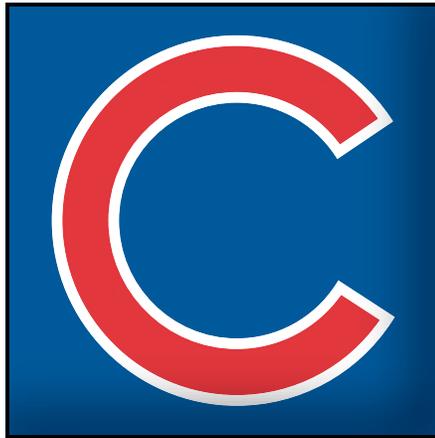
2017 DIVISION CHAMPIONS



IT LOOKS LIKE MORE OF THE SAME — MOSTLY. OUR BASEBALL WRITER FORECASTS 5 REPEAT CHAMPS — PLUS THOSE DAMN YANKEES UNSEATING THE RED SOX



reflection



**WE GO AROUND BASEBALL,
DIVISION BY DIVISION, TEAM BY TEAM —
IN PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH**

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YANKEES

The heist of the century ensured the Yankees would be back in their familiar position as baseball's Evil Empire. Stolen from the Marlins for a bag of beans, **Giancarlo Stanton** cost the Yankees about as much as the early settlers paid for Manhattan. Now he will team up with **Aaron Judge** in the first lineup with two hitters coming off 50-homer seasons since Roger Maris hit 61 and Mickey Mantle 54 in 1961. **Aaron Boone** comes down from the ESPN booth to take over for Joe Girardi, who got the boot for not being a touchy-feely, modern-day manager. Managing is in Boone's blood — his father, Bob Boone, spent six years managing the Royals and Reds but never finished above .500. This could be the year former Cubs prospect **Gleyber Torres** becomes a star, though no one in Chicago regrets the trade for **Aroldis Chapman**.



RED SOX

One Boston reporter referred to Red Sox camp in Fort Myers, Fla., this spring as the "center of the baseball universe." Not quite. The Red Sox won the division last year but lost in the division series, costing manager John Farrell his job. **Alex Cora** brings a new vibe to camp, and **J.D. Martinez's** late signing added a potent bat to an already solid lineup. Hitting coach Chili Davis is gone, and owner **John Henry** inexplicably blamed him for a passive approach: "I think our approach last year was lacking offensively and we had issues that the players have already talked about," Henry said. Whether **David Price** can recover from a forgettable season and **Chris Sale** can avoid another late-season fade will determine whether the Red Sox wind up as the center of the baseball world.



RAYS

The Rays continue to look at building a new ballpark and will replace the turf at Tropicana Field for the sixth time in 21 years. As for the team, the discarding of longtime star Evan Longoria might be the start of another rebuilding plan for a franchise that can't afford to spend. It dumped Corey Dickerson and dealt Jake Odorizzi to the Twins, prompting **Kevin Kiermaier** to say: "It's one of those things that makes you scratch your head — you don't know the reasoning. And then you see the team's explanation and still it's like, 'OK, well, so be it.'" Maybe **Chris Archer** finally will get dealt.



LYNNE SLADKY/AP

Aaron Boone enters his first season as Yankees manager after replacing Joe Girardi.



BLUE JAYS

Josh Donaldson will be a free agent after the season, but the Blue Jays haven't offered him an extension despite him being their best player. Manager **John Gibbons** continues to keep his job against all odds, fooling management into believing it's the players. **Jaime Garcia** joins **Aaron Sanchez**, **Marcus Stroman**, **J.A. Happ** and **Marco Estrada** in a rotation that should be better than its numbers indicate.



ORIOLES

The Orioles are the last of the boom-or-bust teams that rely on home run hitters. Last year it was bust — they ranked 16th in runs scored despite being fifth in home runs with 232. "You remind yourself what we have to do to make up the gap between us and teams with \$200 million payrolls and endless Latin American imports and endless free agents and trades," manager **Buck Showalter** said.

AL Central



INDIANS

The Indians finally agreed to get rid of the Chief Wahoo logo in 2019, though they still will keep the trademark and can profit off sales of merchandise with the offensive emblem. Last year they ran off a 22-game winning streak, won 102 games and seemed like the team to beat, only to lose a five-game AL Division Series to the Yankees. **Corey Kluber** and **Andrew Miller** are the best in the league in their respective roles, and the lineup should be productive in spite of losing Carlos Santana and Jay Bruce. In the AL Central, where almost every team is rebuilding or aging, the victories can pile up quickly.



ROYALS

Eric Hosmer and Lorenzo Cain left as free agents, but they re-signed **Mike Moustakas** during spring training. Royals manager **Ned Yost** shouldn't be too distraught. He's fortunate to be alive after falling 20 feet from a deer stand in November, fracturing his pelvis, breaking four ribs and losing several pints of blood. Yost said he was lucky to have his cell phone — and a signal. "I would have died right there probably in a couple of hours," he said.



TWINS

The pursuit of Yu Darvish this winter showed the Twins aren't going to rest on their laurels. An 85-win season and wild-card berth made them one of the Cinderella stories of 2017, but no one is looking for a repeat. Adding the Rays' **Jake Odorizzi** should improve the rotation, and the late signing of **Logan Morrison** to a one-year deal adds some pop to the lineup. But losing **Ervin Santana** for up to three months after surgery on the middle finger of his throwing hand is a huge setback.



ROSS D. FRANKLIN/AP

Indians reliever Andrew Miller is considered the American League's best setup man.

WORLD SERIES ODDS (BOVADA)

Favorites	Mid-shots
Dodgers 5-1	D'Backs 25-1
Astros 5 1/2-1	Angels 28-1
Yankees 5 1/2-1	Mets 28-1
Cubs 7 1/2-1	Brewers 33-1
Nationals 8-1	Blue Jays 40-1
Indians 8 1/2-1	Mariners 40-1
Red Sox 12-1	Rockies 40-1
Cardinals 20-1	Twins 40-1
Giants 20-1	<i>All others 100-1-and up</i>



WHITE SOX

James Shields has seen this movie. He was a starter for the 2008 Rays, who went from last to a World Series in one year. "I don't really believe it's too early to win," Shields said. "These guys are very talented young men. And if they put it together, something special could happen." If anything does happen, that will mean top prospects **Eloy Jimenez** and **Michael Kopech** both came up and became big contributors.



TIGERS

The last Tigers rebuild started with 119 losses in 2003 and led to an AL pennant in '06. This one won't happen as quickly. **Ron Gardenhire** returns to take over the aging team that got Brad Ausmus fired. Pitching coach **Chris Bosio** has a daunting task in trying to get **Jordan Zimmermann** (5.60 ERA over two seasons) and the rest of the staff back on track. **Miguel Cabrera** and **Victor Martinez** have seen better days.

AL West



ASTROS

The dreaded World Series hangover hit the Cubs hard last year, when they went into the All-Star break with a 43-45 record. Ultimately they recovered and went on to win the division and a playoff series, and now it's the Astros' turn to see if they can find a cure. "I'm not expecting any World Series hangover," general manager **Jeff Luhnow** said. "But any time you have a great season and play all the way until the end, there's a chance you're not going to get off to a great start the following year and everyone is going to be trying to beat you." The Astros should breeze in the West with the same loaded lineup, including AL MVP **Jose Altuve** and shortstop **Carlos Correa**, along with the addition of **Gerrit Cole** to a rotation headed by **Justin Verlander**. Former Cub **Hector Rondon** joins the bullpen, which could be their Achilles' heel.



ANGELS

The addition of Japanese two-way star **Shohei Ohtani** makes the Angels the most interesting team in the league, though it's difficult to say whether it makes them a postseason lock. The starting lineup is loaded with seven right-handed hitters, which doesn't bode well for late-inning matchups. Still, **Mike Trout** will be an MVP candidate again, and the left-handed-hitting Ohtani will be used as the DH on many days he's not pitching. But the rotation isn't dominant and the bullpen, outside of closer **Blake Parker**, is below average.



MARINERS

Edwin Diaz turned into a reliable closer last year with 38 saves on a mediocre team. He will have to repeat that if the Mariners hope to improve. Marlins refugee **Dee Gordon** should provide a lift from the leadoff spot and moves to center field. The window of opportunity might be closing for the slugging combo of **Robinson Cano** and **Nelson Cruz**, while **Felix Hernandez** appears to be on the decline.

AL DIVISION WINNERS LAST 5 YEARS

Year	East	Central	West
2013	Red Sox	Tigers	A's
2014	Orioles	Tigers	Angels
2015	Blue Jays	Royals	Rangers
2016	Red Sox	Indians	Rangers
2017	Red Sox	Indians	Astros



JEFF ROBERSON/AP

Astros shortstop Jose Altuve won AL MVP honors while helping the team to its first title.



ATHLETICS

Though he had only 216 plate appearances over 59 games, left-handed-hitting **Matt Olson** was one of the top rookies in the American League with 24 home runs and a 1.003 OPS. It's likely a matter of time before he becomes a superstar and gets traded for a boatload of prospects. **A.J. Puk**, a 6-foot-7 lefty who throws 97 mph, should be ready to join the rotation at some point in 2018.



RANGERS

After dealing Yu Darvish at the trade deadline, the Rangers added to their rotation with the signings of **Matt Minor** and **Doug Fister** and acquisition of **Matt Moore**. It won't be enough to turn things around. The offense is potent but had a 24.4 percent strikeout rate in 2017, worst in the AL. Despite hitting 41 home runs, **Joey Gallo** had more than twice as many strikeouts (196) as hits (94).

NL East



NATIONALS

After years of being Joe Maddon's sidekick, **Dave Martinez** finally gets his shot at managing, replacing the fired Dusty Baker. The situation couldn't be better for Martinez, who has a playoff-ready team that figures to coast to another division title, as the Nationals did in 2017. Of course, ending the first-round playoff jinx will be the key, as Martinez knows. **Bryce Harper** will be entering his walk year, trying to show he's a \$400 million player while coming off a .211 performance against the Cubs in the NL Division Series. **Max Scherzer** and **Stephen Strasburg** head a strong rotation, though Scherzer's last performance was forgettable — he allowed four runs (two earned) in relief during the Nationals' fifth-inning meltdown in Game 5 against the Cubs.



