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State falls short in pollution protection

Policies meant to serve minority, poor areas making little progress

BY TONY BRISCOE
Chicago Tribune

Every day, after Gina Ramirez returns from her 1½-hour commute from the Loop to her home on Chicago's Southeast Side, she reaches for a mop to clean

up any toxic dust that may have been tracked inside.

Pollution concerns have been a part of life in the East Side neighborhood, flanked by landfills, steel mills and metal scrap yards, since Ramirez's great-grandfather immigrated to the

area from Oaxaca, Mexico, in the 1930s. Some days the odors are so pungent she's afraid to open her window or let her 4-year-old son play outside.

"The vision for my neighborhood is just the status quo," Ramirez said. "It's just an industrial armpit of Chicago. There's real people in this neighborhood, trying to raise families, and I just

want it to be a little cleaner for my son. Because his life is just as important as a child's life on the North Side."

For generations, minority and low-income communities have taken on disproportionate amounts of toxic waste and industrial pollution, and this is especially true in large metropolitan areas like Chicago, experts

say. In response to political pressure from activists, state and federal officials began establishing "environmental justice" policies in the 1990s to prevent toxic threats in poor and minority neighborhoods.

But a decade after Illinois launched its program, communities like East Side — where 80 percent of the

residents are Latino and 25 percent of households make less than \$25,000 a year — have seen little progress.

These lasting inequalities, in Illinois and across the nation, raise a troubling question from scholars: Are environmental justice policies actually bridging the gap, or are they solely decla-

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Chantelle Tatge, 7, of Crown Point, Ind., looks to get a better view alongside other youngsters at the annual Magnificent Mile Lights Festival parade on Michigan Avenue in downtown Chicago on Saturday.

Rape kit process time adds to pain

Ill. group proposes tracking evidence electronically

BY ALISON BOWEN
Chicago Tribune

Sarah Parsons is ready to move forward, to endure a criminal case against the man she said sexually assaulted her, to begin closing a difficult chapter.

But she is waiting on one thing. The evidence collected last year in the emergency room of a Chicago hospital, known as a rape kit, hasn't yet been analyzed. An attorney advised waiting; the results would likely bolster the case.

Her advocate with Resilience, a group that offers survivor support, told her to expect 10 months to process the rape kit, said 20-year-old Parsons, who lives in the South Loop.

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President vows to help California recover from fires

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Year after jury award, no payout

Victim sees none of \$44.7M as city appeals, cop is paid

BY STACY ST. CLAIR AND JEFF COEN
Chicago Tribune

Michael LaPorta's wheelchair is falling apart. The specially equipped van he uses to get around his South Side neighborhood needs serious repair. The lift he uses to get in and out his front door occa-

sionally goes on the fritz, too.

Just over a year ago, a federal jury found that LaPorta's childhood friend — an off-duty Chicago cop — shot him in the head after a night of heavy drinking. The West Morgan Park man's injuries were so catastrophic that he can no longer walk, read or live independently.

Jurors awarded LaPorta a record \$44.7 million after a civil trial, deciding that the Chicago Police Depart-

ment's unwritten policies emboldened the officer and instilled the idea that he could act with impunity.

But 13 months after that landmark decision, LaPorta has not received anything from the city. With the case mired in a typically lengthy appeals process, his parents still struggle to provide their adult son with round-the-clock care. His mother had an emergency heart procedure late

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A 2010 shooting left Michael LaPorta unable to walk, read or live on his own. A civil jury awarded him \$44.7 million.

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CNN journalist Jim Acosta arrives at the White House on Friday after having his press pass restored.



JOHN KASS

Acosta wins because of Trump-appointed judge

That a grandstanding show-pony like CNN's Jim Acosta would be transformed by President Donald Trump into a First Amendment crusader knight is perhaps a sad but fitting comment on our age.

Acosta is back at work, isn't he? And, as CNN's White House correspondent, he'll be able to ask questions the president doesn't like. That's the important thing. That and the Constitution.

Acosta's credentials were taken by the White House Nov. 7 after a typically contentious exchange between Acosta and the president. Acosta was rude, as is his way, and Trump was rude, as is his way.

I backed Acosta, and so did many other journalists, because of the conservative principle of the thing.

But there is something else here that shouldn't be ignored.

U.S. District Judge Timothy Kelly, the judge who ordered the Trump administration to reinstate Acosta, is a Trump appointee. He is also a member of the conservative Federalist Society.

That's the same Federalist Society routinely bashed by the left, and CNN is most decidedly on the left. The general thrust of the Democratic Media Complex argument against the Federalist Society is that it has vetted prospective federal judges who would be servile rubber stamps for the Trump administration.

Wrong. Kelly just proved it to be wrong.

The use of the federal judiciary as a partisan hammer isn't the conservative view. And naturally, it isn't the Federalist Society's view, either.

Conservatives ask that Congress make law, and that federal judges interpret those laws in accordance with the original intent of the Constitution of the United States.

But the left's view is the opposite. The left wants federal judges to make laws that the left couldn't pass through Congress.

What happened in Acosta's case is that a conservative judge simply followed the law, Trump or no

Trump.

In granting a temporary restraining order and restoring Acosta's press pass, giving him regular access to White House grounds to cover news conferences and other events, Kelly noted, "I want to emphasize the very limited nature of this ruling."

He did not rule on the issue of whether the First Amendment rights of CNN and Acosta were violated. That may come later, if the case continues. Kelly did note, according to reports, that Acosta's Fifth Amendment rights to due process were violated by the Trump White House.

Acosta praised Kelly for the ruling. "I want to thank all of my colleagues in the press who supported us this week," Acosta said. "And I want to thank the judge for the decision he made today. Let's go back to work."

That's what I called for a few days ago: To let Acosta go back to work because the Trump White House was wrong.

But as he goes back to work, I'd assume Acosta will avail himself of shining armor and polish it. My hope is that as Acosta prances forth, CNN producers will follow behind him clapping hollow coconuts together, as in some Monty Python skit of old.

I don't like how Acosta handles himself at news conferences, but that's a function of showbiz, not news. He puffs himself up and acts as if he's the story. But in the CNN of old, when it was respected as a neutral news source, CNN Washington bureau chief Frank Sesno wouldn't have tolerated the Acosta peacock act.

Tom Bevan, co-founder and publisher of the respected news site RealClearPolitics, says that Trump turned Acosta into the martyr he's become.

RealClearPolitics sometimes links to my Tribune column, yes, but it offers contrasting points of view, from the left to the right.

"They (the Trump White House) turned Acosta into a martyr," said Bevan in an interview on my podcast, "The Chicago Way" on WGN Plus.

He doesn't like Acosta's style, neither do I. Acosta forgets that his job is

to report the news, not play the peacock. Nor does Bevan appreciate Fox News' Sean Hannity's slavish cheerleading for Trump at a recent political rally. Neither do I. If I had been Hannity's boss, I would have fired him for that.

"You had everybody from Fox News and others filing friend of the court briefs for Jim Acosta," said Bevan. "The proper course for the White House would have been for Trump to say to Acosta, 'Sit down, you are being rude. And guess what? I'm never going to call on you again. Never. And if CNN wants to get a question from this White House, they're going to have to hire somebody else to do the job.'"

"But Trump can't do that because he thrives on the conflict," Bevan said. "He called on Jim Acosta, knowing exactly who he is, what he does and how he operates, and still called on him. Why? Because he likes the confrontation. He uses it."

Much of TV news is showbiz and partisan echo chamber, and there are no signs of returning to a semblance of what had been.

"I don't think we're ever going back," said Bevan. "That genie's out of the bottle."

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OH, THE WOE OF A LOST WINTER GLOVE!



MARY SCHMICH

We've entered the cold season here in Chicago, otherwise known as the season of lost clothes.

Lost hats, lost scarves, lost gloves. So many, many lost gloves.

But every object lost is the opportunity for an object to be returned, a beautiful truth I encountered one day last week when I saw a woman drop her gloves while leaving the "L."

I watched the cute, gray gloves fall onto the dirty train car floor. For an instant, as I gazed down at them, I saw all the lost gloves of my life pass by.

Leather gloves, woolen gloves, fleece gloves, high-tech gloves that let you navigate your phone when it's 10 below. I saw them vanish one at a time, because that's how gloves almost always disappear, one per pair, rendering the glove that's left behind as pointless as a single shoe.

I wasn't sure whether dropping both gloves, as this woman had, made the loss easier or harder. Either way, I could imagine the moment she'd realize they were gone. She'd tap her pockets and rummage through her purse, the frustration and disbelief rising: Not again!

All of this flitted through my mind about as fast I could cry, "Hey!"

I grabbed the gloves and hollered. She was already on the platform.

"Hey!"

She kept walking.

"Ma'am!"

She didn't respond. No wonder. She looked to be about 25 and no way would she think of herself as a

"ma'am," but what else could I say? The English language is tragically short on forms of address for occasions like this one.

"You dropped your gloves!" I called.

That got her. She turned around and I tossed them her way just as the "L" voice chimed, "Doors closing."

I'd like to think I'm the kind of person who always responds well to an emergency, who would know exactly what to do if someone choked in front of me or needed help delivering a baby in public. I'm not convinced I'm that person.

But in this one glorious moment, I'd reacted swiftly and right, and as the train sped off I felt the peace of redemption: All the sins of my past had been washed away.

Obviously, no reasonable Chicagoan would let a tale of lost gloves go to waste, so while the "L" clattered on, I posted about the moment on Twitter. I was flooded with responses, some involving people I've come to realize are part of a large club of Glove Samaritans.

"Reminds me of the person who exited the train car and realized she had only one glove," one man wrote. "Looked back and the other was on the train floor. As the door was closing she tossed her lone glove back on the train. Better someone had two, if not her."

Another man wrote of recently spotting an older woman on the "L." He suspected she was homeless.

"She looked cold and had no gloves. I offered her my brand new (first time wearing them) gloves. She accepted them and then asked 'Whose are these?' I replied, 'They're yours now.'"

Not every response was so uplifting.

"Wow, already losing gloves?" one tweeter tsked. "That summer child is

We start losing gloves and hats and scarves as soon as it's cold enough to wear them. The happy side of that bad news is that we sometimes get the chance to rescue lost stuff.

not going to survive winter."

Already losing gloves? Yes, we are. We start losing gloves and hats and scarves as soon as it's cold enough to wear them. The happy side of that bad news is that we sometimes get the chance to rescue lost stuff.

"This morning, as the bus was pulling up, a woman pushing a stroller across the street hollered to me, 'Your daughter dropped her hat!'" reports a woman I know. "I had not noticed, and grabbed it, avoiding what would have surely turned into a 4-year-old's tantrum. I think we become more willing to help people in such moments because we all know the pain of that one lost winter item."

Most lost gloves, like lost hats and scarves, are doomed to be lost forever, but the lost-stuff Samaritans are all around us.

Even in the cold, hard city, we try to take care of each other in these small ways, a fact that doesn't impress everyone.

"Thanks to you," said one man who heard my glove tale, "she will lose those gloves tomorrow."

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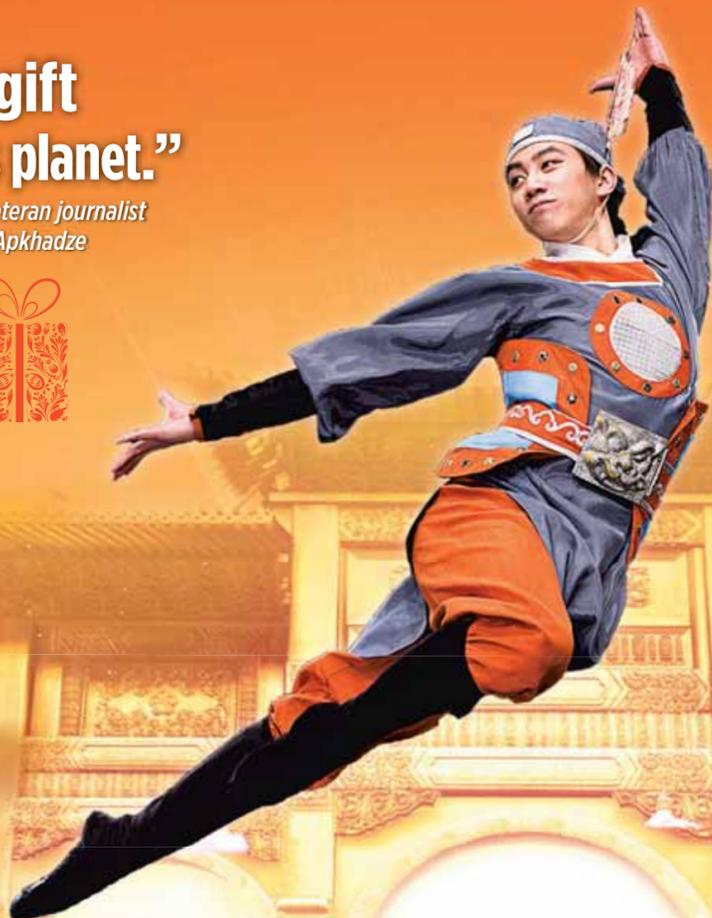
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Why city might not get another black mayor



DAHLEEN GLANTON

It is quite possible that Chicago will not have another African-American mayor. Not in the near future, anyway.

The ever-growing slate of candidates seeking to succeed Mayor Rahm Emanuel is the most diverse this city has ever seen in terms of ethnic makeup, gender and age. That's a good thing when it comes to giving everybody a voice. But it's a disaster when you need a coalition to win.

As it stands now, 16 people are in the race, and the list seems to keep growing by the day. Some of them are folks most Chicagoans had never heard of until recently. Eight of the contenders are African-American. A ninth African-American dropped out this week because he couldn't get enough signatures. Earlier this month, perpetual candidate Willie Wilson, the self-made millionaire who garnered 10 percent of the vote four years ago, explained it this way: "Now you got about eight, 12, 15 black politicians jumping in the race now. They ain't got no money," Wilson said to a loud round of laughs at a City Club of Chicago luncheon. "They ain't got no money, all right? They need to get out of the way. If I ain't have no money, I'd be at home taking care of my family."

No one could say it quite like Wilson, which is one of the reasons he isn't going to win.

The kind of perfect storm that came together to elect the first African-American mayor in 1983 doesn't happen by accident. It requires a well-thought-out plan and a multicultural chorus of united voices to form a movement that changes the face of politics.

In Chicago, Harold Washington was the first to show us what that kind of energy looks like. We saw it nine years later with the election of Carol Moseley Braun to the U.S. Senate and again in 2008 when Barack Obama first ran for president.

When an African-American candidate is on the verge of winning an important race, there is excitement in the air. It's hard to explain, but there's an overall feeling that this is our time and we're on the verge of something momentous.

Personality has a lot to do with winning elections, and there are other, more complex, issues.

During those elections, you could barely find a home on the West or South sides that didn't have a sign in the yard with the candidate's face on it. You couldn't have a conversation that didn't lead to talk about the first black mayor or the first black female senator or the first black president. There was a tingle in the pit of your stomach.

That kind of energy isn't brewing in Chicago right now. In fact, 35 years after Washington's election, it seems impossible that black people would rally around a single mayoral candidate.

That's not to say no one is qualified for the job. Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle certainly is. So are Cook County Circuit Clerk Dorothy Brown, state Rep. La Shawn Ford and attorney Lori Lightfoot, if you're looking only at experience.

None of these candidates, though, have the charisma of a Harold Washington. They can't fire up a room with a simple phrase like, "You want Harold? You got 'im!" None of them make us feel like we've got this in the bag.

Unfortunately, personality has a lot to do with winning elections. Beyond that, there are other, more complex, issues.

Brown is currently under federal investigation for bribes-for-jobs allegations in the court clerk's office.

Of course, Washington had been convicted of failing to file federal income tax returns for 19 years, though he had actually paid the taxes. He was initially reluctant to run, but supporters still saw him as the most viable candidate to gain the support of liberal and moderate whites.

Some say that Preckwinkle is the only African-American in the race who could garner that kind of support. While that might be true, she has also accumulated enough political baggage over nearly three decades that could turn away voters who are looking for fresh ideas and less allegiance to what's left of the Democratic machine.

Preckwinkle also could face a tough challenge from Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza, a 46-year-old Hispanic star of the Democratic Party. An expected vibrant campaign could make Mendoza's ties to the Democratic establishment seem less stale.

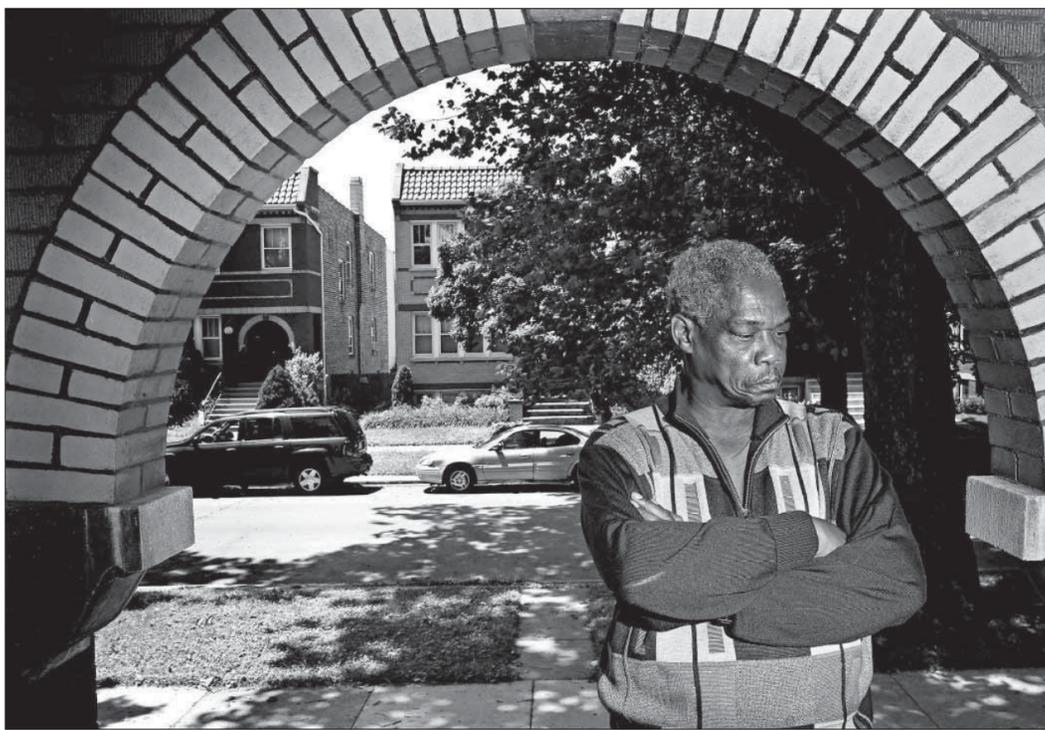
The West Side Black Elected Officials group, which includes U.S. Rep. Danny Davis, threw its support behind Ford. But the attempt to find a consensus candidate hasn't gathered much momentum.

There's a chance that Ford and Amara Enyia, director of the Austin Chamber of Commerce on the West Side, could even cancel each other out. Enyia's campaign recently gained steam with an endorsement by Chance the Rapper. There is evidence that younger people, in particular, are listening to what she's saying about bringing a new vision to Chicago. But she has been criticized for accepting \$200,000 in donations from Kanye West, whose controversial relationship with Donald Trump is problematic for many African-Americans.

In the beginning, Lightfoot's progressive campaign caught the eye of many Chicagoans who are fed up with police scandals. The former chair of the Chicago Police Accountability Task Force appeared to be the best candidate to challenge Emanuel, who had been plagued with bad publicity from the 2014 shooting of Laquan McDonald. Her path to victory isn't as clear now that Emanuel is not in the race.

On top of all of this, Chicago has lost more than 180,000 African-Americans since 2000, according to census data. None of this bodes well for the African-American candidates already in the race. But who knows? Someone we least expect might be out there gathering last-minute signatures to jump in.

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Carl Chatman was sentenced to 30 years in prison for a purported May 2002 assault at the Daley Center.

Cook County Board approves settlements in pair of lawsuits

\$3.7M in false rape claim case, \$1.95M in jail death suit

BY GREGORY PRATT
Chicago Tribune

Cook County commissioners voted to approve a \$3.7 million settlement for a lawsuit alleging that a homeless man was wrongly imprisoned after a clerk at the Daley Center fabricated a rape claim as part of a scheme to sue the county.

Commissioners also voted Wednesday to approve a \$1.95 million settlement for a lawsuit alleging that a woman who suffered brain damage from an earlier stroke died in 2016 after falling while in custody at the Cook County Jail due to negligent care. The woman, Donna Gonzalez, was a high-risk patient who required constant nursing supervision to protect her from falls but didn't receive it, leading to numerous falls and her death, her attorney said.

In the wrongful conviction claim, Carl Chatman was sentenced to 30 years in prison for a purported May 2002 assault at the Daley Center after Chicago police said the alleged victim identified Chatman as her attacker and that he confessed. Chatman has been diagnosed with schizophre-

nia and has a low IQ.

The alleged victim told police she went into work early on the Friday before the Memorial Day holiday in 2002 to get ahead of the scheduling she did for a judge — even though the judge had been out of the office. Chatman, whom the woman said she recognized from being in her courtroom previously asking for help, threatened her with scissors as he sexually assaulted her, she alleged.

Chatman was arrested as he walked not far from the Daley Center, the Tribune previously reported. He was convicted at trial and sentenced to 30 years in prison. The woman filed a lawsuit and ultimately agreed to a settlement of about \$500,000.

Documents unsealed in federal court as part of a lawsuit over the police investigation show that just days after Chatman's confession, a Chicago police detective filed an anonymous complaint in May 2002 with the internal affairs office alleging that a controversial detective named Kriston Kato had physically abused Chatman and forced him to sign a false confession.

"Detective Kato hit the suspect and shouted, 'Tell me you did it!'" according to a copy of the complaint

contained in the court files.

A Chicago Law Department spokesman previously said attorneys have questioned whether the letter is authentic or was sent to investigators in 2002.

In September 2013, Cook County prosecutors said they doubted the credibility of the woman who brought the allegations against Chatman and no longer believed a sexual assault even took place. As a result, Chatman's rape conviction was thrown out, and he was released from prison after 11 years in custody.

The assertion that the woman fabricated the Daley Center rape was central to appeals by Chatman's attorney, Russell Ainsworth, who argued that the rape claim was prompted by thousands of dollars in casino losses and an Internal Revenue Service notice of an audit just weeks before the supposed attack.

The same woman had, in October 1979, said she was confronted and raped by a knife-wielding man in a bathroom at the North Michigan Avenue office building where she worked as a secretary. The woman later filed a lawsuit in that case but failed to win any money in court.

Chatman's lawsuit is scheduled for trial against the city of Chicago later this

month. Ainsworth declined comment, as did the Cook County state's attorney. The city declined comment.

Attorney Jerome Vinkler, who represented Gonzalez in the jail lawsuit, said she had a stroke in 2013 that resulted in left-sided paralysis and brain damage resulting in personality changes.

Gonzalez had been convicted of harassment by email, a misdemeanor, and her family had her remain at the Cook County Offender Management System in Chicago because they were unable to care for her at home and were looking for a permanent place for her, Gonzalez attorneys said. She had a one-month sentence.

"Mr. Gonzalez was not allowed to visit his wife while she was incarcerated," her attorneys said. "The last he saw of her was the day she was taken away on her arrest. He was never told how she died until it was discovered in the litigation."

A spokeswoman for the Cook County Health and Hospitals System referred questions to the Cook County state's attorney, which did not immediately return a message seeking comment. The hospital system provides medical services at the jail.

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Pace approved a budget that includes \$1.7 million to improve on-time performance on some suburban routes.

Pace OKs budget with no fare hikes, some service cuts

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI
Chicago Tribune

Pace has become the third Chicago-area transit agency to pass a 2019 budget without fare hikes, though the suburban bus service did cut some routes.

The budget the Pace board approved on Wednesday evening includes \$1.7 million to improve on-time performance on some suburban routes and launch the Milwaukee Avenue "Pulse Line," a high-frequency service that will run between the CTA's Jefferson Park Blue Line station and the Golf Mill Shopping Center in Niles.

Pace said the 12 routes affected by the proposed service cuts do not get enough riders. The cuts include the 326 West Irving Park and the 661 Southwest Westmont. Two routes originally targeted for cuts — the 590 Round Lake Area Call-n-Ride and the 681 Lincoln Park-Naperville Metra — were spared after community input.

The CTA and Metra also passed 2019 budgets this month without fare hikes, though all three agencies say they need more state money for both operations and new equipment.

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Complaint targets city's 'aldermanic prerogative'

BY JOHN BYRNE
Chicago Tribune

Affordable housing advocates took aim Thursday at the longtime Chicago City Council tradition of allowing aldermen de facto veto power over most development proposals in their wards, filing a federal complaint saying the practice promotes housing discrimination by keeping low-income minorities from moving into affluent white neighborhoods.

The complaint against the city filed with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development says "aldermanic prerogative" helps residents who fear racial change pressure aldermen to block affordable housing projects by publicly raising concerns over school overcrowding, declining property values and other "camouflaged racial expressions."

At a City Hall news conference to announce the complaint, Kate Walz, the vice president of advocacy for the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law, said such practices are the latest example of the city enforcing segregation.

"Aldermen, whether or not they agree with their constituents' racist statements, unlawfully adopt this racial animus by capitulating to these demands," Walz said.

The affordable housing fight has drawn recent attention in majority-white bungalow-belt neighborhoods on the Northwest Side.

In the O'Hare neighborhood, a building with 30 affordable units got voted down after a contentious debate in the Zoning Committee this summer because of opposition by Ald. Anthony Napolitano, 41st. Napolitano said the seven-story building would be too dense and raised "very serious concerns with the local schools that are extremely overcrowded that many of you want to dismiss."

And a Jefferson Park project with affordable units backed by 45th Ward Ald. John Arena has advanced in the City Council despite vociferous opposition from neighbors, but has stalled because a state agency hasn't granted it tax credits.

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Pritzker's lawyers ask judge to dismiss suit

Say allegations of racial discrimination include 'outright falsehoods'

By Mike Riopell
Chicago Tribune

Attorneys for Democratic Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker on Friday called a federal lawsuit alleging racial discrimination in his campaign "long on accusations and short on factual allegations" and asked a judge to dismiss it.

The lawsuit was filed three weeks before Election Day by 10 Pritzker campaign staffers, who alleged that African-American and Latino campaign staffers were "herded into race-specific positions where they are expected to interact with the public, offered no meaningful chance for advancement, and receive less favorable treatment than their white counterparts."

The governor-elect's attorneys made note of the lawsuit's timing in their request for it be dismissed.

"Plaintiffs filed this suit on the eve of a hotly contested election and provided it to the press before serving it on the campaign," the attorneys wrote. "Indeed, plaintiffs have still not served the campaign."

Pritzker's lawyers argued that the suit included "mis-characterizations, distortions, and outright falsehoods."

Attorneys for the campaign staffers did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

When the lawsuit was filed in October, the Pritzker campaign produced part of a letter in which the plaintiffs' attorneys asked for \$7.5 million, plus the hiring of a diversity officer.

The lawsuit was one of a couple of racial controversies Pritzker's campaign had to address on his way to defeating Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner in the Nov. 6 election.

Two of his campaign workers were fired over a video displayed on social media showing one of them wearing a dark facial cosmetic mask resembling blackface.

Both episodes stood to remind voters about an earlier storyline from Pritzker's primary campaign, when he embarked on an apology tour after the Chicago Tribune released a secretly recorded federal government wiretap that was part of the corruption investigation of then-Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who is now in prison. The wiretap involved a replacement for then-President-elect Barack Obama's U.S. Senate seat.

During the conversation, Pritzker pitched Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White as a replacement for Obama. White, Pritzker said, would take care of the "African-American thing" and would be the "least offensive" of the potential black candidates Blagojevich was considering. Pritzker also called former state Senate President Emil Jones "crass" and former U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. "a nightmare."

The next court date in the case is Nov. 27.

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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

U.S. Rep.-elect Lauren Underwood thanks volunteers earlier this month in St. Charles and signs a poster designed by artist Hingyi Khong.

From sketch to digital design to Illinois campaign poster

Newcomer in 14th found 'out of the blue' fan, artistic support

By Patrick M. O'Connell
Chicago Tribune

Hingyi Khong doesn't live in Illinois' 14th Congressional District or even within 1,000 miles of the state.

That didn't stop the 37-year-old Oregon artist from creating a portrait of Lauren Underwood, the up-and-coming Democrat who ousted longtime Republican U.S. Rep. Randy Hultgren for the suburban House seat in the recent midterm election.

Struck by Underwood's message and personal story, Khong said, he made a digital portrait of a bespectacled Underwood, along with the words "Congress Illinois 14th Elect Lauren Underwood Vote Nov 6," that quickly began popping up at rallies and campaign events across the district.

"Through art, that's how I could make a change, to lend my voice to what was happening," Khong said, adding that he hopes his political portraits reach younger voters who may have been feeling left out of the political process. He said he wanted to depict Underwood "as a strong female leader."

Khong sent his depiction of the candidate to the campaign on Oct. 21, describing why he decided to feature her and telling staff members they could use the image however they wanted. The artist didn't expect much; he had been sketching portraits of other political candidates — mostly Democrats, women and people of color — for a few weeks and had not received more than a thank-you from the various campaigns.

Underwood's campaign, however, responded right away, saying it loved the work. Volun-



JULIA DICKEY PHOTO

Khong, an Oregon-based artist, created a portrait for Underwood's congressional effort.

"I was inspired by these candidates. They're all out there trying to create positive social change. Creating this art was sort of me feeling part of that."

— Hingyi Khong

teers made a few copies for a late October event in Woodstock, then created about 1,000 posters for the Joe Biden-headlined rally in St. Charles. Supporters held the posters aloft as Underwood and the former vice president spoke to the crowd at the Kane County Fairgrounds. The posters could again be seen at the weekend-before-Election Day rally led by former President Barack Obama.

The Underwood portrait is one of about three dozen Khong completed during the lead-up to the midterm elections, which

also included likenesses of Texas U.S. Senate candidate Beto O'Rourke, Georgia governor candidate Stacey Abrams and New York's Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

Khong, a New Zealand native of Chinese heritage, said he wanted to offer support to candidates he believed were fighting for affordable health care and gun control, supporting LGBTQ rights and tackling climate change. He said the politicians he chose represent "a new voice" in American politics. "I was inspired by these candidates. They're all out there trying to create positive social change," Khong said. "Creating this art was sort of me feeling part of that."

Underwood, who was in Washington last week for new House member orientation after making the rounds on national TV news programs, said she appreciated the gesture.

"I absolutely love the portrait, and I loved that Mr. Khong shared it with us out of the blue," Underwood said via email. "We received so many pieces of art from our supporters — songs, illustrations and more — it was so moving to know that our campaign resonated with so many people."

The portrait took Khong about two days to complete. He first sketched it in his notebook, then transferred it onto the computer to complete the digital, colored portrait. The Portland, Ore.-based artist, who said he came to the United States at age 13 and later graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles with a degree in graphic arts, has spent most of his career in graphic design, creating images for T-shirts and other items.

He recently decided to embark on a career as a full-time freelance artist. His websites, www.hingyikhong.com and www.instagram.com/hingyi_khong/, also feature sketches of birds from New Zealand and sports stars.

Khong said he was particularly struck by Underwood's motivation for running for office, which she said was inspired by Hultgren's vote to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

On the campaign trail, Underwood, who was a Department of Health and Human Services staffer during the Obama administration, made health care the feature of her election effort. She argued Republicans such as Hultgren were trying to undermine protections for people like herself with pre-existing medical conditions.

"I could just imagine her frustration. That was a sort of palpable inspiration that I could feel, and it really caught my eye," Khong said.

The artwork has also provided an outlet for Khong, he said, because of his frustration with the current political climate in Washington and across the nation.

"It definitely helps me during these trying political times," he said. "It's very easy to get down or have despair or have a pity party. But by highlighting these ... politicians who are trying to create positive social change, it's inspirational. And (Lauren's) been one of the people spearheading that. It's been uplifting to not just focus on the more polarizing characters."

Khong has not been paid for the Underwood art, which he offered to the campaign free of charge. He said compensation was beside the point.

"Just a show of support for these candidates is sort of the goal here," he said. "I didn't expect for it to catapult into the actual campaign. It's truly a rewarding moment to feel I was a part of it."

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Bobby Geiger, of Oaklawn Racing and Gaming, shows how wagers are placed on a video gaming machine.

State's gamblers may get a new way to wager

Betting on 'historical' horse races moves closer to approval

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN
Chicago Tribune

Illinois gamblers could soon have another new way to place bets, with a proposal to allow wagering on "historical" horse races passing another hurdle.

The Illinois Racing Board on Thursday approved proposed rules that would allow betting on videos of past races at Illinois racetracks — though the board's own former attorneys said the move was not authorized by state law.

This type of gambling exists in some other states and involves placing bets on races that have already taken place, though the bettor doesn't know the outcome of the race beforehand. Critics say the games essentially amounts to video slot machines, which many racing tracks have for years sought permission to install as a way to stem waning interest in their live races.

But even when video gambling was legalized in Illinois and has prolifer-

ated in recent years — contributing to record gambling revenues last year, according to a new state report — racetracks were left out of that gambling expansion.

Thursday's vote by the gaming board means the proposal now moves to the Illinois legislature's rules committee, which must vote, following a public comment period, on whether to approve rules that would oversee the new game. If all goes according to plan, the change could go into effect in time for the 2019 racing season.

There are three remaining racetracks in Illinois: Arlington Park in Arlington Heights, Hawthorne Racecourse in the Cicero area and Fairmount Park in downstate Collinsville. The proposal was floated by operators of Hawthorne and Fairmount. Arlington officials have not taken a position on it, waiting to see how the final proposal plays out.

Racing officials have said they would much prefer to have lawmakers approve full casinos and regular slot machines for racetracks, but that hasn't happened so far. Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker has said he is open

to expanding gambling, but has not specified what he would approve.

Anti-gambling crusader Kathy Gilroy objected that where the video horse racing machines are legal in five other states, players typically don't even watch the races — as the machines allow players to do after they've placed their bets — but play them just like slot machines.

"Just as a spade is a spade, a slot is a slot!" she said. "You ought to be ashamed of yourselves!"

She noted there were no limits set on the number of machines or when they could operate.

Horse owners praised the proposal as necessary to save a struggling industry. Gamblers bet less than half what they did on horse racing in the 1990s, and only a couple of dozen people watched the races Thursday at Hawthorne.

But in a joint statement, the owners and trainers groups said they had "serious concerns" that the rules may not fairly split electronic terminal revenue 50-50 between them and track owners, as has been done traditionally with bets on live races at the tracks. They also wor-

ried that the proposed rules allow for fewer racing days.

State law applies to "Illinois horse races," but board member Thomas McAuley said historical horse racing would include races from all over, not necessarily Illinois, which owners feared could mean less money for them.

The racing board plans to publish the proposed rules on Dec. 7, allowing a comment period of at least 90 days, before the state legislature's Joint Committee on Administrative Rules will vote on them. That will allow time to negotiate any changes, board Chairman Jeffrey Brincat said, adding that they were on "new ground."

The Illinois Casino Gaming Association opposes the plan, saying it will further cannibalize a saturated gambling market.

Attorney Michael Piezonka, who advised the racing board that it couldn't legally allow the video terminals, is no longer with the board, and has become a tax judge.

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Traveling for Thanksgiving? Join the crowd

Worst time to leave: Wednesday from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

BY ELVIA MALAGON
Chicago Tribune

More people will travel across Illinois for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend than there are people living in Chicago, according to an analysis from AAA.

A record 2.8 million people across the state are expected to travel from Wednesday to Nov. 25, an increase of 4.8 percent from last year, according to AAA and INRIX, a global transportation analytics company. An estimated 2.7 million people call Chicago home, and about 12.8 million live in Illinois, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Across the nation, a record 54.3 million will travel 50 miles or more by car, plane, train, bus or cruise ship, according to AAA.

In Chicago, the worst time next week to embark on holiday travel will be from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, with Interstate 94 west — specifically, from about the Touhy exit on the Edens to the Wisconsin border — the worst expressway, according to AAA and INRIX. And the worst time to get to O'Hare International Airport via the Kennedy Expressway is expected to be from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Most people traveling for the holiday will do so by car, AAA estimates. In Illinois, that means 2.5 million travelers will be driving. Motorists could start to notice heavier traffic congestion as early as Monday, with longer than usual travel times expected during the evening commute each day next week. The best days to travel are Thanksgiving Day, Black Friday and Nov. 24, according to AAA.

AAA attributes the uptick in holiday travel to people having more disposable income and higher wages. Economic forecasts are among the factors AAA looks at when it makes holiday travel projections, said Beth Mosher, a spokes-

woman for the AAA Chicago Motor Club.

Gas prices in Chicago are down from earlier this year, but the price at the gas pump is still higher than a year ago, according to AAA's website and the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Last November, the monthly average retail gas price in Chicago was \$2.88, according to the federal agency. This year, gas prices peaked in May at \$3.21, but gas last month averaged \$3.01. This week, the average gas price in Cook County was \$2.82, above the national average of \$2.66, according to AAA.

One thing travelers leaving Chicago likely won't have to worry about is snow-covered roads. There's no precipitation expected for Thanksgiving Day or the day before, said Charles Mott, a meteorologist from the National Weather Service's Chicago-area office.

Those looking to avoid driving have the option of buying a \$10 unlimited holiday pass from Metra that can be used on Thanksgiving Day and Black Friday, according to a news release from the agency. However, trains on Thanksgiving Day will be operating on a holiday schedule, which could mean limited service on some rails. The agency is also changing its schedule on Wednesday, in some cases adding or canceling service on certain rails.

On Wednesday, the CTA will have additional trains on the Brown, Green, Red, Blue and Orange lines, according to the agency. Those catching a flight can use the Blue Line to get to O'Hare and the Orange Line to get to Midway Airport. On Thanksgiving Day, the trains and buses operated by the CTA will be running on a reduced holiday schedule. The CTA also plans to reduce the number of trains for the morning and afternoon commutes on Black Friday on the Brown, Blue and Red lines.

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Proposal seeks electronic tracking of rape kits in Ill.

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"Ten months goes by, 12 months," she said. Nearly 15 months later, "I'm still waiting for it."

Such a wait isn't unusual, nor is Parsons' lack of information about where her rape kit is or when evidence, if any, might be delivered. Because rape kits are not tracked electronically, it is difficult to know where they are in the process.

To address this issue, a group of Illinois lawmakers, advocates and law enforcement officials has drafted a proposal for a system to track rape kits. But some say that a tracking system won't address the most pressing issue: long processing times.

"These long delays, that's what needs to change," said Polly Poskin, executive director of the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault and a member of the commission. "The turnaround time must be shortened."

The Sexual Assault Evidence Tracking and Reporting Commission, established by law in 2017, finished a proposal this summer to establish a statewide electronic tracking system modeled after similar programs in other states. By better understanding where evidence is, officials hope to give survivors the comfort and confidence that their cases are being taken seriously. Meanwhile, officials say a tracking system could show when and where kits are stalled, and bolster a case for more forensic scientists or other solutions to shorten long turnaround times.

The proposal is the latest in a series of efforts in Illinois to address a dec-

ades-long backlog of rape kits by streamlining the processing of evidence.

According to the Illinois State Police, which is in charge of the labs that process evidence, the average time to process DNA evidence for all cases, including sexual assaults, is 285 days. They do not track average processing times specifically for rape kits, but for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 2,079 sexual assault and abuse cases were awaiting analysis, and 586 of these had been received between 181 and 365 days earlier.

In 2010, Illinois was the first state to enact a law requiring that all rape kits be tested, and in the years since, forensic scientists have worked their way through the influx of kits at labs. In August, Gov. Bruce Rauner signed legislation requiring hospitals to have nurses trained to collect evidence, which advocates say will improve evidence and bolster prosecutions.

Illinois state Rep. Margo McDermed, R-Mokena, is working on legislation she hopes to introduce early next year that would mandate a tracking protocol.

"This way, we always know where the kits are and who has them and what their process is," said McDermed, who is on the commission. "How do you make sure that you keep on track? You have a way to measure."

Some states already have established tracking systems, and others are considering them.

In Idaho, where a system has been in place for nearly two years, Matthew Gamette, the laboratory system director at Idaho State Police Forensic Services,

said 1,100 searches were made last month in the system, which allows survivors — as well as law enforcement officials, hospital workers, lab technicians and prosecutors — to access where a kit is or to update information on where it is. In Idaho, the average turnaround time for rape kits is 209 days, although Gamette said the state hopes to process kits within 30 days by next year.

In Washington state, which began a tracking system in October, state Rep. Tina Orwall said the state aims to use the information gleaned through tracking to reduce typical processing times that stretch from about eight months to a year.

The Illinois commission modeled its proposal on a system being piloted in Michigan. There, the state began a tracking system in one county in August and is working toward a statewide launch. Michigan law mandates a 90-day turnaround time if the lab has adequate resources and personnel. In the last year, evidence was processed in an average of 84 days. Michigan's system costs about \$700,000 per year, including technical upkeep and a 24/7 help desk to assist with any technical issues as people try to access updates.

Cara Smith, the Cook County sheriff's chief policy officer, said allowing survivors to track evidence is the least officials can do to send a message that do victims endure an intrusive exam during a traumatic time, their cases are being taken seriously.

"It's their body. It's their evidence," Smith said. "And they should absolutely



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Sarah Parsons, 20, is still waiting for a rape kit from 2017 to be analyzed.

know where in this very challenging process it is."

Smith said she recently mailed a clothing return to J. Crew. She was provided with tracking information. "The first thing that popped into my head was, 'I can track where my pants that didn't fit are in the return, and I can't find out where my rape kit is?'" she said.

With a tracking system, officials could enter information flagging where evidence is — at the hospital, with law enforcement or at the lab.

Most evidence lags at state laboratories, which often lack resources and staff, said Ilse Knecht, policy director at the Joyful Heart Foundation, which monitors rape kit backlogs across the country.

Knecht, who grew up in Champaign but now lives in New York, said that after seeing Illinois take the lead in mandating testing, she expected the state to be further ahead. The Joyful Heart Foundation recommends all kits be submitted to labs within 180 days and tested within 30 days. "As long as Illinois has been

working on this problem, I would like to see that be much faster," she said.

McDermed blames lack of funding for the slow pace. The state needs more forensic scientists, which require salaries and two years of training.

To speed up rape kit processing statewide, this year the State Police began sending evidence straight to testing for DNA, instead of assessing first whether items like clothing or bedding showed biological material.

Arlene Hall, commander of Illinois State Police's Forensic Sciences Command, hopes to quicken the pace of processing, ideally to within six months. She said labs are always evaluating how to improve, including automating more. As of June, ISP had 63 forensic scientists working on DNA testing, below the 81 needed to address new cases and reduce the backlog, according to ISP's annual report. Hall said ISP plans to hire five more forensic scientists in December.

"Our goal is to get the results to the agencies as

timely as possible, so they can use those results and investigate," she said. "It doesn't do anybody any good if they're waiting a year or longer."

And after such a long wait, some survivors might be less willing or able to assist with prosecutions — memories are less crisp, and people might want to simply move on. Meanwhile, while evidence waits to be processed, criminals could remain on the street.

For Parsons, who is studying forensic psychology at Roosevelt University with an eye toward an eventual doctorate, waiting for information has exacerbated a painful situation. A tracking system would at least provide her information, she said, even if that information was frustrating. "Because they do take so long, it'd be nice to have some kind of knowledge."

Still, she never wants to use a tracking system. By the time one is established, she hopes her case will be closed.

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Scrap metal is sorted along the Calumet River last month. Chicago and the Army Corps reportedly were eyeing industrial sites on the Southeast Side to dispose of dredged sediment.

Ill. falls short in pollution protection

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rations of good intentions? Public outreach, the most tangible piece of the environmental justice program, is spotty in Illinois. According to records obtained by the Tribune, over the past 3½ years, no outreach was conducted in more than half the cases in which the state Environmental Protection Agency considered a permit that could affect air, water or soil quality in an environmental justice area.

No public hearings were held in nearly two years for such cases. Even when notices were sent to neighborhood groups, the letters didn't detail how the public could become involved. Nor did they outline the period of time the public had to respond.

Paul Mohai, founder of the Environmental Justice Program at the University of Michigan, who helped draft recommendations for Michigan's impending environmental justice policy following the Flint water crisis, said there's little evidence to suggest that current programs are accomplishing their goals of environmental equity.

"It's often painted as 'We want to hear from the community.' But people realize they are being manipulated, the decisions have already been made and they're going through a meaningless exercise to keep a lid on the potential controversy," Mohai said. "The irony, to me, is the result of doing that creates distrust."

Public engagement

The chief responsibility of the EPA's environmental justice officer — an ombudsman of sorts — is to bolster public engagement, which includes sending letters to notify elected officials and community groups when a company seeks a building permit.

According to records obtained by the Tribune, between January 2015 and August 2018, almost 2,000 permit applications were cataloged in the state's environmental justice outreach database and marked as completed. But in 56 percent of these cases, no notification letter was sent. When a notification letter was sent, the Tribune found at least 80 instances in which communities were given the minimum two weeks or less to respond.

Chris Pressnall, the state EPA's current environmental justice officer, acknowledged that his office has not hosted any community meetings in an environmental justice community in nearly two years, during which time more than 1,100 cases were completed. Pressnall, who said the aim isn't to send notices for every permit application, notes that the agency doesn't get a response in the



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Gina Ramirez, shown with husband Julio Ibarra and son Evan, worries about pollution in their East Side neighborhood.



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The area includes S.H. Bell Co., which stores and handles manganese and other materials for use in steel production.

vast majority of cases in which letters are sent.

"There's a lack of clarity by everybody on the EJ notification process — the facilities, the public, internally at the EPA," Pressnall said. "... At the last Illinois Commission on Environmental Justice meeting, I brought up that I wanted to start talking about the EJ notification process and the public participation plan to ferret out where it can be improved, and also to get some acknowledgement that, 'Hey, we're sending out a lot of these and nobody's responding. I don't know if that's a good use of my or the agency's resources.'"

In Illinois, perhaps no one has been more instrumental in the creation and shaping of the state's environmental justice policies than Keith Harley, an attorney who has filed several federal complaints arguing the permitting and siting of some facilities violated a section of the Civil Rights Act that prohibits discrimination based on race and national origin.

Harley's first grievance, filed in 1998 in response to an incinerator in south suburban Robbins, led to the creation of the environmental justice office. In 2010, Harley argued the Illinois

EPA denied the residents of Ford Heights an opportunity to become involved before it issued permits to Geneva Energy, a facility that burned tires to produce power. This action expanded the scope of the environmental justice program's public participation policy. In 2015, Harley lodged another complaint contending the Illinois EPA didn't conduct outreach when it issued a lifetime permit to Agri-Fine, an animal feed producer in the Pullman neighborhood, after which the state promised to clear all permits through the environmental justice officer before they were issued.

"The Robbins incinerator was shut down, Geneva Energy was dismantled, Agri-Fine no longer operates," said Harley, who also sits on the state commission on environmental justice. "What I take away is, when communities do receive information, do engage the agency, have access to legal services, that they can make a profound difference."

Still, opportunities for meaningful public involvement hinge on notification. And the consequences of lapsed notifications can be seen across the state.



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Activist Kim Wasserman speaks at an October event about issues with the state's environmental justice policies.

Pollution vs. jobs

Granite City, an aging industrial town across the Mississippi River from St. Louis, is dominated by a sprawling U.S. Steel plant with a long history of pollution problems. Nearly half of the 30,000 people who live within 3 miles of the steel mill are poor, qualifying surrounding neighborhoods as environmental justice communities.

In July, President Donald Trump came to town to announce U.S. Steel would restart two blast furnaces that had been idled since 2015, a move he attributed to new tariffs on imported steel and aluminum. The Pittsburgh-based company had shut down the mill amid a drop in oil prices that dried up demand for steel pipes and tubes manufactured in Granite City, but moved to resume operations as the price of crude oil began to rise again.

Restarting the blast furnaces led to the recall of 800 laid-off workers. While putting people back to work got all the headlines, the Illinois EPA failed to uphold one of the pillars of environmental justice laws by skipping a requirement to notify neighbors about other changes that promise to

bring them more pollution.

The state agency did not notify the community about several applications for new permits to modify how landfills are managed and monitored by U.S. Steel, which was cited for violating waste management laws as recently as 2016. Nor were notices posted when Granite City Slag LLC, an associated facility cited for failing to submit annual reports of its emissions for 2011, applied to renew its permit to crush a byproduct of steelmaking concentrated with toxic metals.

Neighbors also were shut out when Gateway Energy & Coke Co., a U.S. Steel supplier with its own track record of pollution violations, applied to install a new steam generator fueled by noxious gases from the company's massive coke ovens. Gateway is responsible for some of the highest cancer risks in the nation from coke oven gases, according to the U.S. EPA's latest assessment of the health dangers posed by toxic air pollution.

Mayor Ed Hagnauer could not be reached for comment for this article, but in a March Tribune report he called the announcement of U.S. Steel jobs a "morale builder."

"For two years, I've been going around town and everyone asks, 'When are the jobs coming back?'" he said, noting that town officials' and residents' efforts to draw attention to the job losses never halted. "These are very good jobs, and we appreciate these jobs being here. The community was built around this steel plant; the community wasn't built first."

Others also argue that environmental justice policies are harmful to disadvantaged communities that could benefit from new jobs and tax revenue.

Richard Trzupek, an environmental consultant for industry, said the designation of an environmental justice area (a community within a mile of an area with twice the statewide average of minority or low-income population) scares away would-be developers.

"One of the reasons that projects don't get built in some poorer areas is environmental justice," Trzupek said. "Everyone is in fear of being labeled as trying to take advantage of poor communities. From my point of view, the EPA has standards for what can be emitted in the air and water. Either those standards are protective of human health or they're not. So, establishing a special other review is saying, 'Well, the EPA is not doing their job.' That 'other' review causes developers to avoid poor neighborhoods, and I think that's a shame."

Trzupek, a native of Chicago's Southeast Side, acknowledged some areas endure a greater share of industrial pollution, but he believes that's the result of developers historically finding cheaper land in poor communities.

According to a 2007 study on toxic waste and race based on the 2000 census, of the more than 9 million people who lived within 1.8 miles of a commercial hazardous waste facility, 56 percent were people of color. In Chicago, that figure jumped to 72 percent. Chicago was one of six metropolitan areas that accounted for half of all people of color living in close proximity to all of the nation's commercial hazardous waste facilities.

Fewer resources to push back

Environmental advocates like Kim Wasserman contend that industrial polluters target disadvantaged communities that have fewer resources to push back against unwanted development.

Wasserman, a native of Little Village and mother of three, lived less than a mile away from the coal-fired Crawford power plant for 12 years. From an early age, her two sons suffered from asthma attacks and Wasser-

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man quickly had to learn about their triggers. For more than a decade, she and other activists demanded officials close the Crawford plant as well as the Fisk coal plant in neighboring Pilsen. Both closed in 2012.

Even after that hard-fought victory, the prospect of more industry sprouted up, including a massive distribution center slated for the Crawford site, possibly bringing a fleet of diesel trucks. That was enough to motivate Wasserman to move to nearby McKinley Park, a working-class neighborhood that's 63 percent Latino and 18 percent Asian.

But not even a year after her move, a large asphalt plant was quietly built across the street from the neighborhood's namesake park, catching neighbors by surprise when they noticed silos being erected.

Because of an EPA staffer's oversight, the environmental justice review was expedited, leaving only two weeks for the community to express concerns before the permit was issued. The agency ultimately didn't receive any responses from the public.

Although a letter was dispatched to a few regional or state organizations like the Illinois chapters of the Sierra Club and American Lung Association, McKinley Park residents say there were no postings, meetings or mailings to community groups before the permit was issued. The ZIP code where MAT Asphalt is sited contains 2,970 households who speak limited English, but the notification was not sent in Spanish.

In an interview last month, Pressnall, the state EPA's environmental justice officer, acknowledged he has yet to send a notification letter in Spanish.

While a local alderman who received campaign donations from the owners of the asphalt plant was aware of the plant's arrival, at least two lawmakers who were on the distribution list have said they didn't receive the notice. Among them, state Sen. Tony Munoz has introduced a bill to require the EPA to send notification letters to Illinois representatives and senators within 15 days of receiving a permit application that may impact air or water quality.

Currently, the environmental justice policy isn't required by law. If a notification isn't sent, the permit can still be issued.

Fighting for a seat at the table

Wasserman is also calling for environmental justice policies at the local levels and zoning reforms as a solution. "Right now, we're getting things fast-tracked and permitted in less than two weeks in the city of Chicago," she said. "It's a s---show how quickly this stuff is happening. For us, any legal arm that we can use to our benefit, we're going to take it."

"This should not be a process that folks can glide through given everything we know about environmental health."

The McKinley Park community will have an informal meeting and public hearing sometime next year ahead of a decision on MAT Asphalt's long-term operating permit, Pressnall said.

But public opposition alone can't thwart a permit application. If the public is granted a meeting, some demands could translate into stipulations for a permit, like requiring a company to wash its trucks to avoid spreading lung-aggravating dust. Generally, the company has to agree to those conditions because they can be appealed.

"It's not just the notification process, but once you get the notification process, what are you empowered to do?" Wasserman said. "Let's say best notification process in the world is up and running. If my voice can't stop a project, I think there's a bigger question to be had."

A coalition of environmental justice organizations gathered at a YMCA gym last month in Pilsen to share their experiences in fighting for a seat at the table. Residents of the predominantly Latino Southwest and Southeast sides talked about becoming increasingly unnerved as in-

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dustrial operations relocate from the quickly gentrifying Northwest Side to their neighborhoods.

Ramirez, the East Side mother, recently learned about metal scrapper General Iron's announcement

that the facility is expected to relocate from Lincoln Park to the South Deering neighborhood. There were also reports that the city and Army Corps of Engineers were eyeing five abandoned industrial properties on the

Southeast Side for a new landfill to dispose of contaminated sediment dredged from the bottom of the Calumet River and Cal-Sag Channel.

Earlier at the meeting, a slideshow displayed the U.S.

EPA's principle of environmental justice, which it defines as "the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income" when it comes to environmental

regulation. Though the notion was admirable, few left the gym convinced it was anything more than that.

"My whole life I've seen pollution and now the same is happening for my son," Ramirez said. "And that's really concerning, because you always want better for your child. I'd much rather be teaching him how to ride a bike than learning about manganese."

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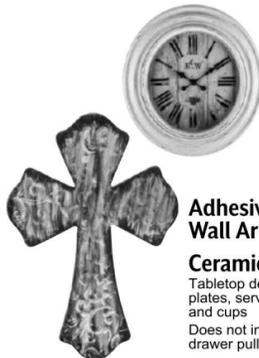
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Michael LaPorta heads to speech therapy with his mom, Patricia. "He's a 38-year-old man," she said, "and he wants to be independent ..."

Year after \$44.7M jury award, no city payout to victim yet

LaPorta, from Page 1

last year, and his 62-year-old father, a retired city laborer who has his own pulmonary issues, continues running his business of laying asphalt to help pay for his son's needs.

The city has been more generous toward the man found to have shot LaPorta. The Tribune has learned the officer, Patrick Kelly, continues to receive his full paycheck from the Police Department, even though he had his badge stripped and has been under investigation for more than a year. "A year ago, I felt hope like I hadn't felt since before Mikey was shot," LaPorta's 59-year-old mother, Patricia, said. "Now I feel like the city is just waiting for us to die, so there is no one there to keep fighting for Mikey."

Michael LaPorta and Kelly were the only people inside the officer's Mount Greenwood home on Jan. 12, 2010, when LaPorta was shot toward the back of his head with Kelly's service weapon. Investigators classified the shooting as an attempted suicide based largely on the account provided by Kelly, who has been found mentally unfit for duty twice, arrested two times, accused of beating a girlfriend and treated for alcohol addiction.

LaPorta, who was also Kelly's college roommate, couldn't speak for months after the shooting, but his family disputed the suicide classification from the beginning. LaPorta's fingerprints weren't found on the gun, and witnesses — including several Chicago police officers LaPorta and Kelly had been drinking with that night — said he appeared to be in good spirits in the hours before the shooting.

Even with that cloud of uncertainty over the investigation, police took the word of Kelly, who told them LaPorta found the gun in the officer's bedroom, put it near his head and pulled the trigger. A bullet fired from the pistol splintered and ricocheted inside LaPorta's head, leaving him with severe brain damage and a host of other medical problems.

Kelly, who has repeatedly denied shooting LaPorta, settled with the family as an individual in 2012 for \$300,000 — the maximum payout under Kelly's personal insurance policy.

The LaPorta family also sued the city, alleging the department should have removed Kelly from the force long before the shooting.

When the case went to trial nearly seven years later, Kelly exercised his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination during the trial and would not answer questions about the incident — including one specifically asking if he



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Chicago police Officer Patrick Kelly, left, has denied shooting LaPorta. He still receives his full paycheck from the Police Department, even though his badge was stripped.

shot his friend and another asking if he lied to police about it being a suicide attempt.

The move did not sit well with jurors, who needed only 20 minutes to determine Kelly shot LaPorta. They spent the rest of their two-day deliberations deciding the monetary award, before settling on \$44.7 million.

In addition to being the biggest award for a police misconduct case in state history, the verdict also marked the first time a jury had found the city enabled troubled officers by failing to discipline them and by failing to maintain an early warning system to identify potential problems.

U.S. District Judge Harry Levinweber upheld the jurors' decision in August, ruling the \$44.7 million award, "while high, was not excessive." He also ordered the city to pay an additional \$2.7 million for LaPorta's costs and legal fees.

The city's appeal is ongoing. "The city's position is that taxpayers cannot be held responsible for Kelly's off-duty actions in his private capacity," Chicago Law Department spokesman Bill McCaffrey said in an emailed statement. "The city will also argue that the damages are excessive, among other issues."

Though it's rare for police officers to invoke their Fifth Amendment rights, Kelly has refused to make statements under oath since February 2016, when the Chicago Police Department reopened an investigation into the shooting. The case remains open.

He was stripped of his police powers after he refused to answer questions on the witness stand. Officials said he still remains employed by the department and receives his \$87,000-a-year salary, though he may no longer make arrests or carry a gun.

Kelly "reports to work every day but is in a nonoperational assignment that does not require being a sworn police officer," pend-

ing final discipline, police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said. The officer is detailed to a telephone reporting unit, he said.

A lawyer for Kelly declined to comment Tuesday. Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who has been outspoken recently on police reform, also declined to comment on the situation through a spokesman, who said the mayor would not address a pending case.

The city agency that investigates officer-involved shootings and other alleged police misconduct cleared Kelly of any wrongdoing in 2010 without interviewing LaPorta. The agency, now known as the Civilian Office of Police Accountability, relaunched the investigation last year after the Tribune made inquiries about the case.

Records show the agency finally spoke with

LaPorta last January, a 90-minute interview in which he told investigators he argued with Kelly over treatment of his friend's dog before the gun went off. LaPorta has said he does not remember the actual shooting, and a transcript of the interview shows his limitations handling multipart questions as he struggled to tell investigators when he first saw the gun, and what his memories are of the moments before he was gravely wounded.

"He was hitting the dog," said LaPorta, who did flatly deny being suicidal that evening. "And the dog didn't do anything wrong. And that — that's it. I was praising the dog."

Records obtained by the Tribune show the Civilian Office of Police Accountability made a recom-

mendation on discipline for Kelly in late September, giving the Police Department 60 days to respond. A COPA spokesman declined to disclose the agency's findings, saying the agency is prohibited from releasing the information until after the Police Department makes a decision on it. The department's Bureau of Internal Affairs also has been investigating whether Kelly made false statements about the shooting since the trial, and that case remains open, officials said.

"What about this case requires a year to investigate?" LaPorta's attorney Antonio Romanucci said. "My confidence in COPA or the Chicago Police Department isn't very high at this point."

All the while, Michael LaPorta longs for the independence the jury's award

could provide him. Once an avid sportsman, he wants to move to Alabama where he dreams of joining friends and family on duck hunts even though he would only be a spectator. He tells his parents, who have been his primary caretakers since the shooting, that they can live in a house about 20 minutes away.

"He's a 38-year-old man, and he wants to be independent from his parents," Patricia LaPorta said. "I don't blame him for that. ... It's not like he wants something remarkable. I know remarkable is beyond our reach right now."

This is not the life Patricia LaPorta envisioned for her adventurous eldest child or for herself. She expected Mikey to give her grandchildren by this time and to take over her husband's small asphalt laying

and snowplowing business.

Instead, his parents have converted their dining room into a wheelchair-accessible bedroom and used their savings to extensively remodel the family's home so their son can move around in it. Patricia LaPorta rarely gets a full night's rest because she wakes frequently to help Michael, who has difficulty sleeping because of his chronic pain.

After Michael LaPorta was hospitalized with an infection late last year, she started having cardiac problems while with him and had emergency stents put in. It was among the most terrifying moments she has experienced since the shooting. "I kept telling myself not to die and to hold on, hold on," she said. "I told myself if you don't hold on, there is no one to take care of Mikey. Just, please, please hold on."

Patricia LaPorta recovered, but she still worries about what the future holds for her son. Much of the equipment she and her husband, Michael Sr., purchased after the shooting — a medical bed, motorized wheelchair, specially equipped van and wheelchair lift — are now nearly 9 years old and starting to break down.

And those pieces of equipment are critical to the small freedoms Michael LaPorta enjoys. In between his various therapies, he and his mother go someplace every day just to get out of the house and see people. Some days it's a trip to Walmart to buy cologne or Kohl's for a pair of socks, other times it's a quick run to Walgreens to pick up a magazine.

On Mother's Day, Michael LaPorta used his left hand — the only one he can use — to open his front door, lower himself on the lift and roll into the street. He then drove himself in his wheelchair to the Jewel down the block and purchased hanging flower baskets for his mother and two other women who lived on his block.

Patricia LaPorta knew he wanted to buy the gifts by himself, so she reluctantly let him go alone. Still, she tracked him on her cellphone's "Find Friends" app the entire time.

Though she wept at her son's thoughtfulness, Patricia LaPorta couldn't help but feel some bitterness. Patrick Kelly does not have to go to such lengths just to buy a plant.

"This other man goes about his life," she said. "He's still working, he's still receiving a paycheck. He can stand up and walk. He can go where he wants. My son can't do anything."

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Ill. Dems divided on Pelosi for speaker

By LISA DONOVAN AND PATRICK M. O'CONNELL
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To get a sense of the tug of war going on in Washington over whether Nancy Pelosi will regain her former post as speaker of the House with Democrats returning to power, look no further than the divide among Illinois' congressional delegation.

While most Democrats in the Illinois delegation say they back Pelosi — Mike Quigley among the most recent to confirm his support — it's not clear whether she'll be able to muster enough votes to win back the gavel.

Who steps into the role has powerful implications for the party. If Pelosi is handed the job it will be a triumphal return as the nation's first female House speaker, or the start of a political reckoning over who should lead Democrats in the Donald Trump era.

Among Illinois' delegation, Bill Foster is a firm "no" vote. "He's committed to voting for someone else," Foster spokeswoman Mary Werden wrote in an email this week.

Dan Lipinski, meanwhile, said he won't back Pelosi without House rules changes — ones that would loosen some of the speaker's grip on the legislative agenda and give members, Democrats and Republicans alike, more power.

A quick check-in with other Democrats in the delegation shows she has seven "yes" votes from Illinois: Danny Davis, Bobby Rush, Quigley, Robin Kelly, Jan Schakowsky, Brad Schneider and Cheri Bustos.

Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, who was elected last week to succeed outgoing Rep. Luis Guterrez, and Raja Krishnamoorthi say they're undecided. And newly elected Democrats Lauren Underwood and Sean Casten say they're taking a wait-and-see approach.

"I believe that we have a real opportunity to support a speaker that's going to move forward an agenda," Underwood said recently on NBC's "Meet the Press." "I'm interested in supporting someone who is aligned on that type of an agenda, and I look forward to having conversations with whichever candidates end up running."

Pelosi has faced challenges before, but this one — fueled by newcomers calling for change and frustrated incumbents who feel shut out of leadership after her many years at the helm — poses perhaps the biggest threat yet.

A Nov. 28 secret-ballot contest among Democrats will offer the first real glimpse of where she stands, followed by the higher-stakes public roll call of the entire House on Jan. 3. Pelosi has said she has "overwhelming support in my caucus to be speaker of the House."

With a narrow Democratic majority, now at 230 seats, she does not have much cushion to secure the 218 votes needed on the floor if all Republicans vote against her, as expected. Some House races remain undecided, and the Democratic majority could grow slightly.

There is a chance the math could shift in Pelosi's favor if lawmakers are absent or simply vote "present," meaning she would need fewer than 218 votes for an absolute majority.

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Chicago Park District pitches summer camp fee increase

BY ELVIA MALAGON AND MORGAN GREENE
Chicago Tribune

The cost of six-week children's summer camps run by the Chicago Park District is expected to increase about 8 percent next year, according to the district's proposed budget for 2019 released Friday.

Residents can expect to pay \$292 for a six-week camp next year compared with last summer's \$270, according to the Park District.

The overall proposed budget is \$464 million, which the district says is less than a half-percent higher than the 2018 budget. The good news for taxpayers: There's no proposal for a property tax increase. And the increase doesn't seem to be scaring away Chicago families.

Program registration has increased by 100 percent over the last eight years, said Park District General Superintendent Michael Kelly in a Friday interview.

"We think we're going to hit an all-time high this fall and that will be 114-, 115,000, so business is booming," Kelly said. "Which is a good thing."

Kelly stressed that even with the fee hikes over the years, the district measures success by how many kids are able to attend programs.

"The reality is, some of our programs, we charge a fee truly to protect the integrity of the program because free is treated like free," he said. "And many experts in the field will tell you that you have to charge something to make it worthwhile."

"Our program fees are as bare-bones as it gets," said Kelly, noting the district's tiered pricing system, a program that helps send a kid to camp and scholarships.

"Now, to the top-tier people, because they like to complain, too, and the ever-strapped middle-class, the reality is this, I get it, you

pay big property taxes," Kelly said. "Take the time, though, to look at your bill and see where we fit in. When I got here, we were 7.2 percent of your property tax bill, in 2003. We are now 4.9 percent."

In the 2019 budget, full-time position increases are proposed for new and expanded facilities like Williams Park, Maplewood Park and Big Marsh Park, as well as in the department of natural resources, outdoor and environmental education programs, and the youth sailing program.

Sailing offerings at Montrose Harbor and Jackson Park Harbor will expand next year, with the addition of high school sailing teams.

The district is also proposing three new Nature Play Spaces on the city's South and West sides to add to the current five, which are outdoor spaces meant to connect children to natural elements and materials.

The Ford Calumet Environmental Center at Big Marsh Park, expected to open in the fall, is one of the major 2019 initiatives. The center will serve as hub for eco-recreation activities like hiking, rock climbing and adventure courses.

Other capital projects in the works include a Gately Park running track facility and the Exelon Recreation Center in Addams Park.

"It's a big year, and all of these facilities to one degree or another are revenue generators," Kelly said. "If I can make money at Gately, then I can scholarship more kids on the West Side, and that really for us is what it's all about."

The proposed budget includes the elimination of 27 full-time positions currently vacant in community recreation and community sports, saving \$1.3 million.

With hourly employees, the district seems to be shifting time and money away from seasonal lifeguards assigned to the lakefront, with a drop from

119,233 hours for seasonal lifeguards in 2018 to 115,489 in 2019.

Meanwhile, hours for aquatic coaches are on the rise, from 16,380 in 2018 to 19,292 in 2019. The district has previously come under pressure after drownings in Lake Michigan — and cutting lifeguards' hours — to implement new safety measures at the city's beaches, including extending lifeguards' shifts to cover all daylight hours.

The Aquatics Unit will create two new Aquatic Coach positions in 2019 due to an increase in Swim Club program participation, according to the Chicago Park District.

"In order to accommodate these new positions in a budget-neutral manner, Seasonal Life Guard budgeted hours were reduced by approximately 1%, from 308,000 to 305,000 hours which still exceeds historical actual total hours worked," said spokeswoman Michele Lemons in an emailed statement. "This staff right-sizing allowed us to efficiently accommodate the two new Aquatic Coach positions that will teach our Swim Club members and work with them to become better swimmers."

The Chicago Park District voted last week to issue \$8 million in bonds for harbor improvements, including dock and gate replacements at Jackson Park Outer Harbor, the smallest harbor in the system, and Burnham Harbor, which has the most spaces of the district's nine harbors and a high occupancy rate.

Residents can view the proposed budget at www.chicagoparkdistrict.com and submit comments.

The public will also have an opportunity to weigh in on the budget at a public meeting scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Dec. 5 at the district headquarters, 541 N. Fairbanks Court.

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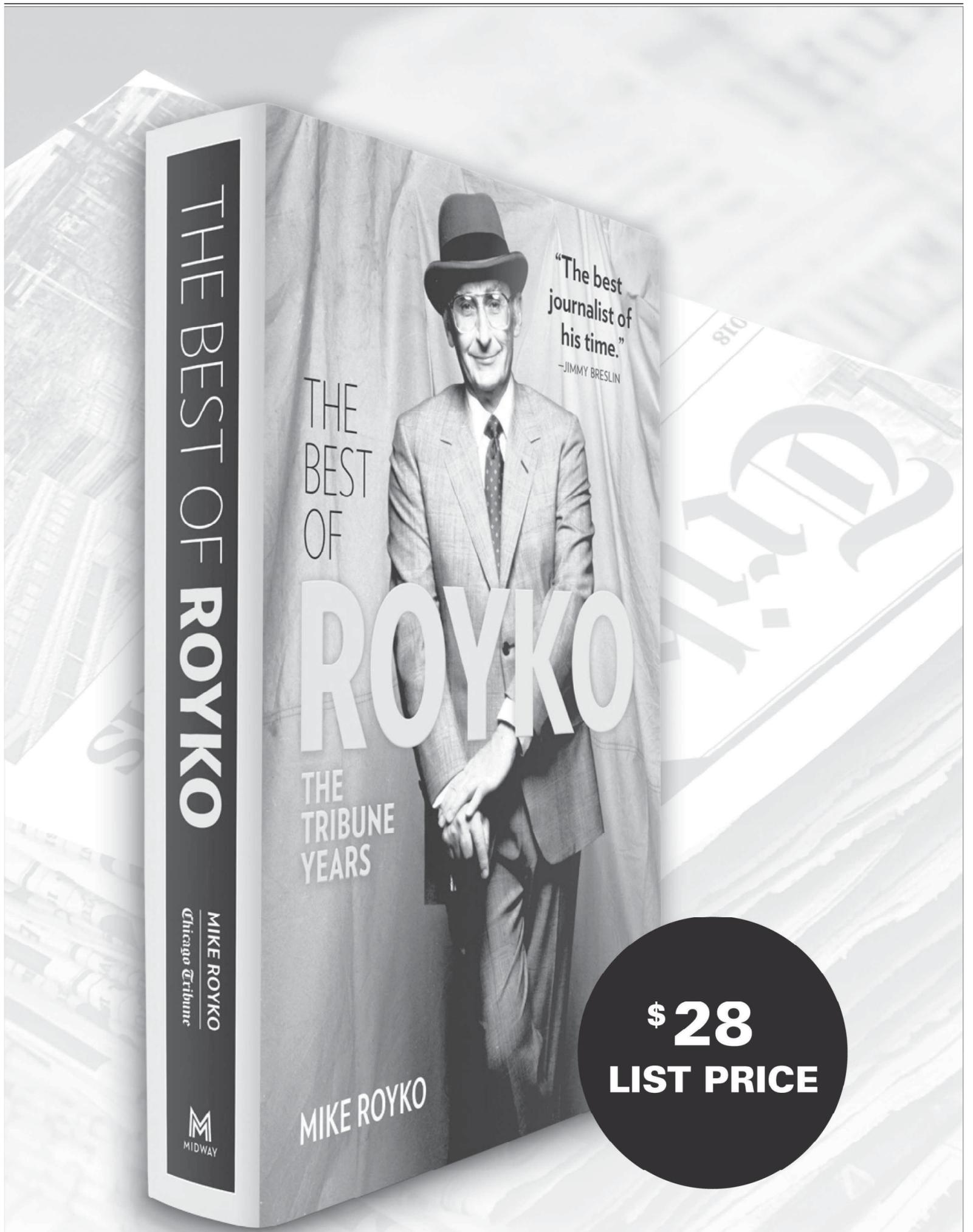
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Illinois schools join effort to close achievement gaps

Initiative aims to improve access to higher education

BY DAWN RHODES
Chicago Tribune

Four Illinois universities have joined an ambitious national effort to resolve persistent inequities in higher education.

About 130 schools and university systems have signed onto a program directed by the Association for Public and Land-grant Universities in Washington, D.C., officials announced this week. Dubbed "Powered by Public: Scaling Student Success," the initiative groups together school leaders to brainstorm ways to improve access to higher education, eliminate

achievement gaps among students and boost the number of students earning postsecondary degrees.

Three million students are enrolled at the participating universities. Schools will work together over the next five years to develop new strategies and share data on best practices to help all schools improve student performance.

"Over the past few years, we've witnessed a real and growing enthusiasm among public university leaders to advance college completion nationally," APLU President Peter McPherson said in a statement. "We have to seize the moment and mobilize institutions to improve not just college access, but also equity in student outcomes and the number of students who



University of Illinois at Chicago is one of four Illinois schools to sign onto an initiative to address inequities in higher education.

earn degrees." The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the University of Illinois at Chicago, Illinois State Uni-

versity and Northern Illinois University have signed onto the initiative. Each is working with different clusters of public universities to tackle specific roadblocks to students' ability to start, persist in and complete college.

Exact strategies will be spelled out in upcoming months, but schools are identifying broad topics.

The impetus for the APLU effort is a familiar one. Academics and economists have long predicted that jobs in the U.S. will increasingly require post-secondary education. Universities and states repeatedly have set goals to produce more college graduates to meet the demand for a more educated workforce and keep up with the advancing economy.

The U. of I. will focus on student retention and persistence, according to Kevin

Pitts, vice provost for undergraduate education. Some schools paired with the U. of I. include Penn State, Indiana, Iowa and Rutgers. Illinois State also will work on retention as well as graduation rates alongside schools including the University of Maine, Kent State and Western Michigan.

"We plan to focus on improving our understanding — and ultimately our ability to identify and help — students who start college but terminate their studies somewhere along the way," Pitts said in an email. "Reasons for this are many, which is what we want to better understand, ranging from financial issues to personal/family issues to mismatch with the student's goals to challenges navigating a large and complex campus."

One target for UIC's group will be achievement

"Achieving equity in state universities is one of the most important things we do, both in access and in educational outcomes."

— Susan Poser, UIC provost

gaps, Provost Susan Poser said. UIC will work with other schools in major metropolitan areas such as the University of Houston, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis and the University of Cincinnati.

"Achieving equity in state universities is one of the most important things we do, both in access and in educational outcomes," Poser said. "Everybody's working on these issues. We're hoping that through things we're doing already but thinking about creative ways to address these issues that we're going to come up with a set of best practices that will be tested on various campuses."

NIU will focus on financial literacy, according to a spokesman, and is in a group of schools with sizable proportions of federal Pell Grant recipients. More than 44 percent of NIU undergraduates received Pell assistance in 2016, the most recent year for which data are available, according to the National Center for Education Statistics and the Department of Education.

Data show most Illinois public universities routinely produce disparate graduation patterns based on race, a dynamic that persists even among more selective schools. Various academic research has shown that even when schools improve overall student performance, those gains are not always represented among minority groups.

"There is full consensus among the entire APLU cluster members that we must do all that we can to support student academic success," said Pitts, of the U. of I. "Gone are the days of the 'sink or swim' mentality."

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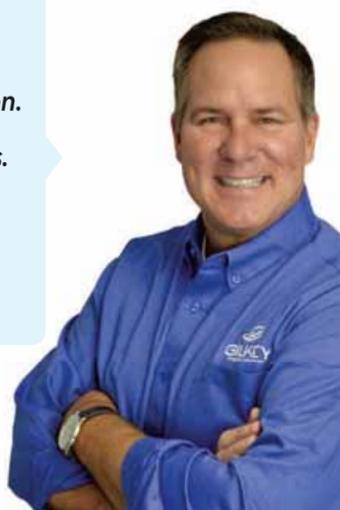
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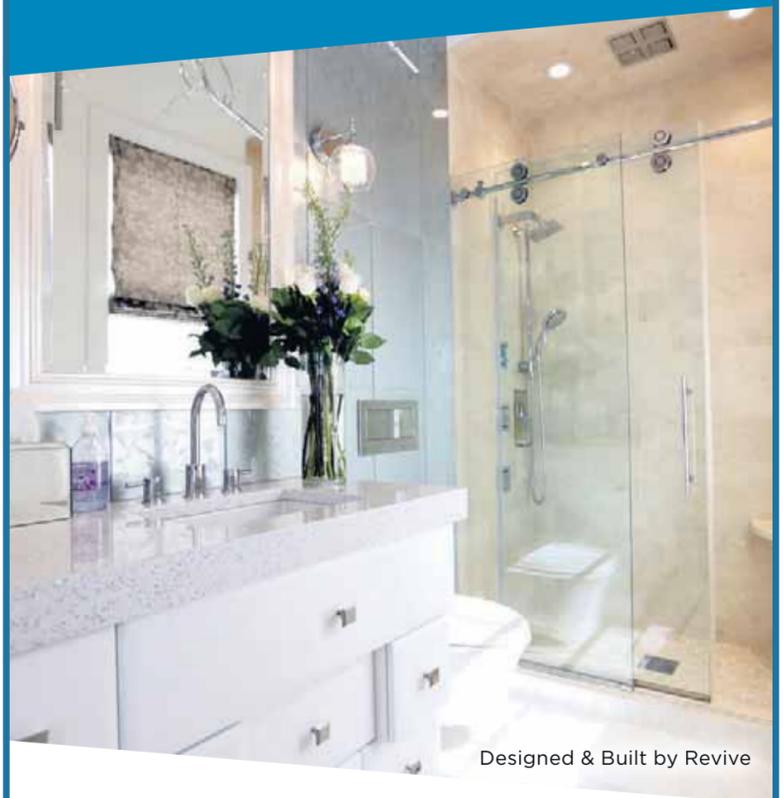
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PERSPECTIVE



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Andrew Grinde, shown in a 2015 high school game, left Yale's football team after a concussion convinced him that playing wasn't worth the potential price.

A Yale football player quits to save his brain



STEVE CHAPMAN

Andrew Grinde was not just another football player. As a running back at C.M. Russell High School in Great Falls, Mont., he rushed for 2,180 yards and 20 touchdowns in 2014, leading the Rustlers to the state title game, and was named Montana's Gatorade Football Player of the Year.

Swift, stocky, powerful and fearless, he outran some defenders and bowled others over. His highlight video is worth watching. Find it at www.hudl.com/profile/2376679/Andrew-Grinde.

With a 4.0 grade-point average, Grinde (rhymes with Lindy) was recruited by Ivy League schools, as well as the University of Montana and Montana State. He headed off to Yale before deciding to take a year off from school and football. His return to the gridiron the next summer merited a story in the Great Falls Tribune. "I miss it, for sure," he told the reporter. "I love playing."

Grinde, who goes by Drew, returned

to Yale and in his first collegiate game carried the ball four times for 45 yards and a touchdown. But in practice the following week, he had a bruising collision while pass blocking against a 240-pound linebacker.

The next morning in class, another student asked him whether he was drunk. "I was slurring my words," he told me by phone from New Haven, Conn. He immediately went to the university health clinic and found he'd suffered a concussion.

He sat out for a week and a half, but when he resumed practice, something was wrong. "I got very lightheaded and could barely feel my legs," he recalls. That was enough. "I cleaned out my locker that night."

Grinde had been playing tackle football since he was in fifth grade. He had been a high school star. But he could no longer accept the risk to his cognitive function and mental health.

Even before that episode, he had begun to worry. His brother was studying neuroscience at the University of Montana and told him that playing football "was probably the worst thing you could do for yourself as an adolescent."

Grinde wasn't deterred, but every time he got hit in practice, he would think about concussions and the cumulative damage he might be doing to

his brain. "Playing football wasn't the same," he says.

He had cause for concern. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that chronic traumatic encephalopathy, an incurable degenerative brain disease, "is believed to be caused in part by exposure to repetitive head impacts, including concussions as well as sub-concussive trauma." It adds, "The greatest risk factor for CTE is the number of years of exposure to repeated head or brain injuries."

Football involves exactly that sort of exposure. A Boston University study found CTE in 110 of 111 brains of deceased NFL players. Of the 53 brains from college players who didn't make the NFL, the disease was detected in 48 of them — 91 percent.

Scientists examined the brains that the Mayo Clinic had preserved from patients with neurodegenerative disorders. CTE was present in 1 in 3 of those who had played contact sports — and none of those who hadn't.

The NFL resisted the evidence about the effects of the game but eventually had to admit reality. It reached a settlement covering some 20,000 former players, which is expected to cost \$1 billion. The NCAA also is facing lawsuits and last summer settled one from a University of Texas player's widow who sought \$1 million.

Grinde spent years meting out and incurring hits to the head. He now has to live with the fear of developing symptoms of CTE.

Last year, I wrote a column arguing that Harvard and Yale, as two of the world's premier educational institutions, should stop subjecting their undergraduates to the danger of irreversible damage to their excellent brains. Grinde read it recently and emailed to tell me, "This article aligns with what I have been preaching to many of my peers at Yale, both football players and non-players." That email led to our conversation.

The Ivy League has tried to curb the problem by banning tackling during in-season practices and moving kick-offs from the 35- to the 40-yard line to increase the number of touchbacks. But these changes can't fix a sport designed to batter brains. Reducing the number of alligators in a lake wouldn't make it safe for swimming.

Drew Grinde has ensured that one Yale undergraduate won't be at high risk of brain damage every fall Saturday. Yale could ensure that none are.

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When 40 years at the same job is not enough

By JONATHAN HASKELL

I'm taking my forced retirement in seven months. Forced, because it's the law in the European country where I work.

On the first day of the month following your 65th birthday, you're no longer an employee. Most people must look forward to that day when they can sleep in, wear cargo pants, plan vacations off-season — not taking orders from feckless bosses, dealing with problematic colleagues or fighting traffic home from work.

I know my job is kind of special. I enjoy good benefits, an enviably light workload (except for the fact that I'm often home at midnight and have to go in on Sundays) and wonderful colleagues. It's normal that I've had zero chance for advancement over 40 years.

Yet I still would love to stay on — a month, a year, five years.

Since President Ronald Reagan, there is no age discrimination at the workplace in the U.S., but that's not the case here. So I'll be out on June 1 to make room for one of the many deserving young persons.

Now of course there are many people who labor well into their 70s, not just for the money but because they love their line of work — be it the law, medicine, teaching or running a business. However, these folks are in charge of their destiny, making important decisions, exercising their mind, planning strategies.

I am not paid for such things. It's not part of the job. My opinion is never solicited and, in fact, speaking at work is discouraged, even when addressed by the boss. Yet I don't labor in silence.

This may sound intriguing, but not uplifting, does it? Everyone wants to think their judgment is valued.

The job itself is quite simple: reading and executing a text, which is made possible by many years of training since childhood/adolescence, without much reflection.

What's more, we work on many of the same texts every few years. And it's always the same names on the page. It could be a dreaded routine. But it's not.

I've seen most of my co-workers stare at that page so as not to make the tiniest mistake, ever. Respect that text! That is the essence of the job we're paid to do. As for myself, I have often been gazing at the other 80 or 90 colleagues, observing their intense concentration, noting their pursed



Geneva's Victoria Hall is musician Jonathan Haskell's workplace. He has been a member of the same orchestra in Switzerland for more than four decades, but he'll take forced retirement next year owing to the country's law.

lips, furrowed brows and occasional furtive smiles. I hope they're enjoying it as much as I am.

Normally I should be bored, frustrated at being a speech-deprived pawn, performing the same tasks over and over again, ones mastered so long ago.

But no, I'm not, and I'm very sad to leave. And for the past few years I have eyed each text wistfully, knowing it will be the last time I'll be working on it. Have you guessed my occupation?

I'm a symphonic musician, a member of the same orchestra for more than 40 years, once the youngest — and very soon, obviously, inevitably, the oldest. A lifetime of playing the same symphonies, operas and overtures with different colleagues, different conductors whom I've appreciated to varying degrees.

So why don't I want to leave? Why isn't enough ... enough? Forty years! It's not out of fear of boredom. I'm fortunate to have many hobbies. I have no idea whether I'll avidly attend concerts of my orchestra after

June 1 or if I'll try to make a clean break, which probably is what most people would recommend.

We'll see. Playing it by ear, so to speak. But I don't see many of our retirees in the audience. Or if they do come, they lay low and you'd never know they used to be on that very stage for close to four decades.

Of course, I can listen to music at home on superb sound systems or through headphones that render the full symphonic sound with a much more homogeneous and balanced timbre than from my stool on stage right.

But it's just so different being a musician, a performer. Often, I'm in sheer ecstasy just being in the thick of that glorious mass of sound you concertgoers enjoy.

So how could I not want to continue to be a part of it? The repertory we play will survive me as well as my descendants and theirs, not only because it is beautiful and eternal but because it uplifts the human soul.

To be sure, after retirement I'll occasionally attend concerts featuring favorite pieces and will hear the same works I've played my whole life, but the way they were meant to be heard, in the audience. Whatever happens, music will always be a part of me, those passages of the great composers swirling around my brain in a heady, continuous maelstrom.

But I'll never be in the belly of that magnificent beast again.

Jonathan Haskell is a musician from Glen-coe who has been working in Switzerland since 1978.



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Old Town School co-founder Win Stracke, left, leads a session there, circa 1969. "Folk music doesn't belong to black folks or white folks or blue folks, it belongs to people," he once said.

The 'magic' at Old Town School's Armitage building

BY RON GROSSMAN

The circle has come full around for the Old Town School of Folk Music. Chicago's venerable repository for songs of protest movements has become the target of a volatile one.

More than 100 students, teachers and alumni opposed to the potential sale of the school's building at 909 W. Armitage Ave. gathered in front of that building Nov. 10 to voice their grievances through leaflets and lyrics. As the Tribune reported, protesters delivered speeches, held up signs — "Don't let this be the day the music died!" — and joined in singalongs.

One song confronted the school's administrators with its musical heritage.

"Give us a chance," the crowd sang. "We'll play together and sing soft and sweet, at the Old Town School up on Armitage Street."

The rally's organizers had found the song, "Bring A Banjo," in a 41-year-old issue of the school's newsletter. Tracking down the former student and songwriter, they asked permission to use it, and Jim Wearne posted his reaction on Facebook:

"I would have to search to find anything that's happened to me that I consider more of an honor than to have a song of mine be part of an insurrection at the Premier Folk Music School in the country, and on the right side of that insurrection as well."

In its explanation of why the Armitage Avenue building was up for sale, the school's management has cited shaky finances and falling enrollment. That, they say, is dictating the consolidation of most class offerings to the larger structure in the Lincoln Square neighborhood that became the school's headquarters in 1998.

But the school's ledger books leave out one key metric: the intensity of the emotional tug felt by the thousands of aspiring guitar, banjo, mandolin, fiddle and harmonica players who have studied at the Old Town School of Folk Music. Its program director, Jimmy Tomasello, acknowledged that an "endless stream" of emailed protests followed the Oct. 22 announcement of the Armitage building's fate.

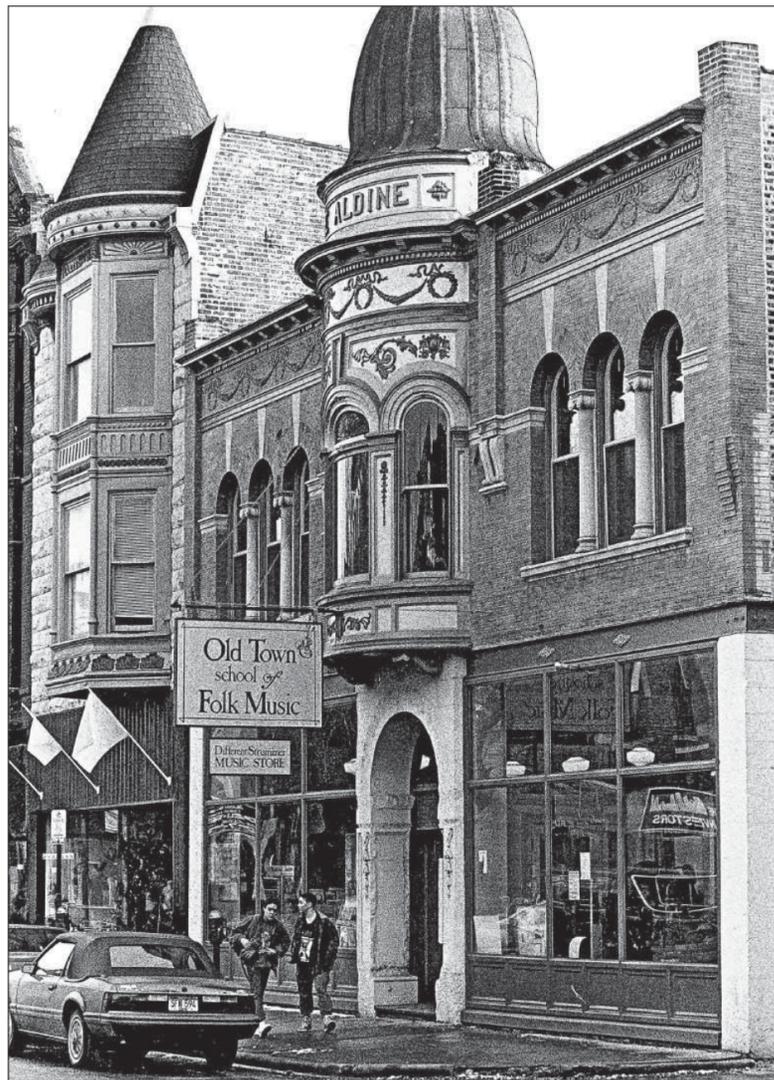
"You walk into the building and there's a feeling of magic because it's been around for a long time," he told the Tribune.