METS

Perhaps the biggest story coming out of Queens last year was Mr. Met getting caught on video flipping off a fan. That's the kind of season it was for the woebegone Mets, who have been injury-plagued and under-achieving since their 2015 World Series appearance. This offseason they brought back **Jay Bruce** and signed **Todd Frazier** and **Adrian Gonzalez** while adding starter **Jason Vargas** and reliever **Anthony Swarzak**. They could show great improvement if the rotation stays healthy or it could be the same old, same old.



PHILLIES

New manager **Gabe Kapler** is in charge of a rebuild that could turn a corner in 2018 after the mid-March signing of former Cub **Jake Arrieta** to head a young but talented rotation. **Rhys Hoskins** became the fastest player in history to hit 18 home runs — doing so in 34 games — and he finished fourth in NL Rookie of the Year voting despite being called up Aug. 10. Switch-hitting first baseman **Carlos Santana** arrives from the Indians with a chance to do some damage.

NL DIVISION WINNERS LAST 5 YEARS

Year	East	Central	West
2013	Braves	Cardinals	Dodgers
2014	Nationals	Cardinals	Dodgers
2015	Mets	Cardinals	Dodgers
2016	Nationals	Cubs	Dodgers
2017	Nationals	Cubs	Dodgers



JOEL AUERBACH/GETTY

Nationals outfielder Bryce Harper hit only .211 against the Cubs in the NL Division Series.



BRAVES

The Braves lost that new-ballpark smell midway through the first season at SunTrust Park, and the stench from the front office scandal still lingers. Improper dealings resulted in the firing of general manager John Coppolella, who received a lifetime ban. Outfielder **Ronald Acuna**, baseball's top prospect, joins the lineup, and veterans **Brandon McCarthy** and **Scott Kazmir** join the rotation.



MARLINS

The **Derek Jeter** garage sale led to the departures of Giancarlo Stanton, Dee Gordon, Marcell Ozuna and Christian Yelich, depleting a roster that could have contended with a few acquisitions. "It's a team that has not been to the postseason since 2003 and hasn't had a winning record in years," said Jeter, the new CEO and part-owner. "The only way for us to fix that is to make some changes."

NL Central



CUBS

Crown 'em? After signing right-hander **Yu Darvish** on the eve of spring training, the Cubs checked off the final line on their offseason to-do list, making them heavy favorites to win a third consecutive division title. "I think we're getting him at a wonderful point in his career, where he really has matured and is ready to do some special things, (with) winning a World Series being his top priority," President **Theo Epstein** said. Certainly he was one of the best starters on the market, but Darvish has some mileage on him and he's coming off a brutal World Series performance — 21.60 ERA in two starts. Fellow former Dodger **Brandon Morrow** also signed and was anointed the new closer, replacing Wade Davis, whom the Cubs chose not to reward for his solid effort in 2017. Two names to watch are **Ben Zobrist**, whose OPS dropped from .831 to .693 last season, and **Jason Heyward**, whose OPS rose from .631 to .715. Both veterans need to pick it up, and new hitting coach **Chili Davis** will try to find the solution while getting the slimmer **Kyle Schwarber** back to normal.



CARDINALS

After two straight seasons without a postseason appearance, Cardinals general manager **John Mozeliak** conceded he felt some pressure going into the offseason. "I definitely feel it a little more than you might normally," he said. "I always say about St. Louis: It's a Midwest city, but they demand winning." Mozeliak did his best in trying to acquire Giancarlo Stanton, who wanted no part of St. Louis, and then getting **Marcell Ozuna** from the Marlins as a consolation prize. Along with **Tommy Pham**, the Cardinals finally might have an answer to Anthony Rizzo and Kris Bryant.



BREWERS

Manager **Craig Counsell** had his team in the division race with the big, bad Cubs way longer than anyone predicted. Can he do it again without **Jimmy Nelson** in the rotation for the first few months following shoulder surgery? The Brewers' rebuild is ongoing, but they added free-agent center fielder **Lorenzo Cain** and traded for athletic Marlins outfielder **Christian Yelich**. **Ryan Braun** will play some first base when he's not on the DL. The future looks bright, though a few more starting pitchers would help.



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Outfielder Jason Heyward improved his OPS last year but has not been big for the Cubs.



REDS

There's not much to say about the Reds other than **Joey Votto**, Joey Votto, Joey Votto. "I think we're starting to get to the point where people are starting to get tired of this stretch of ball," Votto told reporters. "Something needs to start changing and start going in a different direction. I'm going to do my part to help make that change." Unfortunately for Votto, he can't do it by himself.



PIRATES

After failing to take advantage of their window of opportunity, the Pirates decided to lower the Jolly Roger and raise the white flag, dealing starter Gerrit Cole and 2013 NL MVP Andrew McCutchen over the winter. General manager **Neal Huntington** and manager **Clint Hurdle** both received four-year extensions in September, so they might hang around for a while and go down with the ship.

NL West



DODGERS

The Dodgers were an amazing 55 games above .500 on Aug. 25, shooting to break the all-time record of 116 victories in a season. Then they lost 16 of 17 before finding their mojo in the postseason, only to lose Game 7 of the World Series to the Astros in their own ballpark. No one expects anything less than a return to the World Series in 2018 with a potent lineup, supernova starter **Clayton Kershaw** and all-world closer **Kenley Jansen**. Losing Yu Darvish and Brandon Morrow to the Cubs shouldn't significantly alter their chances, and manager **Dave Roberts** is one of the brightest minds in baseball. They had better win now, though, because the apocalypse might be just around the corner: Kershaw has an opt-out in his contract after the season and would be the most coveted free agent starting pitcher in history. The biggest contract they have handed out since **Andrew Friedman** took over as baseball president was Jansen's \$80 million deal. Without Kershaw, the Dodgers' rotation is kind of meh.



ROCKIES

Manager **Bud Black** returned to the game and turned the Rockies into a wild-card team in his first season, proving the Padres wrong for letting him go. Now we'll see if the Rockies can take the next step and get to the World Series for the first time since 2007. A revamped bullpen with closer **Wade Davis** and **Bryan Shaw** could prove the difference. The lineup is thick from top to bottom, with **Nolan Arenado** and **Charlie Blackmon** leading the way. **DJ LeMahieu** is in a contract year and figures to have a big season.



GIANTS

Not many teams that finish in last place and add a couple of post-prime players get the benefit of the doubt from prognosticators. But almost everyone expects a rebound from the 98-loss Giants, who bring back a healthy **Madison Bumgarner** and introduce third baseman **Evan Longoria** and center fielder **Andrew McCutchen**. They're not what they used to be but are better than last year's options. **Hunter Pence** needs to stay injury-free for an offense that's a bit long in the tooth. Longtime pitching coach Dave Righetti was replaced by **Curt Young** in a move that could backfire. Getting **Johnny Cueto** and **Jeff Samardzija** back to form is Young's biggest task.



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Pitcher Clayton Kershaw keeps the Dodgers a strong contender for another NL pennant.



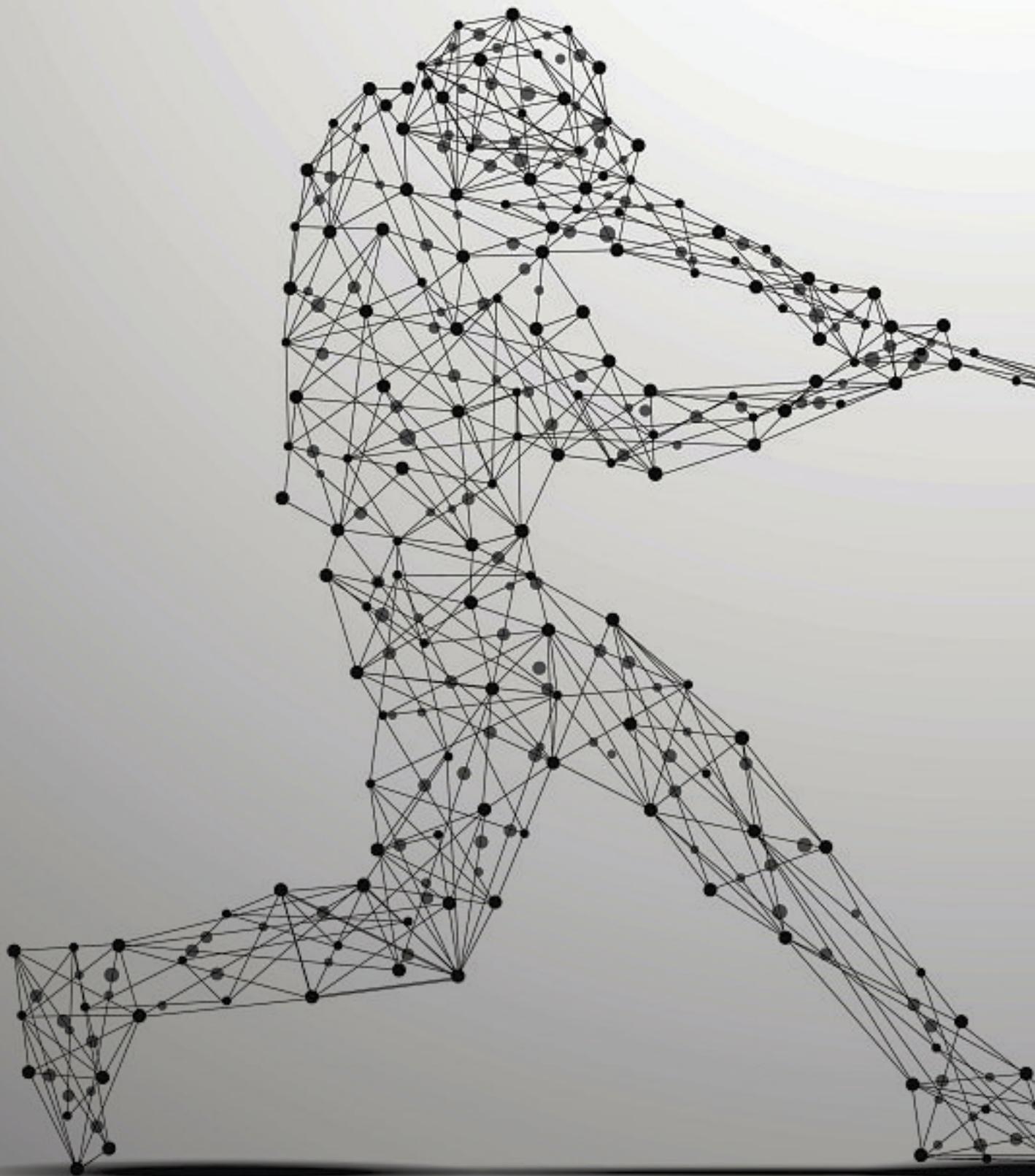
DIAMONDBACKS

Losing J.D. Martinez was a body blow to the Diamondbacks, who won 93 games last year but avoided spending in free agency. They instead made minor moves, such as signing catcher **Alex Avila** and outfielder **Jarrod Dyson**. **Steven Souza Jr.** was a nice pickup in spring training, but management underestimated the importance of Martinez, who eventually signed with the Red Sox for \$110 million.



PADRES

It's not difficult to see why the Padres gave first baseman **Eric Hosmer** an eight-year, \$144 million deal after a 91-loss season. They're clueless. Hosmer is a quality first baseman but he can't single-handedly turn around this team in a deep division and he's not a big enough star to help spur attendance at Petco Park. It's a Hail Mary pass for a franchise with a game plan that seemingly shifts from year to year.





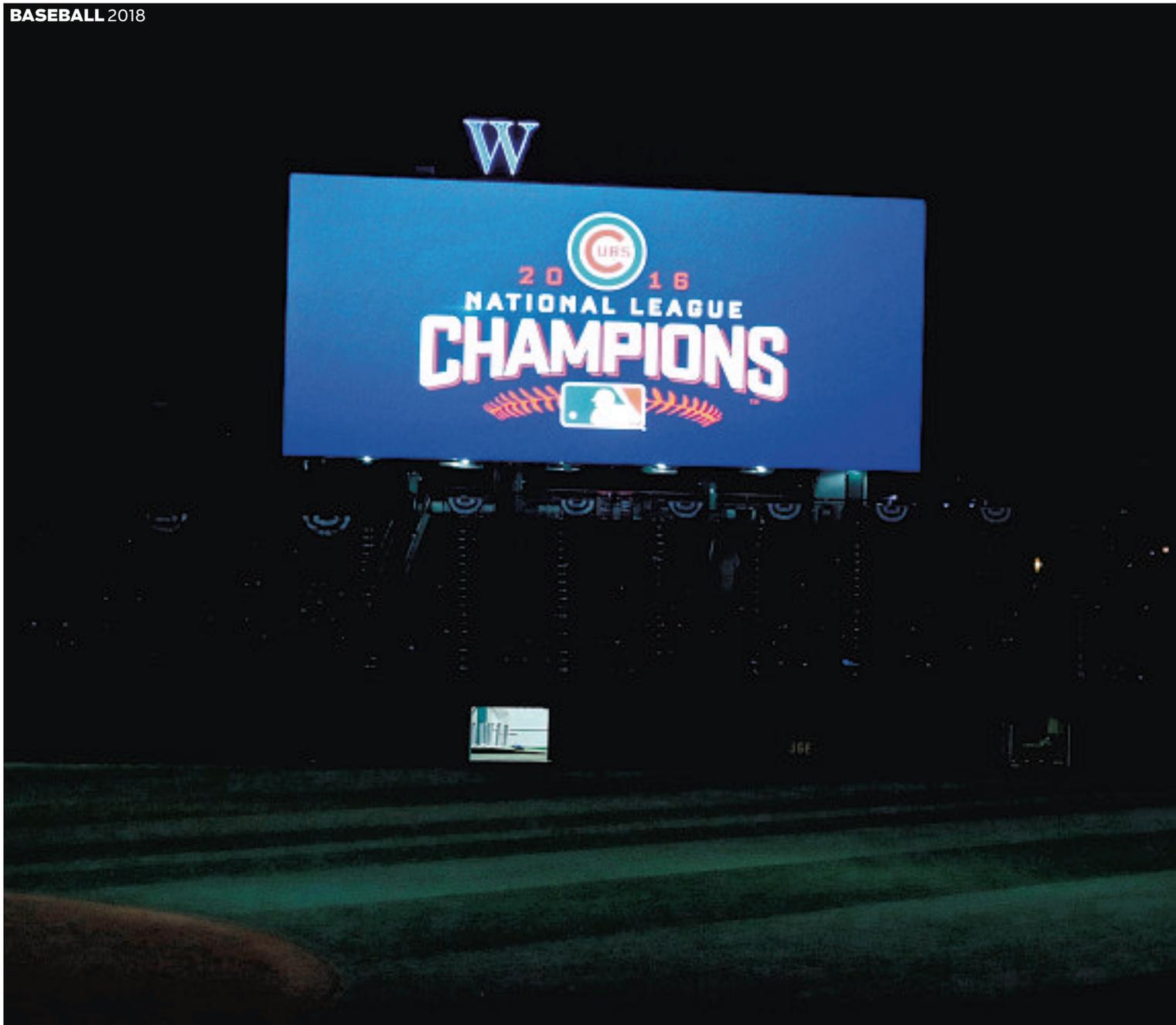
SMACK TO THE FUTURE

**A lot has changed in the last 30 years.
In the technology era, baseball fans are moving faster
than ever — and the game that we love is doing
a pretty good job of keeping pace.**

AN ESSAY BY PHIL ROSENTHAL | Chicago Tribune
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Part of baseball's appeal, part of what it sells, is that it's as timeless as hot dogs and beer, the crack of the ball on a wooden bat.

It's unchanging: Three strikes and you're out, three up, three down. The bases remain 90 feet apart and there's still 60 feet, 6 inches separating pitcher from batter.

We think of the game as the same today as it was when our grandparents watched it, the same as we expect it will be when our grandchildren watch it with us.

At least that's what we tell ourselves until we're awakened from our reverie to see umpires are waiting for word from New York to decide whether the designated hitter sliding into second base came off the bag in the Marlins-Rays interleague game with wild-card implications.

Think of just how little sense any of that would have made 30 years ago.

Imagine how different things could be 10, 20, 30 years from now.

Throw in that we might as well be watching that Marlins-Rays replay this evening on our mobile phone while the Cubs take on the visiting Diamondbacks.

Figure that our primary interest is in how the review will affect our fantasy team.

Never mind that we're also getting regular updates on what's going on indoors in Milwaukee with the Cubs' National League Central-rival Brewers.

The world has changed in 30 years and baseball, while not tweaking its rules and



enforcement annually to the extent that pro football does, is anything but static.

The technology, the upended traditions, the new ways of watching baseball and thinking about it are mind-boggling.

It wasn't that long ago that teams wore two different uniforms over the course of a season, three at most. It wasn't that long ago that chewing tobacco was ingrained in the game's culture.

Going into the 1988 season, Major League Baseball had two fewer divisions, four fewer teams and six fewer post-season berths.

Twenty-four of MLB's 30 current ballparks hadn't been built 30 years ago. The Braves moved to a new stadium in

The Wrigley Field video boards would be a jarring sight for a Cubs fan transported from 1988 to the present day.

JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

1996, then built and moved to yet another last season. Names like Globe Life Park and Guaranteed Rate Field dot the landscape.

Wrigley Field, home of the Cubs — still held up as a bastion of tradition and the way things used to be with its manual scoreboard and ivy-covered brick walls so often bathed in sunshine — has video boards, hidden bullpens and is opening a pricey club for well-heeled fans who may

or may not choose the luxe lounge over their seats up close.

The Cubs on opening day in 1988 were still four months away from their first game under the lights at home, though the ballclub still is lobbying with the city of Chicago for more night games.

Assuming a fan transported from 1988 could take his or her eyes off the giant TV screens, the sight of the flags denoting a recent National League pennant and a World Series victory might be equally hypnotic.

Then there's the memory of the White Sox World Series championship back in 2005.

Turn to **Rosenthal, Page 46**

It seems likely as gambling is legalized outside of Las Vegas, it will come to baseball eventually, building on fantasy baseball's popularity. One easily can envision fans using their mobile phones to bet on whether a pitch will be a strike, a ball, fouled off, put in play, an out and so on. A betting person might anticipate technology will either assist or replace umpires. Maybe a little of both.

All that distraction might be helpful in that the average nine-inning game in 1988 ran 2 hours, 45 minutes.

Last season, despite supposedly saving time by allowing pitchers to walk a batter intentionally without actually throwing the ball, the average nine-inning MLB game ran a record 3 hours, 5 minutes.

Now MLB wants to curb breaks to talk to pitchers, and who knows what they will try after that?

Part of it may be that offense is up even as teams increasingly lean on complex analytics, deploying more pitchers throwing with greater precision.

Batters, it turns out, also benefit from advances in use of data and training.

Pitchers in 1988 averaged 5.6 strikeouts and 3.1 walks per nine innings, a 1.8 strikeout-to-walk ratio.

Despite 2017 pitchers improving that ratio to 2.5 with 8.3 strikeouts and 3.3 walks per nine innings, team home runs per nine innings are up 71 percent from 0.76 to 1.3.

There were, on average, 8.28 runs per game between the two teams 30 years ago. That number was up to 9.3 last season.

Other numbers have changed even more dramatically.