The Old Town School moved there in 1968. It had gotten short notice that its original quarters at 333 W. North Ave. were slated for demolition, and one of its founders, Win Stracke, had to make a quick decision.

"Many years ago I had attended an Italian wedding reception at Aldine Hall, 909 W. Armitage, and whether it was the vino or the beef sandwiches, I recalled the atmosphere as being congenial, and it was for sale at a moderate price," he would be quoted in "Biography of a Hunch," a history of the school published in 1992.

Buildings, no less than people, reveal their physical infirmities through the creaks and moans of an aging infrastructure. The Aldine was no exception, and so the purchase could be financed with a little help from the school's friends and a \$26,000 mortgage.

During one board meeting, someone touted the success of the school's Friday



PHIL GREER/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Old Town School of Folk Music at 909 W. Armitage Ave. in 1988, 20 years into its occupancy there. Management plans to sell the site and consolidate in Lincoln Square.

night clog-dancing sessions. A board member who was also an architect asked where the classes were held and was shocked to hear it was in the same auditorium where they were sitting.

"Clog dancing!" he exclaimed. "You can't do that! This beam will collapse."

Yet despite the building's structural liabilities, its location nicely matched the school's underlying philosophy. Stracke was a professional musician — he'd hosted a children's television show — with a college degree, and was passionately devoted to songs of workaday folks. But there weren't many of those left in Old Town, a largely gentrified neighborhood. The Tribune had archly noted that the school's older headquarters adjoined "the Proletarian Party, an organization so obscure one finds it well-nigh impossible to locate a representative."

But Armitage Avenue west of Halsted Street ran through an ethnic patchwork quilt. Its human geography in the late 1960s and into the 1980s provided an answer to critics who saw cultural imperialism in a school where middle-class

At the break, I saw both of them in a corner drinking beer and discussing music," he said. "Now take a minute and try to think of anywhere else that happens."

Aldine Hall was a beacon for folkies nearby and far away. From 1983 to 1986 it hosted "The Flea Market," a folk music show broadcast nationally by WBEZ. Its host, Larry Rand, had vivid memories of Queen Ida, a celebrated Zydeco singer, setting the audience to "tapping their feet on the shaky floors of 909 W. Armitage."

Professional folk singers were among the school's most ardent fans. In 1987, as the school faced a crisis — needing to raise \$525,000 to restore the crumbling Armitage Avenue building — celebrated performers such as John Prine, Bonnie Koloc and Corky Siegel took the stage at Orchestra Hall.

Siegel told the Tribune why they were donating their services: "The concert is a benefit to help support the Old Town School of Folk Music. But more than that, it is a celebration of what the school means to the people of Chicago, and to the people who have benefited from it."

Professionals were more than welcomed at the school — provided they honored its basic ground rule: "Win Stracke had a vision of a school of folk music, a giant meetinghouse," Frank Hamilton, its co-founder, recalled. "Teacher and student would be partners in learning."

One night folk icon Pete Seeger dropped in on a dance class. "He tossed his jacket somewhere, picked up a 10-cent ashtray and proceeded to play a great limbo rock rhythm," a student recalled.

Those mores meant that from the start the Old Town School was wondrously anarchic. It will no doubt remain so, even if the Armitage Avenue chapter of the story ends.

Its neighborhood has long since been gentrified. For years, buyers have been paying big bucks for buildings they intend to knock down. Houses along the streets nearby regularly list for more than \$1 million.

The school's old headquarters probably won't get torn down; it sits in a landmark district. But even landmark protections won't keep the guitars and banjos hanging in the building's front windows, hints of what an important role the school played in the transplant of folk music from rural to urban America.

If the Old Town School has to bid a musical farewell to Armitage Avenue, it might be in the bittersweet tones of a minor key. But history suggests the scene will be more like the mixture of playful democracy and amateur enthusiasm a Tribune reporter discovered at a long-ago recital:

"Anyone who wanted to perform did," she observed. "They included the ex-rock 'n' roller from Chicago Latin School, an English teacher from Marshall High School, a young Dartmouth graduate and his wife from Wilmette, father and son teams, family quartets, and a ballet dancer — most of whom came up with folk songs that even Stracke and Hamilton, whose collective repertoire is vast, hadn't heard before."

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students learned songs born in the Jim Crow South and impoverished Appalachia.

Responding to that charge, Stracke told the Tribune: "Folk music doesn't belong to black folks or white folks or blue folks, it belongs to people." The year after the school moved to Armitage Avenue, he reported that 1 in 20 of its students "were born or bred back in the hills, back in true folk music country," and that its classes enabled them to learn their forebears' songs.

In "Biography of a Hunch," a teacher recalled the school as a place where people of different classes crossed paths, a rarity in the 1970s.

"Just the other night I saw a doctor in a three-piece suit trading notes with a guy who has been out of work for a long time.

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EDITORIALS

Illinois students need more
— not fewer — choices

Soon Illinois no longer will have a governor dedicated to giving students and their parents greater choices in their education. Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker favors a moratorium on charter growth and says he will scrap a state scholarship program for low-income students.

Soon Chicago may no longer have a mayor as dedicated to boosting student achievement and as willing to battle teachers union leaders as Mayor Rahm Emanuel has been.

What a loss it would be if politicians cheat the predominantly poor and minority students who attend these schools — and who populate waiting lists to get into them.

School choice has great appeal nationwide. A 2018 survey by the Harvard journal Education Next found that 54 percent of Americans support “wider choice” for public school parents — a 9-point jump over last year. Among the choices parents favor: vouchers to help pay private school tuition for children in public schools. Some

56 percent of African-Americans and 62 percent of Hispanics say this help should be available for low-income families.

Because many in the public education industry view giving families options as a threat, it’s no wonder the chill on charters and school choice also extends nationwide: The election brings a new contingent of anti-charter, union-friendly Democrats into state and local offices. Many of them have blasted President Donald Trump, a charter supporter, and Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, an even more outspoken charter proponent.

In New York, a newly elected Democratic state senator said the city should “get rid of” large charter school networks. No wonder The New York Times suggests that “the golden era of charter schools is over in New York.”

In Wisconsin, school choice proponent Gov. Scott Walker lost to Tony Evers, a former elementary school teacher who promises to boost funding to traditional schools.

In Michigan — DeVos’ home state —

Democratic Gov.-elect Gretchen Whitmer campaigned on a pledge to “stop the dismantling of public education and put an end to the DeVos agenda in Michigan.”

Brrrr.

The frost that’s chilling charters has blanketed Illinois. In recent days, the Illinois House voted to roll back the power of the Illinois State Charter School Commission. The upshot: Under current law, if a school district rejects a new charter proposal, the operator can appeal to the commission. If the commission agrees that the district move was improper, then it authorizes the school to open and oversees its operation. In August, Gov. Bruce Rauner vetoed a bill that would have stripped that power from the commission. Now the House has voted to override that veto.

We urge the Illinois Senate to deviate from the House and vote to let the veto stand. Senators, don’t cut off a vital path for thousands of students to escape failing schools. Remember, school board mem-

bers may squelch new charters simply because they threaten existing, often failing, neighborhood schools — or because teachers union officials object. The Illinois commission, created in 2011, has used its power judiciously. It now oversees eight schools statewide — five in Chicago, and one each in Grayslake, Richton Park and Waukegan. But the commission has rejected dozens of other appeals.

If the commission loses its power to overrule local districts and authorize schools, charter operators could still appeal to county circuit courts. But judges often lack expertise and are reluctant to reverse school board decisions. Commission members have the expertise to make these decisions in the best interests of students.

That’s the phrase to keep in mind. Lawmakers (governors and mayors included) ought to respect the tremendous appeal that school choice holds for many students and their parents.

A chill can become a deep freeze. Don’t leave all those Illinois families seeking a better education out in the cold.

Will Facebook face up to its failings?

Major corporations make big promises to potential customers. Beer companies sell *refreshment*. Insurance companies offer *protection*. Facebook, the social media network used by an astounding 68 percent of American adults, peddles a warmer, fuzzier concept: *togetherness*.

But what happens when a company runs afoul of its own mission statement? It either owns up to those failings by improving the product or it risks losing customers and relevance. That’s where Facebook is right now: a company that needs to fix its reputation in a hurry or invite government intrusion.

In the past few years, a series of scandals involving Facebook has raised questions about the company’s commitment to caring for its own customers. During the 2016 election campaign, Russian trolls invaded the newsfeeds of Facebook users, planting fake political postings and ads to influence voters. In another politically connected fiasco, Facebook grossly mishandled its own privacy protection guidelines by allowing a company called Cambridge Analytica to harvest personal information from millions of users. Like the Russians, that firm apparently sought to promote Donald Trump’s campaign.

A New York Times report from a few days ago looked at Facebook’s inner workings and concluded that founder Mark Zuckerberg and Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg seemed more worried about containing damaging revelations than protecting users. The Times report opened with an unflattering anecdote about Sandberg: She was “seething” at revelations of Russian-linked activity, but not out of concern for users — she was upset that another executive briefed board members, allowing them to give Sandberg and Zuckerberg an unexpected grilling. “You threw us under the bus,” she charged.

As corporate intrigues go, that’s run-of-the-mill stuff. But Facebook doesn’t sell itself as another faceless tech giant. It says its mission is to “bring the world closer together.” Its customers are “friends” who share intimate stories and photos and wish each other a happy birthday.

Beneath the surface, of course, Facebook exists to sell that data to advertisers. It’s a publicly traded company worth about \$400 billion. Yet scandals have taken a toll: The stock is off by about 35 percent since July, when Facebook was worth more \$600 billion. A \$200 billion



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hit? For investors, that’s a disaster.

There are now questions about whether Zuckerberg should remain chairman and CEO, while members of Congress threaten regulatory action. And about the company’s pitch for togetherness? Rishad Tobaccowala, a prominent advertising industry executive, says forget it. “Now we know Facebook will do whatever it takes to make money,” he told the Times. “They have absolutely no morals.”

For Facebook users, this presents a conundrum: Stay or walk away. But for all consumers this is a useful moment. Shoppers learned long ago to be skeptical of

advertiser claims. *Does that detergent really make my whites brighter?*

In the 21st century, the big promises are all about technological convenience. The reality is there’s often a trade-off in terms of privacy lost to the tracking of behavior and the sale of data. Consumers are learning to protect themselves by doing research and making conscious decisions about which companies to trust.

Facebook knows it messed up by failing to look into dark corners, one former executive said. The company that promises togetherness routinely divides members of families when their news feeds are overrun by partisanship. Zuckerberg has

apologized — repeatedly.

The “sorry” emoji no longer suffices. Facebook needs to own up to its many failings by establishing specific ethical practices to regain users’ trust. The company needs to be honest and direct about how all personal data is used and sold. Security ought to be tighter. News feeds have to be valuable to users, not just advertisers.

If Zuckerberg can’t manage this transition, perhaps Facebook should have a new chairman.

The rescue won’t be easy. Regaining trust is harder than selling togetherness.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Axios released a new poll, conducted by SurveyMonkey, with a headline grabber: “Most Democrats see Republicans as racist, sexist.” Actually, 61 percent of Democrats see the GOP that way, along with ignorant (54 percent) and spiteful (44 percent). In an open-ended question, Axios asked Democrats to describe Republicans. They used words like “selfish, greedy, corrupt and bad.”

Republicans were slightly more restrained. Only 31 percent of Republicans said Democrats are racist and sexist; but not to be outdone, 49 percent called Democrats ignorant, and 54 percent said they were spiteful. So where does this deeply ingrained partisan division leave those in the political center — the people who don’t get up every day breathing fire and who don’t understand or like the anger and vitriol ...

Independents tend to swing one way or the other — good news for Republicans if they can reach independents in 2020 with issues that push the political pendulum back their direction. As we saw this year, immigration, a party base issue, couldn’t deliver the independent votes needed to push competitive House races over the finish line.

In fact, Republicans lost the independent vote nationally by 12 points the first time the GOP has lost independents since 2008, which is also the last time they lost the House. What we saw in 2018 was Republicans becoming slightly more conservative and Democrats slightly more liberal. In other words, both parties were moving ideologically toward their bases, while independents were moving away from ideology.

David Winston, Roll Call

PERSPECTIVE



CBS

Stephen Colbert has feasted on Trump takedowns, his ratings soaring more than 20 percent to reach No. 1 in his time slot in the first quarter of 2018.

How Donald Trump made political comedy grate again



CLARENCE PAGE

Remember election night in 2016? CBS' late-night host Stephen Colbert, visibly shocked on his live Showtime special by Donald Trump's mounting victory, declared somberly, "I'm not sure it's a comedy show anymore."

He wasn't alone. Across the entertainment world, many wondered whether the election of Trump would mean the death of political humor, much like other sober observers feared the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks would mean "the end of irony."

Irony survived, and Colbert — among other comedians — has thrived, as Trump might say, bigly.

Trump takedowns have helped "The Late Show" soar more than 20 percent to reach No. 1 in the first quarter of this year with 4.02 million viewers in Nielsen's late-night ratings, passing NBC's "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (2.76 million) and ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live" (2.35 million).

Remember Kathy Griffin? A year ago her career looked doomed after a graphic photo of her holding a fake decapitated head of President Trump sparked national outrage. A year later, tickets for her comeback tour sold briskly, according to The Hollywood

Reporter, and she was honored earlier this month as "Comedian of the Year" at the first Palm Springs International Comedy Festival gala.

Yet some see a downside to this robust injection of politics into mainstream comedy. It can be summed up in one word that has been attributed to such celebrity humorists as Seth Meyers and Tina Fey: "Clapter."

"Clapter," professional comics say, is the sound made by an audience that is clapping — perhaps with a "Whoop!" or two for emphasis — instead of laughing at a joke. That's often because the joke isn't all that funny but makes a compelling political or social point. People clap as a sign of their support more than their amusement.

The word was brought up by Sara Schaefer, an award-winning writer for Fallon's program, as she argued for the proposition "Trump is Bad for Comedy" on the most recent "Intelligence Squared," an hourlong debate program on public radio stations and its own website and podcast.

"It's very tempting," she pointed out, to play for applause instead of just laughs, but it's a cop-out from the comedian's central purpose, which is to be funny.

"I've seen many of my fellow co-

medians fall ill to this scourge," she said. "Everything is now divided, and it's very tense, and it's actually pretty painful. So, when they come to a club, and I tell a joke about Trump, the people that laugh are on one side, and the people that don't laugh are on the other, and now people are scared that a civil war is literally going to break out in the club. That's not a good condition for comedy."

Throughout the debate, which also featured conservative humorist P.J. O'Rourke on Schaefer's side and NPR's "Studio 360" host Kurt Andersen and HBO's "Veep" executive producer Billy Kimball against, the subject of Trump-era political polarization kept coming up, along with the question of whether comedy was adding to it.

"I would argue that while the humor to be had out of the Clinton administration, and there was plenty of it, was fairly, you know, concentrated in its subject — Monica Lewinsky — but it kind of reached out to everybody, including Clinton supporters," said O'Rourke, a Republican who admitted voting for Hillary Clinton. "And in that respect, it was not nearly as divisive, and there was also good comedy in the sense that it showed us what we had in common."

Indeed, the polarization of comedy

reflects the polarization of our electorate. That's sad, yet the division seems to me inevitable at a time when, as Fox News and Colbert demonstrate, audiences are being sliced into narrower segments that can bring profits to an enterprise that narrows its appeal to its base, liberal or conservative, as Trump has.

Unfortunately, audience members who don't get the joke can feel offended if a comic seems not just to be mocking Trump but mocking them. Witness the ferocious backlash when Trump supporters thought Clinton was calling all of them "deplorable," not just the extremists as she intended.

Perhaps the loss by Republicans of the House of Representatives in the midterms will calm some of the tensions, at least among those of us who fear for the future of democracy. So far, our institutions are holding together, and that's no joke.

But Trump also plays a role. He weaponized comedy through effective mockery of his opponents "Crooked Hillary," "Lynin' Ted" Cruz, "Low-energy Jeb" Bush and others. At this rate, our upcoming presidential race could sound like an insult battle between rap artists unless voters and serious leadership drive out the "clapter." I'm not holding my breath waiting for that to happen.

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Study impact of legal pot

Congratulations to the Chicago Tribune for the Nov. 15 editorial suggesting there is no pressing reason to legalize marijuana now in Illinois ("Medical marijuana: The case for curiosity and caution in Illinois"). Illinois has already decriminalized marijuana use. No one is going to jail or prison for small amounts of marijuana. It is a civil offense like a traffic citation, not an arrest.

The Tribune suggests we take time to study what has happened in other states. Let's look at the state with the most experience with legalization — Colorado.

Colorado youths use marijuana at a rate 85 percent higher than the national average. Marijuana-related traffic deaths are up by 151 percent. In a survey of 400 licensed pot shops published in the journal *Obstetrics & Gynecology*, 70 percent recommended that pregnant women use marijuana to treat morning sickness, though scientific studies show marijuana use by pregnant mothers increases birth defects significantly.

Supporters of legalization tout the benefit of tax revenue. In Colorado, annual tax receipts from marijuana are less than 1 percent of Colorado's budget, as the Tribune editorial mentioned. The illegal market in Colorado has exploded with more sales to minors and at lower costs. Colorado national and state parks have been invaded by drug gangs, and over 80,000 illegal marijuana plants have been found on federal lands alone.

If Illinois wants to increase marijuana use by teenagers, if it wants more illegal cartels selling pot, if it wants to compromise student health and Illinois national and state parks and schools with illegal marijuana, if we are willing to increase highway fatalities from drivers using marijuana, then go ahead and face the music. Better yet, look at the real results in Colorado, not the spin from the pot lobby, and take time to avoid the mistake of legalization.

— Peter Bensinger
Former administrator, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration
Chicago

Illinois fails troubled kids

Chicago Lakeshore Hospital is one of the last acute care mental health safeguards in Illinois, and it serves roughly 25 percent of the children who are wards of the state needing mental health care. Across the United States, access to mental health and substance abuse services are severely lacking.

There must exist an outlet for treating the most acute, symptomatic population of our community. Otherwise, our patients end up in alternatives that are unacceptable — jails, the juvenile system, substandard and unspecialized general acute hospitals that lack the capacity — or they go untreated in the foster system and homeless population.

As Christy Gutowski reported ("Watchdogs want outside investigation of Chicago psychiatric hospital," Nov. 1), Illinois has seen a reduction of 450 beds in residential treatment facilities. Combine that with cuts to psychiatric leadership grants, which fund many local treatment providers, and Illinois is unable to address the basic mental health needs of its residents. This systemic problem also includes dismal funding for neonatal services and early education programs for low-income families. Illinois routinely ranks at the bottom of the list for states funding these

resources, and it has one of the lowest Medicaid reimbursement rates in the country. Lakeshore is one of the few large-scale, acute care mental health hospitals that has not been forced to close due to Illinois' dismal funding.

The patients we treat often have a history of trauma and neglect and are prone to acting out. Health care providers know this population of patients, who are often physically and emotionally volatile, are difficult to treat. That is why many simply refuse to do so. Unlike other providers, Lakeshore has continuously filled the need and made a commitment to serve as a safety net for children who are wards of the state. Every allegation, regardless of the probability, is taken seriously, reported to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, and immediately investigated.

Funding to community mental health programs has been dramatically reduced, largely because of the budget impasse that began in 2014. Community mental health programs are vital partners. By eviscerating them, the state puts more pressure on hospitals as the only resource. We are mightily trying to do our job. When will the state of Illinois do its job and properly fund this important work?

— David Fletcher-Janzen, CEO
Chicago Lakeshore Hospital

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Trump: Wildfire a 'really bad one'

President tours area after blaze in N. Calif. killed 76

BY BEN POSTON, ANGEL JENNINGS, JOSEPH SERNA AND JAVIER PANZAR
Los Angeles Times

PARADISE, Calif. — Viewing the destruction of a wildfire that has killed more than 76 people, with 1,276 others still unaccounted for, President Donald Trump vowed Saturday to help California recover from the devastation and work to prevent future catastrophic blazes.

Trump toured the rubble of Paradise, where more than 10,000 structures were lost, with Gov. Jerry Brown and Gov.-elect Gavin Newsom.

Trump said he was stunned by the level of destruction.

"Hopefully, this will be the last of these, because it was a really, really bad one," the president said. "People have to see this to really understand it."

Hours later and hundreds of miles to the south, Trump found similar signs of devastation in the seaside conclave of Malibu, one of the areas of Southern California ravaged by wildfires. Palm trees stood scorched and some homes were burned to the ground on a bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

Although Trump and Brown have strong political differences, they struck a chord of unity. Trump praised the state's first responders and said he had productive discussions with Brown and Newsom.

The president also avoided his criticism of California's fire and forest management that sparked controversy last weekend, even suggesting there was common ground on how to proceed.

"We do have to do management, maintenance. We'll be working also with



President Donald Trump surveys damage from the Camp Fire on Saturday while flanked by, from far left, California's Gov.-elect Gavin Newsom and FEMA's Brock Long and, on the right, Paradise Mayor Jody Jones and Gov. Jerry Brown. Trump said he was stunned by the level of destruction.

environmental groups," Trump said.

Asked in Paradise about whether his views on climate change had shifted, the president said no: "I have a strong opinion; I want great climate."

Brown said the road ahead will be challenging. "It's a big massive cleanup after a massive tragedy," he said. "Somehow we will pull through it together."

The president arrived in Southern California on Saturday afternoon for a similar tour of devastated areas in and around Malibu and Thousand Oaks. The Camp Fire in Northern California and the Woolsey Fire in the south combined have burned more than 250,000 acres and destroyed several thousand structures.

Trump was roundly criticized last week for erro-

neously blaming the fires on poor forest management and threatening to cut off funding to California.

"There is no reason for these massive, deadly and costly forest fires in California except that forest management is so poor. Billions of dollars are given each year, with so many lives lost, all because of gross mismanagement of the forests," he tweeted then.

But in recent days, the president has offered more conciliatory comments, saying Tuesday, "We mourn for the lives lost and we pray for the victims of the California wildfires."

Trump still continued to talk about forest management on Saturday.

"We've got to take care of the floors, you know the floors of the forest. It's very

important," he said.

He also alluded to Finland, saying that country focuses "on raking and cleaning. They don't have any problem."

The reference to Finland puzzled some, because its ecosystem is so different than that of California.

On Saturday afternoon, a long line formed outside a Los Angeles County courthouse in Malibu that was converted into a Woolsey Fire disaster center before the doors were set to open at 1 p.m. Dozens of federal, state and local agencies set up tables inside to help residents get aid.

Steven Cordrey, 52, stood nearby. Cordrey lost his house in the 1994 Malibu fires but said this time was worse because he has not been able to get any information about his house.

"It's 2018!" he said, his voice shaking with emotion. "This is a travesty. We have not been allowed in (his neighborhood) for nine days. We're treated like criminals when I go to checkpoints to ask."

In Butte County, eight more bodies were found Friday, and the number of people unaccounted for jumped from 631 to 1,011 as authorities continued to comb through 911 calls, emails and other reports of missing people.

Butte County Sheriff Kory Honea said, however, that the list of the missing is dynamic and may include people who were counted twice, whose names were misspelled or who may not know they were reported missing.

The Camp Fire, already the state's worst fire on

record, has burned 146,000 acres and destroyed 12,263 structures, officials said, adding that it could take weeks to complete the search for victims and identify them. Thousands of residents are without homes and living in shelters and tent cities.

For Trump, it was a day to comfort a state grieving from twin tragedies, wildfires as well as a mass shooting Nov. 7 at a popular bar north of Los Angeles.

Trump said he would meet with people affected by the shooting at the Borderline Bar & Grill in Thousand Oaks before returning to Washington.

The meeting was expected to be closed to reporters.

Associated Press contributed.

California blazes spark health concerns

Medical experts fear hazards from broader exposure

BY LINDSEY TANNER
Associated Press

Smoke masks. Eye drops. No outdoor exercise. This is how Californians are trying to cope with wildfires choking the state, but experts say an increase in serious health problems may be almost inevitable for vulnerable residents as the disasters become more commonplace.

Research suggests children, the elderly and those with existing health problems are most at risk. Short-term exposure to wildfire smoke can worsen existing asthma and lung disease, leading to emergency room treatment or hospitalization, studies have shown.

Increases in doctor visits or hospital treatment for respiratory infections, bronchitis and pneumonia in otherwise healthy people also have been found during and after wildfires.

Some studies also have found increases in ER visits for heart attacks and strokes in people with existing heart disease on heavy smoke days during previous California wildfires, echoing research on potential risks from urban air pollution.

"That is the big question," said Dr. John Balmes, a University of California at San Francisco professor of medicine who studies air pollution.

"Very little is known about the long-term effects of wildfire smoke because it's hard to study populations years after a wildfire," Balmes said.

Decreased lung function

health hazard, "Wildfire season used to be June to late September. Now it seems to be happening all year round. We need to be adapting to that," said Dr. Wayne Cascio, a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency cardiologist.

In an overview published earlier this year, Cascio wrote that the increasing frequency of large wildland fires, urban expansion into wooded areas and an aging population are all increasing the number of people at risk for health problems from fires.

Wood smoke contains some of the same toxic chemicals as urban air pollution, along with tiny particles of vapor and soot 30 times thinner than a human hair. These can infiltrate the bloodstream, potentially causing inflammation and blood vessel damage even in healthy people, research on urban air pollution has shown.

Whether exposure to wildfire smoke carries the same risks is uncertain, and determining harm from smog versus wildfire smoke can be tricky, especially with wind-swept California wildfires spreading thick smoke hundreds of miles away into smoggy big cities.

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Smoke and haze have obscured the San Francisco skyline recently.

has been found in healthy firefighters during fire season. They tend to recover but federal legislation signed this year will establish a U.S. registry tracking firefighters and potential risks for various cancers, including lung cancer. Some previous studies suggested a risk.

Balmes noted that increased lung cancer rates have been found in women in developing countries who spend every day cooking over wood fires.

That kind of extreme exposure doesn't typically happen with wildfires, but experts worry about the kinds of health damage that may emerge for firefighters and residents with these blazes occurring so often.

Whether that includes more cancer is unknown. "We're concerned about that," Balmes said.

Regular folks breathing in all that smoke worry about the risks too.

Smoke from the fire that decimated the Northern

California city of Paradise darkened skies the past few days in San Francisco, nearly 200 miles southwest, and the air smelled "like you were camping," said Michael Northover, a contractor.

He and his 14-year-old son have first-time sinus infections that Northover blames on the smoke. "We're all kind of feeling it," Northover said.

Most schools in Folsom, Oakland, Sacramento and San Francisco closed Friday because of poor air quality.

An Environmental Protection Agency website said that air quality in Sacramento was "hazardous" last week and San Francisco's was "very unhealthy."

Many people walking around the cities wore face masks.

Classes were canceled in at least six universities in Northern California as smoke from the fire continued to blanket all nine counties of the Bay Area. Some were closing all build-

ings but others, including Cal State East Bay said libraries, health centers and dining halls would stay open.

At Chico State University, 11 miles from Paradise, classes were canceled until after Thanksgiving.

"It's kind of freaky to see your whole town wearing air masks and trying to get out of smoke," said freshman Mason West, 18.

"You can see the particles. Obviously it's probably not good to be breathing that stuff in."

West returned home to Santa Rosa, hard hit by last year's wine country fire, only to find it shrouded in smoke from the Paradise fire 100 miles away. West's family had to evacuate last year for a week but their home was spared.

"It's as bad here as it was in Chico," West said. "It almost feels like you just can't get away from it."

Smoke has been so thick in Santa Rosa that researchers postponed a door-to-

door survey there for a study of health effects of last year's fire.

"We didn't feel we could justify our volunteer interns going knocking on doors when all the air quality alerts were saying (to) stay indoors," said Irva Hertz-Picciotto, a public health researcher at the University of California in Davis. The study includes an online survey of households affected by last year's fire, with responses from about 6,000 people.

Preliminary data show widespread respiratory problems, eye irritations, anxiety, depression and sleep problems around the time of the fire and months later.

"Conventional thinking is that these effects related to fires are transient. It's not entirely clear that's the case," Hertz-Picciotto said.

Researchers also will be analyzing cord blood and placentas collected from a few dozen women who were pregnant during the fire, seeking evidence of stress markers or exposure to smoke chemicals.

They hope to continue the study for years, seeking evidence of long-term physical and emotional harms to fire evacuees and their children.

Other studies have linked emotional stress in pregnant women to developmental problems in their children and "this was quite a stress," Hertz-Picciotto said.

It's a kind of stress that many people need to prepare for as the climate warms and wildfires proliferate, she said.

"Any of us could wake up tomorrow and lose everything we own," she said. "It's pretty scary."

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Caravan migrants won't see armed U.S. soldiers

Trump suggests federal shutdown over border wall

BY JULIE WATSON
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — As thousands of migrants in a caravan of Central American asylum-seekers converge on the doorstep of the United States, what they won't find are armed American soldiers standing guard.

Instead they will see cranes installing towering panels of metal bars and troops wrapping concertina wire around barriers while military helicopters fly overhead, carrying border patrol agents to and from locations along the U.S.-Mexico border.

That's because U.S. military troops are prohibited from carrying out law enforcement duties. What's more, the bulk of the troops are in Texas — hundreds of miles away from the caravan that started arriving last week in Tijuana on Mexico's border with California after walking and hitching rides for the past month.

The migrants are also facing a backlash on the

Mexican side of the border. Many who have reached Tijuana said they do not feel welcome. The mayor has called the migrants' arrival an "avalanche" that the city is ill-prepared to handle, while some locals have shouted insults.

It's a stark contrast to the many Mexican communities that welcomed the caravan with signs, music and donations of clothing after it entered Mexico nearly a month ago.

Still, for many migrants the barriers and barbed wire on the U.S. side were an imposing show of force.

Angel Ulloa stood on Tijuana's beach where a wall of metal bars more than 20 feet high cut across the sand and plunged into the Pacific. He watched as crews on the U.S. side placed coils of barbed wire on top.

A border patrol agent wearing camouflage and armed with an assault rifle — part of a tactical unit deployed when there is a heightened threat — walked in the sand below where the men worked. A small border patrol boat hovered offshore.

"It's too much security to confront humble people who just want to work," said

Ulloa, a 23-year-old electrician from Choloma, Honduras, who joined the caravan to try to make his first trip to the U.S.

Now, he and his two friends were rethinking their plans. They tried to apply for a job at a Walmart in Tijuana but were told they need a Mexican work permit. So they were considering seeking asylum in Mexico but were unsure of giving up their dream of earning dollars.

"We're still checking things out," he said.

Meanwhile, President Donald Trump suggested Saturday that he was prepared to shut down the federal government next month if Congress fails to give him the money he wants to build a wall along the border with Mexico.

"If I was ever going to do a shutdown over border security — when you look at the caravan, when you look at the mess, when you look at the people coming in," the president said. "... This would be a very good time to do a shutdown."

The president has asked lawmakers for \$5 billion for new wall construction in fiscal 2019, but Democrats oppose the project and a bipartisan Senate compro-



ARIANA DREHSLER/GETTY-APF

A Border Patrol officer stands guard Friday as work crews reinforce the border fence in San Diego. U.S. military troops are barred from conducting law enforcement duties.

mise earlier this year included just \$1.6 billion for it.

During the 2016 campaign, Trump repeatedly promised voters that Mexico would pay for the roughly 2,000-mile barrier, which carries an estimated price tag of \$20 billion. But since taking office, he has acknowledged that American taxpayers will have to put up the cash.

Trump predicted Democrats would stave off his shutdown threat by agreeing to wall funding.

"I don't think it's going to be necessary, because I think the Democrats will come to their senses. And if they don't come to their senses, we will continue to win elections," the presi-

dent said, referring to the Republicans' success in adding to their Senate majority in the midterm elections earlier this month.

The military has deployed 5,800 active-duty troops to the U.S.-Mexico border. More troops are not expected, despite Trump's initial assessment that 10,000 to 15,000 were needed to secure the border against what he has called an "invasion" of migrants.

Another 2,100 National Guard troops have also been deployed since April as part of a separate mission. Like military troops, they are not allowed to detain crossers. Instead, they have been monitoring cameras and helping to erect barriers.

Of the 5,800 soldiers and Marines, more than 2,800 are in Texas, while about 1,500 are in Arizona and another 1,300 are in California. All military branches, except the Coast Guard, are barred from performing law enforcement duties.

That means there will be no visible show of armed troops, said Army Maj. Scott McCullough, adding that the mission is to provide support to Customs and Border Protection.

"Soldiers putting up wire on the border and barriers at the ports of entry will be the most visible," he said.

The Washington Post contributed.



Diego Izquierdo/Telam

Relatives of the crew protest Saturday outside a navy base in Mar del Plata, Argentina.

Argentina says it lacks ability to raise sunken submarine

BY ALMUDENA CALATRAVA
Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Hours after announcing the discovery of an Argentine submarine lost deep in the Atlantic a year ago with 44 crew members aboard, the government said Saturday that it is unable to recover the vessel in an admission that drew anger from missing sailors' relatives who demanded that it be raised.

Defense Minister Oscar Aguad said at a news conference that the country lacks "modern technology" capable of "verifying the seabed" to extract the ARA San Juan, which was found 2,975 feet deep in waters off the Valdes Peninsula in Argentine Patagonia, 373 miles from the port city of Comodoro Rivadavia.

Earlier, the navy said a "positive identification" had been made by a remote-operated submersible from the American company Ocean Infinity. The company, commissioned by the Argentine government, began searching for the missing vessel Sept. 7.

It remained unclear what the next steps could be.

Ocean Infinity CEO Oliver Plunkett said authorities would have to determine how to advance.

"We would be pleased to assist with a recovery operation but at the moment are focused on completing imaging of the debris field," he said.

Navy commander Jose Luis Villan urged "prudence," saying that a federal judge was overseeing the investigation and would be the one to decide whether it was possible to recover a part or the entirety of the sub.

Without adequate technological capabilities, however, Argentina would likely need to seek assistance from foreign countries or pay Ocean Infinity or another company, potentially complicating its recent commitment to austerity. Argentina is facing a currency crisis and double-digit inflation that has led the government to announce sweeping measures to balance the budget and concretize a financing deal with the International Monetary Fund.

Any move to recuperate the vessel would also be a logistically large and challenging undertaking based on the submarine's distance from the coast, its depth, and the kind of seabed upon which it is resting.

Relatives of crew members were determined to fight for it to be surfaced.

Isabel Vilca, the half sister of crewman Daniel Alejandro Polo, said families need to recover the remains of their loved ones to know what happened and help prevent similar tragedies.

Luis Antonio Niz, father of crew member Luis Niz, said "if they sent him off, I want them to bring him back to me."

The sub's discovery was announced two days after families of the missing sailors held a one-year commemoration for its disappearance on Nov. 15, 2017. The San Juan was returning to its base in the coastal city of Mar del Plata when contact was lost.

The company unsuccessfully searched for the Malaysia Airlines plane that disappeared in 2014 over the Indian Ocean.

Khashoggi conclusion not last word, U.S. says

Crown prince ordered the killing, 1 official had said

BY DEB RIECHMANN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration denied Saturday that it had reached a final determination in the death of Saudi writer Jamal Khashoggi.

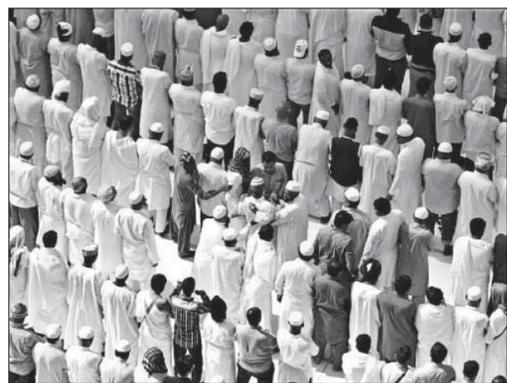
After President Donald Trump called his CIA chief and top diplomat from Air Force One as he flew to survey wildfire damage in California, the State Department released a statement saying "recent reports indicating that the U.S. government has made a final conclusion are inaccurate." American intelligence agencies have concluded that Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman ordered the killing in the Saudi Consulate in Turkey, according to a U.S. official familiar with the assessment. The official was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity Friday. The conclusion was first reported by The Washington Post.

The Saudi government has denied the claim.

Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert said in the statement Saturday that the government was "determined to hold all those responsible for the killing of Jamal Khashoggi accountable" and that "there remain numerous unanswered questions with respect to the murder."

She said the department "will continue to seek all relevant facts" and consult with Congress and other nations "to hold accountable those involved in the killing."

Trump spoke earlier with CIA Director Gina Haspel and Secretary of



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Muslims gather at Kaaba in Saudi Arabia's holy city of Mecca on Friday as friends and relatives of Jamal Khashoggi take part in the absentee funeral prayer.

State Mike Pompeo from Air Force One, press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said.

She provided no additional details but said the president has confidence in the CIA.

Trump told reporters before he left for California that, when it came to the crown prince, "as of this moment we were told that he did not play a role. We're going to have to find out what they have to say."

In his remarks, the president spoke of Saudi Arabia as "a truly spectacular ally in terms of jobs and economic development."

"I have to take a lot of things into consideration" when deciding what measures to take against the kingdom.

The State Department statement noted the administration's recent actions against a number of Saudis, but cited the need to maintain "the important strategic relationship" between the two allies.

The intelligence agencies' conclusion will bolster efforts in Congress to further punish the close U.S. ally for the killing.

The administration this past week penalized 17 Saudi officials for their al-

leged role in the killing, but American lawmakers have called on the administration to curtail arms sales to Saudi Arabia or take other harsher punitive measures.

Saudi Arabia's top diplomat has said the crown prince had "absolutely" nothing to do with the killing.

Vice President Mike Pence told reporters traveling with him at a summit of Pacific Rim nations in Papua New Guinea that he could not comment on "classified information." He said Saturday "the murder of Jamal Khashoggi was an atrocity. It was also an affront to a free and independent press, and the United States is determined to hold all of those accountable who are responsible for that murder."

The United States will "follow the facts," Pence said, while trying to find a way of preserving a "strong and historic partnership" with Saudi Arabia.

Khashoggi, a Saudi who lived in self-imposed exile in the United States, where he was a legal permanent resident and columnist for the Post, often criticized the royal family. He was killed Oct. 2 at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul.

Democrat Gillum concedes in Fla. governor race

BY GARY FINEOUT
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Democrat Andrew Gillum ended his hard-fought campaign for Florida governor on Saturday, just hours before counties must turn in their official results following days of recounting ballots.

Gillum, in a video that he posted on Facebook, congratulated Republican Ron DeSantis but vowed to remain politically active al-

though he gave no clues as his future plans. His term as Tallahassee mayor ends next week.

"This has been the journey of our lives," said Gillum, who appeared in the video with his wife, R. Jai Gillum.

"Although nobody wanted to be governor more than me, this was not just about an election cycle. This was about creating the kind of change in this state that



Gillum

really allows the voices of everyday people to show up again in our government."

Gillum's announcement came as most Florida counties were winding down their hand recount in the state's contentious U.S. Senate race.

The smattering of results publicly posted Saturday showed that Democratic U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson was

gaining only a few hundred votes in his bitter contest with outgoing Gov. Rick Scott, a Republican.

State officials ordered a manual recount earlier in the week after a legally required machine recount showed that Scott led Nelson, the incumbent, by 12,600 votes. More than 8 million voters cast ballots in the race.

Florida's high-profile race for governor was close as well, but not enough to trigger a hand recount.

Counties have until noon Sunday to file their official results, but it appears the gap is too far for Nelson to close. Nelson's campaign has remained quiet as the final count has gotten closer.

Nelson and Democrats filed several lawsuits following the close election, challenging everything from the state's signature mismatch law to deadlines for mail-in ballots.

The Nelson campaign managed to secure only one

victory in court. U.S. District Judge Mark Walker gave voters until 5 p.m. Saturday to fix their ballots if they haven't been counted because of mismatched signatures. Nearly 5,700 ballots were rejected because signatures on ballot envelopes did not match signatures kept on file by election officials.

But Walker rejected additional lawsuits, including one that sought to change the rules used while inspecting hand ballots.

For Saudi sisters, sad end in NYC

Police: Pair indicated they would rather commit suicide than return to kingdom

By AYA BATRAWY
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The deaths of two Saudi sisters, whose bodies washed up along the New York City waterfront last month, have shined a light on the often secretive and risky journeys Saudi women take to flee their homes, both within the kingdom and abroad.

Tala Farea, 16, and Rotana Farea, 23, ran away from home in Fairfax, Va., before being placed in a shelter amid allegations they were abused at home. They then made their way to New York City, staying in high-end hotels and eventually maxing out the older sister's credit card.

What happened next is under investigation. Their bodies, fully clothed and showing no signs of trauma, were found Oct. 24 along the rocky banks of the Hudson River bound together with tape.

New York City police Chief of Detectives Dermot Shea said people who knew the sisters in Virginia told investigators that they made statements within the last year indicating "that

they would rather inflict harm on themselves — commit suicide — than return to Saudi Arabia."

That may be because in Saudi Arabia, women who try and flee have few good options. Under the kingdom's guardianship system women must have the approval of a male relative — such as a father, husband, brother, or even a son — to marry, obtain a passport or travel.

"The fact that they continue to be subjected to the guardianship system to the more sort of sinister issues which include physical or sexual abuse that they face at home, we've seen women in all these cases attempt to flee," said Human Rights Watch researcher Adam Coogle.

Coogle said there are also women being pressured into marriages against their will. He did not specifically discuss the Farea sisters as their case is still under investigation.

In other instances, women are being barred by their guardians from marrying or their salaries are being confiscated.

If women who run away are caught, they can be



NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT

The bodies of Rotana, left, and Tala Farea were found last month on the banks of the Hudson River in New York fully clothed, bound together with tape and facing each other.

pressured to return home or placed in shelters where often the only way out is to escape again. Others are jailed and only a male guardian can sign for their release.

Last year, Saudi women's rights activist Mariam al-Otaibi spent more than 100 days in the women's section of al-Malaz prison in Riyadh after her father filed a complaint to police against her for leaving home. She'd moved from the ultraconservative province of Qassim to the capital, where supporters helped her rent an apartment and find work.

She was released after her case attracted the atten-

tion of activists and rights groups.

Also last year, a plea for help by a 24-year-old Saudi woman triggered a firestorm on social media with people seeking details about her disappearance. In an online video, Dina Ali Lasloom said her passport was confiscated at an airport in the Philippines on her way to Australia where she planned to seek asylum.

Women's rights advocates in Saudi Arabia said Lasloom was ultimately forced to board a plane to the kingdom with two of her uncles, who flew from Riyadh to stop her. They said authorities then took her to a women's shelter

because of the attention around her case. A Saudi woman who tried to meet Lasloom at the airport in Riyadh to assist her was detained for several days by authorities.

A group of Saudi women's rights activists had raised money locally for runaways and were planning to start a non-governmental organization to shelter abused women. But in May, authorities arrested at least nine of them and three of their male supporters. They remain detained on vague charges related to national security.

For runaway Saudi women, fleeing can be a matter of life and death, and they are almost always doing so to escape male relatives.

It's a problem Saudi society is grappling with. State-aligned newspapers report when women flee shelters and articles question the level of care and support women receive.

The shelters have been described by Saudi activists as prison-like. Women inside cannot freely access the internet or mobile phones, their movements are restricted and often the only way to leave is with the signature of a male guardian. The shelters say they offer women psychiatric care and therapy, but do not

take in women who, for example, are pregnant out of wedlock. Premarital sex can lead to criminal prosecution in Saudi Arabia and other Muslim countries.

The most recent statistics from the Ministry of Labor and Social Development show that 577 Saudi women tried to flee their homes in 2015. That figure is likely higher because many families don't report runaways due to social stigma.

The Farea sisters had moved to the U.S. from Saudi Arabia with their mother and two brothers in 2015. The father spent time between the two countries, according to Arab News, which spoke to a relative.

Investigators say they believe the Farea sisters had filed for asylum. One of the problems women face in seeking asylum, though, is proving abuse.

"You have to have evidence for it and unless you have a threatening text (message), you may not have a very good asylum case," said Coogle of Human Rights Watch.