Ozzie Smith, the Hall of Fame Cardinals shortstop, was the highest paid player in baseball in 1988 at a reported \$2.34 million (the equivalent of about \$5 million today).

Dodgers pitcher Clayton Kershaw is said to have made \$33 million last season, which translates to more than \$1.8 million for each of his 18 victories.

There wouldn't be that much money going out if there wasn't money coming in.

Average attendance last season was 4,631 higher per game than it was in 1988. But, thanks to expansion, total MLB attendance was up about 19.7 million overall.

Regional sports networks have given fans more games and teams more money, and there's expanded reach through digital platforms such as the MLB At Bat app.

This growth hasn't always been easy.

The Dodgers struck an incredibly lucrative deal that gave them a financial windfall and their own channel.

Many Southern California cable systems, however, have balked at paying the requisite ransom in carriage fees needed to offset the money committed to the Dodgers. So swaths of that TV market can't watch most of the team's games.

Whether that's the future for baseball or a red flag going forward has yet to play out.

The Cubs have been talking for years about launching their own multi-platform outlet when their current TV deals expire. Presumably they will have learned from missteps elsewhere.

What else does the future hold?

Further realignment and the end of the National and American leagues as we know them?

Total adoption or abandonment of the designated hitter?

Expansion to cities such as Portland? A return to Montreal?

More specialization among players or less? Longer games or shorter?

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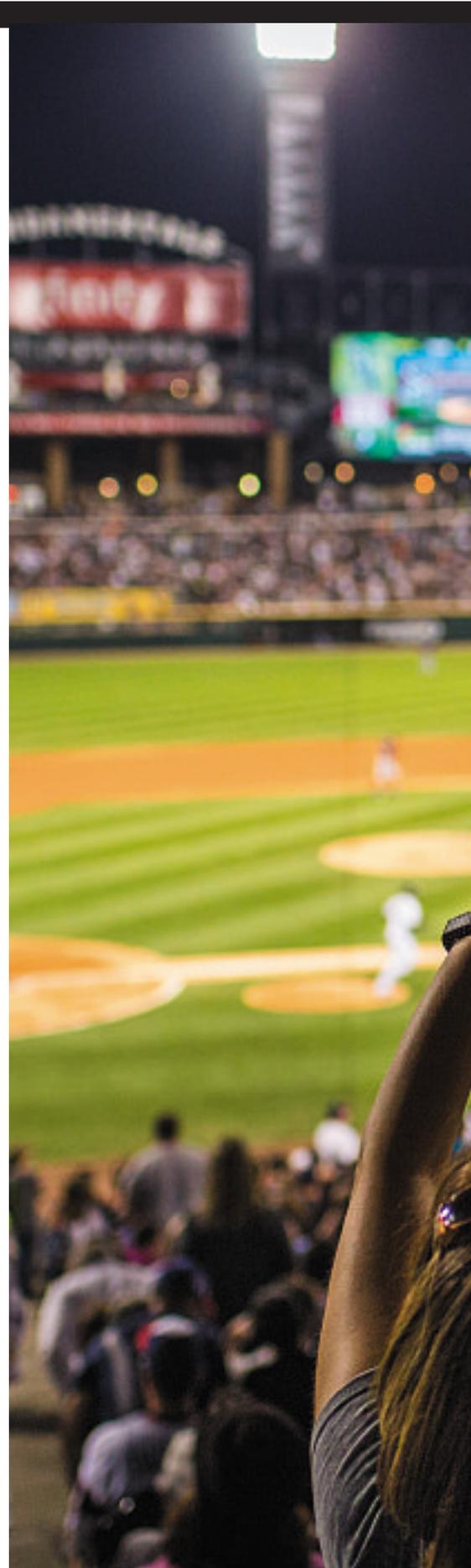
More stadiums will embrace retractable roofs.

More advertising will be everywhere, including on the players' uniforms, just as the NBA has begun to do.

Jarring? Perhaps. But if the lords of baseball can figure out a way to keep beer colder and hot dogs warmer, come 2048, we may not notice the rest so much.

Internet-connected mobile devices have altered the fan experience at ballparks like Guaranteed Rate Field.

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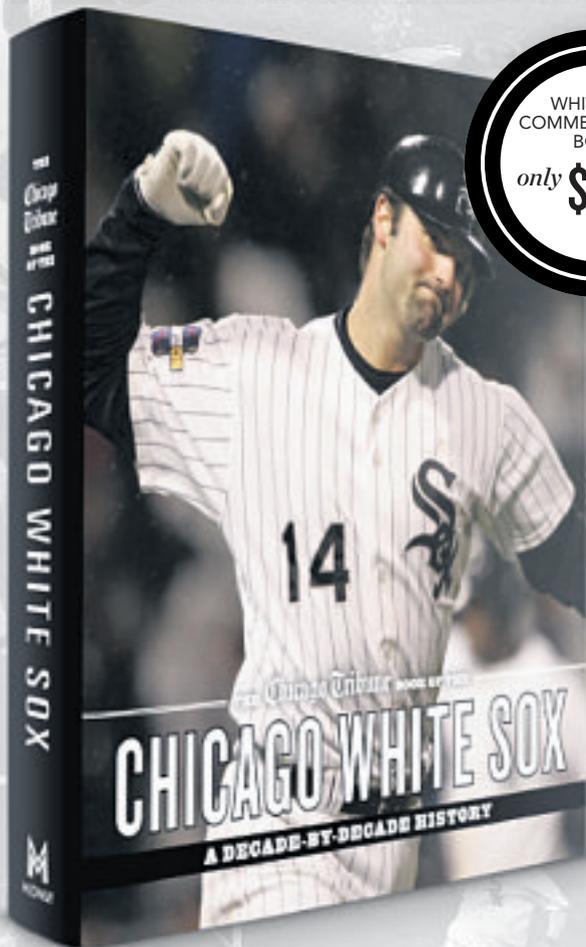
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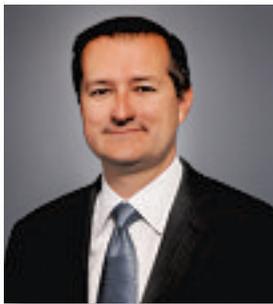
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Bellaboo's Play and Discovery Center

Whimsical, hands-on fun has an educational slant

BY MICHELLE L. QUINN
Post-Tribune

Outside of maybe a big-box home repair store, there aren't many public places that encourage people to jump in a bathtub with a good book or a periodical for their reading pleasure.

At Bellaboo's Play and Discovery Center in Lake Station, Ind., a giant claw-foot bathtub practically begs children to indulge in one of life's best treats. In a room based on the children's book "King Bidgood's in the Bathtub," about a king who would rather hang out in the tub than go about the business of ruling his kingdom, kids are welcome to spend as much time (clothed, of course) as they'd like with a book and their imagination.

If that sounds a lot like learning, it is, but Bellaboo's, part of the Lake County (Ind.) Parks and Recreation Department's Three River County Park in Lake Station, has a broader mission: learning through play, said General Manager Kara Mackey. And the more whimsical, hands-on and joyful that learning is, the better.

There's the aforementioned bathtub reading room, but children can also create art on a

giant wall that mimics the popular Lite Brite toy of yore. If cooking is your little one's jam, there's a kitchen with staff at the ready to teach kids simple, healthy recipes; and there's a jungle gym and art room for the wee lads and lasses to find their inner Monets and Dalis.

Kids can paint their faces, speaking of art, or they can play dress-up or splash around in water tables. They can pretend they're veterinarians at the "vet clinic" or put on a show in the performance area. And in the summer, the kids are invited to go outside and participate in an archaeological dig.

In the middle of the space sits a cafe that offers up healthy eating for kids and parents alike and free Wi-Fi for the parents who wait as their children go off on adventures.

Bellaboo's opened in September 2009, after several years of the department considering what to put on its 45-acre Three Rivers County Park, according to the park department's website. Department administrators determined there was a need for early learning, so they came up with the concept of an educational recreation facility with a cheery-dispositioned Indiana



BELLABOO'S

Reading in the bathtub is a popular activity at Bellaboo's Play and Discovery Center.

bat as its mascot.

If the center didn't quite realize what it was at first, it didn't take Mackey and her team long to discover ways to bring in kids ages 1 to 9 and keep them entertained.

"I think when we started, we focused on being safe and sanitary, but then we realized we had to change our offerings," Mackey said. "We became active in early learning and sought out a lot more resources in early childhood development."

One of the additions, discovery trips, tailors the typical school field trip to Indiana state standards, said Janet Tipold, Bellaboo's education manager and a former elementary school teacher. The trips are anything but strict, however.

"As a teacher, you knew why you want to go someplace (for a field trip): They want to guide the experience, but also have it be nonstructured," Tipold said. "The teachers come, and we help. Then we do what we do best: let the kids play."

The center started with three or four programs in the beginning, Tipold said, but now boasts 11 programs and another one or two in development. "Among the programs is NCIS: Nursery Children Investigate and Solve," wherein the kids get mini mysteries to solve, she

Details

Activity: Indoor play for small children

Where: 2800 Colorado St., Lake Station

Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily except major holidays and Aug. 28 to Sept. 1 for maintenance

Tickets: \$5.95 for ages 1 year to 23 months, \$7.95 for ages 2-9, \$3.95 for adults and ages 10 and up Mondays-Thursdays; \$1-\$2 more Fridays-Sundays

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said. Kids can also learn nutrition and body systems through Stuffee, a giant rag doll of sorts that, when you open him up, allows kids to see all his organs.

Bellaboo's on the Move, on the other hand, teaches kids about transportation, from how wheels work to traffic signs, according to Tipold.

One of the toughest courses, Tipold said, is Carpe Diem, which teaches kids the history of time as well as time pieces. Kids learn to tell time on an analog clock face.

"You'd think time is easy, but it really isn't," she said. "Everything today is digital clocks, so it can be confusing for kids."

Michelle L. Quinn is a freelance reporter.

Escape Room NWI

Schererville mystery builders find faithful adventure seekers

BY PHILIP POTEPA

Post-Tribune

Hundreds of people escape from Mark Ireland's workplace every year.

It's one of the reasons he does not find it easy to promote and talk about his secret business.

Ireland and his partner Nichole McQuid opened Escape Room NWI in Schererville on Jan. 1, 2016.

"We decided to take our kids to an escape room experience in Florida near Fort Lauderdale in 2015 and that's when Mark had the idea to do something similar in Northwest Indiana," McQuid said. "Mark's daughter had the idea, and it was one of the first times we had ever heard about an escape room."

Ireland said the history of escape rooms as a popular attraction dates back further than 2015.

"Escape games in the form of video games have been popular for quite a while," Ireland said. "But about 12 years ago, the first escape rooms as an interactive opportunity began to launch in Asia and Japan."

The concept of an escape room game is to team individuals together in a themed room space and challenge the group with puzzles and riddles within a set time to complete the presented game tasks to "escape" or advance to another game level of play.

"The type of building we're based in or the design of the space isn't as fundamental as are the puzzles or the game itself," Ireland said. "This is why it's so hard to talk about the games or give any description or details because you don't want to give any of the



ESCAPE ROOM NWI

Mark Ireland, of Hobart, and his daughter Kylie first discovered the escape room game concept while in Florida and decided to open their own mystery chamber experience in Northwest Indiana.

secrets away."

He said each of the various escape games offered can accommodate up to eight people and the recommended age to participate is 12 and older.

"The game can be played by as few as two people, but it takes much longer because of the number of questions and challenges contestants face and have to solve," Ireland said. "It's better to have more people."

Ireland said escape rooms have grown in popularity and are now in demand for compa-

nies and corporations booking the space for employee team-building training and awareness opportunities.

"You quickly find out how important it is to work together to find problem solutions and everyone is aware of the limited time to accomplish the common goal," he said. "At the completion, there is a feeling of accomplishment with the added reward of a sense of adventure."

One of the misconceptions Ireland and McQuid have

Details

Activity: escape room adventure

Where: 830 Cedar Parkway, Schererville

Hours: 2-9 p.m. Wednesdays, 2-10 p.m. Thursdays, 1-10 p.m.

Fridays, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sundays

Cost: \$24.95

Information: 219-595-9197 or www.escaperoomnwi.com

fought against since they opened Escape Room NWI is the idea that "escape rooms are scary."

"This isn't about being locked up or frightened," McQuid said. "An escape room is not a haunted house. And if someone needs to use the restroom or has a request during the game we accommodate."

Ireland said the standard time for a session is around an hour and during the first week Escape Room NWI opened, there were 150 escape enthusiasts ready to face the challenge.

For those who think there are new games offered every week, Ireland is quick to clarify the complexity of the escape room experience.

"This isn't like going to a movie," he said. "It takes a fair amount of effort to devise these games and themes so it takes some time before we add new variations."

The themes this spring are "The Mystery Chamber" and "The Faberge Heist." Because the rooms have to be staffed, Escape Room NWI requires guests to book in advance by calling or going online.

Philip Potempa is a freelance reporter.

The Dome

Flag football requires dexterity — and skill

BY MICHELLE L. QUINN
Post-Tribune

Eight years ago, Don Ernst wouldn't have believed it if he hadn't seen it with his own eyes, and he's seen a lot of sports.

When Turtleslo Sports League started playing flag football in his 33,600-square-foot dome in 2010, football was football. Flag football, then, would be what he knew, just without the tackling and potential for concussions.

He hadn't even considered flag football as an option for his new business back then, at least not until Turtleslo Sports owner and its biggest fan, Dave Reed, sauntered on in to the Dome one day in 2009, the two recalled.

"I lived right near there and watched them inflate the dome," said Reed, who now lives in Las Vegas. "I walked in there, and Don and Ben (Ernst, his son) were up on a highlift installing the lights. Turf wasn't even in yet; the floor was still gravel.

"So I started yelling up at him about starting a league, and he said, 'Sounds good, I'm not coming down from here today. Come on back tomorrow, and we'll talk.' The next day, he was working on the bathrooms, but we talked and he like the idea. The first season, we booked nine teams, and he welcomed us."

The teams then came in and gave the Crown Point Fun

Many-time Turtleslo Flag Football champions The Untouchables (gray shirts) face down opponents New World Order in the winter league playoffs at The Dome at Crown Point Fun Center.

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Center owner an education. Flag football, Ernst discovered, takes a remarkable amount of dexterity and skill. And the energy the teams bring to the dome one day a week, 42 weeks out of the year, is a sight to behold.

“Game time starts at 5:30 p.m., but around 4:20 p.m. each week, they start coming in and warming up, and it is serious business,” Ernst said.

Amid all the action in the 55-foot-high dome — there’s always a game or trainers working with student athletes or any manner of activity going on — it takes league members about 10 minutes to set up the cones, put on their flags and get the scoreboard in the center of the playing field, Ernst said. Unlike a regular football game, which plays four quarters in two halves for two or three hours, a flag football game plays two 20-minute halves, which allows seven games a night. This year’s winter league, which concludes March 31 with a championship game, has 12 teams broken into two divisions.

“It’s the last thing that plays on Saturday night right now, and they do it from 5:30 to 11,” Ernst said.

When the games start, it’s six hours of nonstop athleticism, Ernst said. And though the league is composed of businessmen, politicians, construction workers and others, the players aren’t your average weekend warriors. One team, appropriately named the Untouchables, traveled to Florida and captured the national championship title in 2010 and then dominated Turtleslo Flag Football for years.

“They were the league champs and won every season they played,” Ernst said. “They finally broke up the team about a year and a half ago, but now, many of the players have created their own teams and are making their own dynasties.”

The sport is definitely not for



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Members of the dominant Untouchables team decompress after a recent winter league playoff game.



Mike Brown and Josh Huddleston, of Hobart, talk about how their teams are winding down during this flag football season at The Dome at Crown Point Fun Center. The Turtleslo league plays year-round.

your average man or woman, Reed concurred. Since he started the league in 2005, he has players who started with him at 16 who are either still quarterbacking “because they have the best arms” or refereeing because they love the game. And women are welcome in the Turtleslo family; teams are allowed up to two female players, Reed said. Attempts to create a coed league fell short a few years ago, however, be-

cause team members — many from the Chicago area — could make game time on Saturday but not open practice on Wednesday.

Ernst wasn’t the only one who was surprised by the way flag football is played, he said. Most of the younger guys who come in for the first time think the game is all about throwing the ball. They soon find out it’s much more.

“There’s some really good

Details

Activity: Flag football

Where: 1301 Merrillville Road, Crown Point

Hours: Games are 5:30–11 p.m.

Fees: \$775 per team

Information: 219-663-3663 or cpfun.com

athletes — high school and college players — but it’s more than athletic ability, too,” Ernst said. “These guys have their own plays and they go on to websites to watch other teams’ plays.

“Remember, they can’t push or shoo hands away, so that makes it a whole different animal,” Ernst said. “It’s definitely not what you think, and there’s a learning process involved. It takes a brand-new team about a session to learn that it’s more than athletic ability.”

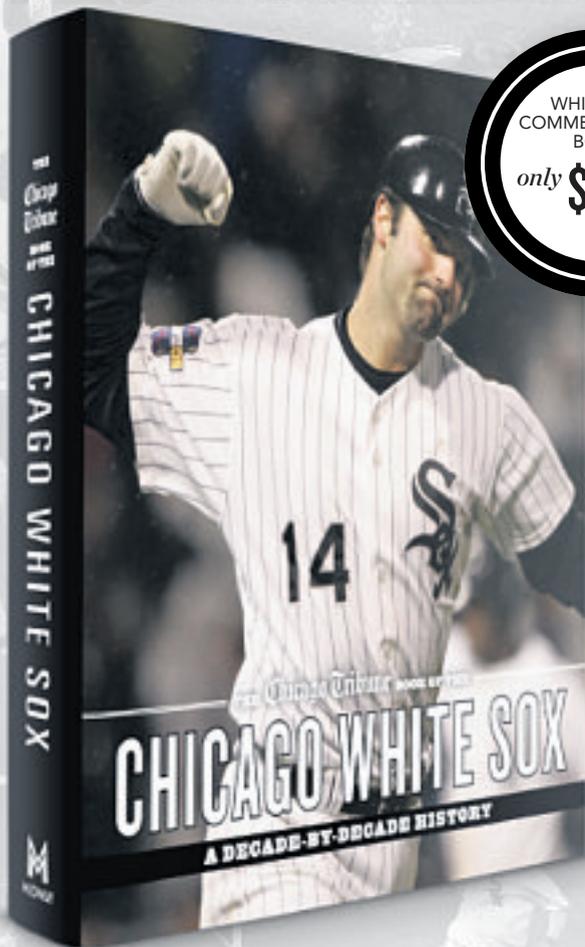
For Ernst, watching the players interact on and off the field is what makes the whole league for him.

“You got wives and girlfriends and kids coming out to support,” he said. “You see a lot of good camaraderie, and a lot of people taking pride in their teams.”

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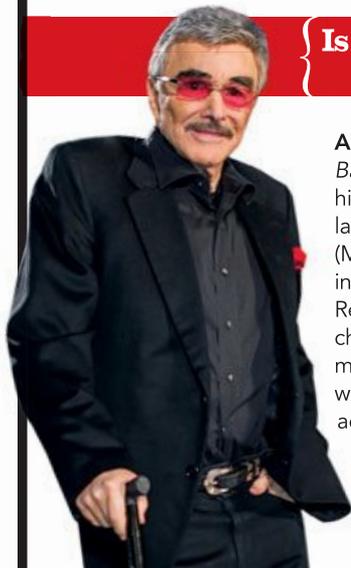
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Is Burt Reynolds still acting?

—Fred O., Providence, R.I.