The sisters' bodies were returned to Saudi Arabia on Nov. 3 and they were buried the same day in Medina — home to one of Islam's holiest sites where the Prophet Muhammad is buried.



FELIPE DANA/AP

Youngsters aim their AK-47s during a tactical exercise at a camp near Ternopil, Ukraine.

Ukraine nationalist camp training youngsters to kill

Instructors spread ideology, show how to fend off Russia

By YURAS KARMANAU
Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — The campers, some clad in combat fatigues, carefully aim their assault rifles. Their instructor offers advice: Don't think of your target as a human being.

So when these boys and girls shoot, they will shoot to kill.

Most are in their teens, but some are as young as 8. They are at a summer camp created by one of Ukraine's radical nationalist groups, hidden in a forest in the west of the country. The camp has two purposes: to train children to defend their country from Russians and their sympathizers — and to spread nationalist ideology.

"We never aim guns at people," instructor Yuri "Chornota" Cherkashin tells them. "But we don't count separatists, little green men, occupiers from Moscow, as people. So we can and should aim at

them."

The nationalists have been accused of violence and racism, but they have played a central, volunteer role in Ukraine's conflict with Russia — and they have maintained links with the government.

Earlier this year, the Ministry of Youth and Sports earmarked about \$150,000 to fund some of the youth camps among the dozens built by the nationalists. The purpose, according to the ministry, is "national patriotic education."

Cherkashin is a veteran of the fight against pro-Russian separatists in eastern Ukraine; he was wounded in combat and later came to lead Sokil, or Falcon, the youth wing of the Svoboda party.

It is important, Cherkashin says, to instill the nation's youth with nationalist thought, so they can battle Vladimir Putin's Russia as well as "challenges that could completely destroy" European civilization.

Among those challenges: LGBT rights, which lecturers denounce as a sign of Western decadence.

"You need to be aware of all that," said instructor Ruslan Andreiko. "All those gender things, all those perversions of modern Bolsheviks who have come to power in Europe and now try to make all those LGBT things like gay pride parades part of the education system."

While some youths dozed off during lectures, others paid attention.

During a break in training, a teenager played a nationalist march on his guitar. It was decorated with a sticker showing white bombs hitting a mosque, under the motto: "White Europe is Our Goal."

Aside from the lectures — and songs around the campfire — life for the several dozen youths at the Svoboda camp was hard.

At 18, Mykhailo was the oldest of the campers. The training, he said, was necessary.

"Every moment things can go wrong in our country. And one has to be ready for it," he said. "That's why I came to this camp. To study how to protect myself and my loved ones."

Selfies create uproar in Paris

New fad of buying wild cats a disaster, say animal groups

By JOHN LEICESTER
Associated Press

PARIS — When Paris police officers found a lion cub in a Lamborghini during a traffic stop, they exposed the tip of what animal campaigners say is a bizarre and disturbing new trend: People buying or renting cubs to take bling-bling selfie photos of themselves with a baby big cat.

The male cub, named Putin but known as Dadou, is less than 2 months old and likely would have died of poor care had police not stopped the luxury sports car last week on the Champs-Élysées and rescued the cub, according to 30 Million Friends, the French animal protection NGO now caring for it.

"There are hundreds of babies going around like this illegally," the group's president, Reha Hutin, said. "You can buy a cub for less than a dog. It costs (\$340) and so they buy them off circuses."

"It's really a disaster," she said. "They get these babies and they take selfies with them on social media."

Hutin believes the fad spread to France from Gulf countries. Wealthy people in the Gulf pose with baby cubs and "take photographs of themselves in the car," she said. "Once they grow up they're just thrown out."

The NGO works with a sanctuary in Jordan that already houses 30-40 abandoned wild cats.

"What's terrible (is) it's coming to France. We've literally saved four babies in the last six months be-



30 MILLION FRIENDS

Police found this lion cub last week in a Lamborghini during a traffic stop on the Champs-Élysées in Paris.

cause they are copying those guys," Hutin said.

Not just in France. Another lion cub is adjusting to life in a Dutch big cat center after a jogger ran into it last month in a cage dumped in a field in the central Netherlands.

The NGO is suing the driver of the sports car, who was taken into custody after police found the cub. Sports cars are often offered for hire on the Champs-Élysées, for tourists to take short, high-adrenaline rides on the famous avenue and surrounding streets.

"This was a Lamborghini, a fabulous green Lamborghini and the police noticed that the guy inside had this cub," she said. "They stopped him, they took the car, they took the cub and, of course, we went to get the cub."

In a separate case brought by 30 Million Friends, a French court handed a 6-month jail term to another person found with a lion cub, Hutin said.

"We were very happy to get that. Maybe it will dissuade the others," she said.

The Lamborghini cub is the third recovered by 30 Million Friends in a month and the sixth wild cat in under a year. One, a small lioness, was found by the customs brigade in a cage in a garage in the southern French port city of Marseille.

The NGO is calling for beefed-up government measures against the trafficking of wild animals and their use in French circuses.

The Lamborghini cub is basically fine, although a health check by a vet found that it was in a weakened state, has a problem with one of its back paws and a broken tail, 30 Million Friends said.

The cub is now in quarantine in a big cat wildlife park east of Paris and will later join the two cubs recovered by 30 Million Friends in October. The three will probably then be sent to a large park in South Africa, joining three other lions rescued previously in France.

"We have this plan to regroup them and really have a family," Hutin said.

In move that carries weight, kilo updated

By JOHN LEICESTER
Associated Press

VERSAILLES, France — In a historic vote, more than 50 nations unanimously approved an overhaul of the international measurement system that underpins global trade and other human endeavors, uniting Friday behind new definitions for the kilogram and other units in a way they fail to do on many other issues.

Scientists, for whom the update represented decades of work, clapped,

cheered and even wept as delegates gathered in Versailles one by one said "yes" to the change, hailed as a revolution in how humanity quantifies its world.

For more than a century, the kilogram has been defined as the mass of a cylinder of platinum-iridium alloy kept in a high-security vault in France. That artifact, nicknamed "Le Grand K," has been the world's sole true kilogram since 1889.

Now, with the vote, the kilogram and all of the other

main measurement units will be defined using numerical values. Those numbers were read to the national delegates before they voted. The update will take effect May 20.

The update will have no discernible impact for most people. Bathroom scales won't suddenly get kinder and kilos and grams won't change in supermarkets.

But unlike a physical object, the new formula for the kilo, now also known as "the electric kilo," cannot pick up particles of dust, decay with

time or be dropped and damaged, but will be easier to share.

"If we stay where we are, and someone did accidentally drop the kilogram or if there was a contamination that we couldn't control, then the whole system has got no head. We're in chaos," said Barry Inglis, a scientist from Australia.

The Grand K and its six official copies will be retired but not forgotten. Scientists want to keep studying them to see whether their masses change over time.



CHRISTOPHE ENA/AP

Martin J.T. Milton, the head of International Bureau of Weights and Measures, holds a replica of the cylinder whose mass will no longer define a kilogram.

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China's Xi, Pence trade swipes in speeches at Pacific summit

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea — Chinese President Xi Jinping and U.S. Vice President Mike Pence traded barbs in speeches at a summit of world leaders Saturday, outlining competing visions for global leadership as trade and other tensions between them simmer.

Pence said there would be no letup in President Donald Trump's policy of combating China's mercantilist trade policy and

intellectual property theft that has erupted into a tariff war between the two world powers. The U.S. has imposed additional tariffs on \$250 billion of Chinese goods and China has retaliated.

Xi, who spoke before Pence, said countries are facing a choice of cooperation or confrontation as protectionism and unilateralism spreads.

Xi expressed support for a global free trading system.

Police: Miss. woman arrested in abduction of 2 Texas girls

DALLAS — A Mississippi woman was in custody Saturday after she traveled to Texas and abducted two girls from their home, authorities said. Crystal Gaylene Edwards, 33, was being held in the Rankin County, Miss., jail on two counts of kidnapping and another count of sale of narcotics.

Edwards was acquainted with the girls' family and appeared Friday at their home north-

east of Dallas, according to police. Authorities didn't specify how the girls, ages 8 and 11, are related.

Police in Josephine, 30 miles northeast of Dallas, said Edwards "lured" the girls from the home.

Police in Texas, working with the U.S. Marshals Service and officers in Edwards' hometown of Pearl, Miss., tracked Edwards and the girls to Jackson, where she was apprehended later Friday.

No injuries reported after rail cars fall from Georgia overpass

BYROMVILLE, Ga. — Rail cars tumbled from an overpass onto a Georgia highway on Saturday, causing an evacuation and traffic headaches in a small town but resulting in no injuries.

CSX Railroad said 30 cars derailed. That included some that fell from the overpass onto Highway 90 at Byromville, 55 miles south of Macon.

Resident Stephanie Chapman said she was on

a deer stand more than a mile from town when it happened.

"You could hear the rail cars hitting each other — boom-boom-boom-boom-boom," Chapman said.

It happened around 7 a.m. Saturday in the town with a population of about 500.

CSX said four of the cars held petroleum liquefied gas. No leaks were reported.



PATRICK POST/AP

Sinterklaas, the Dutch version of St. Nicholas, and his helper Black Pete arrive Saturday in Monnickendam, Netherlands. Opponents say Black Pete promotes racist stereotypes.

Divisive character Black Pete sparks clashes in Netherlands

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Scattered confrontations broke out Saturday between supporters and opponents of the divisive helper of the Dutch version of Santa Claus, police and media reported, amid a fierce and increasingly polarized debate about the helper known as Black Pete.

White people often daub their faces with black paint when they dress up to play the character. Opponents say such depictions of Black Pete promote racist stereotypes. Supporters defend the sidekick of Sinterklaas, the white-

bearded, red-robed Dutch version of St. Nicholas, as a traditional children's character.

A nationally televised parade to welcome Sinterklaas in the historic village of Zaandijk, north of Amsterdam, went off peacefully.

A boat carrying Sinterklaas sailed into the harbor accompanied by dozens of Black Petes, their faces painted varying shades — from uniformly dark to smudged with dark streaks. Thousands of children, many wearing Black Pete costumes, lined streets to greet Sinterklaas, many sitting on the shoulders of a

parent and grabbing handfuls of candy handed out by Black Petes.

But there were confrontations at some parades across the country.

Police in Rotterdam tweeted they made three arrests as supporters of Black Pete clashed with anti-Pete protesters. In the northern city of Leeuwarden, police said they "prevented two groups getting into a fight."

Police in The Hague said riot police kept pro-Pete activists away from anti-Pete protesters as they were escorted to the city's main railway station.

1 dead, 227 injured in French fuel tax protests

PARIS — A protester was killed and 227 other people were injured — eight seriously — at roadblocks set up around villages, towns and cities across France on Saturday as citizens angry with rising fuel taxes rose up in a grassroots movement, posing a new challenge to beleaguered Presi-

dent Emmanuel Macron.

Police officers fired tear gas at demonstrators on the famed Champs-Elysees Avenue as groups of "yellow jackets," as the protesters called themselves, tried to make their way to the presidential Elysee Palace. A total of 117 people were arrested.

The planned increase in fuel taxes, notably for diesel fuel, spoke to those French who feel Macron has asked ordinary citizens to make the largest efforts in his bid to transform France. Those French who have a hard time making ends meet often rely on cheaper diesel fuel.

Thousands in Mass. still without gas after blasts

LAWRENCE, Mass. — The company at the center of the natural gas explosions in Massachusetts in September says it has restored gas service to about 60 percent of affected homes, but nearly 1,760 families remain in temporary housing.

The Sept. 13 blasts in Andover, Lawrence and North Andover destroyed or damaged more than 130 structures, injured dozens and left at least one person dead. Gas service isn't expected to be fully restored until early December.

Columbia Gas on Saturday released new data showing service has been restored to about 4,450 of the nearly 7,500 gas meters that were shut off after the explosions.

The company says it has paid nearly \$58 million for customer claims. Investigators have blamed overpressurization of gas lines for the explosions.

In India: The death toll from a cyclone that hit southern India has risen to 33, with the storm leaving a trail of massive damage to homes and roads and driving tens of thousands of people into relief camps. Authorities rushed water, food and paramedics to nearly 82,000 people who took shelter in over 400 camps.

In Thailand: Officials on Saturday recovered a boat that sank in rough weather off Thailand's southern resort island of Phuket in July, killing 47 Chinese tourists. Two tour boats sank off Phuket on July 5. Tourists from one boat were rescued, while the sinking of the double-decker Phoenix left 47 Chinese tourists dead.

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Mike Touchette was among the dozens of Jonestown members who fled or happened to be away the day Jim Jones orchestrated the mass murders and suicides of hundreds at his Peoples Temple compound in Guyana 40 years ago. "Being in Jonestown before Jim got there was the best thing in my life," says Touchette, now a 65-year-old grandfather in Florida.

They survived Jonestown, but lost only life they knew

918 people died 40 years ago. Those who didn't faced long road back.

By TIM REITERMAN | Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jonestown was the highlight of Mike Touchette's life — for a time. The 21-year-old Indiana native felt pride pioneering in the distant jungle of Guyana, South America. As a self-taught bulldozer operator, he worked alongside other Peoples Temple members in the humid heat, his blade carving roads and sites for wooden buildings with metal roofs. More than 900 people lived in the agricultural mission, with its dining pavilion, tidy cottages, school, medical facilities and rows of crops.

"We built a community out of nothing in four years," recalled Touchette, now a 65-year-old grandfather who has worked for a Miami hydraulics company for nearly 30 years. "Being in Jonestown before Jim got there was the best thing in my life."

Jim was the Rev. Jim Jones — charismatic, volatile and ultimately evil. It was he who dreamed up Jonestown and he who brought it down: First, with the assassination of U.S. Rep. Leo Ryan and four others by temple members on a nearby airstrip on Nov. 18, 1978, then with the mass murders and suicides of hundreds, a horror that remains nearly unimaginable 40 years later.

But some lived. Dozens of members in Guyana slipped out of Jonestown or happened to be away that day. Plunged into a new world, those raised in the temple or who joined as teens lost the only life they knew: church, jobs, housing — and most of all, family and friends.

Over four decades, as they have built new lives while struggling with grief and the feeling that they were pariahs. Some have come to acknowledge that they helped enable Jones to seize control over people drawn to his interracial church, socialist preaching and religious hucksterism.

With their lives, the story of Jonestown continues, even now.

Jordan Vilchez's parents were progressives in the 1960s — her father African-American, her mother Scotch-Irish.

When a friend invited her family to Peoples Temple's wine country church, they were impressed by the integrated community. And when her 23-year-old sister joined, Jordan went to live with her at age 12.

"The temple really became my family," she said. Devotion to its ideals

bolstered her self-worth. At 16, she was put on the Planning Commission where the meetings were a strange mix of church business, sex talk — and adulation for Jones. "What we were calling the cause really was Jim," she said.

Instead of finishing high school, Vilchez moved to San Francisco, where she lived in the church. Then, after a 1977 New West magazine expose of temple disciplinary beatings and other abuses, she was sent to Jonestown.

Grueling field work was not to her liking. Neither were the White Nights where everyone stayed up, armed with machetes to fight enemies who never arrived.

Vilchez was dispatched to the Guyanese capital of Georgetown to raise money. On Nov. 18 she was at the temple house when a fanatical Jones aide received a dire radio message from Jonestown. The murders and suicides were unfolding, 150 miles away.

"She gives us the order that we were supposed to kill ourselves," Vilchez recalled.

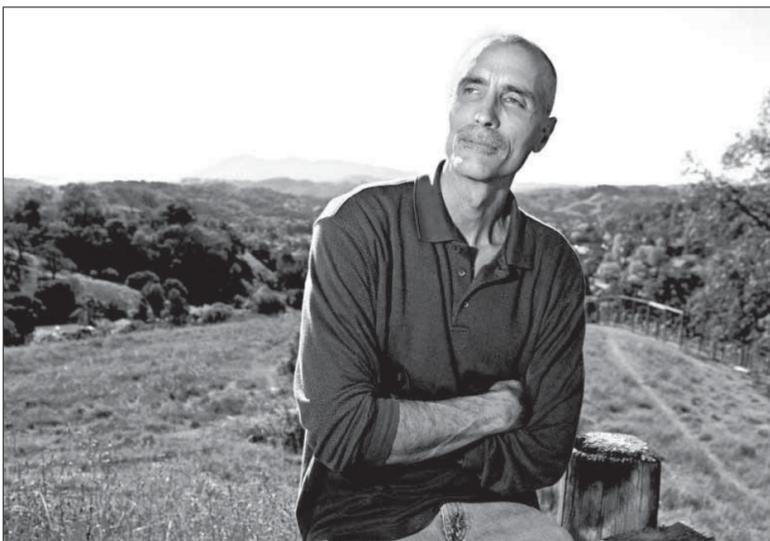
Within minutes, the aide and her three children lay dead in a bloody bathroom, their throats slit.

For years, Vilchez was ashamed of the part she played in an idealistic group that imploded so terribly. "Everyone participated in it and because of that, it went as far as it did," she said.

Vilchez worked as office manager at a private crime lab for 20 years and now, at 61, sells her artwork.

This past year, she returned to Jonestown. Where the machine shop once stood, there was only rusty equipment. And she could only sense the site of the pavilion, the once-vibrant center of Jonestown life where so many died — including her two sisters and two nephews.

"When I left at 21, I left a part of myself there," she



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Stephan Jones, son of Rev. Jim Jones of the Peoples Temple, says that he had believed his father was too cowardly to follow through with the oft-threatened "revolutionary suicide."



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Jim Jones Jr., who was adopted as a 10-week-old infant by the Rev. Jim Jones, lost 15 relatives in Jonestown.

said. "I was going back to retrieve that young person and also to say goodbye."

Though he waved and smiled at Peoples Temple services, seemingly enraptured like the rest, Stephan Gandhi Jones says he always had his doubts.

"This is really crazy," he recalls thinking.

But Stephan was the biological son of Jim and Marceline Jones. And the temple was his life — first in Indiana, later in California.

"So much was attractive and unique that we turned a blind eye on what was wrong," he said, including his father's sexual excesses, drug abuse and rants.

As a high school student, he was dispatched to help build Jonestown.

Stephan helped erect a basketball court and form a team. In the days before Ryan's fact-finding mission to the settlement, the players were in Georgetown for a tourney with the Guyana national teams.

They refused Jones' order to come back. Stephan believed he was too cowardly to follow through with the oft-threatened "revolutionary suicide."

But after temple gunmen killed the congressman, three newsmen and a church defector on the Port

Kaituma airstrip, Jones ordered a poisoned grape-flavored drink administered to children first. That way no one else would want to live.

Stephan Jones and some other team members believe they might have changed history if they were there. "The reality was we were folks who could be counted on to stand up," he said.

He went through years of nightmares, mourning and shame. To cope, he says he abused drugs and exercised obsessively.

More than 300 Jonestown victims were children. Now, Stephan Jones is father of three daughters, ages 16, 25 and 29, and works in the office furniture installation business.

He says his daughters have seen him gnash his teeth when he talks about his father, but they also have heard him speak lovingly of the man who taught him compassion and other virtues.

"People ask, 'How can you ever be proud of your father?'" he said. "I just have to love him and forgive him."

Eugene Smith recalls how his mother, a church-going African-American, bought into Jim Jones'

dream after they attended a service in Fresno. She gave her house to the Peoples Temple and they moved to San Francisco.

He was 18 when the church sanctioned his marriage to a talented 16-year-old singer, Ollie Wideman. After Ollie became pregnant, she was sent to Jonestown; Eugene remained behind.

When Smith reunited with his mother and wife in Jonestown, Ollie was 8 months pregnant.

When he was ordered to Georgetown to help with supply shipments, Smith said he concocted an escape plan: Ollie and other temple singers and dancers, he believed, would soon be sent to Georgetown to perform, and the family would flee to the U.S. Embassy.

But the entertainers stayed in Jonestown to entertain Ryan. And Smith's wife, son and mother died. "All I could do is weep," he said.

After more than 22 years at California's transportation department, Smith retired in 2015. He's 61 now. He's never remarried.

When John Cobb was born in 1960 in a black section of Indianapolis, his mother and older siblings already were temple members. But in 1973, John's oldest brother and a sister, along with six other California college students, quit the church and became its enemies.

John was attending a San Francisco high school when he was allowed to join his best friends in Jonestown. There, as part of Jones' security detail, Cobb was the once captivating minister strung out on drug.

"If anything, we felt pity for him," he said, "and it grew into a dislike, maybe hate."

He too was a member of

the basketball team. His biggest regrets revolve around the team's refusal to return to Jonestown. "I believe 100 percent that not everyone would have been dead," he said.

Cobb lost 11 relatives that day, including his mother, youngest brother and four sisters.

Now 58, he owns a modular office furniture business in the East Bay and is married with a daughter, 29. One day, when she was in high school, she came home and told her parents that her religion class had discussed Peoples Temple; only then did her father share the story of how his family was nearly wiped out.

She wept.

The Joneses adopted a black baby in Indiana in 1960, and Jim gave the 10-week-old infant his own name. "Little Jimmy" became part of their "Rainbow Family" of white, black, Korean-American and Native American children.

In California, he was steeped in temple life. Those who broke rules were disciplined. At first it was spanking of children. Then it was boxing matches for adults.

"To me the ends justified the means," he said. "We were trying to build a new world, a progressive socialist organization."

After the temple exodus to Guyana, he was given a public relations post in Georgetown — and was part of the basketball team.

He was summoned to the temple radio room. In code, his father told him everyone was going to die in "revolutionary suicide."

"I argued with my Dad," he said. "I said there must be another way."

Jim Jr. would lose 15 immediate relatives in Jonestown, including his pregnant wife.

In the aftermath, he built a new life. He remarried three decades ago, and he and his wife Erin raised three sons.

Of course, even if he wanted to forget Jonestown, his name was an ever-present reminder.

He has taken a lead role in a 40th Jonestown anniversary memorial to be held Sunday at Oakland's Evergreen Cemetery, where remains of unclaimed and unidentified victims are buried. Four granite slabs are etched with names of the 918 people who died in Guyana — including James Warren Jones, which deeply offends some whose relatives perished.

"Like everyone else, he died there," his son said. "I'm not saying he didn't cause it, create it. He did."

OBITUARIES

WESLEY ADAMCZYK 1933-2018

Deportee wrote book about his family's WWII travails

By GRAYDON MEGAN
Chicago Tribune

In 1940, Wesley Adamczyk was a 7-year-old living in the town of Sarny, then in Poland, when he and his mother, brother and sister were deported to Kazakhstan by occupying Soviet soldiers.

His recounting of that time, "When God Looked the Other Way," was published in 2004 by the University of Chicago Press, which called it "a memoir of a boyhood lived in unspeakable circumstances, a book that not only illuminates one of the darkest periods of European history but also traces the loss of innocence and the fight against despair that took root in one young boy."

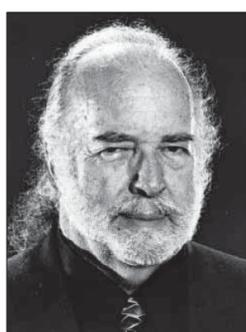
Adamczyk, 85, died Oct. 13 in JourneyCare in Glenview of complications from Merkel cell carcinoma, an aggressive form of skin cancer, according to his son George. He was a longtime resident of Deerfield.

Adamczyk and his family were deported following the agreement between the Soviet Union and Germany to split Poland in the wake of their separate 1939 invasions of the country, with the Soviet Union taking the eastern portion of the country. The occupation and campaign against Polish leaders included the Katyn Massacre, the name given to a series of mass executions the Soviets acknowledged in 1990. More than 22,000 Poles, including army officers, intellectuals and other leaders of the country, were killed and their bodies dumped in mass graves. The victims included Adamczyk's father, an officer in the Polish army.

Adamczyk's life story was a remarkable one, and so was the path the book took to its 2004 publication.

"It was owing to Wesley's pluck," said Leslie Keros, at the time a production editor for the U. of C. Press. "He presented himself to the press (office) and asked to speak to an editor."

Keros went to coffee with Adamczyk and spent an hour instead of the 10 min-



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Wesley Adamczyk's memoir, "When God Looked the Other Way," was published in 2004.

utes she planned. "Not only was the manuscript engrossing, but he was too," said Keros, a book editor and radio host.

She put Adamczyk in touch with a freelance editor. A year passed before the book came back to the press, still in need of more editing. Keros worked with Adamczyk for another year. "He was a very patient man," she said.

Finally, the book was accepted by the press. "It was a very exciting process," Keros said.

Wieslaw Adamczyk was born in 1933 in Sarny, which is now in Ukraine. After his father left the family to be with his army unit, his mother made what preparations she could for an uncertain future, Adamczyk wrote. That included sewing jewelry into the hems of her dresses and coats and those of her daughter. She also baked jewelry into loaves of bread, which she dried to provide a lasting supply of food for the family.

"I watched her insert into the dough many pieces of jewelry including her grandmother's gold earrings, a gold crucifix, and gold bracelets," Adamczyk wrote in his book. "After the bread had baked, I helped her and (my sister) cut it into large pieces. Later the bread was dried in the oven and packed into large potato sacks. How Mother identified the pieces with jewelry hidden inside, I have never learned."

Adamczyk and his family endured many hardships in exile, with little food and harsh living conditions. Their chance at escape came after Russia joined the Allies in 1941.

With no papers to make good their escape, Adamczyk's mother led her children on what was supposed to look like a casual daytime stroll. The family eventually got a carriage ride to a train, where Adamczyk's mother exchanged a gold watch for tickets.

The family finally made their way to Iran, where Adamczyk's mother died.

After spending time in an orphanage in England, Adamczyk, then 16, his brother and sister arrived in Chicago in 1949. He had an aunt here who sent him to a private boarding school in Wisconsin. He returned to Chicago and put himself through night school at DePaul University, where he earned a degree in chemistry.

After a hitch in the Army, Adamczyk spent his entire working career at Lever Brothers in Whiting, Ind. He also had a side business doing tax returns as Suburban Income Tax in south suburban Dolton.

Filmmaker Christopher Swider interviewed Adamczyk for "Children in Exile," his award-winning documentary film on survivors of Soviet deportation. "He was very dynamic," Swider said. "He was a character and a lot of fun to be around."

In addition to all his other accomplishments, Adamczyk was a top-rated bridge player, a Diamond Life Master with 5,000 masterpoints, according to his son.

Adamczyk is also survived by four grandchildren.

His first marriage ended in divorce. His second wife, Barbara Doerr Adamczyk, died in 2000.

Plans are being made for an early January memorial dinner.

Graydon Megan is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON NOVEMBER 18 ...

In 1820 U.S. Navy Capt. Nathaniel B. Palmer discovered the continent of Antarctica.

In 1883 the United States and Canada adopted a unified system of Standard Time zones.

In 1886 Chester Arthur, the 21st president, died in New York; he was 56.

In 1901 pioneering opinion researcher George Gallup was born in Jefferson, Iowa.

In 1903 the United States and Panama signed a treaty granting the U.S. rights to build the Panama Canal.

In 1922 novelist Marcel Proust died in Paris; he was 51.

In 1923 Alan Shepard, the first American astronaut to

travel in space, was born in East Derry, N.H.

In 1928 the first successful sound-synchronized animated cartoon, Walt Disney's "Steamboat Willie," starring Mickey Mouse, premiered in New York.

In 1936 Germany and Italy recognized Gen. Francisco Franco's government in Spain.

In 1966 Roman Catholic leaders in the United States ended the church rule against eating meat on Fridays.

In 1969 financier-diplomat Joseph P. Kennedy, the father of a U.S. president and two senators, died in Hyannis Port, Mass.; he was 81.

In 1976 Spain's parliament approved legislation to establish a democracy after 37 years of dictatorship.

In 1978 U.S. Rep. Leo Ryan and four other people were killed in Jonestown, Guyana, by members of the Peoples Temple; the killings were followed by a night of mass murder and suicide by 912 of the cult's members.

In 1987 the congressional Iran-Contra committees issued their final report, saying President Ronald Reagan bore "ultimate responsibility" for wrongdoing by his aides.

In 1991 Shiite Muslim kidnappers released two hostages, Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite and educator Thomas Sutherland.

In 1999, 12 people were killed when a bonfire under construction at Texas A&M University collapsed.

In 2001 Phillips Petroleum Co. and Conoco Inc. announced they were merging in a deal that created the third-largest U.S. oil and gas company.

In 2003 the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruled 4-3 that the state constitution guaranteed gay couples the right to marry.

In 2007 a methane blast ripped through a coal mine in Ukraine, killing 101.

In 2014 Blase Cupich succeeded Cardinal Francis George as head of the Chicago archdiocese in an elaborate ceremony at Holy Name Cathedral.

In 2017 President-elect Donald Trump signaled a sharp policy shift to the right by picking Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions as attorney general, Kansas Rep. Mike Pompeo to head the CIA and Michael Flynn as his national security adviser.

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ILLINOIS
Nov. 17
Powerball 06 08 20 52 68 / 05
Powerball jackpot: \$124M
Lotto 07 09 30 31 42 46 / 23
Lotto jackpot: \$21M
Pick 3 midday 680 / 6
Pick 4 midday 1359 / 0
Lucky Day Lotto midday 07 08 21 25 39
Pick 3 evening 861 / 8
Pick 4 evening 9569 / 4
Lucky Day Lotto evening 08 10 12 39 41
Nov. 16
Mega Millions 33 36 63 68 69 / 16
Mega Millions jackpot: \$122M
Pick 3 midday 598 / 0
Pick 4 midday 9150 / 2
Lucky Day Lotto midday 01 04 05 26 30
Pick 3 evening 624 / 8
Pick 4 evening 1819 / 1
Lucky Day Lotto evening 07 17 21 27 43
Nov. 16 Mega Millions: \$139M

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Nov. 17
Lotto 10 19 20 29 31 43
Daily 3 midday 620 / 1
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Daily 3 evening 744 / 4
Daily 4 evening 5503 / 4
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Daily 3 evening 758
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Death Notices

Abbinanti, Joseph A.

Joseph A. Abbinanti, age 85, U.S. Navy Veteran. Devoted husband of the late Eileen nee Greif; beloved father of Rosemary Abbinanti, Jim (Jill) Abbinanti, Trish (Tom) Bednarek and Elizabeth "Biz" Abbinanti; loving grandfather of Ally, Lexy and Mikey; dear brother of Madaline (Albin) Betker; fond companion of Penny Burns. Memorial Visitation Monday, November 19, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. until time of Memorial Service at 7:30 p.m. at Bethel Community Church, 7601 W. Foster, Chicago, IL 60656. Info 708-456-8300 or www.cumberland-chapels.com.



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Augustitus Williams, Elizabeth 'Beth'

Beth Augustitus Williams was born in Robles Del Rio on September 25, 1946 and went to be with her Lord Jesus on October 20, 2018. She attended Tularcitos Elementary, and Carmel High Schools and then went to Cal Poly where she earned her Home Economics Degree specializing in Dietetics. After graduating, Beth moved to Chicago, Illinois, and completed her internship in Dietetics at Cook County Hospital. She worked at several Chicago area hospitals over a span of 30 years as a Diet Counselor. Her passion in life was cooking and sharing her repertoire of tasty recipes with others. From an early age, her entries at the Monterey County Fair would always win awards. Her favorite sport was walking. She grew up in Robles, hiking the Bridal Paths and open trails on both sides of Carmel Valley, and of course walking all of the beaches on the coast. She was a Girl Scout in the Carmel Valley Troop and as a young girl enjoyed camping at the Girl Scout Camp at the end of River Road and Paso Hondo. She also loved camping in the Sierra at Silver Lake - a family favorite, every year, with cooking, swimming, hiking and boating. It was life at its best! Beth had a love with gardening and a special connection with animals, especially her own critters; Jelly Bean, Penelope, Edward and Psyche. She loved Chicago where she worshiped The Lord Jesus and worked for over forty years helping people eat right...Beth was predeceased by her parents, Albert A. Augustitus, Mildred Augustitus, and brother, Peter Augustitus and nephew, Jason Augustitus. She is survived by brothers, Jon, Charlie (Susan) and Tom (Rhonda) Augustitus, sister Mary Ann Bivens Augustitus, nieces, Yvonne, Rachel, Laura Mae and nephews, Ben and grad nephew Zion Weaver. A special acknowledgement of appreciation is given to Bella Terra Morton Grove, IL, and Journey Care Hospice in Chicago, IL. Respecting Beth's wishes, a private family gathering will take place at a later date. Donations in Beth's name can be made to either of the above facilities, or the Alzheimer's Association. We will miss you Beth- and your Blinis- Rest in Peace...

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Azzarello, Thomas C.
Thomas C. Azzarello, age 69, of Carbondale, formerly of Chicago, passed away peacefully on November 13, 2018 at John Knox Village in Lee's Summit, Missouri.
Tom was born December 7, 1948 in Chicago to the late Charles and Marcella (nee Slocum) Azzarello. He is the cherished brother to Carla (Victor) Pagan and the late John Azzarello; beloved uncle to many nieces and nephews; fond cousin to many.
Visitation will be Wednesday, November 21, 2018 from 9:00 am until the time of Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 am at Christ the King Catholic Church (9235 S. Hamilton Ave.; Chicago, IL 60643) with Fr. Lawrence Sullivan officiating. Burial will immediately follow in St. Mary Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made towards the Southern Illinois Foundation. To leave online condolences, please visit [Blake-Lamb Funeral Home](http://Blake-LambFuneralHome.com) website. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made towards Southern Illinois University Foundation <https://siuf.org/giving/payment.php>

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Bason, Earl J.
Earl J. Barson, 92. Beloved husband of Evelyn nee Kent. Loving father of David (Dawn) Barson. Dear brother of the late Lloyd (Elaine) Barson and the late Richard (Betty) Barson. Proud graduate of Northwestern University and a passionate fan of Northwestern Football. Earl's first career was in reclamation and recycling. Later in life his love of gadgets and all things technology led him to a second career in cellular phone sales and marketing. There he was known as the "Duke of Digital". An avid reader himself, for many years in his retirement Earl volunteered to help local school children learn to read. Private ceremony. Memorials in his memory can be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2211 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago, IL 60707, www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org or the charity of your choice. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfnfo.com.

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Bassindale, Jean
Jean Bassindale nee Connell, 91, of Elmhurst. Beloved wife of the late Robert I.; cherished mother of David and Brian (Donna); grandmother of Maria (Brian) Gavin, Melissa (Ian) James and Daniel Bassindale; great grandmother of Johnathan, David, Anna, Julia, Alistair and Ava; sister of Kate (the late Alan) Allured, Barbara (the late Frank) Manley and William (Jacquelyn) Connell; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Jean was a dedicated Special Education Teacher in the Chicago Public Schools. After retiring she tutored many students in her home and reluctantly gave up this calling when her health, strength and energy no longer permitted her calling in this life. Interment private at Union Cemetery, Menomonee Falls, WI next to her late husband, parents and many other family members who predeceased her. Arrangements by **Ahlgim Funeral Home**. Info 630-834-3515 or www.ahlgim.com.



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Bauer, Richard

Richard Bauer at the age of 54 years a native of Evanston IL, passed away on November 10, 2018 at Northshore Evanston Hospital with his family by his side. Richard was born on July 6, 1964. He married Kathlyn M. Newman on August 5, 1995 in Elk Grove Village, IL. Richard is survived by his beloved wife Kathlyn of 23 years and his two lovely daughters Mary C. and Sara J. Bauer of Evanston, IL. He is preceded in death by his loving parents Peter and Lydia nee John Bauer, brother Robert Bauer, mother-in-law Jacqueline Rose Newman, both maternal and paternal grandparents. Richard was cherished by many brother-in-laws, sister-in-laws, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Richard was employed by Sherwood Condo Association and Eagle Building Corp. as a maintenance engineer. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends as well as his hobbies fishing, bowling, soccer and golfing. Richard will be dearly missed. In lieu of flowers memorials donations may be made to the Bauer Family in memory of Richard. Visitation, Saturday November 24, 2018 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 11:00 a.m. at Saint Mary Church, 1012 Lake Street, Evanston IL 60201. Info www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.

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Biggert, Rody Patterson

Rody Patterson Biggert a longtime resident of Hinsdale, Illinois died on November 15, 2018. He was 82 years old. His parents and two sisters preceded him in death. He is survived by his beautiful family consisting of his wife of fifty-five years Judith (Judy) Borg Biggert, daughter Courtney Caverly (Marty) of Pacific Palisades, California, daughter Alison Cabot (Chris) of London, England, son Rody of New York, New York, and daughter Adrienne Morrell (Jarrett) of Bethesda, Maryland; his nine grandchildren Martin "Bray", Gillian, and Grant Caverly, John Henry, Matthew and Ethan Cabot and Greer, Charlotte and William "Anders" Morrell. His wonderful family provided unending love and support to Rody during his battle with leukemia.

Rody was born on April 13, 1936 in Gary, Indiana and moved to Chicago and then Hinsdale, Illinois where he attended Monroe Elementary, Hinsdale Central High School and graduated from Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan in 1954. He received his B.A. in economics from Amherst College in 1958, where he was a member of the Chi Psi fraternity. Following service in the U.S. Army, Rody graduated from Northwestern Law School in Evanston, Illinois in 1963 where he met his wife Judy, who went on to serve on the Hinsdale District 86 School Board (1976-1985), Illinois General Assembly (1992-1998) and the U.S. House of Representatives (1999-2012).

In 1963, Rody joined the Chicago-based law firm of Seyfarth, Shaw where he enjoyed a 38-year successful career practicing labor and employment law. His major clients included General Cable Corporation, Jos Schlitz Brewing Company, Wagner Castings Company, Heil Quaker Company, Acme Steel Company and Interlake Iron Company. Upon retirement in 2001, Rody founded Human Resources Advocates LLC to help clients navigate employment and legal issues. For the past twenty years, Rody also served until his death as an arbitrator with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), negotiating settlements among litigants in financial disputes.

Rody was very supportive of his community serving on the Hinsdale Zoning Board of Appeals and the College of DuPage Foundation. He was an active member at Hinsdale Golf Club, University Club of Chicago and the Chicago Investors Society.

Rody was an avid golfer and enjoyed playing tennis and squash and skiing. He loved sailing and took the family on several bare boat charter cruises in the Caribbean.

Family and friends will gather for a funeral service at 3:00 pm on Friday, November 23 at Grace Episcopal Church 120 East First Street Hinsdale, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Misericordia Home, 6300 N. Ridge Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 60660 are welcome. Service information: 630-325-2300 or www.adolfsservices.com



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Brennan, Honor

Honor Brennan nee Petrie, age 86; beloved wife of the late Richard J.; loving mother of Richard, Sean, Timothy (Terence) Gilles, Christopher (Sabrina), Patrick (Nora), Daniel (Nancy) and Catherine (Robert) Millette; cherished grandmother of 16 and great-grandmother of 2; dear sister of the late Jack (the late Vicky), Thomas (the late Ann) and Donald

Petrie and sister-in-law of the late Irene, Marcia (the late Ray) Langel, Robert Brennan and Connie Brennan (Jhan Schmitz); fond aunt of Tom, Roger, Bruce and the late Kevin Petrie and, Donna (Zsolt) Toth, Stephanie Petrie and the late Mark (Wendy) and Jack Allen Petrie, and Debra (Steve) Toon, Raymond (Linda) Langel and the late Scott Langel, and McLaren (Robert Butler) Brennan and the late Kelly Quinn Brennan; great-aunt of many; dear friend of Mickey Leri, Patricia Wilcox, Helena Nowak, Carol Cox and Kay Harmon. Visitation Friday, November 30 from 10 a.m. until time of Mass 11 a.m. at St. Luke Church, 7600 Lake St., River Forest, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations to Seasons Hospice Foundation (seasonsfoundation.org) are appreciated.

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Breslan, Michael G.

Michael G. Breslan, age 84. Cherished brother of Adrienne (Eugene) Trezzo and the late Mercedes (the late Ingolf) Magnus and the late William F. Breslan; husband of Mary Breslan; former husband of the late Lailani; loving father of Lydia (Michael) Pastore, Michael G., Jr. (Laurie) Breslan, Victoria (Steven) Golub and Shannon (Matthew) Strzynski; proud grandfather of Shannon (Andy) Ganger, James Nelson, Megan Nelson, Angelica Smith, Melissa (Vincent) Breslan, Michael Breslan, Michelle Breslan, Aiden, William and Nathan Golub and Alexandra, Quentin and Veronica Strzynski and the late Kelly Erin Beverley; great-grandfather of seven; fond friend and mentor to many. Proud member of Local 150 Operating Engineers for over 50 years; former President of Chicago and Cook County Building Trades. A Memorial Visitation will be held at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Monday, November 19, 2018 from 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Tuesday 9:30 a.m. until time of Chapel Service 10:30 a.m. Inurnment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Memorials to Our Lady of Sorrow Basilica, 3121 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60612 appreciated. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Brewster, Nancy

Nancy Jean Brewster, age 89, of New Lenox, IL, passed away peacefully on October 30, 2018 with her loving daughter at her side. Nancy was born March 6, 1929, in Detroit, Michigan to the late William and Helen Fleming. Nancy was the devoted wife to the late William (Bill) P. Brewster for over 65 years; she is the cherished mother to Bill (& Debra) Brewster, Melanie (& Jim) Burke, and Barry (& Michele) Brewster; proud grandmother to Michelle, Kevin, Beth and Benjamin; great-grandmother to Adalyan and Lilly; loving sister to Patricia Fleming, Joanne Teschke, Marj Schlesselman and the late Bill Fleming. Nancy attended Morgan Park High School in Chicago where she met Bill. She loved sewing, crafts and fashion. After raising her three children, she worked as a home décor advisor at Marshall Fields in Orland Park and owned the Hen Hutch collectables shop in Frankfort. Nancy and Bill retired to the Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri for over 25 years where she enjoyed boating, cooking and crafts. In 2011 they returned to New Lenox to be closer to family and her precious grandchildren and great grandchildren to whom she will always be remembered affectionally as "Grammy". Visitation will be Monday, November 26, 2018 from 11:00 am until the time of her memorial service at 1:00 pm at Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Chapel Hill Gardens South Memorial Gardens.

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Bromberg, Peter DeForest

Peter Bromberg, age 74, passed away Friday November 9th, 2018, at The Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy, IL. Previously of Buffalo Grove, IL Peter is survived by his children Brittany Bromberg and Brian (Sarah) Bromberg. Once an Army soldier and computer extraordinaire, Peter will ultimately be remembered by his willingness to help any and all people (or animal!). No public services are planned.

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Burdick, MD, Allison L.

As a pioneer in Illinois and national Family Practice medicine, Allison L. Burdick Jr. MD had a passion for education and the need to save the "family" doctor in medicine. "Al" Burdick was a visionary, a national leader and one of the founding fathers of the Family Medicine movement in the United States.

In the 1960's and '70's, specialty medicine was becoming the norm for medical school graduates, where doctors became specialists in a "part" of the body. The General Practice physician was in decline across the country. Al Burdick believed that the "people specialty", now known as Family Practice, needed to serve the "family", with the goal to provide ongoing medical care to patients with an emphasis on the family unit, preventative medicine and patient education.

In the early days of the establishment of the specialty of Family Practice, Al Burdick was at the forefront of its movement. In 1971, Allison L. Burdick Jr. established one of the country's first Residency Programs for in-depth training in family medicine at West Suburban Hospital in Oak Park, IL. In a ceremony in 2009, with nearly 100 graduates from all over the country in attendance, the West Suburban Hospital Family Medicine Residency Program was officially named the A.L. Burdick Family Medicine Center, to honor his legacy. To date, over 250 new physicians have graduated from this program.

Al Burdick was a diplomat on the American Board of Family Practice for years, one year serving as Vice President for Education. He also held several offices on the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians and served as President in 1970-71. He held numerous positions on the American Academy of Family Physicians, Illinois State Medical Society, and was President of the Aux Plaines Branch of the Chicago Medical Society in 1968.

Dr. Allison L. Burdick Jr., age 94, died peacefully on November 6, 2018. Al was born to Dr. Allison L. Burdick Sr. MD and Adelaide Burdick (Bartholf) on June 7, 1924 and grew up in the Galewood neighborhood of Chicago. He graduated from Austin High School and the University of Illinois Medical School.

Al married his high school sweetheart, Beatrice (Bea) King, in June of 1946 in Chicago where they raised 4 children. Following medical school, Al served as a medical doctor for the Navy at Great Lakes Naval Academy as well as in San Diego and Albuquerque, and completed residencies at Hines VA hospital and West Suburban Hospital in Oak Park, IL

When Al returned from military service in 1952, he joined his father in private practice on the west side of Chicago for 19 years. It was in these later years that Al had a vision for the education for future "family" doctors. He also served as Professor in the Department of Family Practice at Rush Medical University. His passion, leadership and teaching influenced the way his residents practice medicine today. This quiet, dignified leader was beloved by his students, residents, patients and those that had the privilege of working with him.