A: At 82, the *Smokey and the Bandit* star may have slowed his roll, but he is still going. His latest film, *The Last Movie Star* (March 27 on Blu-ray, March 30 in theaters), has parallels to Reynolds' own life: When his character, Vic Edwards, a former college football legend who became a leading man, accepts an invitation to receive a lifetime achievement award at a film festival, it forces him to face the reality that his glory days are behind him.

5 THINGS BILL HADER & THE HIT MAN

Bill Hader, 39, has co-created and produced his own eight-episode dark comedy, *Barry* (March 25, HBO), in which he plays the title role of a depressed, not-too-successful hit man from the Midwest who falls in love with acting while in L.A. to carry out an "assignment." Here are five facts about the Emmy-winning *Saturday Night Live* alum and *Trainwreck* star.



- 1 Before *Saturday Night Live*, Hader worked as Arnold Schwarzenegger's personal assistant on the set of *Collateral Damage*.
- 2 He was fired from his college job at a movie theater for spoiling the end of *Titanic* for a group of sorority girls.
- 3 Megan Mullally "discovered" him during a backyard improv performance and recommended him to *SNL* executive producer Lorne Michaels.
- 4 Despite a severe peanut allergy, Hader was hired to replace Robert Downey Jr. as the commercial voice of "Mr. Peanut" in 2013.
- 5 On an episode of *Finding Your Roots*, he learned he is a descendant of Charlemagne and King Edward I of England.

SWANK PLAYS MRS. GETTY

Two-time Academy Award winner **Hilary Swank** makes a rare television appearance in the new FX series *Trust* (March 25). She plays the mother of John Paul Getty III in the drama about the headline-making kidnapping of the young grandson of the richest man in the world (Donald Sutherland)—who's reluctant to part with the ransom money to set him free. "What you take away from all this," says Swank, 43, whose films include *Boys Don't Cry* and *Million Dollar Baby*, "is that money can't solve all your problems."



WALTER SCOTT ASKS

Tobias MENZIES

The *Outlander* star, 44, segues from his dual fictional parts as "Black Jack" and Frank Randall on the hit Starz series to the role of real-life British naval officer James Fitzjames in *The Terror* (March 26 on AMC). The new 10-episode series is about a mid-1800s expedition that sailed into uncharted waters in search of the treacherous Northwest Passage to the Pacific Ocean, as ships become frozen in the ice and the crew is menaced by a monstrous predator.

How much of *The Terror* is based on fact?

A huge amount. The script is woven together from Dan Simmons' fictionalized novel about the expedition and the real naval mystery from 1845. The Franklin Expedition was the most highly equipped, expensive expedition of the day. Everyone was lost and the boats disappeared. It was one of the great, early Victorian naval failures.

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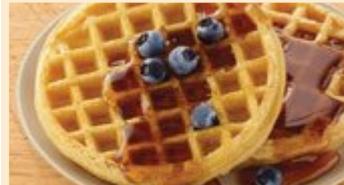
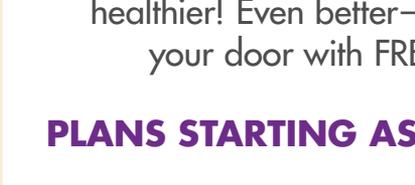
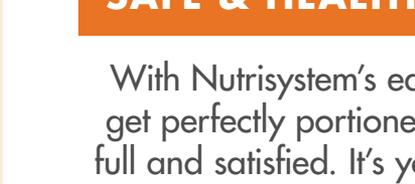
Who was James Fitzjames? He was a naval hero, an example of the hubris of Victorian colonialism. While on the expedition, he has all that stripped away and finds out who he really is.

What's the most dangerous thing you've done in your life? I'm not a massive thrill-seeker. I [do] ride a motorcycle. That's not a very good idea. I should knock on wood.

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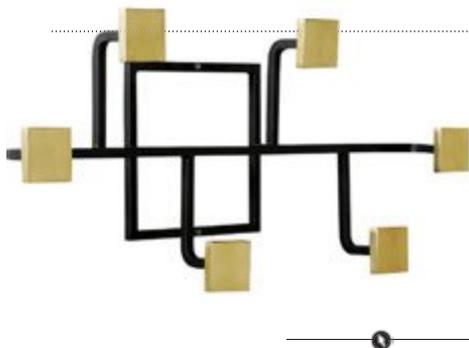


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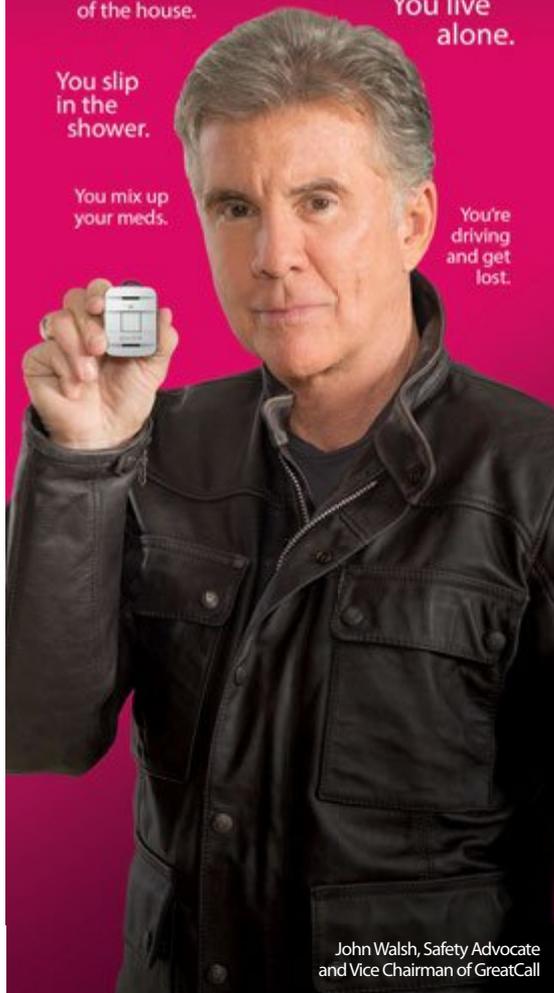
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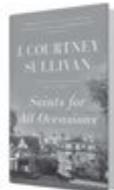
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Saints for All Occasions (Knopf), \$27, by J. Courtney Sullivan
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egg in a hole

No matter what you call it—egg in a basket, one-eyed Jack, egg with a hat, hen in a nest—toast with a fried egg is pure comfort food. Here, we offer the basic recipe with tasty variations below.

Cut a 2½-inch hole out of the center of each of 4 (¾-inch-thick) slices of **sourdough bread**, reserving cutouts. Spread bread and cutouts evenly with ¼ cup **mayon- naise**. Heat 1 Tbsp **butter** in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat, swirling to coat pan. Add 2 bread slices and 2 cutouts to pan. Cook 2 minutes or until golden brown. Flip. Crack 1 **large egg** into each hole. Sprinkle eggs with **salt** and **black pepper**. Cover and cook 3–4 minutes or until whites are set and yolks are still runny. (If needed, remove cutouts at 2 minutes.) Using a stiff spatula, transfer cutouts and toasts to baking sheet. Wipe out pan. Repeat with 1 Tbsp butter, remaining bread and 2 more eggs. Serve immediately. **Serves 4.**

1 El Mexicano Mash 1 peeled and pitted ripe avocado with 1 grated garlic clove, juice of 1 lime and salt and pepper to taste. Spread on toast portions of finished Egg in a Hole. Sprinkle with red chile flakes and hot sauce.

2 The Diner Create an X with 2 slices of cooked bacon, leaving the hole in each piece of toast open for the egg. When cooked, sprinkle egg with finely chopped chives.

3 The Moroccan When finished cooking, drizzle with harissa (Tunisian chile paste, thinned with a little water, if needed); sprinkle with toasted cumin seeds and chopped cilantro.

4 L’italiano Cut 4 thin slices prosciutto into thin strips. Crisp prosciutto in a nonstick skillet over medium heat; remove from pan. Drizzle cooked Egg in a Hole with pesto. Top with prosciutto.

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mimosas with a twist

Classic mimosas are a brunch standby. And it’s easy to see why—this simple cocktail is nothing more than sparkling wine and freshly squeezed orange juice. Change it up with different mix-ins and garnishes for a fun and delicious mimosa bar.

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By Alison Ashton • Cover and feature photography by Mark Boughton • Styling by Teresa Blackburn

Brunch much? Nearly **40 percent** of Americans eat it at least once a week!



lemon-blueberry dutch baby

Like a giant popover, a Dutch baby emerges from the oven puffed, golden and looking spectacular, yet it's a super-easy brunch option. Trust us, guests will grab their phones to Instagram this beauty!

Place rack in middle of oven. Preheat oven to 425°F. Combine 1 cup **milk**, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup **flour**, 2 Tbsp **granulated sugar**, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp **salt**, 4 **large eggs** and zest of 1 **lemon** in a blender; blend until smooth. Place 4 Tbsp **butter** in a heavy, ovenproof 10- to 12-inch skillet. Place in oven 3–5 minutes or until melted. Remove from oven. Swirl pan to coat with melted butter. Pour batter into pan. Bake 17–20 minutes or until puffed and golden. Remove from oven; sprinkle with $\frac{3}{4}$ cup fresh **blueberries**. Sift 2 tsp **powdered sugar** over top. Garnish with **mint sprigs**, if desired. Serve with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup **lemon curd** (available in grocery store condiment aisles). **Serves 4–6.**

A SAVORY BABY

Omit granulated sugar and lemon zest in batter. Before baking, sprinkle with finely grated Parmesan cheese and finely chopped fresh thyme or oregano.

America's Favorite Brunch Recipes

Google's recipe search stats reveal our favorite brunch eats to make at home:

► **Frittatas** are a standby, especially in Arizona, Illinois, Massachusetts, North Carolina and Vermont.



► Casseroles of all kinds are beloved from sea to shining sea, but **hash brown casseroles** are especially popular in the South, topping recipe searches in Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky and Tennessee.

► **French toast** and its cousin the **French toast casserole** are nationwide favorites, especially in the South.

► Mexican brunch dishes are tops in California and Nevada (both states favor **chilaquiles**, a concoction of fried corn tortilla strips, salsa or mole, avocado and refried beans, pulled chicken or fried eggs), Texas (**migas**, a scrambled egg and tortilla mixture) and—surprise!—Rhode Island (**huevos rancheros**).

Brunch by the Numbers

63%

of chefs say ethnic-inspired dishes, such as Mexican huevos rancheros or Israeli shakshuka, are a hot brunch trend

45%

of chefs say avocado toast is still a brunch menu must-have

57%

of diners are willing to try new flavors or dishes for weekend brunch



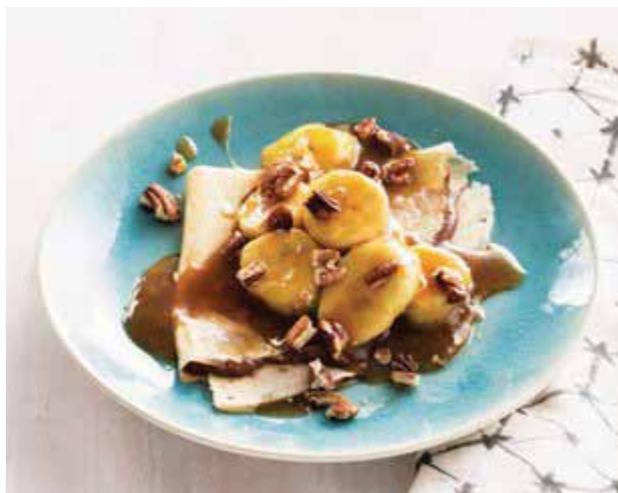
spicy asian breakfast crepes

This savory crepe is inspired by jianbing, a savory/spicy/crunchy Chinese street-food breakfast that's starting to make its way stateside. Doubling up on the crepes makes them easier to turn for an impressive inside-out effect.

- ▶ Canola oil
- ▶ 8 ready-to-use 9½- to 10-inch French-style crepes (such as Melissa's)
- ▶ 4 large eggs, room temperature, lightly beaten
- ▶ 2 bunches green onions, thinly sliced
- ▶ 1 cup cilantro leaves
- ▶ 2 Tbsp sesame seeds (black, regular or both)
- ▶ 8 tsp hoisin sauce, divided
- ▶ 8 tsp chile-garlic sauce, divided
- ▶ ¾ cup drained kimchi or other Asian-style pickled vegetables
- ▶ 1 (3.5-oz) package crisp wonton strips (such as Fresh Gourmet)
- ▶ Sriracha hot sauce (optional)

1. Preheat oven to 200°F. Place a baking sheet in oven.
2. Heat a large nonstick skillet or griddle pan over medium heat. Lightly brush with oil. Stack 2 crepes in pan. Add one-quarter of eggs, spreading to cover surface of crepe. Sprinkle with one-quarter of onions, ¼ cup cilantro and 1½ tsp sesame seeds. Cook 2 minutes or until egg sets. Flip and press down with back of a spatula. Fold up bottom one-third. On this fold, spread 2 tsp hoisin and 2 tsp chile-garlic sauce. Top with 3 Tbsp kimchi and about ⅓ cup wonton strips. Fold up (as you would fold a letter). Cut in half crosswise. Place in oven to keep warm. Repeat with remaining ingredients. Serve with sriracha, if desired.

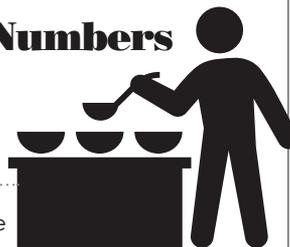
Serves 4.



Brunch by the Numbers

51% of diners love a brunch buffet

49% of iGen diners (those born after the mid-'90s) consider brunch a time to socialize with friends and family. So do 45 percent of millennials (1981–1997), compared to less than one-third of baby boomers (1946–1964).



Brunch, Delivered

Grubhub, the national online and mobile food-ordering app (grubhub.com), will deliver just about anything to your door, including brunch. Here are their top 10 requests from the last six months:

1. Bacon, egg and cheese sandwich
2. Vegetable omelet
3. Sausage and egg sandwich
4. Steak and egg burrito
5. Grits
6. Salmon and eggs Benedict
7. Strawberry cream pancakes
8. Belgian waffles
9. Bagel and cream cheese
10. Vegetable frittata

chocolate-banana crepes with rum sauce

This spectacular dish is inspired by the Nutella-and-banana crepes that are popular street food in Paris. We've made these sweets even more decadent with a rum sauce.

Peel 3 **bananas** and cut diagonally into 1-inch slices. Combine 2 Tbsp **heavy cream**, 2 Tbsp **rum** and 1 tsp **vanilla extract**; set aside. Heat 4 **ready-to-use 9½- to 10-inch French-style crepes** (such as Melissa's) according to package directions. Spread crepes evenly with 1 cup **chocolate-hazelnut spread** (such as Nutella). Fold each crepe into quarters; place 1 on each of 4 plates. Melt 2 Tbsp **butter** in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add ¼ cup packed **dark brown sugar** and a pinch of **salt**; cook 2 minutes or until sugar dissolves completely, stirring occasionally. Carefully stir in cream mixture (it may spatter). Add bananas. Cook 2 minutes, stirring constantly (mixture will harden a bit, then liquefy), turning bananas to coat. Spoon bananas evenly over crepes. Drizzle with sauce. Sprinkle with ¼ cup chopped toasted **pecans**. **Serves 4.**

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Seniors: You're Not Crazy – Your Itchy Skin Is Real

Imagine waking up almost every night scratching at itchy skin on your hands, arms and legs. Maybe you wake up to red lines on your body each morning from scratching during the night. Then, during the day, the itch is constant and maddening – but there doesn't seem to be any visible reason for it. Perhaps you're feeling the urge to scratch as you read this.

If this sounds familiar, you are not alone. As we age, everyone's skin experiences dramatic changes. The fatty, protective layer under the skin diminishes. We also experience thinner, fragile skin that wrinkles, bruises easily or even tears. However, the most common skin complaint for seniors is itchy skin. The itching – there are many medical names for it – is very real. You aren't crazy. It's not just in your head.

“Age-related itchy skin is a condition faced by many older adults,” says Dr. Roger Ceilley, a board-certified dermatologist. “Using a quality moisturizer can help diminish the feelings of itch and dryness, but for a product to be truly effective, it needs a medicine intended to relieve itch.”

There are all sorts of over-the-counter anti-itch medicines and creams, but they aren't all created equal. Some may have very real and significant drawbacks. Many of them are “corticosteroid” (basically a fancy word for topical steroid) based creams or gels, like hydrocortisone. While these typically do reduce itch after one or more uses, they can have side effects with long-term use: thinning skin, irritation, dependency and even more itch. That defeats the purpose of an anti-itch cream, don't you think?

Then there are others that are formulated specifically for the unique needs of seniors, like the DerMend Mature Skin Solutions

line of products. Hydrocortisone used to be one of the only anti-itch options for seniors, but now, thanks to products like DerMend Moisturizing Anti-Itch Lotion, that's all changing.

“Now there are very effective, steroid-free itch relieving creams and lotions available,” says Dr. Ceilley. “They're designed to address the needs of sensitive, aging skin.”



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WHAT
AMERICA
EATS

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Thank the Brits for American Brunch

It might seem like an all-American meal, but we have the Brits to thank for brunch. The first mention of the playful mash-up of breakfast and lunch appeared in 1895, when British author Guy Beringer touted it as a convivial after-church Sunday meal that “sweeps away the worries and cobwebs of the week.” That's still true today!

The post-church brunch was adopted in the States too, but brunch really started catching on in the 1930s, when movie stars traveling cross-country by train stopped off in Chicago for a late-morning meal at the swanky Ambassador Hotel's Pump Room.

The church brunch hasn't gone away completely, though. The analytics firm Crimson Hexagon crunched social media data and found that the after-church brunch is still popular in the Midwest and South. But the millennial-driven “boozy brunch,” marked by bottomless mimosas and other cocktails, is a hot trend in major cities and college towns across the country, especially in the Northeast.

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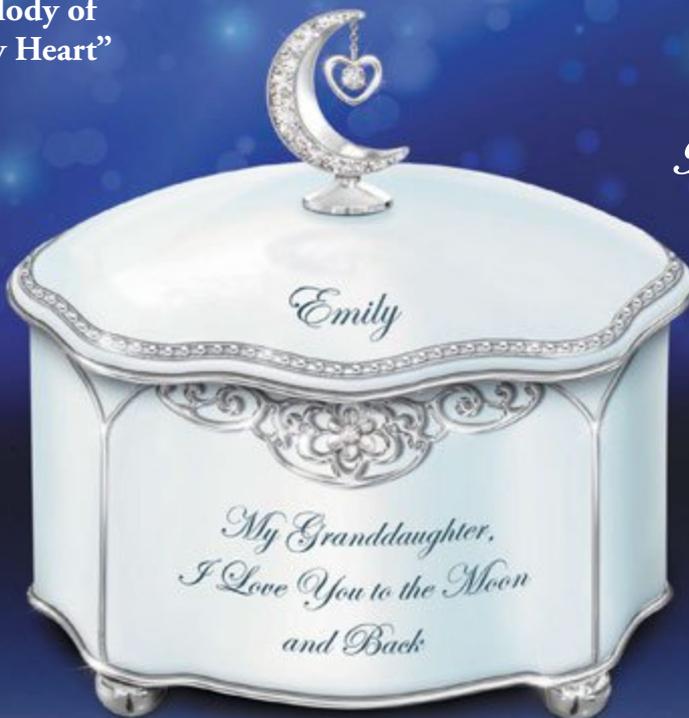
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Sunday With... JOHN LEGEND

Grammy, Tony and Oscar winner John Legend, 39, who displayed his musical and acting chops in 2016's *La La Land*, says he's eager to take on the title character in the new one-night TV event *Jesus Christ Superstar Live in Concert*. Based on Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's 1971 rock opera, the Easter telecast (April 1 at 8 p.m. ET on NBC) will be performed in front of an audience in Brooklyn, N.Y., and will also feature rock icon Alice Cooper as Herod and singer-songwriter Sara Bareilles as Mary Magdalene. Legend, a native of Springfield, Ohio, will have a vocal cheering section: Chrissy Teigen, his nearly 7-months-pregnant supermodel wife of four years, and their daughter, Luna, who turns 2 on April 14.