Al had a love for sailing and tennis, where he and Bea were members of various yacht clubs and tennis clubs over the years. He once sailed his boat across Lake Michigan to his summer home on White Lake in Whitehall, MI. Al was a family man and was very proud of his children and grandchildren's achievements in life.

Al was preceded in death by his wife of 71 years, Bea, who passed in October of 2016. He is survived by his children Stephanie Kennington, Susan Merz (Bob), Bradley Burdick (Linda) and Robert Burdick (Alison). He will be missed by all, including his 8 grandchildren - Brandon, Alison, Scott, Kimberly, Marissa, Jenna, Mallory and Collin, as well as 9 great-grandchildren.

Our Dad was our biggest hero and we will continue to brag about him for as long as we live. His unconditional love, patience, wisdom and gentle nature will be part of us forever. We admired his love for the good things in life including music, books, tennis, the outdoors, boats, and the sun on his face. His happiest days were with family, especially holidays when he would smile and say, "the whole fam damily is here." The values that both our Mom and our Dad instilled in us are more precious than anything else in this world.

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Bushnell, Patrick Theron
Patrick Theron Bushnell, 27 of Arlington Heights, beloved son of Tim and Mary Pat (nee McMonigal); loving brother of Michael. Visitation from 9:00 am until time of Funeral Mass at 11:00 am, Tuesday at St. Edna Catholic Church, 2525 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, Interment Private. Funeral Information and condolences www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.



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Campbell, Alice T.
(nee Grant). Beloved wife of the late John H. Campbell. Loving mother of James and the late Thomas (Pam) Campbell. Proud grandmother of Jana (Denis) Bourdo and Ryan (Rachel) Campbell. Adored great grandmother of McKenna, Layla, Issac Bourdo and Thomas Campbell. Dear sister of the late John (late Barbara) Grant. Cherished daughter of the late Susan and John Grant. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday, November 21, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. with a funeral service at 3:00 p.m. at the Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, 4950 W. 79th Street, Burbank, IL. Interment private. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Caralis, Alexandra

Alexandra Caralis, 89, Preceded in death by her loving 3 sisters and 1 brother; Dearest sister-in-law of Eleni Caralis and John Katsifitis; Fond aunt of Tom Lambropoulos and many other relatives and friends. Visitation Sunday, November 18, 2018, from 3 - 8 p.m. at Colonial Wojciechowski Funeral Home 8025 W. Golf Rd., Niles. Family and friends will meet Monday morning at Transfiguration of Our Lord Savior Greek Orthodox Chapel 2905 N. Thatcher Rd. River Grove, IL. (located in Elmwood Cemetery) for 10:00 a.m. Funeral service. Interment will follow in cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church 6041 W. Diversey Chicago, IL. 60634 or Greek American Rehab and Nursing Ctr. 220 N. 1st. St. Wheeling, IL. 60090. Arrangements by **NICHOLAS M. PISHOS FUNERAL DIRECTOR, LTD.** info: 847-581-0536.



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Carlson, Roy J.

Roy J. Carlson, 85, passed away on October 17, 2018. Born in Chicago, IL on June 16, 1933, he attended Robert Morris Elementary in Lakeview and McPherson Elementary in Uptown. Roy graduated Sergeant at Arms from Amundsen HS in Chicago and attended Valparaiso on a football scholarship. Roy enlisted in the US Marine Corp.

and married Joan (Sandels) at Camp Pendleton, CA. As a Sergeant, he was honorably discharged and returned to Chicago. He and Joan had 4 children (Claudia, Jill, Jeanine, Roy Jr.). Roy served his apprenticeship in his father's John T. Carlson Plastering Company. Roy started his own plastering business in 1962 in the Chicago suburbs until he retired in 1992. He and Joan moved to Eagle River, WI and shortly thereafter purchased a winter home in Sebring, FL. Roy and Joan separated in 1999, then he remarried Roxey Eden in 2004 and lived happily with his beloved Roxey in Sebring until his death. Roy has 15 grandchildren, 2 stepsons, 1 step grandchild and two great grandchildren. He lived a full life with a special bond to his cousin Greta and George Barrett, and best friends Tom McCants, George Leonard, George Reichart, Len Anderson, Wally Marbach and their wives, along with many more friends. Roy was a lifetime member of the Masons, Scottish Knights and Medinah Shrine. He enjoyed being an avid member and Right Guard of Medinah Arab Patrol, a lifetime AMVETS member and an active American Legion member. Roy's life was consumed with sports, especially the Bears, Cubs and Illini, many fishing trips and helping loved ones with endless home improvements. He had the distinct honor of being a Chicago Bears rookie in 1956, one of the many joys in his lifetime! Services to be held in Florida at a later date.

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Carroll, James B.

James B. Carroll, longtime resident of Westchester, age 89. U.S. Army Veteran - WWII. Beloved husband of the late Laura Jean Carroll; loving brother of Mary Jane (Howard) Randall, Ethel (Sam) Martone; preceded in death by six siblings; fond uncle and great uncle of many. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Monday, November 19, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until time of Chapel Service 11:00 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Casey, John W.

John Wesley Casey went to be with the Lord October 21st, 2018 at Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights, IL. He was born July 25, 1960 in Lansing IL to John Erwin and Mary Casey. John earned his Electrical Engineering degree at Purdue University, Lafayette IN, and worked at Northrop Grumman in Rolling Meadows, IL. Most recently he worked for Rauland Borg in Mt. Prospect, IL. John is survived by his brother Michael James Casey and many cousins. He was an active member of Christian Life Church and served on their hospitality team. He also served on the leadership team of Ginger Creek Church Singles, was an avid railroad enthusiast and enjoyed his bowling league. A Memorial will be held November 25th, 6:30pm at Christian Life Church, 400 E. Gregory St, Mount Prospect, IL 60056.

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Cohen, Susan

Susan Cohen nee Friedenberg, age 78. After 11 and a half years she lost her courageous battle to cancer. Beloved wife of Myron. Loving mother of Jodi Coren (Aram) Adler and Steven (Heidi) Cohen. Proud grandmother of Shelby, Julia, Kylie, Tyler, Jillian and Jared. Dear sister of the late Gordon (the late Nancy) Friedenberg and sister-in-law of Bobbi Cohen. Fond aunt and friend of many. Service Monday 10AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60601, www.cancer.org or JDRF, 1 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60602, www.jdrf.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Cook, Constance A. 'Conni'

nee Hall, Passed away suddenly at her home in Park Forest, IL. Beloved wife of Manabu Nagata; Cherished friend too many. Conni was a graduate and awarded Professor of Northwestern University and went on as professor of Asian Business and Culture at Governors' State University for over 25 year before retiring in 2012. Conni will be sorely missed by all. She enriched the minds of generations of students. She was a lover of the equestrian arts. Conni was also an artist of film and lens, who loved the challenge of finding just the right light. She is also survived by her cats Oliver and Chunky Monkey. Services and Interment Private. Arrangements entrusted to **Lain-Sullivan Funeral Home & Crematory**, 50 Westwood Dr. Park Forest, IL. For information or to express your thoughts or memories visit our online guest book, www.lain-sullivan.com. or call 708-747 3700.

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Cronin, Pat Somers

Pat Somers Cronin, Age 91, Lifelong resident of Beverly and South Shore, Born into Eternal Life on November 14, 2018. Beloved wife of the late James R. Cronin, Sr. Loving mother of Patricia (the late Betram Jr.) Snead, James R. Jr. (Suzanne), Sheila M., Emily (the late William) Chaveriat, Mary Ann, John (Joanne), the late Ellyn Rose, Michael (Michelle), Walter (Victoria), and Joseph (Maria) Cronin. Pat was also dearly loved by her 33 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Devoted sister of the late Nancy (the late Ed) Conway. Cherished aunt to her many nieces and nephews. Pat is fondly remembered by many friends and neighbors throughout the Chicagoland Area. Pat wrote the "View from the Hill" column for the Beverly Review for twenty years, and was a frequent contributor and book reviewer for America Magazine, Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun-Times, The New World, and many local and national publications. Family and friends will meet at St. Barnabas Church, 10134 S. Longwood Dr., Chicago, IL 60643 on Saturday, December 1, 2018 for visitation 9:00am-10:30am. Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30am. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Memorials to Dominican University Scholarship Fund, 7900 West Division St., River Forest, IL 60305 are most appreciated. Funeral Info: **Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors**, 708-636-5500 or heeneyfh.com

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Dunne, William Hanly

Bill "Homerun" Dunne, age 68 of Downers Grove. Beloved husband of Lucy. Loving father of Maggie (Kevin) Heniff and Molly. Proud grandpa of Cavan. Dear brother of Marilyn (John) Grogan and Sister Patricia, D.C. Loving uncle, cousin and friend to many. Preceded in death by his parents, Edna and T. Russell, and brother Thomas. Visitation on Mon., Nov. 19th at 10:30 am until Mass at 11:30 am, St. Joan of Arc Church, 820 Division St., Lisle. Luncheon to follow. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Marillac St Vincent Family Services, PO Box 14699, Chicago, IL 60614 or marillacstvincent.org

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Farrell, Dennis Patrick

Dennis Patrick Farrell passed away October 31st surrounded by his children, Alexander (Jolie) Farrell and Elizabeth (Scott) Klemmer. Devoted son of the late James J. & Eileen E. (nee Crowe) Farrell. Brother of eight siblings. Proud grandfather of two. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Memorial Service to be held at a later date.



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Fendrick, Sharon

Sharon Fendrick, (nee Rydzenski) passed away on 11.3.2018 at her home in Monee, IL. Beloved wife of Walter Fendrick. Loving daughter of the late Edna and Albin Rydzenski. Loving sister of Nicholas (Deborah) Rydzenski and Cynthia Rydzenski. I'm Free Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free. I'm following the path God has laid, you see. I took His hand when I heard Him call, I turned my back and left it all. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Lift up your hearts and peace to thee. God wanted me now; He set me free.

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Fisher, Richard Charles 'Dick'

Richard Charles Fisher (Dick) passed away Thursday, November 15th at the age of 83. With his beloved wife of 57 years, Maureen (nee Groth), he built a fulfilled life in Fox Lake and Franklin Park. Loving father and father-in-law of Laura (Donna Karpavicius), Tim (Jane), and Greg (Terri). Proud grandfather of Gregory Jr. (Stephanie), Katie, Matthew, and Lauren. Loved "Big Papa" of Grant, Brooke, and Whitney. Son of the late Ann and Charles Fisher. Brother of Patricia (the late Chuck) Deany, Bob (Carrie), and the late Betty. Welcomed into heaven by his cherished late mother-in-law, Margaret Groth. Extended family includes his brothers-in-law the late Dan (Darlene), Brian, and sister-in-law Kathy. Many nieces and nephews brought countless proud moments and fun times. Proud Army veteran and Commonwealth Edison employee. His life was greatly touched by his years at Maryville after the death of his father. A life goal was to live long enough for his children to remember him. He leaves behind cherished memories and an impact on many people way beyond he ever dreamed. Dick was greatly loved and will be missed by many. Visitation Tuesday, November 20, from 3 p.m. until a prayer service at 8 p.m., at **Hamsheer Lakeside Funerals and Cremations**, 12 N. Pistakee Lake Rd., Fox Lake. Visitation will continue Wednesday, November 21, from 9 a.m. until the time of Mass at 10 a.m., at Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Maryville), 1170 N. River Rd., Des Plaines. Burial will follow, with Army honors, at All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines. You may leave online condolences at www.HamsheerLakeside.com, or for information call, 847-587-2100.

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Frank, Allan F.

Dr. Allan F. Frank, 76, of Chicago and Evanston. Beloved husband of Barbara Carlson Frank, cherished brother of Carol (Malcolm) Zwick and proud uncle of Burton Zwick, Keren Zwick, Thomas (Angel) Carlson and Holly (Brian) Sill. Allan was a practicing veterinarian for over 50 years and never lost his love and passion for the well-being of our animal companions. He was among the very first advocates of providing assisted medical care for pets in low-income situations. He ran and funded numerous free vaccination clinics for pets during the 1970's and 1980's. He was also a special education teacher for the Chicago Board of Education for over 30 years. Memorial donations are appreciated to C.A.R.E. (Community Animal Rescue Effort), P.O. Box 691, Skokie, IL 60077.

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Gaede, Harold W.

Harold W. Gaede, 90, of Wheaton, IL. US Navy Veteran, beloved husband for 65 years of Joan, nee Mize; devoted father of Susan Murphy (Marlin) and Bill (Salli); proud grandfather of Morgan and Haley Gaede, Jillian and Camryn Murphy; loving brother of Howard (Sue). Harold and his wife owned Gaede's, a Fine Men's and Women's Clothier; a Wheaton institution for over 50 years. Harold's involvement and dedication to his community was vast. He was the Past President/ Board Member of the B.R. Ryall YMCA, Board of Governors and member of Chairman's Club of Central DuPage Hospital, President/Board Member of IL Retail Merchant's Assoc., Past President Wheaton Chamber of Commerce, Wheaton Library Board, Little League Board, St. Paul Lutheran Church Council and The Lions Club. His awards include Jaycees Man of the Year, Kiwanis Citizen of the Year, Mason's Community Builder Award, Lion's Club Lifetime Service Award and Melvin Jones Fellow, and IL Retail Merchant of the Year. He hosted an annual Fun(d) Run that benefited Wheaton Youth Outreach for years and he started the long-running campaign, "Yea Wheaton," that recognized Wheaton's most dedicated volunteers and organizations. Harold spent summers at his home on Powers Lake, WI, there he enjoyed sailing, racing and judging races, he served as Commodore of the Yacht Club and a regatta is named after him. A pilot, he owned his own plane for a while. Of late, his winters were spent in Vero Beach, FL, where he enjoyed golfing and watching the ocean. He especially enjoyed the visits from his grandchildren. Harold will be remembered as a kind and generous man that made a difference and had fun along the way. Memorial Visitation at **Williams-Kampp Funeral Home**, 430 E. Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton, IL from 10 A.M. until time of Memorial Service at 12:00 Saturday, December 1, 2018. In lieu of flowers please donate to Wheaton Lions Club P.O. Box 296 Wheaton, IL 60187. Info @ www.williams-kampp.com or (630) 668-0016.

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Glick, Marvin

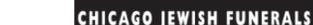
Marvin Glick, 89, beloved husband and best friend of Barbara (nee Solodky); devoted father of Lisa Glick Zucker (Dan), Wendi Glick Ezgur (Michael), and Danny Glick; cherished grandfather of Sophie, Ben and Clara Zucker, and Aidan, Charlie and Rosie Ezgur. Marvin was a fine arts graduate of the University of Illinois, Korean War veteran, founder of Marvin Glick Design, and a life-long devotee of the Chicago Bears. He will be greatly missed. Funeral services: Tuesday, November 20 at 11:00 am at Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home, 111 Skokie Blvd. Wilmette, IL. Interment to follow at Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie, IL. For info: 847-256-5700.



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Goldstein, Paul E.

Paul E. Goldstein, Age 83. Beloved husband of Iris. Loving father of Tom Goldstein, Kaylin Goldstein (Ramie Blatt), Alexa (Daniel) Orr, and Leigh Goldstein (Andre Munro). Proud grandfather of Adam, Julian, Rosa, Rafa, and Jacques. Dear brother of the late Martin (Ruth) Goldstein. Memorial contributions may be made to ACLU, www.aclu.org, or Greater Chicago Food Depository, www.chicagosfoodbank.org. A memorial celebration of his life is scheduled for December 30. Please email the family for details. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com



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Gross, Scott

Scott Gross age 49 of Wheeling. Beloved father of Nicholas and Jackson Gross. Cherished friend and former husband of Valerie Abruscato. Loving son of Lou and Ellie (nee Levine) Gross. Fond brother of Karyn (Paul) vanHeijningen. Devoted uncle of Alex and Zoe. Friend of many. Scott was well respected and revered at CA Technologies. Life Celebration Open House Sunday December 9th, 1-6 pm at Scott's Home to REMINISCE about a life well lived. Inurnment Private. In lieu of flowers donations to Youth for Technology Foundation www.youthfortechology.org is greatly appreciated. For more information and directions please email scottsofchocolates@gmail.com or 847.537.6600 or www.funerals.pro



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Gruzlewski, Annette G.

ANNETTE G. GRUZLEWSKI, devoted daughter of the late Anna (nee Jagodzinski) & the late Eugene L. Gruzlewski; loving sister of David (Laurise), Mary Ann (Michael) Kulikauskas & Gary Gruzlewski; dearest aunt of Michael (Patti) Kulikauskas, Julie (Jon) Mikuzis & Laura Kulikauskas; great aunt of Michael III, Noah, Jack & Mila; Visitation Tuesday, November 20, 2018, 8:30-10:30 a.m. at ZARZYCKI MANOR CHAPELS, LTD., 5088 S. Archer Ave., corner of Keeler. Funeral Tuesday, 10:30 am from the funeral home to the Church of St. Bruno, Mass 11 a.m. Inurnment Resurrection Garden Mausoleum. (773) 767.2166 or www.ZarzyckiManorChapels.com



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Guyton, Marion

Marion Guyton, of Lake Forest, IL, formerly of Wilmette and Northfield, died on November 11, 2018. Wife of Bill for 62 years until his death in December, 2012. Marion was born on August 10, 1922 in Kenyon, MN to Carl and Caroline Danielson. She was raised in Eau Claire, WI and graduated from St. Olaf College. Marion was active in numerous organizations and volunteered many hours to charitable groups, most notably the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago. Survived by daughters Joanna (William) Lynn, Carolyn (James Ringbloom) Guyton-Ringbloom, Pamela (Arthur) Kral; grandchildren Kristina (Adam Robbins) and Bradley (Cassie) Lynn; Jeffrey and Kimberly Ringbloom, and Adam Kral; great grandchildren Isaac, Emily, and Haley Lynn. Service is private. Contributions in Marion's memory may be made to Infant Welfare Society of Chicago, Attn.: Michelle DiBenedetto, 3600 West Fullerton, Chicago, IL 60647 or at infantwelfare.org.



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Hall, Raymond J. 'Ray'

Raymond J. Hall, 80, formerly of Chicago, passed away Nov. 13 in Findlay, Ohio.



He was the CEO of the Chicago-based, 83-year-old Electronics Representatives Association (ERA) for 40+ years and a member of its Hall of Fame.

Before joining ERA as its staff chief executive, the Marine Corps veteran and University of Illinois alumnus operated the Raymond J. Hall Company of Chicago, a trade association management firm.

He was an officer or board member of many organizations and a founding member of Meeting Planners International, as well as a member of its Hall of Fame.

Survivors include his wife Patricia, daughters Kathy Green and Tracey Stewart, son Christopher Kosch, brother Robert Hall, and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Raymond J. Hall, Jr.

A memorial service will be held next spring. Condolences and memorial donations for the family can be sent to Patricia Hall, 15343 S. Watermark Dr., Findlay, OH 45840. Memorial donations can also be sent to the City Mission of Findlay, 510 W. Main Cross St., Findlay, OH 45840.

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Hoffmann, Frank J. "Chip"

Frank J. "Chip" Hoffmann III, November 11, 2018. Born July 13, 1949. Son of Frank J. "Bud" Hoffmann II and Claire Kelley Hoffmann. Grandson of Leslie (Marjorie) Kelley and Frank (Margaret Griffith) Hoffmann of Lake Forest Illinois.

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Jancovic, Edward

Edward Jancovic of Westchester, age 89. Beloved husband of Yvonne, nee Micari; loving father of Tom (Mary); proud Hockey Papa of Michael; dear brother of the late Steve (Ann); fond uncle of Steve, Nancy, Susan, Diane and David. A Memorial Mass will be held on Monday, November 26, 2018 at Divine Providence Church, 2550 S. Mayfair, Westchester at 10:00 a.m. Interment private. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Jedd, Lois Jean

Jedd, Lois Jean nee: Dahlberg. Loving wife of the late Joseph J. Devoted mother of Pamela Franklin, Joseph (Jim), Valerie (Erik) Nordin and Jonathan (Debbie). Cherished grandmother of eight and great grandmother of one. Dear sister of Wayne (Barbara) Dahlberg. Visitation Monday 9:30 a.m. until time of service, 11:00 a.m. at **Nelson Funeral Home**, 820 W. Talcott Rd., Park Ridge. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. www.nelsonfh.com or (847)823-5122



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Johansson, Rosemary P.

Rosemary P. Johansson, nee Patterson, age 91, long-time resident of Elmwood Park. Longtime member of the Screen Actors Guild. Beloved wife of the late Hans Johansson; former wife of the late Conn Mulligan; dear mother of Fra' Thomas Mulligan, Mary (Charles) Norton, Kathleen (the late Raymond) Bailey, Michael Mulligan, and the late Kevin Mulligan, Patrick Mulligan, and Margaret Lucania; loving grandmother of Brian and Kevin Soenksen, Thomas and Tanya Lucania; cherished great-grandmother of four; fond sister of the late Charles and Benjamin Patterson. Visitation, Saturday, November 24, 2018, from 10 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass, 11 a.m., at Queen of All Saints Basilica, 6280 N. Sauganash Av., Chicago. Private interment, Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery, Hillside. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Order of Malta Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund, 1730 M St. N.W., Suite 403, Washington, D.C., 20036. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com to sign guestbook.



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Kaeding, George F.

Beloved husband of Louise (nee Sprowl); loving father of Peter, Jim, and the late Marie; dear uncle to many nieces and nephews. Visitation Tuesday from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** located at 625 Busse Hwy in Park Ridge. Funeral Wednesday, service at 10:00 a.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home**. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery in Skokie. For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Keating, Edward J.

Edward J. Keating, 85, Navy veteran of Korea. Beloved son of the late Edward and Theresa Keating. Loving father of Shane, CFD (Jennifer) Keating. Proud grandfather of Ryan (Angelica Milewski), Megan (Sam Halley) and Heather. Dear brother of James Keating and the late Leonard, Mary, Anna Mae, Eileen, Bobby and Patricia. Dear uncle and friend of many. Memorial Visitation Sunday, November 25, 2018 at the **M J Suerth Funeral Home** from 1:00 PM until the time of Service at 2:00 PM. Memorials appreciated to PAWS Chicago, 1997 N. Clybourn, Chicago, IL, 60614. Interment Private. For further information 877-631-1240 or www.suerth.com. Peter Heneghan, Director.

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Kelly, Mary Jean

Mary Jean Kelly, nee Berney. Age 91. Passed away October 29, 2018. Beloved wife of the late John L. Kelly. Loving mother of Peter (Ellen), Mary (Todd) Hoffman, Thomas, John, Elizabeth (Arthur) LeBeau, Susan (David) Downey, Margaret (Susana Mingote) Kelly and Jennifer (John) Shippird. Devoted grandmother of 15. Memorial Mass Tuesday, November 20, 10 a.m., at Old St. Patrick's Church, 700 West Adams, Chicago, IL 60661. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Rainbow Hospice, www.rainbowhospice.org, are appreciated. Funeral information, www.ryan-parke.com.



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Kirk, Grace Dodge Fuller

Grace Dodge Fuller Kirk, wife of William Thompson Kirk IV, widow of the late Charles Fuller II and the late Dr. Donald Critchfield Greaves. Born December 2, 1926 in Milwaukee, WI, her parents were Paul Conde Dodge and Ethel Garbutt Dodge. She attended The Latin School of Chicago, New Trier High School graduating with Honors

and Northwestern University graduating in the Alpha Lambda Delta Society with Honors. Mrs. Kirk was a member of the Women's Board of the Field Museum of Natural History and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Women's Association Board, a long-time docent at The Field Museum and the Women's Associates of The Art Institute of Chicago, a member of The Contemporary Club of Chicago, a member of The Committee for Art at Stanford University, a board member of the Winnetka Garden Club, a member of the Woodside-Atherton Garden Club, past president of the Benton House Women's Board, past board member of The Service Club of Chicago, a long-time board member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority at Northwestern University, a member of Indian Hill Club in Winnetka, IL and a member of Menlo Country Club in Woodside, CA. Mrs. Kirk was an active member of Christ Church in Winnetka where she was a resident for 78 years. Survivors include her husband of thirty years, William Thompson Kirk IV; her daughter, Linda Dodge Fuller of Vero Beach, FL; her son, Charles Dain Fuller (Margery Dole) of Lake Bluff, IL; grandchildren Kathryn Anne Fuller and Charles Jackson Dole Fuller; a niece, Anne Searle Bent; two nephews, D. Gideon Searle and Michael Dain Searle. She has four step-children; twelve step grandchildren; and ten step-great grandchildren. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, November 24, 2018, 11:00 a.m. at Lake Forest Place, 1100 Pembroke Drive, Lake Forest, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Women's Board of the Field Museum, 1400 South Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60605 or American Cancer Society, 225 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60601 or Christ Church, 470 Maple Street Winnetka, IL 60093. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.



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Lewis, Gregory Alan

Gregory A. Lewis, 71, devoted husband of Sally (nee Campagna), proud father of Patrick (Stacy), Bryan (Nicole), Jason (Christine), loving Boopma to Xander, Grandpa to Maevey, younger brother of Marilyn (Eugene) Monroe and generous uncle to many nephews and nieces.

Greg founded Motivation Excellence Inc. in 1985. He built it into a successful incentive company, receiving several professional accolades in its 30+ year history. Greg was a lifelong Cubs fan, longtime season ticket holder and celebrated their World Series victory with his sons and friends in 2016. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Nov. 24 at 10:30 a.m. at All Saints Lutheran Church, 630 S. Quentin Rd., Palatine. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation (curemeso.org).

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Loehrke, Peter Robertson

Peter R. Loehrke, originally of Wheaton, IL passed away on October 29, 2018 in Santa Cruz, CA. Peter is survived by his wife of 25 years Katie; daughters Hannah and Grace; parents Kaila Curtis and Richard Loehrke; brothers Richard Jr. (Jeanne), Scott (Ann) and Mike (Kimber) and numerous nieces and nephews, step-siblings and in-laws. Peter was a friend to many and a loving soul who touched the hearts of everyone he encountered. He will be missed by all who knew him.

A memorial open house will be held Saturday November 24th starting at 4pm at the Wheaton VFW - Post 2164 (N 731 Papworth St, Wheaton IL). All are welcome.

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Loss, Edward A.

Edward A. Loss, 92, of Roselle, beloved husband of Caroline Loss, loving father of Michele (Fred) DeSantis, Joseph (Heather) Loss, Cindy (Terry) O'Connor, Karen (Joseph) Del Boccio, Julie (Rick) Betori, and Edward (Gail) Loss. Also survived by grandchildren, Joe, Natalie, Stefanie (Tim), Nicholas, Anthony, Rick, Frank, Kevin, Brian, Michael, Joseph, James, Carly, and Luke, and great grandchild Lochlan. Visitation Mon., Nov. 19, 3 until 8 p.m. and Tues., 9 to 10 a.m. at Crossroads Community Church, 1N100 Gary Ave., Carol Stream, IL where a funeral will be held on Tues. at 10 a.m. Interment at Mount Emblem in Elmhurst, Illinois. Info and guest book at www.hultgrenfh.com or 630-668-0027

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Maddalozzo, Cristina

Cristina Maddalozzo, nee Paoli; Beloved wife of the late Raymond J.; Cherished daughter of the late Nicolino & Loundina, nee Scatena, Paoli; Loving mother of Dr. John (Dr. Karen), Dr. Donna (Dr. Angelo) Maltezos and Dr. Richard (Rebecca) Maddalozzo; Cherished grandmother of Daniel, Caroline, Jack, Mark and Geoffrey; Caring sister of the late Loretta (the late Ronald) Willford; Proud aunt of Linda (Robert) Wooster and Mark (Shannon) Willford; Dear great aunt of John, Christopher, Shawn and Lucca; Fond cousin of many; In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in memory of Cristina Maddalozzo to the Pivoto Fund at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, 225 East Chicago Avenue, Box 4, Chicago, IL 60611; Visitation Sunday 3-7 p.m. at Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago; Friends are asked to meet Monday at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove St., Glenview, for Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Entombment All Saints Cemetery. Info 773-736-3833.

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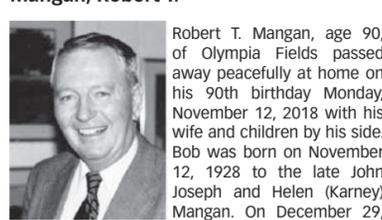
Malone, Frances M.

Frances M. Malone, 97, formerly of Morton Grove, beloved wife of the late John; dear mother of Marlene Kenney, Patricia, Robert, Dennis and Steve; loving grandmother of 7; devoted great grandmother of 6; fond sister of James Vani and the late Joseph Vani. Former cook at Golf Middle School in Morton Grove for 46 years retiring in 2009. Funeral from **Simkins Funeral Home** 6251 Dempster St. Morton Grove Saturday Nov. 24th 9:30 a.m. to St. Martha Church 8523 Georgiana Ave. Morton Grove; Mass 10 a.m. Entombment All Saints Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3 to 8 p.m. Sign online guestbook at www.simkinsfh.com 847-965-2500

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Mangan, Robert T.

Robert T. Mangan, age 90, of Olympia Fields passed away peacefully at home on his 90th birthday Monday, November 12, 2018 with his wife and children by his side. Bob was born on November 12, 1928 to the late John Joseph and Helen (Karney) Mangan. On December 29, 1960, Bob married his cherished wife of 58 years, Kathryn Niesen. Bob was a devoted and loving father of his eight children; Molly Tracy (Tim), Jennifer Pleiman (Scott), Magdalene, Susan, Kathryn, Robert (Dana), John (Mary) and Patricia. He celebrated each of his fifteen grandchildren; Maggie, Kathleen, Patrick, Nicholas, Lauren, Andrew, Olivia, Micheal, William, Matthew, Jane, Ava, Jack, Emily and Claire. Bob was also a loyal brother to Jim Mangan and his family. He was preceded in death by his parents; father and mother-in-law, Henry and Kathryn Niesen, and brother Jack Mangan. Following in the footsteps of his father, Bob was a partner/owner with his brother Jim in Mangan Builders, Inc., a construction and real estate management company based in Oak Lawn, Illinois. An Army veteran, he served in Korea from 1956-1958. A lover of golf, horse racing, friends and family, he lived life to the fullest. Bob led by example using his 3 main principals in life: honesty, responsibility and kindness. Known for his business savvy, wit and generosity, Bob also loved to entertain and was a great storyteller. His zest for life was infectious. He was appointed in 1979 to the Board of Directors of Chesterfield Federal Savings. Bob was a member of Infant Jesus of Prague church, Chicago District Golf Association, Society of Seniors and Olympia Fields Country Club where he was a two-time club champion. Bob participated in numerous local and national golf tournaments over the decades including the US Amateur, USGA Senior Open and USGA Senior Amateur, garnering numerous honors and awards. He was the CDGA Champions of Champions Tournament winner in 1978. He served as President of South District Golf League, a Director of Chicago District Golf Association and a United States Golf Association committeeman. Bob received the CDGA Past Presidents service Award, and, in 2007, he received the USGA Isaac B. Grainger award recognizing him for over 25 years of service to the game. Bob Mangan enriched the lives of all who knew him. A Memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at Infant Jesus of Prague Church, 1131 Douglas Avenue, Flossmoor. Online condolences can be expressed www.sheehyfh.com Interment private. Arrangements entrusted to **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Homes**

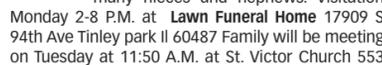
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Marino, Leonard J.

Leonard J. Marino age 94, WWII Army Veteran, beloved husband of the late Mary nee Melko; loving companion of 33 years to Maxine Ziak (and Family); devoted father of Thomas, Cathleen, Carol (Albert) Fiorentino, Marlene (Leonard) Gurzynski, James (Susan) and Nancy (Joseph) Beissel; dearest grandfather of 10. Dear great grandfather of 18; fond

brother of Roy (the late Karen), Mary Ann (the late Phillip) Lynch and the late Carl and Joseph Marino; cherished uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday 2-8 P.M. at **Lawn Funeral Home** 17909 S 94th Ave Tinley park IL 60487 Family will be meeting on Tuesday at 11:50 A.M. at St. Victor Church 553 Hirsch Ave Calumet City, IL 60409 for Mass at 12:00 noon Interment Holy Cross Cemetery Please omit flowers Funeral info (708) 532-3100.



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Marshak, Davida F.
Davida F. Marshak, beloved daughter of the late Cele Marshak; dear sister of the late Melvin (the late Suzanne) Marshak and Corrine (the late Bernard) Marshak - Scolnick; loving aunt and great-aunt; 30+ year companion, best friend, and love of life to the late N. Stuart Orenstein. A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, November 20th at 10:30 am at Westlawn Cemetery, 7801 W. Montrose Ave., Norridge, IL 60706. Donations in Davida's memory may be made to JourneyCare Hospice, www.journeycare.org. For info: 847-256-5700.



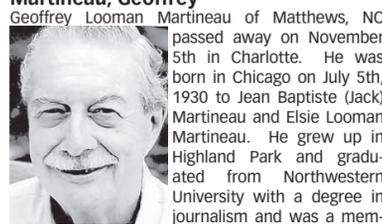
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Martineau, Geoffrey

Geoffrey Looman Martineau of Matthews, NC passed away on November 5th in Charlotte. He was born in Chicago on July 5th, 1930 to Jean Baptiste (Jack) Martineau and Elsie Looman Martineau. He grew up in Highland Park and graduated from Northwestern University with a degree in journalism and was a member of Alpha Tau Omega. After serving in the army he resumed his career with Leo Burnett. During his time in advertising he was creative director of BBDO in San Francisco and Foote, Cone & Belding in Chicago. He is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years, Phyllis Duncan Martineau, his three children Lisa Martineau of Arlington Heights, Amy Martineau Vermillion of Charlotte, NC and Geoffrey (Susan) Martineau of Burke, VA as well as Travis Vermillion of Charlotte who was like a son to him. His six grandchildren were a joy to him; he was their Papa. Interment will be on Friday, November 23 at 12:30 at Memorial Park Cemetery in Skokie, IL. Online guestbook available at www.heritagecares.com.

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Martineau, Geoffrey
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Mayer, John 'Jack'

John "Jack" Mayer 73 of New Lenox passed away Wednesday afternoon with family by his side. Beloved husband of Leslee nee McCutcheon for over 32 years. Loving father of Daniel (Nonik) and the late Joseph Mayer. Dearest brother of Carroll (Mike) Bourrillion, the late Michael (Linda), Mary (Dennis) MacKenzie, and Thomas. Dear brother-in-law of the McCutcheon family. Crazy fun loving Uncle Jack to many nieces and nephews. Proud founder and owner of Jack Mayer & Assoc. Visitation Sunday November 18th 2 PM to 8 PM at Kurtz Memorial Chapel 102 Francis Rd, New Lenox, IL 60451. Friends & family asked to meet Monday at 11:00 AM for Mass of the Resurrection at St. Jude Catholic Church 241 W 2nd Ave, New Lenox, IL. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Greater Illinois Chapter- Chicago. Arrangements handled by Orrico Kourelis Funeral Services Inc. For information 877/974-9201 or 815/462-0711 or www.orricofuneral.com/obituaries



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McDonnell, Edna Vera

McDonnell, Edna Vera (nee Eighteen) Beloved wife of James Patrick McDonnell. Loving mother of Theresa (James) Ryan, Ian (Jean) McDonnell, and Kevin (Denise) McDonnell. Proud Nana of Paul (Jessica), Jonathan (Jessica), David (Alli), James (Mandi), Ian (Amy), Mike (Kim), Shannon (Austin), Mary Therese (Neil), Lucas, Cameron, and Amberly. Adored Great Nana of Kaiden, Devon, Maddon, Charlyze, Bridget, Nathan, Kayla, Ciarán, Adalyn, Miriam, Bridget, and Hannah. Visitation Monday 3-8 p.m. at the Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL. Family and friends to gather for Mass of the Resurrection Tuesday 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of the Woods Church, 10731 W. 131st Street, Orland Park, IL 60462. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago, 17 N State St #650, Chicago, IL 60602 would be appreciated. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Mendelson, Kenneth S.

Born August 24, 1933, passed away peacefully in his home in Whitefish Bay on November 14, 2018. He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Bailee (Eisenberg) Mendelson, his children Howard (Robin), Andrew, and Tamra (Greg Demske), and grandchildren Brendon, Colten, and Aiden Mendelson, and Erika and Juliet Demske.

Mendelson was a native of Chicago and earned a PhD in physics at Purdue University in 1961. He enjoyed a long and successful career as Professor of Physics at Marquette University, from 1967-2001, serving as chair of the department for two terms and retiring as Professor Emeritus. He was an avid sailor, spending many days on Lake Michigan with the Milwaukee County Sailing Center. He was also a lifelong trumpet player and proud member of many community bands including the Milwaukee Concert Band. He was a voracious reader and a ringer on any trivia team, with encyclopedic knowledge of history, science, classical music, and literature. He is deeply loved, a devoted son, brother, cousin, husband, father, uncle, and grandfather and will be sorely missed by his family and friends.

Funeral service will be at Congregation Shalom, 7630 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Fox Point, WI at 10:00 AM, Monday, November 19, 2018. Interment will follow at 2:00 PM at Zion Gardens, 6758 W Addison, Chicago, IL. In lieu of flowers donations to Congregation Shalom, Fiver Children's Foundation, or American Heart Association.

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Montague, Mary Frances "Fran"

Mary Frances (Fran) Montague (nee McLaughlin), 90, passed away on November 12, 2018. She was an 88-year resident of Springfield, IL, and most recently of Three Crowns Park in Evanston, IL.

Fran is survived by children, Mary Lee Montague (Bruce Matthews), Suzanne Parks (Michael), Carolyn Klenkar (Daniel), Nancy Bedwell (Jeffrey) and Amy Montague. And grandmother to Carolyn Parks Chatterton (James), Michael, John, Luke, Daniel, and Mary Elizabeth Parks; Mary Katherine, Sarah, and Charles Klenkar; Jeffrey and Daniel Bedwell; and Zachary Clayton. She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, William Ellsworth (Bill) Montague.

To view full obituary and for ceremony information, please visit butlerfuneralhomes.com

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Morrison, Harold Marshall

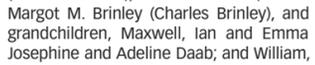
Harold Marshall Morrison, age 86, passed away peacefully at home in Lake Forest on November 11, 2018.

A graduate of Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut (B.A., B.S.) and Purdue University (Masters of Engineering Sciences). He served as Alderman for the City of Lake Forest and was a longtime, active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest where he showed his love of music through his 40 years in the church's choir.

Harold's family and friends were a significant priority in his life. He was a devoted husband, father, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, and friend to many. He is survived by and will always live in the memories of the Steans and Hunter families, and of his wife of 63 years, Adeline Steans Morrison, his daughters, Helen H. Morrison; Amy M. Heinrich (Robert Heinrich), Lois L. Morrison (Justin Daab), and Margot M. Brinley (Charles Brinley), and his eight grandchildren, Maxwell, Ian and Emma Heinrich; Josephine and Adeline Daab; and William, Reily and Catherine Brinley.

Services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest, 700 Sheridan Rd, Lake Forest, IL on Saturday, November 24, 2018 at 10:00 am. For information - **Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest**, 847-234-9649 or www.RTfunerals.com. Contributions in Harold's memory may be made to the North Lawndale College Prep Charter High School (c/o Suellen Wolk, 1313 S. Sacramento Drive, Chicago, IL 60623), or the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest's Choir Fund.

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Moses, Jean

Jean L. Moses nee Leibach, 85, beloved wife of the late Werner; loving mother of Helene and Scott (Rebecca Schorsch); cherished Bubbe of Ada, Nathaniel and Livia; dear sister of the late Howard Leibach and sister-in-law of Sylvia Leibach and the late Kurt (the late Henria) Moses; adored aunt, great aunt and great-great aunt; dear friend of many. Chapel service Monday, 12:45 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Westlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Rochelle Zell Jewish High School, Chicago Jewish Day School and Camp Ramah Wisconsin. For information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.



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Mulligan

See Rosemary P. Johansson notice.

Novak, Judith A.

Judith A. Novak (nee Hanyzewski), age 77 of North Riverside. Loving mother of Christopher and Cathleen (James) Vejr, cherished grandmother of James (Morgan Maxwell), Nicholas and Elizabeth, dear sister of Dan (Elaine) Hanyzewski, fond aunt of many. Visitation Monday, November 19 2:00pm-8:00pm at **Kuratko-Nosek Funeral Home** 2447 S. DesPlaines Avenue, North Riverside. Funeral Tuesday, November 20, 9:30am from **Kuratko-Nosek Funeral Home** to Mater Christi Church, Mass 10:00am. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Memorial donations to Mater Christi Church or Helping Hand Center would be appreciated. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.KuratkoNosek.com. info: (708) 447-2500.



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Papierski, Eugene N.

Eugene N. Papierski, age 89, of Niles, Army veteran Korean War, beloved husband of the late Ruth nee Hauf; loving father of Karen (Tom) Bertrand and Paul (Catherine Wood) Papierski; cherished grandfather of Matthew, Lucas and Jacob; preceded in death by 6 brothers and sisters; fond uncle and great uncle of many. Visitation at the **SKAJA Terrace Funeral Home** 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles Tuesday 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Funeral Wednesday 10:15 am. To St. John Brebeuf Church for Mass at 11:00 am. Interment St Adalbert Cemetery. 847-966-7302



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Paradiso, Susan Valerie

Born in Chicago to Silvia (Welsher) and David Hoffer, Susan (Suzi) Valerie Paradiso, age 68, passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 15, 2018, in Madison, Wisconsin. Suzi earned an undergraduate degree in Education and a graduate degree in Organizational Development, taught for several years in Chicago public schools and pioneered in the field of Parent Involvement. During her retirement, she loved to exercise; volunteer; take lifelong learning classes; go to movies, art museums, plays and concerts; drink chocolate shakes; eat hot dogs, pizza and chocolate cake with whipped cream without, amazingly, gaining a single pound. And, shop, especially in NYC's SoHo, where she'd add a hop to her step as she turned from Houston to Mulberry toward her favorite boutique. Truth be told, Suzi rarely strolled the Magnificent Mile without someone commenting on her trend setting glasses, shoes and hats. And friends and family praised her as smart, fun, supportive and a great lady. A strong and independent woman, she will be forever missed and cherished by her husband, Jimmie Ray; brother, Robin; sister-in-law, Fran; daughters, Nicole and Rebecca; son-in-law, Francisco; and grandchildren, Dessu Rose, Niko and Majua. Jimmie Ray dedicated his art to Suzi as his true love, sweet muse and body guard. And, Suzi called him Jimmie D'deesk, laughable and her Little Daddy.

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Patras, Rebecca Lane 'Becky'

Rebecca Lane Patras, former resident of Rolling Meadows, IL, passed away peacefully on November 2, 2018 at Charlestown Retirement Community in Catonsville, MD. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Becky Patras to The Charlestown Benevolent Care Fund at 719 Maiden Choice Lane, Crosscreek Station, Catonsville, MD 21228.

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Piacente, Patricia

Patricia Piacente nee Bell. Beloved wife of the late Joseph; loving mother of Adam, Matthew, and Simon; devoted grandmother of Anna and Mary Piacente. Visitation at **Cooney Funeral Home** located at 3918 W. Irving Park Rd. in Chicago on Monday from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Family and friends are asked to meet Tuesday at Immaculate Conception Church at 9:15 a.m. located at 770 Deerfield Rd. in Highland Park. Funeral Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment private. Former owner of Talk About Travel travel agency. For information please call 773-588-5850 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Powers, William Emmett

William Emmett Powers, Jr. age 89; beloved husband of the late Kathleen H. Powers, nee Cahill; loving father of William E. Powers III, Timothy (Mary) Powers, Patrick (Debra) Powers, Ellen (Stanley) Zajac, Gerilyn (Patrick) Waddington, Michael (Mary) Powers, the late Kathleen (John) Bugner and Dorothy (the late David Anderson and the late Dennis Stalinga) Anderson; cherished grandfather of 17 and great-grandfather of 14; dear brother of Larry (Cathy), Terry (Jerri), Jack (the late Sandy), and Pat (the late Phyllis); fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Tuesday, November 20th 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Funeral Wednesday, November 21st 9:15 AM from **Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home**, 4343 Main St. (1 blk. S. of Ogden) Downers Grove to St. Scholastica Church, 7800 Janes Ave. Woodridge. Mass 10:00 AM. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. 630-968-1000 or www.adamswinterfield-sullivan.com



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Richards, Ruth C.

Ruth C. Richards, age 88, at rest November 16, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Harry G. "Bud" Richards. Cherished daughter of the late George and Anne Canar, (nee: Cusick); loving sister of Patricia (late Percy) Coleman and the late George (Christine) Canar, Mary Ellen (late Andrew) Herstel and John "Jack" (late Geraldine) Canar; loving mother of Stephen (Rita), Kathleen Richards Ryding (David), Michael, Kevin (Beverly), and Mary (James) Lawrence; dearest grandmother of James (Beth) Richards, Jennifer (Chris) King, Jonathan Richards, Julie (Jason) Pratt, Stephanie (Andrew) Zobac, Gregory Ryding, Timothy (Nicole) Richards, Melissa (Josh) Press, Christopher (Candace) Richards, Kimberly (Tom) Garvey, William Lawrence, and Katelin Lawrence; great-grandmother to Kaylin, Regan, Breann, Evan, Nora, Devin, Jordan, Luke, Avery, Emma and Liam. Visitation Monday November 19th from 3-8 pm at **Adolf Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Ltd.**, 7000 S. Madison Street, Willowbrook, IL. Funeral services Tuesday November 20th, prayers at the funeral home 10:30 am then proceeding to St. John of the Cross Catholic Church. 5005 S. Wolf Road, Western Springs, for 11:15 am Mass of Christian Burial. Interment, Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. Memorials to Catholic Charities of Chicago, 721 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60654 or www.catholic-charities.net/donate Service information: 630-325-2300 or www.adolfsservices.com



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Robinson, Rose Ann

Rose Ann Robinson, nee Latzko; Devoted wife of Roy, for 72 years; Loving mother of Linda (Alan) Pikey, Roy Joseph (Karen), Donna (Tom) Rosseland, and Jeff (Teri); Proud grandmother of David (Lauren) Pikey, Carolyn (Jamie) Ward, Jill (Dave) Osborn, Andrew (Nathalie) Robinson, Sam, Nolan, and Leah Robinson, Brent and Matthew Rosseland; Dear great-grandma of Tara and Dylan Pikey; Reese, Noelle, and Finn Ward; Brandon and Elizabeth Osborn; Beloved sister of the late Frank (Eleanor) Latzko; Visitation Monday 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Funeral Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street Chicago Ridge to St. Denis Church, 8301 S. St. Louis Ave., Chicago, IL. Mass 9:30 a.m.; Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com



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Ryan, Thomas F.

Thomas F. Ryan, Navy WWII Veteran, age 96 of La Grange Park. Beloved husband of the late Shirley Ryan, nee Drish; loving father of Cathy (Ed) Johnson and Thomas (Deborah) Ryan; grandfather of 4; great grandfather of 9; great great grandfather of 5; brother of 2; uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday, November 23, 2018 from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. and Saturday, November 24, 2018 from 9 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. at **Hitzeman Funeral Home, Ltd.**, 9445 West 31st Street, Brookfield, IL 60513. Funeral 9:30 A.M. to St. Louise de Marillac Church, La Grange Park. Mass 10 A.M. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. Information 708-485-2000 or www.HitzemanFuneral.com



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Salzer, William H.

William H. Salzer, age 91, late of Orland Park, IL. US Veteran. Beloved husband of the late Eleanor Salzer. Loving father of William (Nancy), Gary (Marion), John (Barbara), Judith (Lawrence) Casey and Donna (Michael). Proud grandfather of Adam, Jera, Liane, Anthony, Gary Jr., John, Brandon, Kevin, Sean, Erin, Amanda and great grandfather of Danny, Marty, Colin, Tyler, Harper, Peyton, Gryffin, Camryn, Dominic and Lola. Funeral Wednesday November 21, 2018, 9:30 AM at the Vandenberg Funeral Home, 17248 Harlem Avenue Tinley Park, IL. 60477 to St. George Church, Mass 10:00 AM. Interment will be in Private in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. For information on services 708-532-1635 or www.vandenbergfuneralhome.com

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Schaller, Nancy Emilyne

Nancy Emilyne Schaller, nee Cross, beloved wife of the late Raymond Schaller, for fifty years. Loving mother of Lisa (Dave) Kittler of Evergreen Park, Laura (David) Foster of South Haven, MI, and Bob (Tricia) of Mokena. Her two grandsons, Daniel & Gavin Schaller, what a joy you have been to me. I will watch over both of you. I love you - Grandma. Loving Grandmother of Jill (Dan) Friel, Tony (Stacy) Simanis, Kim Sims, Audrey (Joe) Segreti, DJ Kittler, Candice (Andrew) Hill, Megan (John) Hinkleman, Jimmy (Ashley) Cahill, Daniel Schaller, and Gavin Schaller. Great Grandmother of 15. Visitation Tuesday November 20th from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Palos Gaidas Funeral Home 11028 South Southwest Highway (7700 W) Palos Hills. Interment Private **Orrico Kourelis Funeral Services Inc.**; Directing. In lieu of flowers, donations to American Cancer Society or ALZ.org (Alzheimer's Association) would be appreciated. For information 708/974-4410 or 815/462-0711 or www.orricofuneral.com



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Schang, George N

George N. Schang, the utterly unique former marine, Northwestern Railroad Yardmaster, and devoted husband of 58 years to the late Jeanne C. Schang, passed away at the age of 90 on November 7th. He is survived by his son, Victor, and grandson, Jonathan. He will be greatly missed. Services have been held.

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Schildhouse, Karen Joyce

Karen Joyce Schildhouse (Nee Urbanski) age 68 of Crete, Illinois passed away on November 8, 2018. Beloved wife of 40 years to Thomas Loving sister of Kimberly (Robert) McKinley. Dear aunt to Stephanie (Dan) McGuire. Special cousin to Debbie, John Wellman and many other cousins. She worked at KPMG Accounting Firm in Chicago, Illinois for over 30 years and she loved to travel the world with her husband and especially to Scotland. Arrangements entrusted to **Crete Funeral Home**, 1182 Main Street, Crete, Illinois.



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Shaftman, David

David Shaftman passed away November 16, 2018, at the age of 94. David is survived by children Sarah Shaftman (the late Myron Price), Rebecca Shaftman, Rachel (Jonathan) Taylor and Leslie (Eric) Gilbert, and was the proud grandfather of Carolyn and Charlie Gilbert. David was an avid singer and joke teller and loved nature, animals, art and music. Memorial Service November 18th at 11 AM and Shiva service November 18th at 7 PM, both at Temple B'nai Israel, 400 N. Edgelawn, Aurora. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Naperville Education Foundation or a charity of your choice.

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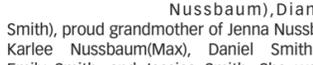
Spejcher, Ronald E.

Ronald E. Spejcher age 85 of Huntley formerly of Des Plaines, beloved husband of Lorna (nee Janowski); loving father of Matthew (Irene), Ronald (Melissa), Rebecca (James) Perlowski, and Andrew (Michelle); cherished grandfather of Hannah, Jennifer, Victoria, Sarah, and Jolina; dear brother of Nancy (late Frank), Czarnik and late Richard (Theresa) Spejcher. Visitation Monday November 19, from 3-8 pm at **Oehler Funeral Home**, 2099 Miner St (corner of Northwest Hwy/Rt 14 and Rand Rd) Des Plaines, funeral prayers will be said Tuesday morning 10:15 at the funeral home then processing to St Zachary Church, 567 W Algonquin Rd, Des Plaines Mass 11:00 am Interment Maryhill Cemetery For info please call 847-824-5155 or visit www.oehlerfuneralhome.com

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Stern, Esther

Esther Stern passed away peacefully at the age of 94 on November 13, 2018. Born October 9, 1924 in New York City to Sally and Max Silver. She attended Hunter High School and Hunter College in New York City. She married Milton Stern on May 29, 1946. He adored her until the day he died in 2009. Mother of Ellen (Jan Nussbaum), Diane (Scott Smith), proud grandmother of Jenna Nussbaum (Jill), Karlee Nussbaum (Max), Daniel Smith (Violetta), Emily Smith, and Jessica Smith. She was predeceased by her sisters Harriett and Lila. Esther and Milton moved to Wilmette in 1966 and Esther became involved in local politics. She was a Wilmette Village Trustee from 1973 until 1979. Esther then served on the Wilmette Zoning Board for several years. Esther enjoyed living in Wilmette where she made many friends. She played tennis until she was 78 and was a long-standing member of the Wilmette League of Women Voters. An avid reader, she was in book clubs, a short story group and a New Yorker magazine group. Esther enjoyed spending Sundays reading the New York Times. She was an early feminist and she supported many women's causes. Esther was very proud of her whole family and always talked about them. A memorial service will be held at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home** 111 Skokie Boulevard, Wilmette, Illinois at 11:00 a.m on Sunday, November 25, 2018. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Emily's List, emilyslist.org, or Mary Lou's Place, the woman's shelter. affiliated with the YWCA in Evanston. www.ywca-ens.org/donate. For info: 847-256-5700.



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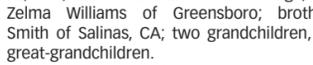
Stewart, Inez (Smith)

September 19, 1942 - October 23, 2018 (age 76) CHICAGO, IL - Inez Smith Stewart, 76, formerly of Whiteville, died Tuesday, October 23, in Chicago, IL. She was the daughter of the late Wade Smith and Thelma Gore Smith and was preceded in death by her son, Edward Henry Stewart, III. Viewing was held at Peoples Funeral Home of Whiteville on Saturday, November 3 and burial followed Pickett Memorial Park. Surviving are her daughter, Lena Mack of Miami, FL; son, Patrick B. Stewart of Chicago, IL; sister, Zelma Williams of Greensboro; brother, Irvin Smith of Salinas, CA; two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

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Suty, Shannon Mary

Shannon Mary Suty. Beloved daughter of James Suty and Diane Rumsfield. Loving granddaughter of Geraldine Rumsfield. Cherished friend and family member to many. Visitation to be held on Monday, November 19, 2018 from 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm at Olson Burke/Sullivan Funeral and Cremation Center located at 6471 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago, IL, 60631. Funeral Services will take place on Tuesday, November 20, 2018, at 12:00 pm. Interment at Ridgewood Memorial Park. obsfuneralandcremation.com. (773)774-3333.

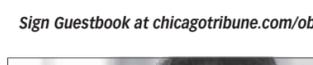


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Swanson, Suzanne M. 'Sue'

Suzanne (Sue) M. Swanson, nee Klug, 76, of Schaumburg, IL, passed away peacefully on November 13, 2018. Born the eldest of four daughters to Lawrence and Ethelyn (Schaap) Klug on October 16, 1942 in Escanaba MI. Sue graduated Escanaba High School in 1961 and went on to earn her nursing degree at Augustana Hospital School of Nursing in 1965. In May of 1966, she married Herbert RH Swanson and became the mother of two children. Sue retired as a Registered Nurse in 2008 after 40 years of compassionate and dedicated service to her field. She was a proud grandmother and also enjoyed music, theater, reading, gardening and lunches with friends.

Preceded in death by her parents and sisters Kristine Klug (MI) and Pamela Rice (FL). Surviving Suzanne to cherish her memory are daughter, Laura Swanson and grandson Jayden of Bartlett, IL.; son Kyle (Elizabeth) Swanson of Chicago IL.; sister Barbara (Paul) Christensen of Wheaton IL.; nieces, nephews, extended family, friends and all those she touched during her lifetime.

Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, November 25, 2018 at Countryside Funeral Home, 333 S Roselle Rd, Roselle, IL. 60172. The family will receive visitors from 10am -1pm at the funeral home before the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St Jude Children's Hospital or Alzheimer's Foundation of America. 630-529-5751 or www.countrysidefuneralhomes.com

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Tainer, Daniele L.

Daniele L. Tainer beloved husband of Onorina nee Zocovich; loving father of Evelina (Joseph) Loescher and David (Mary Butler); dearest brother in law of Mirella; also many loved nieces and nephews. He completed his last project on November 16, 2018 in Chicago. Funeral Monday November 19 10 AM from the **Schielka Addison Street Funeral Home** 7710 W Addison St. to St Francis Borgia Church for a 10:30 AM mass. Interment All Saints Cemetery Des Plaines IL. Visitation Sunday 3 PM-9 PM 773-625-3444

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Weisz, Charles 'Chuck'

Charles Weisz 92, passed away on November 14. Loving husband of 66 years to the late Ruth. Beloved father of Peggy (Randy) Abeles and Dr. Caren (Dr. Steve) Greenspan. Proud grandfather of Matthew (Samantha) Abeles, Lindsay (Patrick) McFarlane, Neil (Sivan) Greenspan, Rabbi Joshua (Elisheva) Greenspan, Adina (Ilan) Rasekh and Yacov Greenspan. Great-grandfather of 9. Charitable contributions to Play for Pink Breast Cancer Foundation, 7562 Glen Devon Lane, Delray Beach, FL 33446.

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Wienke, Mary Belinda

Mary Belinda Wienke nee Johnson age 68 of Arlington Heights, IL. Beloved wife of Chris Wienke for 44 years. Loving mother of Sarah (Mike) Pavlis and Adam Wienke. Dear grandmother of Raye and Lucy. Fond sister of Joellen (late Bob) Davis, Clay (Kate) Johnson and the late Cullen Johnson. Cherished aunt of Kim (Ed) Swider and Eric Davis. Visitation Monday 3-8 pm at **Kolssak Funeral Home**, 189 S. Milwaukee Ave. (2 Blocks South of Dundee Road) Wheeling. Life Celebration Service Tuesday 11:00 am. Cremation and inurnment private. For more information 847.537.6600 or www.funerals.pro



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Wine, Krystal

Krystal Wine, age 59, passed away November 15, 2018. She is survived by her husband, Michael Gorman; siblings Craig and Stacy Wine; and her father, Russell Wine; preceded in death by her mother, Alice. Services are being held privately. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be given to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, Countryside. Info: 708-352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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Winkler, Patricia Rose

Patricia Rose Winkler, nee Ziegler, 87, of Morton Grove, beloved wife of the late Fred; loving mother of Peter (Darleen), Kurt (Karen), Julie, Christine (Joe) Porada, Frederick III (Nancy), John (Celina), Thomas (Michele), and Joseph; dear grandmother of 12; fond sister of the late William (Jayne) Sollitt. Funeral from **Simkins Funeral Home** 6251 Dempster St. Morton Grove, IL 60053 Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. to St. Martha Church. Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. Visitation Monday from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to Notre Dame College Prep 7655 Dempster St. Niles, IL 60714 appreciated. Sign online guest book at www.simkinsfh.com. (847) 965-2500



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Woldenberg, Vera E.

Vera E. Woldenberg, 94, loving daughter of the late Joseph and Mary Mautner passed away on November 9, 2018. A registered nurse, she was a nursing instructor at Mt. Sinai Hospital, Chicago for many years. A world traveler who was proud of her Czech heritage, she also enjoyed the fine arts. Vera will be missed by many devoted nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A memorial service will be held Saturday, November 24, 2018 from 2 -4 PM at the Admiral at the Lake, 933 W. Foster, Chicago. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Rainbow Hospice, www.rainbowhospice.org. Info: **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 847-256-5700.

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Zajic, Edward John

Edward John Zajic, a tool and die maker, a lifelong resident of Lombard, IL, died Nov. 1st at the age of 99. Ed is survived by his wife, Eleanor, his daughters Diane Boger, Darcy Lutz and their spouses, his grandchildren Rachael Libby, Brian Boger, Jeff Boger, Kelly Cerier and their spouses. Ed attended Farragut H.S and served in the Navy. On May 15 1948 he married Eleanor Bryja and enjoyed 70 years of marriage. Ed was a devoted father and enjoyed ballroom dancing, playing the harmonica and accordion, fishing, hunting and gardening. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends. Please leave condolences for the family at www.evergreenmemorialpark.com

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SUNDAY, NOV. 18 NORMAL HIGH: 47° NORMAL LOW: 32° RECORD HIGH: 72° (1953) RECORD LOW: 8° (1880)

Recent wintry pattern to ease by Thanksgiving

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 38 **LOW** 24

- Morning clouds move out bringing plenty of sun in the afternoon, but temperatures remain well below normal.
- Cloudy start to the day with some lingering flurries possible south portions of the area.
- Skies clear by early afternoon with temperatures climbing into the upper 30s.
- North winds slowly diminish and turn west by afternoon.
- Partly cloudy and cold overnight. Lows from around 20 well inland to the mid-20s downtown.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Saturday was quite wintry across much of the north portions of the Chicago area, with temperatures holding in the lower and mid-30s and a steady snow falling into the afternoon with snowfall totals approaching 3 inches in many locations. Some of the heavier totals included 2.8 inches at Deer Park, 2.7 inches at Schaumburg, and 2.5 inches in St. Charles and Arlington Heights.

South portions could only muster some light snow and rain with just some minor slushy accumulations. Tables could turn a bit overnight with an inch or two of snow possible by Sunday morning south of I-80 while northern locales remain dry.

The early-season chill will continue through midweek, until a surge of milder Pacific air begins to make inroads into the Midwest by Thanksgiving.

MONDAY, NOV. 19

HIGH 38 **LOW** 25

Plenty of sunshine early, but clouds begin to gather in the afternoon. Continued cold with highs in the upper 30's. SW winds 10-15 mph. Mostly cloudy overnight with a few rain or snow showers possible.

TUESDAY, NOV. 20

HIGH 36 **LOW** 26

The early-season chill continues with temperatures only reaching the middle 30s, about 10° below normal. Mainly sunny, though some morning clouds possible near the lake. North winds shift west in the afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 21

HIGH 42 **LOW** 30

Temps begin to moderate as southwest winds increase. Partly sunny with highs climbing to the lower 40s. Fair and cold overnight.

THURSDAY, NOV. 22

HIGH 45 **LOW** 33

Thanksgiving. Aided by southwest winds afternoon readings climb into the middle 40s. Sun dominates, though filtered at times by invading mid and high-level clouds. Clouds continue to increase overnight.

FRIDAY, NOV. 23

HIGH 48 **LOW** 39

More clouds than sun, but temperatures surge into the upper 40s, a bonanza for Black Friday shoppers. First above normal day since November 5. Clouding over with rain possible late and overnight.

SATURDAY, NOV. 24

HIGH 47 **LOW** 40

Cloudy and mild. Periods of rain early then tapering off in the afternoon. Seasonable temperatures with highs in the mid and upper 40s. South winds turn west late.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
Has Chicago ever experienced a colder Thanksgiving than Christmas in the same calendar year?
Chuck Kennell

Dear Chuck,
We asked Chicago climatologist Frank Wachowski to check it out and he found that it has happened in many years. Based on the city's normal temperatures, highs on Thanksgiving range from the low to mid-40s but drop to 32 degrees by Christmas Day. Since 1990, five Christmases have been warmer than the preceding Thanksgiving: in 2014, 2009, 2007, 1994 and 1991. One of the city's biggest holiday temperature reversals was in 1982 when the high on Christmas hit a record 64 degrees following a chilly 36-degree Thanksgiving. Surprisingly, the city has also logged four white Thanksgivings (an inch or more of snow cover) when the ground was bare the following Christmas (1895, 1949, 2004 and 2005).

Write to: ASK TOM
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WGN-TV meteorologists Steve Kahn, Richard Koeneman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.



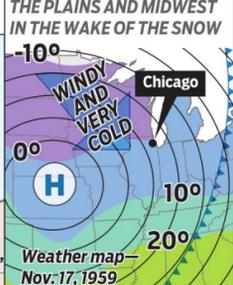
A wintry November 1959 — Snow, record early-season cold

November 1959 had few mild days. The month's highest temperature was just 65 degrees — one of only two days that month to reach 60 degrees. The month averaged 33.4 degrees (6.1 degrees below normal) and remains the city's sixth coldest November on record. The wintry month was punctuated by a 4- to 6-inch snowstorm on Nov. 12-13, followed by a mid-month record-breaking cold wave that saw the mercury plunge to near or just below zero on the morning of Nov. 17.

NOV. 12-13, 1959



RECORD COLD SWEEPS INTO THE PLAINS AND MIDWEST IN THE WAKE OF THE SNOW



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RECORD LOWS STILL IN EFFECT FROM THAT COLD NOVEMBER

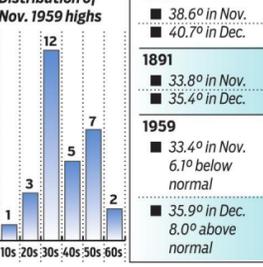


SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

CHICAGO'S COLDEST NOVEMBERS

NO.	YEAR	AVG.
1.	1880	31.6°
2.	1872	31.6°
3.	1995	32.8°
4.	1976	32.8°
5.	1991	32.9°
6.	1996	33.4°
7.	1959	33.4°

Stunning reversal: The year of 1959 is just one of four on record here in which November actually averaged colder than December.



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CHICAGO DIGEST

SATURDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	33	32	Midway	37	33
Gary	39	34	O'Hare	35	32
Kankakee	38	32	Romeoville	35	32
Lakefront	37	33	Valparaiso	40	35
Lansing	37	32	Waukegan	34	31

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2018	NORMAL
Sat. (through 4 p.m.)	0.13"	0.11"
November to date	1.38"	1.77"
Year to date	44.05"	33.26"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sat. (through 4 p.m.)	1.5"	0.9"
Season to date	3.6"	2.8"
Normal to date	0.5"	0.5"

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

SUNDAY	MONDAY
Wind N/W 10-15 kts. SW 10-20 kts.	
Waves 1-2 feet	1-3 feet
1959	
■ 33.4° in Nov. 6.1° below normal	
■ 35.9° in Dec. 8.0° above normal	

U.S. SNOW COVER

SAT. NOV. 17	2018	2017
Area covered by snow	25.0%	10.8%
Average snow depth	1.1"	0.8"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	1 days	1 days
Subzero lows	0 days	0 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Saturday's reading	Good
Sunday's forecast	Good
Critical pollutant	Particulates

SUNDAY RISE/SET TIMES

	6:44 a.m.	4:28 p.m.
Sun		
Moon	2:27 p.m.	1:32 a.m.

1ST Q FULL 3RD Q NEW

	Nov. 15	Nov. 22	Nov. 29	Dec. 7
1ST Q				
FULL				
3RD Q				
NEW				

SUNDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	8:18 a.m.	5:14 p.m.
Venus	4:09 a.m.	2:57 p.m.
Mars	12:59 p.m.	11:35 p.m.
Jupiter	7:14 a.m.	4:48 p.m.
Saturn	9:53 a.m.	7:02 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	6:00 a.m.	18.5° ESE
Mars	6:15 p.m.	36° S
Jupiter	Not visible	
Saturn	5:30 p.m.	13° SW

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

MIDWEST CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois						
Carbondale	sh	43	34	sh	45	29
Champaign	ss	38	22	cl	39	25
Amarillo	ss	37	22	cl	39	25
Decatur	ss	35	20	cl	38	20
Peoria	pc	34	20	cl	36	23
Quincy	pc	38	25	pc	45	26
Rockford	su	33	19	sh	35	19
Springfield	ss	37	21	cl	39	25
Stirling	su	34	18	cl	36	21
Indiana						
Bloomington	sh	46	33	sh	44	30
Evansville	sh	47	36	sh	45	30
Fort Wayne	ss	39	26	cl	38	28
Indianapolis	sh	42	31	cl	43	30
Lafayette	rs	39	25	cl	38	27
Wishconsin						
Green Bay	pc	31	23	sh	30	16
Kenosha	sh	47	36	sh	45	30
La Crosse	su	33	23	sh	35	17
Madison	su	33	22	sh	34	18
Milwaukee	su	34	23	sh	35	22
Wausau	pc	27	20	ss	29	12
Michigan						
Detroit	ss	37	25	sh	37	28
Grand Rapids	pc	36	25	sh	38	24
Marquette	cl	27	20	ss	27	14
St. Ste. Marie	pc	28	21	ss	26	8
Traverse City	pc	33	26	ss	33	21
Iowa						
Ames	su	34	24	pc	38	18
Cedar Rapids	su	30	19	pc	34	17
Des Moines	su	35	24	pc	39	19
Dubuque	su	33	20	cl	35	18
El Paso	pc	63	37	pc	65	39

OTHER U.S. CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albion	sh	48	34	pc	61	35
Albany	su	54	30	su	55	29
Albuquerque	pc	43	29	su	56	29
Amarillo	pc	43	29	su	56	29
Anchorage	rn	40	36	sh	39	34
Ashville	pc	60	34	pc	62	41
Aspen	pc	10	16	su	44	20
Atlanta	pc	63	40	pc	66	45
Atlantic City	cl	50	43	pc	55	44
Austin	sh	56	45	sh	55	43
Baltimore	pc	48	41	pc	53	43
Billings	pc	44	30	su	47	31
Birmingham	pc	65	42	pc	64	41
Bismarck	sh	36	14	cl	21	17
Burlington	su	48	24	su	48	23
Boston	pc	38	36	sh	43	34
Brownsville	ts	79	60	ts	63	55
Buffalo	ss	34	29	cl	36	30
Colo. Spgs	pc	42	26	su	46	27
Columbia MO	sh	39	28	pc	48	25
Columbia SC	pc	65	46	pc	67	49
Columbus	sh	45	33	cl	41	31
Concord	cl	36	25	ss	62	41
Cheyenne	su	43	26	su	44	24
Cincinnati	sh	52	35	sh	49	34
Cleveland	rs	38	33	cl	39	34
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RELATED MIDWEST

An artist’s rendering shows Roosevelt Road looking south at The 78, the development that was suggested to Amazon as a possible Chicago HQ2 site.

No boo-hoo over HQ2

Lessons learned from failed Amazon chase could help Chicago later

By RYAN ORI AND LAUREN ZUMBACH | Chicago Tribune

Chicago spent more than a year trying to land Amazon’s so-called HQ2, a once-in-a-generation headquarters prize that carried with it the promise of 50,000 high-paying jobs. Instead, the Seattle-based company split its expansion between New York and northern Virginia, with a smaller operation going to Nashville, Tenn.

What did Chicago get for its troubles?

Plenty, say real estate developers and local officials. There’s unlikely to be another HQ2 that could single-handedly fill 50 acres or more. But Chicago’s HQ2 bid has accelerated plans on several sites that could attract major corporations seeking an urban campus where employees can

work, live, shop, eat and be entertained. The process also may have raised Chicago’s profile as a player for major headquarters.

“We were emboldened by the whole process and made better by it,” said Curt Bailey, president of development firm Related Midwest, whose 62-acre site along the Chicago River was visited twice by

Amazon’s site selection team. “We’re in a much better position to secure the next great tenant that is looking to move to Chicago and our site.”

Zoning changes and other factors had already kick-started plans for several megadevelopments throughout the city, mostly along the Chicago River, before Amazon announced in September 2017

that it wanted to create HQ2.

Chicago’s largest proposed projects have advanced significantly since Amazon announced its search. On Thursday, the Chicago Plan Commission approved Related Midwest’s plan, which could bring as many as 10,000 homes to the riverfront site. That moves the project close to formal approval by the City Council, possibly by the end of this year.

“Without (HQ2), I don’t think these sites would be as far along as they are,” said David Reifman, commissioner of the city’s Department of Planning and Development.

“It really brought things into a high degree of focus and allowed us to see the full potential of those sites.”

Reifman declined to say what feedback the city received from Amazon.

Site selection experts say the unusually public search raised the profile of the city, and specific sites available for development, with companies conducting location searches of their own. “You don’t want to lose momentum around those sites,” said Robert Hess, vice chairman of Newmark Knight Frank’s Global Corpo-

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Sears gets OK to try selling its top stores

Judge said he’d back plan for auction of profitable properties

By LAUREN ZUMBACH
Chicago Tribune

Sears Holdings Corp. can begin trying to sell its best-performing stores after receiving court approval Thursday for its plans to auction off assets.

When the Hoffman Estates-based parent company of Sears and Kmart filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection last month, the retailer said it believed it could avoid liquidation by reorganizing around a smaller group of profitable stores, which it intended to sell to a new owner that would continue operating the business.

Judge Robert Drain of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York said he would sign off on the company’s plans for auctioning those stores, including a timeline that would require Sears to find an initial bidder, or “stalking horse,” by Dec. 15.

Other potential buyers would have to submit bids by Dec. 28, and the auction would be conducted Jan. 14, according to a Bankruptcy Court motion.

The court filings did not say how many stores would be included in the sale. Sears said about 400 of its stores are



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profitable, and it is reviewing others to see whether they can be made profitable.

ESL Investments, the hedge fund run by Sears Chairman Edward Lampert, had been in talks with the company about buying a large group of stores. At a court hearing last month, an attorney for Sears said ESL was a “likely bidder.”

A committee of Sears’ unsecured creditors raised concerns in court filings about plans to sell those stores rather than heading straight to going-out-of-business sales, questioning whether those stores would be viable.

The committee also raised questions about financial dealings between ESL, Sears and Lampert, who was also the retailer’s CEO prior to its bankruptcy filing.

The creditors said those transactions “may be part of an extended pattern of conduct that served to benefit certain (insider) equity holders,” according to

court filings. Lampert and his hedge fund are the company’s largest shareholders.

In court filings, ESL denied the committee’s allegations and said it is cooperating with both the creditors committee’s and Sears’ investigations into transactions between ESL and the retailer.

ESL also had been in negotiations to provide additional bankruptcy financing but appears to have dropped those plans. Great American Capital Partners agreed to lend the retailer \$350 million, according to a court filing last week.

Sears also received court approval to move forward with the sale of its home improvement business.

Service.com bid \$60 million for that business, and if other potential buyers place bids, the auction would be held Dec. 13.

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Strip club in Chicago sold to corporate chain

By ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

One of Chicago’s most prominent strip clubs has gone corporate.

RCI Hospitality Holdings, a publicly traded Texas chain, purchased VIP’s Gentlemen’s Club in Chicago for \$10.5 million this month, adding it to a growing portfolio of more than 40 upscale clubs across the U.S.

The Near North Side club, which will be rebranded as Rick’s Cabaret, is RCI’s first foray into Chicago and part of a transforming adult entertainment industry that aims to clean up its image, broaden its offerings and boost the bottom line.

“All we really are nowadays are nightclubs with strippers,” said Eric Langan, president and CEO of Houston-based RCI, which announced the completed acquisition Nov. 2.

Make no mistake, however. The core business is adult entertainment, where nude or semi-nude women are the draw, and suggestive private dances — sometimes known as lap dances — are a major revenue stream for the entertainers, though some clubs take a cut.

As such, the strip club industry faces headwinds in the #Me-Too era, including stagnant growth, labor strife from dancers, who mostly work for tips,

and the loss of business customers as companies more closely scrutinize corporate credit cards and expense accounts. Earlier this year, for example, sportswear company Under Armour reportedly told employees they would no longer be able to expense strip club visits.

The only publicly traded adult entertainment chain in the U.S., RCI operates clubs under Rick’s, XTC, Club Onyx and other banners in markets such as New York, Minneapolis and Miami. It also owns two clubs in downstate Illinois — near Bloomington and in the St. Louis area. Last year, RCI earned more than \$8.2 million on nearly \$145 million in revenue, according to financial statements. Revenue is up 61 percent over the last five years, mostly due to club acquisitions.

Liquor sales account for about 42 percent of RCI’s revenue, while cover charges and fees for services such as preferred seating and room rentals make up about 40 percent. At VIP’s, for example, the cover charge is \$20.

“There’s many, many ways to generate income,” Langan said.

There are four licensed strip clubs in the city of Chicago: VIP’s, Admiral Theatre, Pink Monkey and The Factory. Only VIP’s has a full liquor license, which provides an important

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JEENAH MOON/BLOOMBERG NEWS

Apple is cashing in on higher iPhone prices and from more services, such as data storage.

Waning iPhone demand hurts Apple suppliers

Bloomberg News

In a world where iPhone demand is on the wane, Apple has a Plan B. As customers wait longer between upgrades and the smartphone market saturates, Apple can fall back on charging higher prices for each handset and raking in more money from services such as streaming music, digital videos and data storage. But there's no back-up for many of the companies that

supply components for the iPhone. Japan Display Inc., which gets more than half its revenue from the iPhone maker, cut forecasts. Then Lumentum Holdings Inc., a top maker of iPhone facial-recognition sensors, lowered its second-quarter outlook. Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., the biggest assembler, also missed estimates. "Suppliers are more dependent on volume than Apple," said Woo Jin Ho, an

analyst at Bloomberg Intelligence. "This raises an incremental risk for the rest of the supply chain." Faced with a maturing smartphone market, Apple's strategy has been to entice customers to pay more for phones with new features such as facial recognition and more vibrant screens. The 3-D sensing components from companies like Lumentum are found in iPhones that often cost more than \$1,000. Fewer

people can afford to pay that much for a new device. But when a sale does happen, suppliers get a one-time payment for their component, while Apple can generate hundreds of extra dollars per gadget. In its most-recent quarter, Apple reported almost no increase in the number of iPhones sold, but revenue from that business jumped 29 percent from a year earlier. If demand for newer, pricier iPhones wanes, Apple can cut component orders, or delay shipments, leaving suppliers with more inventory. That makes them more likely to cut prices when Apple comes back to the negotiating table.

Apple is increasingly touting its base of 1.3 billion installed devices, rather than how many iPhones it sells each quarter. And the company has been making changes to keep these existing customers happy while selling more services to them.

"Apple is no longer a traditional hardware business," said Gene Munster, a veteran Apple analyst at Loup Ventures. "The Apple investment paradigm is moving away from a focus on device sales toward a more predictable services-driven business."

This year, Apple has taken steps to lengthen the amount of time iPhones can be used. That will likely discourage people from upgrading to newer devices — another ominous sign for suppliers.

With longer-lasting iPhones, users may be more likely to subscribe to new services, making the devices more lucrative to Apple than just the upfront cost. But these services are not additional revenue sources for component suppliers.

VW plans to storm into electric car market

By DAVID McHUGH
Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany — Volkswagen intends to invest \$50 billion in the electric and autonomous car technologies expected to reshape the industry and said it would make battery-powered vehicles more accessible to mass-market auto buyers by selling its new I.D. compact for about what a Golf diesel costs.

Volkswagen's investment plans for the next five years aim to make it "a worldwide supplier of sustainable mobility," Chairman Hans Dieter Poetsch said Friday.

He said the company is in talks with Ford about possible cooperation in making light commercial vehicles.

Automakers as well as several U.S. startups are rolling out electric models to compete with Tesla, the market leader. Auto companies need electrics to meet new environmental standards in many countries.

In Europe, manufacturers need to sell more battery-powered cars to meet tougher EU limits on carbon dioxide emissions that come into force in 2021 and aim to fight global warming. Automakers like Volkswagen, Daimler and BMW risk penalties of thousands of euros per vehicle if they can't meet requirements for lower average emissions.

Authorities in China, where Volkswagen gets much of its profit, have also mandated a bigger share of electrics and hybrids.

Such vehicles remain a niche market due to higher price and lack of places to charge. Battery-only vehicles were only 0.6 percent of the market in the European Union last year. They are running from 1 to 2 percent of U.S. new-vehicle sales so far this year.

VW's upcoming I.D. compact could take mass-market buyers from Tesla's Model 3, a mass-market car with a base price of \$35,000 before tax credits. In reality, though, you can't order one yet for less than \$46,000.

Poetsch said the I.D. compact would be about the cost of a Golf diesel.

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By SAM DEAN
Los Angeles Times

When there's a gold rush, sell picks and shovels. When there's a cryptocurrency rush, the same wisdom may well hold.

That's the thinking behind a Los Angeles startup that's trying to make mining for cryptocurrency as easy as plugging in a PlayStation.

Coinmine's first device, which went on sale last week for \$799, is a consumer-friendly gateway to cryptocurrency mining that enables anyone with electricity, an internet connection and a smartphone to start amassing digital wealth.

"It's not just about being easy to set up," said Farhood Nivi, who co-founded Coinmine with industrial designer Justin Lambert. "It's about what's coming, and not missing out on the new promising networks like you missed out on bitcoin and ethereum in the early days."

Coinmine says it has raised roughly \$2 million (mostly in fiat currency) from big names in tech and crypto investing circles, including the investing arm of Coinbase, the largest cryptocurrency exchange, and angel investor Brian Norgard, who helped build the dating app Tinder.

The premise hinges on simplicity.

Take the gadget out of its box, plug it in, download the Coinmine app, and connect it to the internet. The app displays the current values of the cryptocurrencies that the machine can mine — ether, monero, and zcash at launch, though the company has plans to add more options as new cryptocurrencies emerge. Pick one, listen for the cooling fans to kick in, and watch the tokens slowly roll into your digital wallet (you'll need to set that up separately).

And as it chugs along,



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Coinmine's first product — an at-home cryptocurrency mining device — sells for \$799 and a bump in the electricity bill.

Coinmine takes 5 percent off the top.

The target market is the estimated 20 million people who have opened cryptocurrency wallets with sites such as Coinbase but do not mine it.

The idea of mining is common among the leading cryptocurrencies, and amounts to a trade: miners dedicate computing power to solving complicated math problems, or moving information across the network, and you're rewarded with slices of currencies in return. Typically, the more people mining, the more work it takes to rack up a whole token, so newer, less valuable cryptocurrencies are easier to spin out of thin air.

Professional miners use millions of processors to earn as many tokens as possible, building server farms in cold countries with cheap energy costs such as Iceland to maximize their margins. A recent study found that even after the most recent bitcoin boom and bust sent

prices crashing from a high near \$20,000 per coin to about \$6,000 today, miners continue to burn an estimated 2.55 gigawatts of power each year, approaching the annual energy consumption of Ireland.

Coinmine, on the other hand, operates at 120 watts, pulling about as much power as a video game console. At the average October price for electricity in Los Angeles, that adds up to a little more than \$200 a year to keep the mining operation running nonstop — an outlay that Nivi estimates will bring in about one ether over the course of the year, or two to three monero. An ether currently trades for about \$200; a monero about \$100.

The team behind Coinmine insists that making a guaranteed return on investment is beside the point.

Nivi is cautious about giving out investment advice — "do whatever you want, that's the whole point: individual sovereignty" — but he said it's

not worth emphasizing today's exchange rates.

"This is the one solid piece of advice everyone in crypto shares: Don't invest what you can't afford to lose," Nivi said. "That said, I strongly advise people to hold on to what they're earning and wait for it to 10x, 100x, 1,000x."

Norgard agrees that investors seeking a quick return should look elsewhere.

"Some people may get lost in this idea of, 'Where's the ROI? How does the math work out?'" Norgard said. "I think the most important thing is being able to put something in your living room to show you support the movement."

Michel Rauchs, lead cryptocurrency researcher at the Cambridge Center for Alternative Finance, cautions aspiring miners that the computing power needed to unearth valuable amounts of cryptocurrency could make a consumer gadget like Coinmine's a bit of a novelty.

Nivi came up with the Coinmine concept after a frustrating experience trying to build a crypto mining rig from scratch in the San Francisco apartment he shared with co-founder Lambert.

"I holed myself up for five days," Nivi said. "The only time I would leave the house would be to go to Fry's (Electronics) because I would buy the wrong component — it was a nightmare even for someone who knows how to do this stuff."

Once the rig was up and running, Nivi said, he and roommate Lambert came up with the basic concept for the Coinmine over sushi: "What if Apple made a crypto device?"

Premade consumer models were already on the market, but most cost thousands of dollars and generate a significant amount of heat and noise to keep processors running and cooled.

Nivi set out to design a user-friendly app and a Linux-based operating sys-

tem, while Lambert used a 3-D printer to create cases and checked hardware specs to find the right balance of power, efficiency, noise and cost to make an esoteric task appealing to a mass audience.

The result looks like a small PC or a souped-up cable box.

The company plans to send out regular updates to the Coinmine operating system, both to keep up to date with the shifting blockchains underlying the cryptocurrencies it supports at launch and to add new cryptocurrencies as they come online.

The sales pitch to potential miners isn't necessarily "get rich quick." But seeing digital holdings pile up makes it all worthwhile, Norgard said.

"Before Tinder, online dating was this very tedious process, but swiping right and left turned it into a fun consumer game," Norgard said. "These are dopamine engines — I check my (Coinmine) app every single day."

Corporation buys Chicago strip club

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revenue stream for the club but means the dancers can't take it all off.

In Chicago, strip clubs with liquor licenses have limited hours of operation and are restricted to partial nudity, according to city regulations. Strip clubs that don't serve alcohol can feature full nudity and remain open 24/7.

Similar regulations limit dancers to partial nudity in most larger markets where RCI operates strip clubs that serve liquor.

Founded in 1983, RCI went public as Rick's Cabaret International in 1995. Langan joined Rick's in 1998 after it merged with his strip club chain, XTC Cabaret. Rick's Cabaret changed its name to RCI in 2014.

RCI is looking to gain a foothold in the Chicago market, which also includes a number of suburban competitors, with a tested formula that has proved profitable elsewhere.

Plans for the 25-year-old club include opening earlier than the current 7 p.m. start, which is allowed by its license. VIP's also is looking at adding food service and refreshing decor at the 10,000-square-foot space on North Kingsbury Street in the Goose Island neighborhood, Langan said. No less important, he said, is a corporate-mandated attitude adjustment.

"A lot of the old strip clubs have the mentality ... 'You're lucky I'm letting you come here,'" Langan said. "With Rick's, that's not our philosophy at all. We treat you as a guest."

Strip clubs are projected to generate \$6.9 billion in revenue this year at nearly 3,900 locations across the U.S., according to a September report published by research firm IBISWorld.

The number of strip clubs has remained essentially flat, while annual revenue growth has averaged 1.9 percent over the last five years, a slow and steady pace that signals a "mature" industry, according to IBISWorld.

But the industry remains profitable — IBISWorld projects earnings of \$1.4 billion this year — with margins improving as club ownership increasingly shifts from private owners to corporate chains.

"Chains are really getting aggressive on acquisitions," said Angelina Spencer, executive director of ACE National, a Washington, D.C.-based trade association for licensed adult nightclubs.

One week after closing on the Chicago club, RCI announced the \$15 million acquisition of Blush Gentlemen's Club and associated real estate in Pittsburgh, another expansion market for the company.

Beyond RCI, some of the bigger strip club chains include Scores, Spearmint Rhino, Deja Vu and Sapphire, Spencer said. Scores Chicago, a franchise of the chain, opened in suburban Stone Park in 2003, while Deja Vu has an outpost in Lake Station, Ind.

Other suburban players include Polekatz in Bridgeview, Club 390 in Chicago Heights and Atlantis in Ford Heights.

As the industry consolidates, it is seeking to distance itself from a seedy image, with many strip clubs marketed as upscale gentlemen's clubs, replete with food, cocktails, diverse entertainment, and an ambience meant to be inviting to both men and women.

"It's become a lot more mainstream than it was in the past," Spencer said. "We're seeing the switch in formats where you're getting more of a nightclub



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VIP's Gentlemen's Club in Chicago has a new owner, Texas-based RCI Hospitality.

atmosphere."

Challenges remain, including a growing movement to classify dancers as employees rather than independent contractors, an issue that has prompted lawsuits.

Most exotic dancers are independent contractors, working exclusively for tips, receiving no benefits and paying "house fees" to the clubs, which on slow nights means they can lose money.

In 2015, RCI paid \$11.1 million to settle a class-action suit filed in federal court in New York by dancers alleging they were improperly classified as independent contractors and denied minimum wage in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

A former exotic dancer at the Admiral Theatre filed a similar lawsuit against that strip club in July, which is pending in federal court in Chicago.

Despite the legal wrangling over the issue, attracting talent is not a problem,

Langan said, with dancers at comparable RCI clubs in New York taking home \$300 to \$1,200 per shift, after fees.

Dancers are employees at only two RCI clubs — one in Arizona and one in Minnesota — with the rest classified as independent contractors. Langan dismissed the push to turn dancers into hourly employees.

"I can work at Target and make \$10, \$12 an hour — I don't need to get naked if I'm not making at least that much money," he said.

RCI also is being sued by dozens of women, including actress Carmen Electra, for allegedly misappropriating their images without permission to promote the chain's strip clubs. The lawsuit, filed in 2016, is pending in federal court in New York.

The biggest challenge facing RCI, however, is finding new locations to expand the company's footprint, Langan said.

"All of our growth in

recent years has been through acquisition," he said. "We don't build new locations because it's just impossible to find a location where we can go get a new license."

The last time Chicago awarded a new strip club license was in 2009 to The Factory.

Another impediment to growth in Illinois is a \$5 per customer "skin tax" implemented in 2013. Last year, the state collected more than \$466,000 from 57 strip clubs, Illinois Department of Revenue spokesman Terry Horstman said.

Officially called the live adult entertainment facility surcharge, the tax is projected to cost RCI \$25,000 per year for its new Chicago club, Langan said.

"I think it's unconstitutional, but I'm not going to spend \$2 million in legal fees to save \$25,000 a year," he said.

Langan said a similar tax in Texas, where RCI has more than 30 clubs, sets the company back about \$2

million a year, and forced the closure of several locations.

A Peoria native, Langan has had his sights set on Chicago for years, and he projects VIP's will generate \$5.2 million to \$5.5 million in annual revenues, with about \$2 million flowing to the bottom line. The company will be looking at acquiring more Chicago-area strip clubs to reach critical mass in the market, he said.

While return on investment drives expansion decisions, Langan said RCI also strives to "be good neighbors" when opening in a new location, an effort to overcome the stigma associated with strip clubs. But he makes no apologies for the nature of his business.