What's the most challenging part about playing this role? Jesus Christ is obviously one of the most talked-about figures in world history. And I was singing Andrew Lloyd Webber productions in show choir, including songs from *Jesus Christ Superstar*, when I was a kid. It's going to be fun to dive into it and make it my own.

The Broadway production and the 1973



The award-winning singer-songwriter remembers his church choir roots as he prepares for the title role in *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

By Mara Reinstein

movie were fairly scandalous. When you put your own interpretation on what Jesus might have been feeling or thinking, it's going to ignite some controversy—he's considered a deity by people all around the world. But I think what makes the show so powerful and cool is that Andrew Lloyd Webber took this person and thought to humanize his challenges, emotions and frightening experiences.

Do you remember your first live performance? It was a Christmas musical at church in Ohio

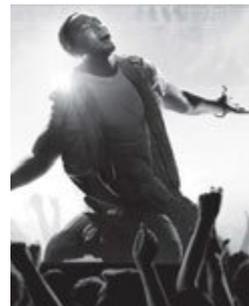
when I was 4 or 5 years old. My grandfather was our church pastor, my grandmother was the church organist and my mother was a choir director. I got the singing bug really early on.

What were your other favorite Sunday memories growing up? I'd go to Sunday school around 10 and church would last until 1 or 1:30. Then we'd go home and watch football games. Sundays were always about food and football.

What's a typical Sunday like now? I love Sundays. It's my favorite

day of the week because I still associate it with family and love and being relaxed and lazy. When we're home [in Beverly Hills, Calif.], we often cook a big dinner.

Who does the cooking? Chrissy is in charge of the cooking, and I'm a very good sous chef. It's a collaborative effort. And we still watch a lot of football. My favorite team is the Cincinnati Bengals, which is a source of a lot of disappointment. Saturdays are good because my favorite college team, the Ohio State Buckeyes, usually wins!



Legend says *Superstar* will "feel fresh and new."

How has fatherhood changed you? Now we think of ourselves as more of a team. You have this important project you're doing together, as a family. It elevates your relationship. It gives you a sense of responsibility because it raises the stakes and changes your priorities.

LEGEND-ARY FAVES

Love song "I Believe (When I Fall in Love It Will Be Forever)" by Stevie Wonder. "It has a gospel feel and takes me back to my youth."

Book "*The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead is really powerful. James Baldwin and Toni Morrison are my favorite authors."

Vacation spot "We got married in Lake Como, Italy. It's amazing. We had dinner with George Clooney there once."

Cuisine "I love Southern soul food, like fried chicken, macaroni and cheese and collard greens. But if I ate that all the time, I'd be 100 pounds heavier!"

Breakfast food Pancakes and French toast

Musical "*Fela!* It's the story of Fela Kuti. It's a type of music you don't expect to hear on Broadway. I loved *Hamilton* too."

Movie "*Get Out*. And I love *Coming to America*."

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ITEM 62728/62583
47770/62570 shown

COMPARE TO **\$797**
HUSKY MODEL: 20210003

Cannot be used with other discounts or prior purchases. Original coupon must be presented. Valid through 7/25/18 while supplies last. Limit 1 FREE GIFT per customer per day.

83347556

SUPER COUPON

20% OFF

ANY SINGLE ITEM*

Valid Now thru 7/25/18

LIMIT 1 coupon per customer per day. Save 20% on any 1 item purchased. *Cannot be used with other discount, coupon or any of the following items or brands: Inside Track Club membership, Extended Service Plan, gift card, open box item, 3 day Parking Lot Sale item, compressors, floor jacks, sales, saw mills, storage cabinets, chests or carts, trailers, trenchers, welders, Admiral, Ames, Bauer, Cobra, CoverPro, Daytona, Earthquake, Fischer, Hercules, Icon, Jupiter, Lynxx, Poulan, Predator, Taligator, Viking, Vulcan, Zurich. Not valid on prior purchases. Non-transferable. Original coupon must be presented. Valid through 7/25/18.

83362246

U.S. GENERAL **SUPER COUPON**

44" x 22" DOUBLE BANK ROLLER CABINET

ITEM 64281/64134
64133 shown

COMPARE TO **\$2,605**
SNAP-ON MODEL: KRA4813RFB0

SAVE **\$2155**

\$4499

83339160

LIMIT 4 - Coupon valid through 7/25/18*

PREDATOR **SUPER COUPON**

**14000 MAX. STARTING/3200 RUNNING WATTS
6.5 HP (212 CC) GAS GENERATOR**

Customer Rating **★★★★**

ITEM 69729
63090/63079 shown

COMPARE TO **\$2899**

SAVE **\$1709**

ITEM 63090/63089 CALIFORNIA ONLY

COMPARE TO **\$1,999**
HONDA MODEL: EM400SC

Wheel kit sold separately.

833601532

LIMIT 3 - Coupon valid through 7/25/18*

CHICAGO **ELECTRIC POWER TOOLS** **SUPER COUPON**

12" SLIDING COMPOUND DOUBLE-BEVEL MITER SAW

Customer Rating **★★★★**

ITEM 61969
69684 shown

COMPARE TO **\$1,049.99**

SAVE **\$169**

COMPARE TO **\$299**
KOBALT MODEL: SM305SLV

Blade sold separately.

83363940

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 7/25/18*

CENTRAL PNEUMATIC **SUPER COUPON**

21 GALLON, 2.5 HP, 125 PSI VERTICAL OIL-LUBE AIR COMPRESSOR

Customer Rating **★★★★**

Air delivery:
5.8 CFM @ 40 PSI
4.7 CFM @ 90 PSI

ITEM 69091/61454
62803/63635/67847 shown

COMPARE TO **\$219**
HUSKY MODEL: C201R

SAVE **\$69**

83364272

LIMIT 3 - Coupon valid through 7/25/18*

PITTSBURGH **SELLING JACKS IN AMERICA** **SUPER COUPON**

RAPID PUMP® 3 TON HEAVY DUTY STEEL FLOOR JACK

Customer Rating **★★★★**

ITEM 69227/62116
62584/68048 shown

COMPARE TO **\$749.99**

SAVE **\$60**

- Lifts from 5" to 18-1/4"
- Weights 74 lbs.

ITEM 69227/62116
62584/68048 shown

83364993

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 7/25/18*

HARDY **SUPER COUPON**

MECHANIC'S GLOVES

Customer Rating **★★★★**

ITEM 62434, 62426
62433, 62432,
62429, 62428 shown

COMPARE TO **\$5.99**

SAVE **\$1.99**

83366365

LIMIT 7 - Coupon valid through 7/25/18*

PORTLAND **SUPER COUPON**

1750 PSI ELECTRIC PRESSURE WASHER

Customer Rating **★★★★**

1.3 GPM
Adjustable spray nozzle

ITEM 63255
63254 shown

COMPARE TO **\$179.99**
BUCKS & STRATTON MODEL: 20600

SAVE **\$99**

83367063

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 7/25/18*

SUPER COUPON

7 FT. 4" x 9 FT. 6" ALL PURPOSE/WEATHER RESISTANT TARP

Customer Rating **★★★★**

ITEM 69249/69115/69137
69129/69121/877 shown

COMPARE TO **\$858**
BLUE HAWK MODEL: 868X10-T

SAVE **\$65%**

\$299

83367756

LIMIT 6 - Coupon valid through 7/25/18*

drillmaster **SUPER COUPON**

4-1/2" ANGLE GRINDER

Customer Rating **★★★★**

ITEM 69645/60625 shown

COMPARE TO **\$2580**
PERFORMAX MODEL: 2411-1

SAVE **\$1499**

83379223

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 7/25/18*

COVER PRO **SUPER COUPON**

10 FT. x 20 FT. PORTABLE CAR CANOPY

Customer Rating **★★★★**

ITEM 63054/62858 shown

COMPARE TO **\$205.99**
SHELTER LOGIC MODEL: 23822

SAVE **\$106**

\$129.99

83380976

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 7/25/18*

CENTRAL MACHINERY **SUPER COUPON**

8" 5 SPEED BENCHTOP DRILL PRESS

Customer Rating **★★★★**

ITEM 62520
60238 shown

COMPARE TO **\$102.99**
BUFFALO BLACK MODEL: DPSUL

SAVE **\$53**

\$49.99

56303660

LIMIT 4 - Coupon valid through 7/25/18*

SUPER COUPON

3 PIECE DECORATIVE SOLAR LED LIGHTS

Customer Rating **★★★★**

ITEM 60561/69462 shown

COMPARE TO **\$1199**

SAVE **\$33%**

\$799

83364298

LIMIT 7 - Coupon valid through 7/25/18*

HaulMaster **SUPER COUPON**

STEP STOOL/WORKING PLATFORM

Customer Rating **★★★★**

350 lb capacity

ITEM 62515/66911 shown

COMPARE TO **\$755**
GPL MODEL: H-21

SAVE **\$299**

\$499

83393868

LIMIT 3 - Coupon valid through 7/25/18*

CENTECH **SUPER COUPON**

2/10/50 AMP, 12 VOLT BATTERY CHARGER/ENGINE STARTER

Customer Rating **★★★★**

ITEM 60581
60653 shown

COMPARE TO **\$69.99**
SCHUMACHER ELECTRIC MODEL: SE-1250

SAVE **\$57%**

\$29.99

83386059

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 7/25/18*

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