"I'm the CEO of a publicly traded Nasdaq company," he said. "Whatever stigma comes with that, I guess comes with."

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Lessons learned from Amazon chase

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rate Services practice, who said he advised New York on its proposal.

Hess said he's already fielded calls from companies expressing interest in HQ2 finalists.

"There's going to be a ripple effect of other CEOs saying, 'Why pay a consultant to do this work? Instead of starting with the whole country, we can go with (Amazon's) shortlist and save some time,'" said Katie Culp, president of KSM Location Advisors.

Jilted bidders now have a sales pitch ready to go—one that might be better than usual, since the size of the prize Amazon initially promised and the tight deadline it imposed pushed cities to break down silos among the groups involved in recruiting efforts, Culp said.

But the biggest takeaway is the chance to refine that pitch for the next company that comes calling, experts said.

"There are three winners, and 238 suitors who are all learning something," said Donald Haider, an emeritus professor of strategy at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

Chicago already was making investments in areas that will strengthen its appeal, like higher education and infrastructure, he said.

The city also reflected on its weaknesses, such as gun violence and the city's and state's fiscal challenges, and how they're perceived by potential employers.

"We got the gift of taking a close look at ourselves," said Scott Goodman, a principal at Farpoint Development. "You could not have done a deeper dive into our assets and liabilities. Despite those major issues, a lot of us come away very optimistic. Chicago is a world-class city, which it hasn't always been."

Amazon officials visited Related Midwest's land be-

tween the South Loop and Chinatown and four other sites in the city in March. They returned to the property — called The 78, as in Chicago's potential 78th community area — for another look in August.

Nationally, it was one of the few reported sites that received a follow-up visit as Amazon neared its announcement. The follow-up visit to Chicago, first reported by the Tribune, received extensive national media coverage, increasing awareness of Chicago as a major corporate headquarters city.

"Looking back on it, there were 238 municipalities that responded to the initial (request for proposals), which means there were probably 1,000 sites," Bailey said. "Our site finished in the top five, from what we've heard."

"We look at this process as a huge affirmation of our project going forward. A company with more resources than anyone spent a year looking around North America and we finished right at the top."

Other Chicago sites visited by Amazon in March included Lincoln Yards, Sterling Bay's more than 70-acre proposed development along the river between Lincoln Park and Bucktown. Developer Sterling Bay is set to make its second public presentation on the project Nov. 29, as it seeks zoning approval from the city.

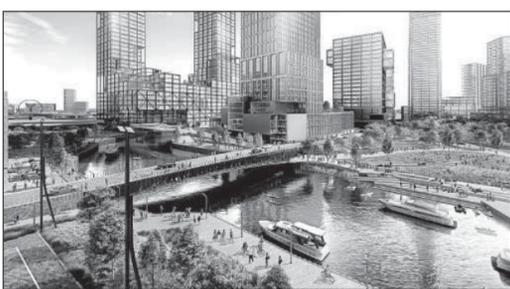
Amazon also made initial visits to the River District, 37 riverfront acres owned by broadcast company Tribune Media just north of downtown; the Burnham Lakefront, a planned redevelopment of the former Michael Reese Hospital site and other land near McCormick Place by a team of firms led by Farpoint Development and Draper and Kramer; and sites owned by multiple landlords in the Fulton Market district.

In the pitch to Amazon, Chicago and state officials created highly detailed



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Amazon announced on Tuesday that it has chosen Arlington, Va., and Long Island City, above, as the two new locations that will serve as additional headquarters for the company. Amazon says each site will create 25,000 jobs.



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Chicago developer Sterling Bay's plan for at least 70 acres along the river on the North Side will continue.

documents outlining available development sites, potential infrastructure improvements, available incentives and attributes including public transportation, public transportation and universities.

The Burnham Lakefront could evolve as a destination for pharmaceutical companies, medical labs and university research, among other uses, Goodman said.

The 78 will connect the

South Loop and Chinatown, with plans to build about 13 million square feet of residential, office, hotel, retail, restaurant and entertainment space. Related Midwest plans to donate land soon for the planned University of Illinois-led Discovery Partners Institute innovation center on about 3 acres of The 78 site.

While that project and infrastructure projects move forward, Related Midwest is in talks with potential office tenants that could anchor one or more towers on the site, Bailey said.

Related Midwest awaits word on potential public funding for major infrastructure improvements in the area, which could include a new train station on the CTA's Red Line, re-routed Metra train tracks and new roads. Outgoing Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel is proposing tax increment financing districts to help fund such projects around The 78 and other major development sites that could see a large influx of residents and office workers.

Emanuel's administration is looking to fund well over \$1 billion in infrastructure improvements in the city, in part using TIFs.

Proposals include raising about \$800 million — from TIF, state and federal funds and other sources — for roads, bridges and a relocated Metra station around Lincoln Yards, Reifman said.

The city also wants to create a new transit way for buses, light rail or autonomous vehicles connecting

Lincoln Yards and other North Side sites to Union Station. As part of that, the city wants to raise \$200 million to \$250 million, partially through TIF funds for infrastructure on and around the Tribune Media site, Reifman said.

The city also wants to raise about \$500 million for projects on and around The 78, he said, and about \$200 million for the area around the proposed Burnham Lakefront.

Funds would be used for projects including building a park and pedestrian walkway to connect the site to the lakefront, adding a 31st Street Metra station and creating a bus or autonomous vehicle route below Lake Shore Drive along Metra tracks.

Emanuel's TIF-backed infrastructure faced significant pushback in the first public meeting Wednesday, for the North Side area that includes Lincoln Yards. But city officials argue that major infrastructure improvements are necessary in fast-growing areas, and will pay for themselves in the coming years.

Unlike typical TIF districts, developers will be asked to pay the infrastructure costs upfront, and would be reimbursed from taxes created by their developments, Reifman said.

"There's no risk or exposure to the city," Reifman said. "The value of these developments is unlocking \$15 billion in private investment, and all of the construction and permanent jobs that come with that. Chicago has a tremendous opportunity with these sites."

Culp encouraged Chicago to push Amazon for feedback on the strengths and weaknesses of its proposal.

Companies can be reluctant to share feedback they consider proprietary information but the "classy move" for Amazon would be to debrief the finalists to whatever extent it can, Hess said.

There's not much Chicago can do about the fact that it lacks northern Vir-

ginia's proximity to lawmakers and regulators in Washington, D.C., or New York's status in the financial industry. But it should work to address any weaknesses that are within its control, Culp said. For instance, Chicago has a large workforce but doesn't have the tech-specific reputation of a smaller city like Austin, Texas, she said.

It also tends to have more "silos" than regions with a single body overseeing development, meaning a company exploring sites in different parts of the city or suburbs might need to work with several sets of officials, she said. And while incentives are rarely the driving factor in projects like this, Illinois isn't known for being generous compared with some other states, she added.

In the meantime, the city should take what it promised to do for Amazon and start doing it for companies that already call the city home, Hess said.

"The best business attraction tool you could ever (have) is to have amazing business retention and have those people be your ambassadors," he said.

Those takeaways might not sound like much compared with the 25,000 jobs Amazon promises, but Culp said she'd be "a little relieved" if she were in Emanuel's shoes.

New York and northern Virginia will get the economic benefits, but they'll also get the controversy accompanying projects certain to have a major impact on the surrounding communities. Amazon and those communities have received widespread criticism for the generosity of the incentives the company received.

"The upside (for losing cities) is that now they have the sales pitch," Culp said.

"Maybe it wasn't perfect, but they put the A-team together and now they can repurpose a lot of pieces of that."

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to (a) Section 5-9-610 of the Illinois Uniform Commercial Code (810 ILCS 5/9-610), (b) Section 5/2-1402 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure (735 ILCS 5/2-1402), (c) that certain Business Loan and Security Agreement dated December 19, 2014, by and among The PrivateBank and Trust Company (now known as CIBC Bank USA), as lender ("CIBC"), and Renewable Asset Management Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as borrower ("Borrower") (as amended, restated, extended or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Loan Agreement"), (d) that certain Final Judgment Order dated September 27, 2017 in Case No. 2016-CH-11769 (the "Action") in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, County Department, Law Division (the "Court"), granting a judgment in favor of CIBC and against Borrower in the amount of \$7,848,712.20, with post-judgment interest continuing to accrue at the rate of nine percent per year pursuant to 735 ILCS § 5/2-1303 (the "Judgment") and (e) that certain Order Granting Judgment Creditor's Amended Motion for Entry of an Order (A) Approving Bidding and Auction Procedures and Manner of Notice of Sale and (B) Authorizing Sale of Turnover Property at Auction, entered in the Action, CIBC will sell those certain 266 solar panel leases and 49 loans originated by Borrower (the "Assets") which have been turned over to CIBC pursuant to the Agreed Turnover Order, entered on May 31, 2018 in the Action. The Assets secure the indebtedness of the Borrower to CIBC under the Loan Agreement.

Subject to all the terms of this Notice, the Assets will be sold pursuant to public auction (the "Auction") to be held at Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, 525 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60661 on **December 7, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.** (Central Time). The Assets will be sold pursuant to the following terms and conditions: on the date of the Auction, the Assets will be offered for sale, in bulk, and sold to the highest or otherwise best bidder at the conclusion of the Auction, as determined by CIBC in its sole and absolute discretion, on an "AS IS, WHERE IS" basis, with all faults, and with any warranty whatsoever, express or implied (other than as agreed to in writing by CIBC), including, without limitation, condition of title, value, or quality of the Assets, or with regard to assets, liabilities, financial condition or earnings of Borrower. WITHOUT LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING, ALL WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, TITLE POSSESSION QUIET ENJOYMENT OR THE LIKE IN THIS DISPOSITION ARE EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMED.

In addition to the foregoing terms and conditions, the Auction will be conducted using the following procedures, among others, and as may be amended at or prior to the Auction by Agent: all bids must be in writing and submitted to Agent's counsel (contact information below) so as to be received no later than **December 4, 2018, at 4:00 p.m.** (Central Time) (the "Bid Deadline"); all bids must be accompanied by evidence to Agent's satisfaction that the bidder has access to funds sufficient to purchase the Assets; and all bids must be irrevocable until closing. No later than **December 5, 2018**, qualified bidders must deliver a deposit equal to \$200,000 to CIBC in readily available funds, which CIBC shall hold in escrow pending the results of the Auction.

On the day prior to the Auction, CIBC shall determine the opening bid at the Auction and will notify the opening bidder and any other qualified bidder(s) who satisfy the above-stated terms and conditions of the same. Only qualified bidders may attend the auction. Upon acceptance of a bid at the Auction (the "Accepted Bid"), the successful bidder shall pay CIBC the full amount of the Accepted Bid through a closing that is completed by no later than December 21, 2018. If the successful bidder fails to close within such time CIBC may (but shall not be obligated to) offer the Assets to the next highest bidder. CIBC reserves its rights to, on or prior to the Auction date: (1) withdraw all or a portion of the Assets from the Auction; (2) reject any or all bids or to continue the Auction to such time and place as CIBC, in its sole and absolute discretion, may deem fit; (3) cancel the Auction; (4) credit bid at the Auction and to apply the expenses of the Auction and all or any part of the total amount owed to CIBC under the Judgment in satisfaction of the purchase price and/or (5) serve as or designate a stalking-horse bidder in advance of the Auction. CIBC reserves all of the rights accruing to it under the Loan Agreement and Judgment, including, without limitation, the right to collect for any deficiency remaining on account of the Judgment after the conclusion of the Auction.

Persons interested in becoming a qualified bidder, bidding on the Assets at the Auction, and/or desiring other information may contact counsel for CIBC, John P. Sieger and William J. Dorsey, Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, 525 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60661, (312) 902-5200, during normal business hours.

To the extent that the Auction generates proceeds in excess of the amount due by Borrower to CIBC under the Judgment, such excess proceeds will be held in escrow by CIBC for further determination by the Court.

CIBC reserves all of its rights and remedies against Borrower under the Loan Documents as well as pursuant to the Judgment and applicable law for any and all deficiencies on the indebtedness remaining due to CIBC after the sale of the Assets.

Dated: November 2, 2018

CIBC Bank USA
By: *William J. Dorsey*
One of its Attorneys

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Institution	Int Chking Money	3 mo	6 mo	12 mo	18 mo	24 mo	36 mo	60 mo	Phone / Website
SBT State Bank of Texas	NA	1.85	NA	2.60	2.70	2.80	NA	NA	773-649-0240 www.statebnk.com
SBT State Bank of Texas	NA	100,000	NA	NA	25,000	25,000	25,000	NA	773-649-0240 www.statebnk.com
Devon Avenue	Visit our location on Devon Avenue for all your banking needs!								
synchrony	NA	1.20	NA	2.50	2.75	2.75	2.85	3.10	800-869-3813 www.synchronybank.com
Synchrony Bank	NA	0	NA	NA	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	800-869-3813 www.synchronybank.com

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Savings Update

What to look for when shopping for CDs

You've heard it here before: To maximize what you can earn from CDs, shop around. But what are the most important factors to consider?

Traditionally, savers opened certificates of deposit at the local bank where they held their checking and savings accounts. But with the advent of the internet, plus the growth of credit unions, hundreds of options exist for CD savers no matter where you live, meaning the competition for your deposits has heated up.

Obviously, the primary factor you'll want to consider is the rate. True, a higher rate means you'll earn more. But the CD's term is of course critical as well. Longer CDs pay a higher rate, but you'll be locked in for longer.

When rates are rising, as they have been for the last three years, shorter-term certificates can be appealing until rates stabilize. But this needs to be balanced with the knowledge that rates are never fully predictable. Though the Federal Reserve is forecasting more increases, nothing is reliable until it actually occurs.

Two other considerations can help you capitalize on potential rate increases. If you'll be investing in a CD ladder, where you buy multiple certificates of varying terms, finding one institution that offers competitive rates across its whole array of CD terms can greatly simplify matters by allowing you to hold the whole ladder at one bank.

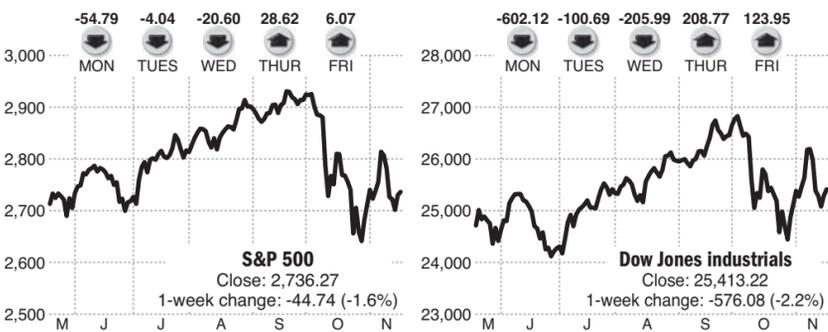
Additionally, no CD comparison is complete without checking early withdrawal penalties. If you opt to cash out early, the penalty for doing so varies widely. So if you're considering longer CDs, choosing one with the least onerous penalty is smart.

Shopping for your best CD isn't especially complicated. What's important is investing some time to evaluate the offerings and check the fine print, as it will almost always translate into more earnings in your pocket.

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INVESTING

Stocks Recap



Gold +14.40
\$1,220.80

Silver +.25
\$14.36

Crude Oil -3.73
\$56.46

Natural Gas +.55
\$4.27

10-year T-note -.12
3.07%

Euro -.0059
to .8763/\$1

Yen -.97
to 112.83/\$1

WEEKLY PERFORMANCE

52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	YTD %CHG	1YR %CHG
26951.81	23242.75	Dow Jones industrials	25966.71	24787.79	25413.22	-576.08	-2.2	+2.8	+8.8
11623.58	9420.16	Dow Jones trans.	10655.95	10337.10	10583.60	+66.39	+0.6	-0.3	+11.6
778.80	647.81	Dow Jones utilities	741.54	710.11	729.43	-8.80	-1.2	+0.8	-3.8
13637.02	11820.33	NYSE Comp.	12523.01	12146.07	12400.28	-137.24	-1.1	-3.2	+0.8
6222.14	5059.72	NYSE International	5263.71	5162.09	5233.56	-55.11	-1.0	-9.6	-7.3
7700.56	6164.43	Nasdaq 100	6998.80	6702.42	6867.02	-172.13	-2.5	+7.4	+8.8
8133.30	6630.67	Nasdaq Comp.	7371.09	7072.36	7247.87	-159.03	-2.2	+5.0	+6.9
2940.91	2532.69	S&P 500	2775.99	2670.75	2736.27	-44.74	-1.6	+2.3	+6.1
2053.00	1769.25	S&P MidCap	1880.91	1824.86	1865.40	-17.14	-0.9	-1.9	+1.3
30560.54	26293.62	Wilshire 5000	28616.13	27564.73	28206.18	-461.94	-1.6	+1.5	+5.3
1742.09	1436.43	Russell 2000	1549.01	1491.66	1527.53	-21.96	-1.4	+0.5	+2.3
403.72	348.44	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	367.80	355.63	357.71	-8.03	-2.2	-8.1	-6.8
7903.50	6851.59	FTSE 100	7186.31	6968.99	7013.88	-91.46	-1.3	-8.8	-5.0

Most active

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Gen Electric	8.02	-.56
Bank of America	27.75	-.77
PG&E Corp	24.40	-15.52
Ford Motor	9.05	-.33
EnCana Corp	7.62	-1.23
Chesapeake Energy	3.58	-.05
Weatherford Intl Ltd	7.8	-.35
AT&T Inc	30.29	-.40
EQT Corp	16.63	-3.49
Shutterstock	5.39	-.36
Baker Hughes GE	23.37	-.96
Pfizer Inc	43.51	-1.77
Wells Fargo & Co	52.94	-.10

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Adv Micro Dev	20.66	-.37
Helios and Matheson	.02	...
Apple Inc	193.33	-10.94
MagneGas Applied Tch	.27	-.01
Microsoft Corp	108.29	-1.28
Cisco Syst	46.35	-.76
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.27	+0.06
Intel Corp	48.83	+0.72
Qualcomm Inc	55.88	-.84
Micron Tech	39.44	+0.33
Facebook Inc	139.53	-5.43
Nvidia Corporation	164.43	-41.24
Comcast Corp A	38.59	+0.25

EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Barc iPath Vix ST	35.17	+1.86
iShares Brazil	40.48	+1.02
iShs China Large Cap	41.46	+1.57
iShs Emerg Mkts	40.90	+1.10
iShares EAFE ETF	62.96	-.45
iShs iBoxx HY CPBd	83.27	-1.09
ProShs UltraPro ShtQQQ	14.21	+9.91
SPDR S&P500 EHF Tr	273.73	-4.03
SPDR Lehman HY Bd	34.61	-.53
SPDR S&P O&G ExpPdtm	34.75	-1.64
SPDR Financial	26.79	-.33
US Oil Fund LP	12.07	-.63
VanE Vect GlD Miners	19.38	+0.34

Largest Companies

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
AT&T Inc	30.29	-.40
Alibaba Group Hldg	154.10	+9.25
Alphabet Inc C	1061.49	-4.66
Alphabet Inc A	1068.27	-8.75
Amazon.com Inc	1593.41	-119.02
Anheuser-Busch InBev	78.85	+4.23
Apple Inc	193.33	-10.94
Bank of America	27.75	-.77
Berkshire Hath A	328350.03	-1314.88
Berkshire Hath B	218.41	-1.22
Boeing Co	335.95	-33.39
Chevron Corp	119.06	-.34
China Mobile Ltd	49.36	+3.32
Cisco Syst	46.35	-.76
Citigroup	64.95	-.81
CocaCola Co	50.17	+0.49
Comcast Corp A	38.59	-.25
Disney	116.19	-1.81
Exxon Mobil Corp	78.96	-1.09
Facebook Inc	139.53	-5.43
FEMSA	86.34	-3.83
HSBC Holdings PLC	42.24	+1.01
Home Depot	177.02	-8.97
Intel Corp	48.83	+0.72
JPMorgan Chase & Co	109.99	-1.30
Johnson & Johnson	149.99	+0.65
MasterCard Inc	155.04	-6.58
McDonalds Corp	187.59	+1.65
Merck & Co	76.06	+1.20
Microsoft Corp	108.29	-1.28
Novartis AG	87.75	-1.47
Oracle Corp	51.17	+0.56
PepsiCo	118.35	+0.87
Pfizer Inc	43.51	-.77
Procter & Gamble	93.82	+1.41
Royal Dutch Shell B	63.98	-.23
Royal Dutch Shell A	62.02	-.40
Taiwan Semicon	36.87	-1.20
Total SA	57.11	-.29
Toyota Mot	116.96	-.28
Unilever NV	55.88	+0.78
Unilever PLC	54.78	+0.83
UnitedHealth Group	271.11	-5.44
Verizon Comm	60.21	+1.75
Visa Inc	140.18	-3.75
WallMart Strs	97.69	-7.87
Wells Fargo & Co	52.94	-.10

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, November 16, 2018

Market capitalization in millions of dollars

RANK/COMPANY	CAP	CLOSE	WEEK	1-YR
1 Boeing Co	190,780	335.95	▼ -33.39	
2 McDonalds Corp	144,615	187.59	▲ +1.65	
3 AbbVie Inc	137,680	91.53	▲ +2.74	
4 Abbott Labs	126,526	72.04	▼ -1.75	
5 Walgreen Boots Alli	78,235	82.52	▲ +1.65	
6 Caterpillar Inc	76,690	129.96	▲ +3.05	
7 CME Group	66,669	195.61	▲ +5.87	
8 Mondelez Intl	64,361	44.27	▼ -0.3	
9 Kraft Heinz Co	63,508	52.08	▼ -1.91	
10 Deere Co	47,565	147.87	▲ +3.06	
11 ITW	44,992	135.60	▲ +3.04	
12 Exelon Corp	44,366	45.88	▲ +1.19	
13 Baxter Intl	35,392	66.51	▲ +3.03	
14 Allstate Corp	30,827	89.50	▼ -4.22	
15 Arch Dan Mid	26,002	46.38	▼ -1.88	
16 Equity Residential	25,550	69.36	▲ +1.88	
17 United Cont'l Hldgs	25,137	92.26	▼ -0.9	
18 Discover Fin Svcs	23,759	70.72	▲ +1.16	
19 Ventas Inc	21,883	61.39	▲ +1.32	
20 Nthn Trust Cp	21,597	97.55	▼ -3.9	
21 Motorola Solutions	21,261	130.02	▲ +3.7	
22 Ulta Salon Cosmetics	18,741	313.56	▲ +5.44	
23 Grainger WW	17,490	310.56	▲ +16.81	
24 Gallagher AJ	14,394	78.38	▲ +3.3	
25 CDW Corp	13,414	89.44	▼ -1.64	
26 ConAgra Brands Inc	12,958	33.07	▼ -1.32	
27 Dover Corp	12,821	87.62	▲ +1.20	
28 CNA Financial	12,772	47.06	▼ -0.86	
29 CBOE Global Markets	12,354	110.41	▲ +1.21	
30 TRANSUnion	11,570	62.44	▲ +1.00	
31 CF Industries	10,867	47.09	▼ -4.83	
32 IDEX Corp	10,490	136.76	▲ +1.23	
33 Zebra Tech	9,722	180.70	▼ -0.80	
34 NiSource Inc	9,498	25.69	▼ -4.7	
35 Packaging Corp Am	9,170	97.05	▲ +1.05	
36 LKQ Corporation	9,036	28.40	▲ +6.7	
37 Equity Lifestyle Prop	8,685	96.78	▼ -7.7	
38 GrubHub Inc	7,935	87.49	▼ -1.47	
39 Ingredion Inc	7,159	101.26	▼ -3.49	
40 US Foods Holding	6,953	32.00	▲ +5.0	
41 Aptargroup Inc	6,675	106.28	▲ +1.99	
42 Old Republic	6,621	21.88	▼ -3.9	
43 Middleby Corp	6,591	118.03	▲ +3.4	
44 CDK Global Inc	6,488	50.39	▼ -3.8	
45 Jones Lang LaSalle	6,460	141.78	▲ +2.17	
46 Hill-Rom Hldgs	6,269	94.42	▼ -2.73	
47 Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	6,025	42.61	▼ -0.88	
48 USG Corp	5,964	42.68	▲ +0.9	
49 Morningstar Inc	5,175	121.33	▼ -3.34	
50 Kemper Corp	4,922	76.02	▲ +1.3	
51 Littelfuse Inc	4,637	184.35	▼ -1.15	
52 Brunswick Corp	4,624	53.32	▲ +1.02	
53 Wintrust Financial	4,387	77.80	▼ -2.9	
54 Stericycle Inc	4,170	46.04	▼ -1.62	
55 First Indl RT	4,001	31.68	▼ -0.3	
56 MB Financial	3,793	45.03	▼ -0.78	
57 Equity Commonwealth	3,750	30.87	▲ +0.3	
58 Teleph Data	3,706	35.09	▼ -2.6	
59 Tribune Media Co A	3,380	38.57	▼ -4.3	
60 Adtalem Global Educ	3,380	57.54	▼ -4.6	
61 Paylocity Hldg	3,373	63.89	▲ +2.8	
62 RLI Corp	3,317	74.58	▲ +5.7	
63 GATX	3,121	82.81	▲ +4.10	
64 Hyatt Hotels Corp	3,037	71.03	▲ +1.54	
65 Navistar Intl	2,982	30.17	▼ -1.16	
66 US Cellular	2,945	55.73	▲ +1.88	
67 TreeHouse Foods	2,905	51.88	▲ +3.36	
68 John Bean Technol	2,667	84.39	▼ -5.05	
69 Cabot MicroPore	2,606	102.18	▼ -9.9	
70 Retail Pro Amer	2,604	12.09	▼ -2.1	
71 Fst Midw Bcp	2,454	23.07	▼ -1.1	
72 Envestnet Inc	2,446	53.51	▼ -8.9	
73 Anixter Intl	2,287	68.31	▲ +2.6	
74 Stepan Co	1,947	86.50	▲ +1.84	
75 Tenneco Inc	1,885	33.02	▼ -5.0	
76 Allscripts Hlthcare	1,792	10.26	▼ -2.6	
77 Groupson Inc	1,723	3.02	▲ +0.6	
78 Horace Mann	1,617	39.50	▼ -1.20	
79 AAR Corp	1,598	45.51	▼ -3.39	
80 Hub Group Inc	1,536	45.72	▼ -8.4	
81 Federal Signal	1,468	24.38	▲ +1.67	
82 First Busey Corp	1,373	28.12	▼ -0.6	
83 Knowles Corp	1,361	15.09	▼ -5.6	
84 Tootsie Roll	1,354	35.07	▲ +2.08	
85 Huron Consulting Gp	1,213	53.79	▲ +4.2	
86 Methode Electronics	1,097	29.67	▲ +1.4	
87 Navight Consult	1,029	27.88	▲ +1.27	
88 Addus HomeCare	946	72.28	▼ -2.1	
89 Consolidated Commu	919	12.90	▼ -3.3	
90 Career Education	907	13.01	▲ +0.4	
91 Coeur Mining	888	4.46	▼ -2.0	
92 Akorn Inc	859	6.85	...	
93 Accu Brands Corp	831	8.09	▼ -2.5	
94 Century Aluminum	818	9.34	▲ +0.2	
95 Enova Intl Inc	787	22.99	▼ -4.8	
96 Echo Global Logis	739	25.92	▲ +6.7	
97 Global Brass Copper	714	32.17	▲ +9.2	
98 SP Plastics Corp	709	31.19	▼ -6.2	
99 SunCoke Energy Inc	688	10.64	▼ -2.2	
100 OneSpan Inc	685	17.04	▲ +7.2	

Largest mutual funds

Based on Total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG IN \$	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	32.26	-.43	+7.9
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	27.13	-1.16	+4.0
American Funds AmrcnMutA m	42.01	-1.14	+8.5
American Funds BdfAmrcA m	12.40	+0.06	-1.8
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	547.56	-4.2	-3.0
American Funds CptInclBldrA m	58.82	-2.4	-1.7
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	48.53	-2.0	-10.4
American Funds FdmlInvsA m	61.28	-9.4	+3.8
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	51.55	-9.1	+7.0
American Funds IncAmrcA m	22.66	+0.4	+2.1
American Funds InvAmrcA m	39.62	+5.6	+5.1
American Funds NewWldA m	60.42	+3.5	-7.7
American Funds NwPrsctvA m	42.78	-6.0	...
American Funds SmpCpWldA m	54.17	-8.3	+5
American Funds TheNewEcoA m	45.04	-5.1	+1.5
American Funds WAMtlInvsA m	45.42	-3.7	+9.1
Baird AggregateBdInstl	10.40	+0.4	-1.8
Baird CorPlusBdInstl	10.73	+0.3	-1.6
BlackRock GlbAlclInclInstl	18.96	+0.4	-1.8
BlackRock StrIncCpInsl	9.64	-0.3	+4
DFA EmktCorEq	19.68	+2.9	-10.3
DFA EmktSvllInstl	27.75	+4.0	-5.2
DFA FyYrGlbEqInsl	10.92	+0.2	+7
DFA IntlCorEqInsl	12.63	-1.9	-8.1
DFA IntlSmCoInstl	18.29	-4.5	-9.1
DFA IntlSmCpVallns	19.01	-4.7	-12.5
DFA USCorEqInsl	21.00	-3.6	+6.4
DFA USCorEqInslInstl	23.47	-3.2	+5.2
DFA USLgCpVallnst	37.99	-4.8	+4.0
DFA USSMCPInsl	35.41	-4.6	+3.3
DFA USSMCPVallnst	36.76	-5.8	+1.8

DENTAL IMPLANTS IMPROVE PERSONAL HEALTH



An EON Clinics patient before and after

Have you ever been afraid to smile?

Are you unhappy with the way your teeth look? Are you having trouble eating? As dental implants become increasingly popular, patients discover that they can achieve a lot more than just to repair a smile. There are numerous quality of life benefits that result from the procedure.

The vast majority of prosthodontists agree that dental implants are the best choice for natural and effective tooth restoration, regardless of the state of your jaw. Patients who suffer from severe bone loss may still be a candidate for dental implants.

Get your smile back!

Dental implants simulate the roots of a natural tooth. The implants work to keep the bone strengthened which, in turn, keeps your jaw from thinning. Dental implants not only repair beautiful smiles, but they also maintain the natural structure of the face.

Are dental implants a safe option?

It's understandable to be concerned about your safety with such a major life-changing procedure. Dental implants are one of the safest and most effective treatments for tooth replacement. Much like your natural teeth, dental im-

plants will last for as long as you care for them.

The dental implant procedure is delicately handled by our expert team and completely secure. We make sure the smallest details are handled correctly, ensuring the highest level of comfort and minimizing any risks for our patients.

Eating can be easier.

You can enjoy eating again! Dental implants allow patients to chew as they once did with their natural teeth. Attempting to chew without teeth can cause gum irritation and can cause food to stick to the gums. With dental implants, you can chew without fear of dentures slipping or loose teeth falling out. You can enjoy your meal without food scratching at or sticking to your gums.

With every tooth that is lost you lose ten percent chewing ability. Many patients who have lost teeth tell us about the difficulties they have with eating, whether it's severe discomfort or a lack of nourishment. With dental implants, you will experience significant improvement in your diet. Eating nutritious foods will no longer be complicated or uncomfortable but enjoyable!

Dental implants improve your self-esteem.

Don't be afraid to smile! Dental implants function and look just like your natural teeth. No needs to worry about hiding your teeth when you smile or having your teeth fall out while you're eating. Feel comfortable going out to dinner with friends or smiling bright for family photos. Many patients who complete the implant procedure state they feel better overall. You should be proud of your smile! Dental implants can improve your appearance and make your day-to-day life more comfortable.

Better health.

Many people who have gingivitis suffer from missing teeth or poor oral care. Decreasing the gaps and decaying teeth in your mouth will decrease the areas for bacteria to spread. By decreasing bacteria growth, you can decrease the chances of oral diseases spreading within your mouth. Dental implants, when given basic care, can improve your oral health significantly. In addition to decreasing your gaps and decaying teeth, implants can help stop the spread of gingivitis and other oral diseases.

They are easy to maintain.

Dental implants are easy to clean just like your natural teeth. They can be cleaned with a toothbrush and a water flosser. Just as with natural teeth, it is best to floss and brush two times a day to prevent bacteria spread and plaque buildup.

Are you a candidate?

The great news is nearly everyone is a candidate for dental implants. One aspect prosthodontists look at to qualify you for dental implants is your jaw bone. In order to have successful implants you must have enough healthy bone to hold your implant. When you lose your teeth, the bone under the gum begins to thin. This process is called bone resorption. For patients who have experienced bone resorption, a treatment called bone grafting can graft bone tissue onto your jaw. Because this is possible, dental implants are a great option for nearly every jaw!

Your dental implants can last forever!

Once you've made the decision to invest in a perfect smile, make sure that investment lasts forever! By maintaining good oral hygiene, quitting smoking, and continuing your dental checkups, you can keep your dental implants for life. Regardless of whether you get one dental implant or a full set, it is recommended that you get a cleaning at least twice a year.

What do dental implants feel like?

Many patients never receive the treatment they need because they fear the dental implant procedure. When undergoing your dental implant treatment, you are placed to sleep with a local anesthetic. Though titanium is implanted into your bone, there is no lingering taste of metal. Some patients have described minor discomfort after the surgery, especially after the first few attempts to eat, usually in the form of soreness. After the healing process continues, however, and you've become accustomed to your new smile, your mouth will feel completely normal. When your mouth starts to heal, you will notice just how much your dental implants feel like natural teeth.

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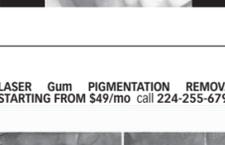
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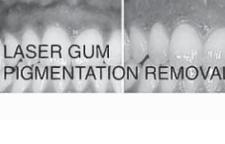
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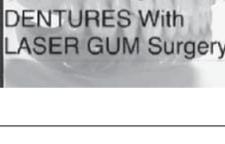
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JOB SEARCH ADVICE

Returning to job market after absence? Things have changed

Jumping back into the job market can be tough under any circumstances but if you haven't actively looked for a job in more than 10 years, you're going to be in for a rude awakening. "Everything was different," says James Trandel, a leasing agent from Illinois. "I used to think I could just count on my skills and my experiences but I was off on a lot of things. I didn't even have a LinkedIn account. It was a rude awakening."

Trandel says he figured it out and used new networking skills to find a new job, thanks to help from his son and neighbor. "I have to say it was exciting to figure out an entirely new strategy," he says. "Intimidating at first, but exciting."

If you've been out of the job market for an extended period of time, here are some things to consider from several career experts:

are looking for diverse skill sets and educational backgrounds vs. specialized degrees or narrow work experience. If you have a psychology, political science or English degree what do you do? How can you find a career? First, identify your transferrable skills. In other words, important skills that you possess that you will use throughout your career, regardless of your job title. Skills like critical thinking, time management, effective communication, leadership and more. Then develop your value proposition. Using real-life examples, bring your transferrable skills to life by citing actual situations where you've produced positive results using them. Finally, build and use your network. In addition to social media platforms like LinkedIn, actively use your personal networks."

-Bob LaBombard, CEO, GradStaff, Minneapolis

Your boss may be younger than you

"When you meet management, leadership and new colleagues, realize that they very well might be younger than you and do things differently than you used to. That was then and this is now so throw yourself into it. The recruiters, interviewers and your bosses might not look or act like anything you remember from back in the day. Scope out offices, speak to people, visit friends workplaces, rent space in a co-working space and see what the work environments of today feel like and how they operate. Create a strategy to show how the skills you bring are relevant and an asset to the workplace and industry you're aiming for."

-Rebecca "Kiki" Weingarten, TradeCraftCoaching.com, New York

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"If you've been out of the job market for some time, there's almost a culture shock that accompanies looking for a new job. The job-seeking strategies of the past no longer apply—phone calls, hitting the sidewalk and going door-to-door; all outdated. In 2016, it's social media and the internet. You need to make sure your expertise can be found online, which means keyword optimization. Many recruiters are using online tools and searching for keywords to find candidates, and missing keywords can sink your chances of getting a call. Put your recruiter's hat on and ask yourself what you would type if trying to fill the position for which you are applying. Fill your résumé and profiles with the appropriate, industry-specific verbiage."

-Kate Zabriskie, founder, Business Training Works, Inc., Washington, D.C.

—Marco Buscaglia, Careers

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Date & Time: 12/5/2018 at 1:00PM

Reference: V 18-57
Subject Property: 5711 Howard Ave, La Grange Highlands, IL
Variance Request: reduce lot area, reduce right interior side, corner side & reduce rear yard setbacks

Reference: V 18-58
Subject Property: 5840 Blackstone Ave, La Grange Highlands, IL
Variance Request: reduce front yard, corner side yard & rear yard setbacks

Reference: V 18-59
Subject Property: 142 E. Morrison Ave, Mt. Prospect, IL
Variance Request: reduce right & left interior side yard setbacks

Reference: V 18-60
Subject Property: 14020 Selva Ln, Orland Park, IL
Variance Request: reduce lot area, reduce lot width, reduce corner side yard & rear yard setbacks & increase height of a proposed detached garage

Reference: V 18-61
Subject Property: 3800 W. 116th Pl, Garden Homes, IL
Variance Request: increase height of fence

Reference: V 18-62
Subject Property: 1909 W. 55th Pl, La Grange, IL
Variance Request: reduce right & left interior side & front yard setbacks

Reference: V 18-63
Subject Property: 4808 S. Lorel Ave Chicago, IL
Variance Request: reduce both interior side yard & front yard setbacks

Reference: V 18-64
Subject Property: 3800 Countryside Ln, Glenview, IL
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Reference: V 18-65
Subject Property: 15540 115th Ct., Orland Park, IL
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2. Look for the right projects

Everyone's schedules are erratic during the holidays. If you're stuck working when everyone else is out of office, use the peace

Being mindful about distractions and staying focused will make you more relaxed throughout the holiday season. You'll probably find you're way ahead of the game once the fun is over and everybody's back at work.

and quiet to get work done on your pet projects and big picture tasks. And don't forget that holiday parties and lingering team lunches can be a great networking opportunity, rather than a waste of time.

3. Don't take it home

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"It's just a natural thing. People are replaced," says James Trindle, a social worker who specializes in workplace relationships. "Any time you get a new boss, it can be hard on the employees who had developed a relationship with the previous person but it's important to remember that there will be co-workers who welcome the chance to work with someone new."

Trindle says the biggest issues stem from new bosses who have an aggressive style of management or those who have no desire to sit in the background until the company comfort level turns to their favor. "People with larger-than-life personalities tend to attract relationships that are a lot like their own," says Trindle. "Those bosses tend to be pretty polarizing figures." **How to deal with the scenario:**

1. Remember, the job is king: Want to keep paying the mortgage? Then get over it. Your company has predetermined goals and needs that you'll have to continue to address. That's not saying a new boss won't come in and upset the apple cart a bit but until you know for sure, it's best to keep plugging away at your work. There will be plenty of time to play the role of omery employee later.

2. You won't always work for people you like: If you haven't worked for someone who isn't a particular favorite, then consider yourself lucky. Most workers can toil under a boss or manager that they disagree with for years and many of them do just fine financially, socially and even psychologically if they're able to keep their work life separate from their home life. While it's always nice to like your manager, we're talking about your boss here, not your

husband, wife, mother, father or friend. Besides, everyone needs a few "bad boss" stories.

3. Stay neutral: Keep your opinions to yourself the first few weeks. While there will be a certain degree of water-cooler talk, you'll never know who is on the ins and who is on the outs with the new regime. The last thing you want to do is badmouth your new boss to a person who is welcome to the change in management or is someone the new boss knows or trusts. Remember, people don't always let their co-workers know when they recommended a friend or previous co-worker for a position.

4. Be proactive. Don't wait for your new manager to come to you to find out about your million-dollar idea. If you have a new boss, consider it a new opportunity to make some inroads within the company. The bottom line is that any boss, whether he or she has a combative personality or is the real-life version of Ned Flanders, wants to look good and wants to succeed. And just because your boss is a jerk doesn't mean he or she isn't smart. They have goals and you can play a small or large part in helping to achieve them.

5. Know when to cut your losses. Sometimes, you're just going to run into people who aren't particularly nice. And some of them may be vindictive, angry and potentially abusive. If you're dreading each workday, find a new job. If you're putting on weight and experiencing health issues, find a new job. While some people can compartmentalize work, others cannot. So if you find that you're miserable with your new supervisor, you should leave, even if it means leaving a job, a company and co-workers you love. And remember, don't be afraid to report harmful behavior to your HR department. Even if you're on the way out the door, your warnings may be helpful to others.

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STRONG COMMUNICATION SKILLS ESSENTIAL TO CAREER

It's practically a cliché to complain about the overuse of technology in today's society: Kids spend too much time on their phones, adults prefer electronic communication over personal communication and everyone is intent on passing on key information in as few characters as possible. Even important messages are conveyed with minimal effort.

While technology is essential in the workplace, more employees are beginning to realize the limits of digital conversation and are trying a get-back-to-basics approach to dealing with others. Much of that approach is based on not only listening to people in face-to-face conversations but also on hearing what they actually have to say. After all, all the knowledge in the world is useless unless you're responding to the actual concerns or questions of the person seeking your assistance. To do that, you need to set aside your predetermined answer and actually listen to what your co-worker, client or patient has to say.

"Communication is important to any relationship you're in, whether it's with friends or with family or with co-workers," says Aileen Hetherington, an orthopedic technologist with Loyola University Health System in Maywood, Illinois. "You can have all the skills in the world but if you can't communicate with a person or relate to her as if she were your own family member, you're not doing your job."

Forget counting characters

Dr. Mark Goulston, an executive-level workforce adviser and author of "Talking to 'Crazy' — How to Deal with the Irrational and Impossible People in Your Life," says it's easy to discount the importance of in-person conversations, especially when we have so many options to communicate with others. But that doesn't mean it's good practice to only engage in technology-enabled correspondence. "It's wonderful to keep in touch with friends and family on your phone or computer but it's not like the real thing, and the same goes for your co-workers," says Goulston. "Those conversations that take place face-to-face — those are the ones that strengthen us and sustain us. They're not limited to a few lines of text or a quick photo. People speak to each other, listen to each other and build on their conversations, and when they do that, they build their relationships."

Sherry Turkle, professor of the Social Studies of Science and Technology at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and author of "Reclaiming Conversation: The Power of Talk in a Digital Age," spoke about the difference between digital and in-person communication in a popular TED talk, emphasizing how the convenience of texts and emails can create sterile, limited conversations.

"Human relationships are rich and they're messy and they're demanding. And we clean them up with technology. And when we do, one of the things that can happen is that we sacrifice conversation for mere connection,"



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Turkle says in her speech in Long Beach, California, which has been viewed more than 4 million times. "We short-change ourselves. And over time, we seem to forget this, or we seem to stop caring."

Setting the example

John Rivera, an administrative assistant in Oakland, Calif., says the employees at his firm have become so dependent on emails and texts that he feels like no one knows each other. "We know the 'work' person but not the 'real' person," says Rivera, 31. "And that's pretty sad."

While Rivera says he doesn't particularly blame anyone for the lack of personal communication among his co-workers, he says he wishes his supervisors would "be a little more consistent" when it comes to setting the tone on how to balance digital and actual conversation. "You can't have it both ways. You can't tell people to talk to each other and then do everything you can personally do not to engage people in actual conversation," Rivera says. "We had a manager tell people how they need to communicate more with each other during meetings and when someone else was speaking, he sent an email out — during the meeting — that asked for ideas on a new project."

At first, Rivera says he and other meeting attendees thought their boss was trying to make a point. "But he wasn't," Rivera says. "He had a thought while someone else was speaking and he wanted to act on it right away so his first thought was to send out an email."

In "Reclaiming Conversation," Turkle writes that today's managers shoulder much of the responsibility for prioritizing in-person communication at the workplace. "In the day-to-day, managers need to make conversations the norm. Showing up to a face-to-face meeting should not feel that it requires an act of courage. It should feel like business as usual," Turkle writes. "In conversation, people build trust, get information and build connections that help them get their work done. Because we know this

by heart, we too often take it for granted and give ourselves permission to put it out of mind. To reclaim conversation, we have to be explicit and make conversation a value at every level of an organization and in organizations of every size."

Turkle writes that managers often send mixed messages to their employees on the importance of prioritizing face-to-face communication. "Managers drop out of meetings to email or play games. They take out their phones during lunch and coffee breaks with the professionals they supervise," she writes. "I think of my own professional environment. If faculty members email during faculty meetings, and we do, the fact that students text during class seems less shocking; we are all part of the same culture."

Learning experience

While Erica Poppe acknowledges she learned numerous things about sales, marketing and the food-service business in school, the director of sales at Spiaggia in Chicago, says she gained essential knowledge about her industry while waiting tables. "That's when you have to think on your feet. You're part of a face-to-face conversation with someone and you have to be ready to communicate in a professional manner. But it's personal, not over the phone or through an email. You're right there in it," Poppe says. "I learned by asking questions, listening to our customers, listening to the chefs and keeping my eyes and ears open to new ideas that could improve the overall experience."

Rivera has a similar opinion. "I can read all the employee handbooks in the world but I'm the first person who people talk to when they need a stapler, time off for vacation or have questions about the firm's paternity leave when they're about to have a baby," he says. "Most of those conversations are at my desk. I can ask questions, get more details and make sure they can get what they need. I can't do that in an email."

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But here they are. In Week 11. With first place on the line.

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OPENING SHOT

Steve Rosenbloom

So, I guess the answer is yes, Cody Parkey can make a field goal if you lock him in Soldier Field by himself all night. More Rosenbloom, **Page 2**



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STEVE ROSENBLIOM

Trubisky taking his shots

Yeah, Mitch Trubisky seems to be too nice of a guy to be firing shots, but sorry, his comments talking up this year's division-leading Bears and new coach Matt Nagy come off as darts aimed at John Fox, the crotchety, soul-crushing former coach who presided over three straight last-place finishes.

"This is what we worked for, and this is how we envisioned the turnaround happening," Trubisky said. "We have the right head guy in here. Coach Nagy is definitely leading the charge, and we just have the right guys in our locker room to change the culture around, just the belief and the trust in each other and coming to work every day, putting the work in. And then just going and executing it on Sunday to be able to produce wins."

"It's a great vibe around the building now. The culture has definitely changed, and there's a better vibe around the city in how people view the Bears. Hopefully people are proud of what we're doing because we're definitely proud of each other and the work we put in and what we're doing on the field. We just want to keep getting better and keep that good thing going."

If we're gauging Trubisky's improvement — and that's all we do around here — then he has become as slick at indicting Fox's grumpy, losing, hopeless era as he is directing the Bears new dangerous, entertaining, first-place offense.

Now the question is this: Can Trubisky quarterback well enough to save Ryan Pace from being fired for signing Cody Parkey and every other lame kicker the GM has foisted on the Bears since he cut the franchise's all-time leading scorer, Robbie Gould?

Nagy said there was "zero chance" the Bears would bring in kickers for tryouts after Parkey hit the upright four times, and I'm wondering, how do the real football players on the Bears roster feel about that?

Shh, don't tell Pace that Gould kicked a 53-yarder Monday night.

Shh, don't tell Pace that Parkey has missed more field goals in nine games this year than Gould has missed since Pace cut him three seasons ago.

Upon further review, Pace stuck with Fox longer than he did with Gould.



Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky (10) said "it's a great vibe around the building now," and he wasn't talking about the John Fox era. BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears special teams coordinator Chris Tabor said he believes in Parkey. Like he has a choice.

Email From Stephen F.: "If Tyler Chatwood can kick, that should be Theo's first phone call of the winter meetings."

The Bears went with four wide receivers last Sunday instead of dressing Kevin White, and it turned out Trubisky had a career day while White must wonder if he ever will have a career.

The Choice (and remember, death is not an option): Fox Sports' Chris Myers trying to get names right when that's his job as the play-by-play-broadcaster or Fox Sports' Dick Stockton trying to get names right when that's his job as the play-by-play broadcaster?

Can you believe the Bears lost to the Packers?

The Packers trailed the Seahawks by three points with four minutes to go Thursday night. They faced fourth-and-2 inside their 40 with one timeout. Interim coach Mike McCarthy punted, putting it on his lousy defense instead of letting Aaron Rodgers determine the team's fate. Now that Bears loss to the Packers looks even worse.

Wendell Carter Jr.'s comments to NBC Sports Chicago after the Celtics panted the Bulls on Wednesday night screamed of a rookie asking for veteran leadership, and I'm thinking, they tried that with Jimmy Butler and Dwyane Wade, and how did that work out for everyone?

Just the fact that Carter has to comment on a lack of tightness among those in uniform coming out of huddles and other times is yet another indictment of Bulls personnel evaluators. Quick, someone ask John Paxson and Gar Forman who evaluates personnel.

What's up, Bobby Wade?

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Tight end Adam Shaheen is ready to go after suffering a right foot injury Aug. 18. CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

BEARS

Shaheen set to return from IR

The Bears activated Adam Shaheen from injured reserve Saturday, enabling him to play Sunday night against the Vikings at Soldier Field.

To make room on the active roster for the second-year tight end, the Bears put tight end Dion Sims (concussion) on IR.

Shaheen suffered a right foot injury Aug. 18 in a preseason game against the Broncos. He remained on the active roster when it was cut down to 53 players, which made him eligible to return from injured reserve.

Before Shaheen got hurt, he demonstrated growth as a receiver and blocker in training camp. The Bears expect him to use his 6-foot-6 frame and strength to be a pass-catching threat in the red zone, and that at least was the case during preseason practices.

As a rookie out of Division II Ashland University in Ohio, Shaheen caught only 12 passes for 127 yards. But his three touchdown receptions led the Bears.

This season, with Trey Burton entrenched as the "U" tight end — which is more of a receiving role in coach Matt Nagy's offense — Shaheen projects as a "Y" (more traditional in-line) tight end.

Sims, meanwhile, will miss his second consecutive game after suffering a concussion Nov. 4 against the Bills. In his second season with the Bears and sixth in the NFL, Sims has only two receptions for 9 yards.

— Rich Campbell

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If Russell wants to be a Cub, he has some explaining to do



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

Nobody doubts the sincerity Cubs President Theo Epstein expressed recently over the sensitivity surrounding the future of Addison Russell, the shortstop suspended 40 games in September for violating Major League Baseball's domestic-violence policy.

But while Epstein sounded surprisingly open to the idea of bringing Russell back in 2019, and Scott Boras, Russell's agent, acted as if he expects that to happen, we have yet to hear from the person with the most riding on a potential return.

That would be Russell. Accepting the suspension is a far cry from openly acknowledging what he did to deserve it. After Russell's ex-wife, Melisa Reidy, accused Russell of domestic abuse in a late September blog post, he issued a statement denying any wrongdoing. At the time, Cubs officials stated he also privately professed his innocence.

If Russell has rehabilitated himself through counseling to the point Epstein feels comfortable reconsidering the team's stance, then the 24-year-old should realize the importance of taking responsibility with his own voice. Not until Russell takes that important step of speaking for himself should anybody entertain the idea of seeing him in a Cubs uniform again — and maybe not even then, depending on how sincerely he handles the situation. Judging him in the court of public opinion before that happens would be a little like letting the jury deliberate before hearing from the most crucial witness.

The Cubs' cluttered offseason agenda requires more clarity regarding Russell before proceeding too aggressively. A Nov. 30 deadline looms to decide whether to tender Russell a contract that could be worth \$4 million after arbitration, and the iffy status of a former All-Star infielder affects how the team will approach free agency.

But before the Cubs can consider the baseball implications of Russell's status, they need assurances from Russell.

Epstein appeared earnest at the general managers meetings last week in California when he referred to Russell violating the league's domestic-violence policy as an incident that "happened on our watch." When the Cubs traded for Russell in July 2014, he was a 20-year-old Double-A infielder. Russell made his major-league debut nine months later, maturing quickly on the field — if not off it. Whether the Cubs could have done more to help Russell stay on the straight and narrow was a question Epstein asked rhetorically — and refreshingly — when addressing reporters.

"We take credit when players grow up and experience great success on and off the field, and we feel proud of playing a small part of that, (but) when a player has something in their life that goes the other direction or does something that you're not proud of, does that mean you should automatically cut bait and move on and have it be somebody else's problem, or maybe society's problem?" Epstein said.

"Or do you explore the possibility of staying connected to that player with the hope of rehabilitation, including a lot of verification along the way?"

The Cubs hardly have earned the benefit of the doubt on such weighty matters. Manager Joe Maddon acted too cavalierly in the days following Russell's suspension by suggesting he had no reason to read Reidy's blog.

In 2016, of course, the Cubs rationalized renting shutdown closer Aroldis Chapman, whom MLB had suspended 30 games for violating its domestic-violence policy, and Chapman helping them win a World Series gradually turned jeers into cheers.

A cynic would say Epstein, looking at his roster, shrewdly floated a trial balloon last week to see how accepting fans might be to the idea of welcoming Russell back. A fair-minded soul would say Epstein, examining his conscience, simply filibustered until Russell demonstrated more reason to believe in his rehabilitation. A pragmatist would see how both statements could be true.

Domestic violence isn't just the Cubs' problem. Or Russell's. Or Epstein's. Or Maddon's. Domestic violence, as they say, is everyone's problem. The solution is long and complicated, but at least Epstein wants to be part of it.

The Cubs could welcome Russell back after he serves the final 28 games of his suspension. They could trade Russell over the winter to a team that would provide a change of scenery, even if his value never has been lower. They could release Russell if he fails to meet conditions the team sets.

They will continue to consider all possibilities and seek a compromise as part of their due diligence, perhaps a resolution that finds the middle ground between overreacting to public pressure and underestimating the backlash of bringing Russell back. If one exists.

"The only determination we've made is that we need to be part of the solution," Epstein said. "Everything remains an open question."

Only one person can help answer it to everyone's satisfaction, and his name isn't Epstein.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL



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NOTRE DAME 36, SYRACUSE 3

Orange feeling squeezed

Irish rout No. 12 Syracuse, draw closer to berth in College Football Playoff



TEDDY GREENSTEIN
On Notre Dame

NEW YORK — Notre Dame fans can put down the pitchforks. The school's decision to move this game from South Bend to the Bronx did not derail its perfect season.

The Irish's dominant 36-3 victory over Syracuse at Yankee Stadium cemented what we've known about this team for weeks: There are no holes in its lineup.

Passing game, pass rush, special teams, forcing turnovers, hitting with runners in scoring position (oh wait) ... the Irish have it all.

The nation's No. 3 team has accumulated 11 victories against teams from six conferences — hot teams (Northwestern), cold teams (Florida State), disciplined teams (Navy), brainy teams (Stanford), rowdy teams (Virginia Tech), rush-heavy teams (Pittsburgh), pass-happy teams (Syracuse) and otherwise unbeaten teams (Michigan).

All that stands in the way of the College Football Playoff is a decidedly mediocre team. USC, which fell to 5-6 with a 34-27 loss to lowly UCLA, will host Notre Dame on Nov. 24 in prime time.

Asked if the Irish should be considered national title favorites with Alabama and Clemson, coach Brian Kelly put it like this: "We played a triple-option team (Navy), a very physical team in Northwestern, Florida State with a spread offense and Syracuse. ... We've had to do a lot of things in November. The only message that we would like to get out is: We're playing pretty good football."



HOWARD SIMMONS/AP

Notre Dame's Aloi Gilman intercepts a pass, above, and quarterback Ian Book congratulates wide receiver Chase Claypool (83) after an Irish touchdown Saturday in New York.

Yeah, you could say that. Syracuse coach Dino Babers called Notre Dame "a fantastic football team. ... I can't even remember the score, it was so dominating. Notre Dame is better than what people think they are."

The Orange offense entered Saturday ranked sixth in the FBS with 444 points per game. They were ranked 12th, winners of four straight. And yet they came within a

last-second field goal of getting blanked. Syracuse starting quarterback Eric Dungey exited after getting sandwiched by three Irish defenders in the first quarter.

Backup Tommy DeVito had an equally miserable day, finishing 14 of 31 for 105 yards with two interceptions. He was sacked on back-to-back plays in the third quarter, with Drue Tranquill and Julian Okwara getting home. Okwara was so quick, left

GAME 12
Notre Dame at USC
7 p.m. Saturday, ABC-7

tackle Cody Conway barely touched him. Irish QB Ian Book sat out last week with sore ribs. Safe to say he feels better.

"He is really slippery, like an eel," said Babers, who also called Book a "jackrabbit." He completed 23 of 37 passes for 292 yards for two scores, showing his wisdom, patience and mobility on the fourth-and-1 play in the third quarter. He rolled right and waited for tight end Cole Kmet to get free, then rifled one to him along the sideline.

Receiver Chase Claypool (six catches, 98 yards) said of the 6-foot Book: "He's not only elusive, he keeps his eyes downfield when he's scrambling. No one expects that he can actually take off and run. ... Yeah, he's a small white guy. But he's quick."

With about eight minutes to play, Syracuse's Andre Szmyt clanked one off an upright from 23 yards.

Shutout preserved — and the subway alums in the sellout crowd of 48,104 loved it. One of them played the school fight song on his phone as the No. 4 train approached Yankee Stadium nearly three hours before kickoff. Syracuse is about a four-hour drive from Yankee Stadium and has a huge alumni base in the city, but Notre Dame had at least three-quarters of the crowd. One fan wore a blue "FDNY" fire department sweatshirt with the interlocking ND.

Szmyt, though, put one through with 10 seconds to play.

"A good kick by the kicker; he made it," Irish defensive back Julian Love said with a smile.

"That is a great statement win by us," Love added.

Shutout gone ... but the perfect season remains intact.

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THREE TAKEAWAYS NORTHWESTERN 24, MINNESOTA 14

Hall, Thorson steer West champs clear of trap

BY SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

Northwestern managed to avoid a let-down with a 24-14 victory against Minnesota a week after the Wildcats' emotional Big Ten West-clinching win.

Before the game Saturday, the No. 22 Wildcats (7-4, 7-1) rushed onto the field shirtless in frigid weather at TCF Bank Stadium, then played a solid game to maintain their momentum. They have one game left, against Illinois, before they play in their first Big Ten championship game.

Isaiah Bowser rushed for 85 yards and two touchdowns, and the NU defense turned three turnovers by Minnesota quarterback Tanner Morgan into 10 points. Here are three takeaways:

1. Nate Hall had an eventful day. The senior linebacker was active from the start. His two interceptions were the highlight for the Wildcats, who have now won 11 straight against division opponents. He also made a key fourth-and-1 stop of Seth Green at the Northwestern 26-yard line.

But he was ejected for targeting in the fourth quarter after a helmet-to-helmet hit against Gophers quarterback Tanner Morgan.

"Nate was not trying to target," NU coach Pat Fitzgerald told reporters after the game. "He was trying to make a tackle and turn away."

The call will force him to sit out of next week's home game. With so many dinged-up players on defense, Hall's absence will be especially notable.

BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
Northwestern vs. Michigan/Ohio St.
Dec. 1 in Indianapolis | 7 p.m. | FOX-32



Michigan plays at Ohio State at 11 a.m. Saturday for the East Division title.

2. Clayton Thorson upped his game. The senior quarterback's previous four games had been pedestrian. He had failed to reach 200 passing yards, with completion percentages in the 50-percent range and five interceptions to three touchdown passes.

Against Minnesota he bounced back, completing 15 of 21 passes for 230 yards and his highest quarterback rating (163.4) of the season.

The Wildcats will need that type of performance in the postseason as the competition level rises in Indy and at their bowl game.

3. Defense remains dominant. Hall's two interceptions and Joe Gaziano's strip sack and fumble recovery emphasized the big-play ability of Northwestern's defense.

Even with the secondary missing three injured starters, the defense delivered.

The Wildcats held Minnesota to 15 on third and fourth downs, including 0-for-3 on fourth downs. They especially buckled down when the Gophers (5-6, 2-6) reached deep into NU territory.

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ILLINOIS

BASKETBALL

A dandy since diapers

Freshman sensation **Ayo Dosunmu** was playing basketball when everybody else was playing with toys

BY SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

CHAMPAIGN — Ayo Dosunmu's father was driving him to another basketball practice when he turned and asked in a serious tone: "What are your goals for the next three years? How do you see your basketball career taking shape?"

It was not unusual for Quam Dosunmu to delve into big-picture talks with his children, urging them to think beyond that day's practice or classroom lessons. There was a blueprint in the Dosunmu household, and on that day, Ayo began seriously to sketch his basketball path.

He answered his dad and saved those goals in his iCloud, his digital safe where he stores his loftiest dreams as reminders. At the top of the plan: Earn a scholarship from a high-major college program.

"Ever since that day, it was, 'Let's go harder,'" said Dosunmu, who played at Morgan Park. "Let's push a little harder."

Since childhood, Dosunmu hasn't shrunk from high standards. So it figures he's not rattled by a role others have hoisted onto the freshman: Savior of Illinois Basketball.

Just two games into his college career, Dosunmu has taken over games and won over fans.

In-state recruits have toyed with Illinois fans' emotions for years. Heartbreak after heartbreak has come their way.

Chicago-area players such as Cliff Alexander and Jalen Brunson snubbed the Illini for out-of-state powerhouse programs. Highly touted signees such as Jereme Richmond dissolved into disasters in Champaign or jumped ship like Mark Smith, who transferred last spring after one season. Above-average players such as Brandon Paul played on below-average teams.

Not since Dee Brown — another charismatic, supremely talented player from Chicago who wore No. 11 for the Illini — arrived in 2002 from Proviso East have Illinois fans felt so justifiably convinced about a player's potential. Dosunmu is wasting no time validating their beliefs.

It's not just that the athletic, 6-foot-5 guard — the top-rated recruit in the state in the Class of 2018 — chose the Illini. He says he is "destined" to lead them back to prominence.

"This is what I signed up for," Dosunmu said earlier this week after taking an extra 20 minutes of shots after practice. "I know a lot of people would not take the route I took. A lot of people wouldn't come play for their home state. Maybe some want to ride the boat or play certain minutes. I came to help coach (Brad) Underwood turn the program around."

While it has been only two games, Dosunmu seems less like a tease and more like a promise. The tests get harder as Illinois (1-1) opens play Monday in the Maui Invitational against No. 3 Gonzaga.

He has averaged 21.5 points and shot 58.6 percent in a rout of Evansville and a close loss to Georgetown. He defends ferociously. His hands are as quick as a blackjack dealer's when making a steal. He sees teammates on the court as if he has been playing with them for two years, not two games.

He's a slasher to the rim but makes it look smooth.

"That's why I call him 'Silk,'" said Deon Thomas, the school's career scoring leader and now an analyst on Illini radio broadcasts.

"#11 looks good out there," Brown, now an assistant coach at UIC, tweeted during Tuesday's Georgetown game.



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"This is not something I just woke up and said I wanted to do. My dad, my whole life, prepared me for this."

— Ayo Dosunmu

Hoyas coach Patrick Ewing, the former Georgetown and Knicks great, recruited Dosunmu. After Tuesday's game, he said: "You have to give a compliment where a compliment is due. He's a very good player, and he's going to continue to get better."

What impressed Underwood the most was that Dosunmu, 18, shouldered the blame for the loss when it was plainly clear he was the most outstanding player.

"He doesn't have anything to hang his head about," Underwood said. "The thing that excites me about Ayo is his growth. Look what he's doing already."

Dosunmu doesn't consider this "already."

"This is not something I just woke up and said I wanted to do," he said. "My dad, my whole life, prepared me for this."



'Something special'

To understand where Dosunmu is now, go back to when he was 3 and living near Country Club Hills. When he and his brother Kube, who is 17 months older, played Biddy Basketball, children inevitably ran with the ball, the referees shrugging off their blatant travels.

Not the Dosunmu boys. "My dad said, 'No, you have to dribble,'" Ayo said. "He would say, 'Give the ball to the other team.' Everyone's out here running with the ball, and I have to dribble."

The focus on basketball and family intensified through the years. Quam said he taught Kube a few basketball skills in the family basement one evening, then returned to see 3-year-old Ayo executing the drills perfectly.

"I got tears in my eyes," Quam said. "I knew I had something special."

No sleepovers. No hanging out at the mall. No class trip to Six Flags Great America in seventh grade. No movie nights.

Ayo was up as early as 5:30 to run with his father and brother. Quam, wife Jamarra and their four children ate dinner together every night. No gaming systems except on the weekends, and if he earned a C, not even then.

He took extra shots. He watched "SportsCenter" and Googled players from the 1980s and '90s to learn more about them and how to apply their skills to his game.

MAUI INVITATIONAL
Illinois vs. Gonzaga
10:30 p.m. Monday, ESPN2

"When he was 3 and 4, I wasn't saying he's going to be in the NBA," Quam said. "It was: 'We're going to learn the proper technique. We're going to learn to play the right way.'"

Did he ever whine about missing out on the usual frivolities of teenage life?

"I love basketball," Ayo said.

After one massive snowstorm, his parents asked him to shovel, but he cleared only the backyard court to practice jumpers in boots.

His competitiveness multiplied in high school, starting out at Westinghouse as a freshman and then at Morgan Park.

His father resigned after 30 years as a UPS manager to devote time to seeing Ayo's talent come to fruition. He served as an assistant coach during Ayo's freshman and senior seasons of high school.

"I'm going to be at every game," Quam said he told his son.

'Why not us?'

Dosunmu had a 60-point game last December in the high-profile Tarkanian Classic in Las Vegas and helped Morgan Park win two IHSA Class 3A titles, setting the 3A state-final record with 28 points in 2018. He averaged 9.5 points to help Team USA win the gold medal in the FIBA Americas Under-18 Championship in June.

Morgan Park coach Nick Irvin would stick Dosunmu on opponents' best offensive players. His competitiveness was rare.

"Win or lose, he would work on his game," Irvin said. "Doing extra sprints and suicides, lifting weights. He just had the extra drive."

As his profile skyrocketed and he received more than 30 scholarship offers and earned a five-star rating from recruiting websites, his family took an insular approach to recruiting, guarding against outside influences.

"We (were) going to make a decision as a family," Dosunmu said. "Everyone gave input."

He whittled it to Wake Forest and Illinois before announcing his decision in October 2017 at the Jordan Brand store downtown, where Kanye West's "Homecoming" played.

"Illinois just checked all the boxes," Dosunmu said.

Playing close to home, where his family can easily attend games, was important. Underwood's tough-love style and fast-paced offense also appealed.

"We had an action plan," Quam said. "We weighed pros and cons. It was: 'We're going to show you all the information. You listen and read it. It's your decision. This is your plan, son. We all work for you.'"

Dosunmu still is thinking big picture. He mentioned at his commitment announcement that he aimed to be a one-and-done college player, but this week he said his focus is solely on Illinois' season. He mentions building a "brand." Though he's infrequently on social media, he uses the hashtag #WhyNotMe.

"Why can't I be a leader?" he said. "Why can't I have an impact as a freshman?"

When he selected Illinois, one message on social media stood out. Someone he didn't know criticized his choice and wrote that he never would win at Illinois.

"That motivated me," he said. "This is what I was destined for."

The goals saved in his iCloud now include making the Big Ten's all-freshman team and guiding the Illini to the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2013.

Before heading to a post-practice breakfast, he said he doesn't worry about his legacy. He just works on it, knowing it's intrinsically linked to Illinois' success.

"Now," Dosunmu said, "it's 'Why not us?'"

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FOOTBALL

Illinois loses 63-0 to Iowa, tying 112-year-old record

BY TERRY TOWERY
Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN — So much for Illinois' progress in Year 3 of the Lovie Smith era.

Iowa embarrassed the Illini 63-0 on Saturday, matching the worst loss in the program's 127-year history. The University of Chicago

also beat Illinois 63-0 in 1906.

Nate Stanley threw for 178 yards and three touchdowns and Mekhi Sargent and Toren Young had two rushing touchdowns each for the Hawkeyes (7-4, 4-4 Big Ten), who snapped a three-game skid and likely locked up a bowl bid.

Stanley completed 13 of 21

passes, including a pair of touchdown strikes to T.J. Hockenson and another to Noah Fant, and was intercepted once. Sargent ran for 121 yards on 17 carries.

A.J. Epenesa had a 19-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown and Kyle Groeneweg returned a punt 61 yards for a score.

AJ Bush went 12-for-28 passing

for 82 yards and two interceptions for Illinois (4-7, 2-6), which had four turnovers leading to 14 Iowa points. Ra'Von Bonner ran for 111 yards on 21 carries.

Reggie Corbin, the Illini's leading rusher who left last week's game against Nebraska with a right foot injury, appeared to reinjure it in the first half Saturday. He had

one carry for minus-4 yards.

Iowa outgained Illinois 400 yards to 231. The Hawkeyes led 7-0 after one quarter and scored three touchdowns in a span of 2 minutes, 7 seconds — including Epenesa's fumble return score and a blocked punt that set up the Hawkeyes at the Illini 11 — early in the second quarter to take control.

BEARS



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He's a serious talent

Bears WR **Allen Robinson**, 'a true professional,' has his game face on Monday through Sunday

BY COLLEEN KANE
Chicago Tribune

Adrian Amos recalls a few competitions with Allen Robinson that got heated.

Six years ago, before Robinson and Amos were Bears starters, the wide receiver and safety were roommates and training partners at Penn State.

They and four other Nittany Lions players dubbed themselves the "Supa Six," and Robinson and Amos often engaged in some sort of battle, whether video games or one-on-one drills.

"One of us would win and would be bragging too much," Amos said. "And the other would get mad and we'd get to wrestling. Or if you'd beat him, you'd have to play him three times after that."

Since Robinson joined the Bears on a three-year, \$42 million contract in March, coaches have lauded his businesslike approach to fitting into the offense. They call the 25-year-old serious and maybe a little introverted, at least around the coaches, but he asks questions when necessary and leads when he needs to.

"A true professional," coach Matt Nagy said Wednesday as the Bears geared up for their Sunday night game against the Vikings. "But he also has that inner fight in him that not a lot of people know about. So you challenge him, he has it in him, and I love that."

That's a running theme with people who have watched Robinson develop from a Detroit high school football and basketball star to a two-time Big Ten receiving leader to a prime target for Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky.

Robinson's serious approach to his craft and that "inner fight" go hand in hand. That showed up Sunday as he had his first 100-yard receiving game for the Bears in a 34-22 victory over the Lions.

"It actually may sound selfish, but the biggest thing for me is I don't want to fail at anything I do," Robinson said. "So being able to put myself in the best mental state and the best position to accomplish and be successful on Sundays is to be nothing but professional. If I was to go out there on Sundays and say, 'Dang, I should have done this or done that,' that's what would really keep me up at night. I know what I want to accomplish."

After two rocky years, he hopes he has reached a place in his career to accomplish it.

'Burying' the past

Robinson wears his competitiveness. Perhaps the most well-known of his 20-plus tattoos covers most of his right side.

It's an image of Robinson making a 36-yard catch in Penn State's quadruple-overtime victory over Michigan during his junior season in 2013. The acrobatic grab with 27 seconds to play in regulation brought the Nittany Lions to the 1-yard line, and they scored on the next play to tie it.

Robinson showed off the tattoo on Twitter in 2016, and former Michigan cornerback Channing Strubling, over whom Robinson caught the pass, let it be known he wasn't too pleased to have his image permanently inked on Robinson's side.

"All this could have been avoided if you made the play for real," Robinson responded on Twitter.

More recently, despite telling his mom he wouldn't, Robinson focused on art on his arm, getting a handful of images and phrases featured in a Bleacher Report article, including a koi fish swimming upstream. He said Wednesday it was an act of "burying" what he found to be the most challenging period of his football career.

That actually wasn't the recovery from a torn ACL in his left knee on the Jaguars' third offensive play of the 2017 season. It was the year before that.

In 2015, his second NFL season, Robinson had 80 catches for 1,400 yards and was named to the Pro Bowl. The following year, his numbers dropped from 14 touchdown catches to six and from 17.5 yards per catch to 12.1. Not only was he not living up to his Pro Bowl season, but the Jaguars were on their way to a 3-13 record.

He hated the feeling so much, he changed his offseason regimen, training in Arizona with teammate Allen Hurns and spending a few weeks working with Hall of Fame wide receiver Randy Moss.

He felt as good as he had going into a season.

Then came the ACL tear. Rams running back Todd Gurley, who tore an ACL while at Georgia in 2014, was one of the first to call Robinson and offer advice.

"(He said), 'Once you grow to know yourself through that process, there are a lot of benefits on the back end of that,'" Robinson said.

Robinson took it to heart, and his mindset was one reason he recovered quickly enough to be ready for the Bears' opener against the Packers.

It wasn't always easy. One of the most painful parts was watching the Jaguars' AFC wild-card game against the Bills in Jacksonville. A stadium where Robinson had seen large sections of seats covered with tarps because of a lack of fans in previous years was full.

Meanwhile, the goals on his career checklist — make it to the playoffs, win a Super Bowl, play in the NFL 12 years — remained unmarked. He tried to focus on how he could get back to pursuing those goals.

"I knew once I got hurt, there were a couple of ways I could go," Robinson said. "I could drop my head and feel sorry for myself, or (I could do) everything I talk about as far as working hard, being a professional, having the grit and wanting to be successful. That was tested through my injury. How was I going to bounce back and be the player I always had proclaimed myself to be?"



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SEARCHING FOR CONSISTENT GREATNESS

Bears receiver **Allen Robinson**, scoring a touchdown against the Lions during his big day last Sunday, is having another productive season. He's a tough man to please, though. In 2016, for example, Robinson was so upset with his numbers (which weren't all bad) and the Jaguars' record, the receiver changed his offseason routine to try to regain his Pro Bowl form. Here's a look at what Robinson might call an up-and-down career:

YEAR	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Kind of year	Rookie season	Pro Bowl season	Taking a step back	ACL tear	Momentum building
Team (W-L)	Jaguars (3-13)	Jaguars (5-11)	Jaguars (5-11)	Jaguars (3-13)	Bears (6-3)
Games	10	16	16	1	7
Catches	48	80	73	1	31
Yards	548	1,400	883	17	418
Average	11.4	17.5	12.1	17.0	13.5
TDs	2	14	6	0	4

All about winning

George Porritt's most vivid memory of Robinson's competitiveness didn't come from football but basketball.

Porritt coached Robinson in both sports at St. Mary's Preparatory School in Orchard Lake, Mich., and is certain he could have played either in the Big Ten. Michigan State's Tom Izzo was among the basketball coaches to tell Porritt that Robinson impressed him.

St. Mary's was in the regional final in Robinson's senior year and trailed Detroit Catholic Central by nine points after the third quarter. According to a local paper, Robinson proceeded to score 20 of his team's next 23 points — including 17 straight — to lift it to victory.

"He took over the game like I'd never seen before," Porritt said. "He wasn't going to lose. The will to win was unbelievable."

"I saw that in football too. If you were going one-on-one with him in football and you happened to beat him, you better be aware the next time. He was going to knock you down. I saw him do that to his best friends. He'd just knock you down."

Sound familiar. In fact, Robinson said he always has been that way since growing up in the Detroit suburb of Southfield.

His parents — father Allen worked in design and analysis for Ford, and mother Tracie worked in retail and now helps plan events

for his high school — weren't athletes, but they and his older sister supported a dream he said he had since kindergarten: to be a professional athlete.

As a kid, he played football, basketball and baseball, and he remembers asking to hit fast pitches in the batting cage. His dad warned him not to waste his time with the higher speeds, but he insisted on doing it until he could hit them consistently.

"By the time I was 8 years old, nothing mattered to me except winning," Robinson said. "That's all I cared about. I was a sore loser, but that fire drove me. I spent a lot of hours in the gym, spent a lot of hours at the batting cage. For me, that was nothing but fun. I wasn't complaining. If anything, I wanted to stay longer."

He drove an hour to get to St. Mary's for high school, a place he said his parents chose because he was getting in minor trouble in class and didn't receive enough guidance in middle school.

He wasn't sure about the all-boys school at first. It was away from the friends he grew up playing with and had a different atmosphere and dress code than he was used to. But once he saw how many of its athletes went on to play in college, he was convinced it was the place for him.

"You get a lot of focused and really good kids, but he was just another level," Porritt said. "His level was everything had to be right."

"I don't want to fail at anything I do."

— Allen Robinson

In his first spring as Penn State wide receivers coach, Stan Hixon remembers the ability of Robinson, soon to be a sophomore, to create separation in one-on-one drills. He needed to improve his route running, but he was athletic and had a big catch radius.

And he had a purpose, one that led him to total 174 catches for 2,450 yards in his final two college seasons. The Jaguars made him a second-round draft pick.

"He would always be prepared in the meetings," Hixon said. "He was one of those guys you'd just tell him one time and show him the film, and he'd usually have it. If he didn't get it, he'd stick around and ask more questions. He was a football person, and he'd ask, 'How can I get better?'"

He still approaches his work with that attitude.

Opportunities ahead

After missing basically all of last season, Robinson set a goal this year to play in all 16 games. He recovered from the knee injury, but a groin injury kept him from games against the Jets and Bills.

That made his return Sunday more satisfying.

Robinson had 98 yards in the first quarter alone and finished with six catches for 133 yards and two touchdowns, including a first-quarter score on which he burned Lions cornerback DeShawn Sheard by his fourth step.

"He sets these defensive backs up well, can accelerate, can go up and get the football," Vikings coach Mike Zimmer said.

If Robinson is going to reach his goal of playing in the postseason, he could help himself by helping the Bears in upcoming games against the Vikings and Lions in a five-day span.

The Lions game on Thanksgiving Day in Detroit will be special for Robinson as he returns to the city he's proud to have emerged from. He talks to kids at his high school when he returns home, and he runs the Within Reach Foundation that provides resources for children in part because of his experiences with the city.

But the Vikings game is creating a buzz in Chicago like few others in recent years.

It will be the biggest game of Trubisky's career, and he could use some help from the player Nagy and offensive coordinator Mark Helfrich have called a "security blanket."

Trubisky knows Robinson will work his hardest to make it happen.

"He's a very selfless player, very smart," Trubisky said. "When you show up every day, come to work and make others around you better, then it just makes the whole organization go smoother."

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'Tis the season for stuffing

With stout run stoppers, it's all gravy for rest of Bears defense



BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears

The sack is back, and the Bears are once again generating takeaways as one of the NFL's best defenses. It all starts with stopping the run. Since general manager Ryan Pace traded for Khalil Mack on the weekend of final

cuts, the focus has been on a dramatically upgraded pass rush that has 30 sacks, one off the league lead entering Week 11. The Bears are second in the league with 24 takeaways, surpassing their 2017 total of 22 and trailing the Browns by one, and they rank first with 16 interceptions — twice as many as they totaled in each of the last three seasons.

All of it is possible thanks to the dirty work in the trenches. What sets the Bears apart is they've been stout against the run — only the Patriots (161 yards, 5.2 per carry) and Dolphins (108, 4.0) have topped 100 yards and 4 yards per carry — despite the fact they've been in the nickel defense 79.4 percent of the time, the fifth-highest percentage of any team. Overall, the Bears rank No. 2 versus the run, allowing 84 yards per game and trailing the Saints (80.1).

For the Bears, being in nickel usually means replacing a lineman from the base defense with nickel cornerback Bryce Callahan, but the lighter front has not been susceptible to running games. The Bears are No. 1 in the league in nickel run defense, allowing 3.56 yards per carry.

"Wow," cornerback Prince Amukamara said.

The mastermind behind the defense, coordinator Vic Fangio, isn't as easily impressed just past the halfway point of the season. The Bears are on pace to allow only 1,344 rushing yards, not far off the club record for a 16-game season of 1,313 set by the 2001 NFC Central champions.

"Obviously, the amount of takeaways we have had has been great and our run defense has been good," Fangio said. "But we did have those two weeks there where we lost that the run defense wasn't as good."

The old adage is you have to earn the right to rush the passer, and the Bears have done that. They're putting opponents in passing situations by winning on first down (4.46 yards allowed per play, second in the NFL) and then building leads.

It starts up front, and while Mack has proved disruptive against the run and skilled at setting the edge, the credit goes first to nose tackle Eddie Goldman and defensive end Akiem Hicks. They're playing at a high level and allowing linebackers Danny Trevathan and Roquan Smith to flow behind them and make plays.

"(Goldman) is an unsung hero," Hicks said. "He's eating up blocks in the middle for both ends, for both linebackers. Eddie has been doing that for a number of years. I know that he's battled some adversity as far as playing throughout the season, but he's strong — man, he's strong — and he has a will to be there for us. I know he doesn't get a lot of attention, but he's a great player."

Smith's range from sideline to sideline fits precisely with what the Bears want to do, and the rookie has shown improvement, totaling a team-high 22 tackles (19 solo) in the last two games. Callahan is the lightest defensive player on the roster at 188 pounds but ranks fourth with 32 solo tackles — 12 more than he had last season.

Cornerback Kyle Fuller has always been stout in run support, and the Bears credit Amukamara with improving versus the run so they don't have the kind of cover corner who gets out of a game with a clean uniform, unwilling to tackle.

"Prince was that guy," Fangio said. "We have shamed him into tackling better."

"Vic would always poke fun at me," Amukamara admitted. "I am not flying in now. Kyle is super aggressive. Me, I am just trying to get you down and make the play."



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Bears nose tackle Eddie Goldman, tackling the Bills' LeSean McCoy, and defensive end Akiem Hicks, not pictured, are a dynamic duo.

Certainly it helps that the Bears are in their fourth year in Fangio's scheme with little turnover from last season beyond the addition of Mack and Smith. Fangio has done a good job of defining roles and putting players where their strengths are accentuated and weaknesses minimized. While players were slow to understand some of the concepts in Years 1 and 2, they're playing fast and downhill now.

A lot of times the defense will align with split safeties, but one — Eddie Jackson or Adrian Amos — will roll down and the Bears will play one robber or cover-3 and have an extra player in the box to defend the run. With two linebackers who can run, the personnel matches what Fangio wants to run, and being able to spend the majority of the snaps in sub packages helps the pass defense.

"It doesn't matter," Trevathan said. "Whatever the offense is trying to do, Vic could call anything and in our mind we are going to win. We are going to dial up our play, we are going to let you see it and you are going to have to try to beat us."

So far, the Bears have been winning with their nickel defense against the run, and that's as impressive as their pass rush and takeaways.

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BEARS SCOUTING REPORT
VIKINGS DE DANIELLE HUNTER



Information for this report was obtained from NFL scouts.

Danielle Hunter (6-foot-5, 252 pounds) is in his fourth season after the Vikings selected him in the third round out of LSU in 2015. They extended his contract in June, signing him to a five-year, \$72 million extension with \$40 million guaranteed.

Hunter is second in the NFL with 11½ sacks and had at least one in each of the first seven games. He had 3½ sacks and a fumble return for a touchdown in the Vikings' last game, a victory over the Lions on Nov. 4, to earn NFC defensive player of the week honors.

"He is one of the freakiest athletes in the NFL," a scout said. "He is built like a small forward in basketball. He's super high-cut, so he's all arms and legs with a very small torso. And while it might not have been the best thing for the Vikings, the best thing for Hunter was Everson Griffen missing some time when the spotlight was on Hunter and he absolutely took over. You can go to the game against the Lions where he had multiple sacks. He's not just a power guy. He's not just a speed guy. He's not just a technique guy. He's really upped his game as a pass rusher and blended all this stuff together."

"What makes him even more special is they run a lot of exotic pressure, and he will run with tight ends. He will drop into coverage and he will match up with players like he's a linebacker. So he's an amazing athlete. He's one of the best defensive ends in the NFC."

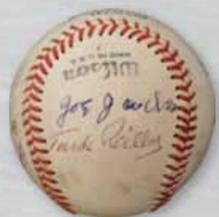
"Hunter and Leonard Floyd are built similarly. They've got all the measurables you would want. They're quick-twitch athletes. The difference is Hunter has developed into a true pass rusher whereas Floyd is still trying to win with athleticism. It's one thing to be a freaky athlete but there are freaky athletes all over the place in the NFL that never make it. Hunter is a freaky athlete who has taken to his coaching in Minnesota. He can win one-on-ones and finish plays. Floyd isn't doing that."

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NFL

Rodgers sits in first class, but Packers are riding coach

By MARK MASKE
Washington Post



McCarthy

It's no time for the Packers and their fans to relax. Another run-the-table turnaround late in the season is looking ever more unlikely. It might be time to panic. The Packers could be on their way to wasting another year of quarterback Aaron Rodgers' prime.

Their season came unraveled Thursday night with a loss in Seattle that included some questionable late-game coaching decisions by Mike McCarthy.

The 27-24 defeat to the Seahawks dropped the Packers to 4-5-1. They could miss the playoffs for a second consecutive year after eight straight postseason appearances, a run that included a Super Bowl triumph in the 2010 season. There is growing speculation that this season's failures could cost McCarthy his job, and he did nothing Thursday to quiet such talk.

It was the Seahawks, not the Packers, who bolstered their playoff chances. They improved to 5-5 in a season of transition.

Their winning touchdown came on a 15-yard pass from quarterback Russell Wilson to tight end Ed Dickson with a little more than five minutes left. The touchdown was set up by a 34-yard completion from Wilson to receiver Tyler Lockett, who made a tumbling catch near the sideline.

Or did he? Television replays seemed to show the football momentarily loose on the turf, out of Lockett's grasp, as he slid on the ground.

McCarthy never threw the challenge flag. The Packers had only one timeout remaining and would have lost it with a failed challenge. McCarthy said postgame that the Packers never got a clear view of the play in time to issue a challenge. But at is turned out, that play was the game.

The Seahawks' touchdown left plenty of time for another Rodgers-led comeback. The Packers took over at their 25-yard line facing a three-point deficit with more than five minutes remaining. It seemed inevitable Rodgers would take the Packers down the field.

But there was no magic this time. The Packers offense went three plays and out. They punted and never got the ball back.

Again, McCarthy's tactics could be questioned. The Packers faced a fourth-and-2 at their 33 with a little more than four minutes left. They had one timeout. They hadn't stopped the Seahawks' running game all night. Wouldn't it have been better to leave the offense on the field and put the game in Rodgers' hands?

McCarthy said after the game that the Packers "definitely" considered going for it on fourth down, but with the two-minute warning plus a timeout, they "played the numbers."

McCarthy pressed all the wrong buttons, and now the Packers face a steep climb to get back to the postseason. They're 0-5 away from home and still face difficult road games against the Vikings and Bears.

Remember when Rodgers famously instructed Packers fans to "R-E-L-A-X" after the team's 1-2 start in 2014? That worked out fine. The Packers finished 12-4 and reached the NFC title game.

Remember two years ago when Rodgers declared that the Packers, at 4-6 and on a four-game losing streak, could run the table? That's exactly what they did, winning their final six games on their way to another NFC title game appearance.

But they have not been back to a Super Bowl since that Lombardi Trophy-winning season in 2010.

There was a viable excuse for last season's 7-9 record, given that Rodgers missed nine games with a broken collarbone. There is no such excuse this season.

Rodgers was taken from the field on a cart on opening night with an injury to his left knee. But he returned that night in Green Bay and orchestrated a comeback victory over the Bears.

He has stayed in the lineup. He has played well, with 19 touchdown passes and only one interception. He threw for 332 yards and two touchdowns Thursday.

But it's still not working. Rodgers said after the game that he is not giving up on the season, although he was not particularly eager to answer a question about whether there is hope left.

"What kind of question is that?" Rodgers said. "I don't even know how to answer that. I mean, come on. What am I supposed to say? Of course there's hope."

But realistically, that hope is slipping away.

Rodgers turns 35 in December. He certainly isn't done. The Packers just made him the NFL's highest-paid player by signing him in August to a four-year, \$134 million extension. He is under contract through the 2023 season, during which he will turn 40.

He and the Packers can only hope that, by then, they aren't still waiting for that return trip to the Super Bowl that is proving so elusive despite the presence of one of the greatest quarterbacks the sport has ever seen.

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NFC FROM A TO Z

49ers
 Kyle Shanahan said the 2-8 49ers' final six games will be used to evaluate players: "We'll see the guys who truly want to be a part of this."

Bears
 Mitch Trubisky tied a franchise record last week with his fourth 300-yard passing game of the season. He had a career-high 355 against the Lions.

Buccaneers
 They acquired Jason Pierre-Paul from the Giants during the offseason. He has eight sacks, two fewer than the Giants' total.

Cardinals
 DE Chandler Jones had two sacks last week to run his team-high total to 8½. RB David Johnson had 183 yards from scrimmage vs. the Chiefs.

Cowboys
 Ezekiel Elliott had 187 yards from scrimmage and two TDs last week. His 93 runs of 10 yards or more over the last three years lead the NFL.

Eagles
 Zach Ertz is on pace to break single-season records for tight ends in receiving yards (1,327, Rob Gronkowski) and catches (110, Jason Witten).

Falcons
 Julio Jones reached 10,000 receiving yards in 104 games, breaking the record of former Lions great Calvin Johnson (115 games).

Giants
 With 586 rushing yards and 530 receiving, rookie RB Saquon Barkley is the only player with more than 500 in both categories.

Lions
 They put starting right guard T.J. Lang on IR, a tough blow for a 3-6 team that has lost three straight and yielded 16 sacks in its last two games.

Packers
 Davante Adams had 10 catches for a career-high 166 yards — including a 57-yard bomb — Thursday night in a 27-24 loss to the Seahawks.

Panthers
 CB Donte Jackson leads the team and all rookies with four INTs — one more than their opponent, the Lions, have this season.

Rams
 Todd Gurley leads the NFL in rushing yards (988), yards from scrimmage (1,390) and TDs (17). He has scored in a team-record 13 straight games.

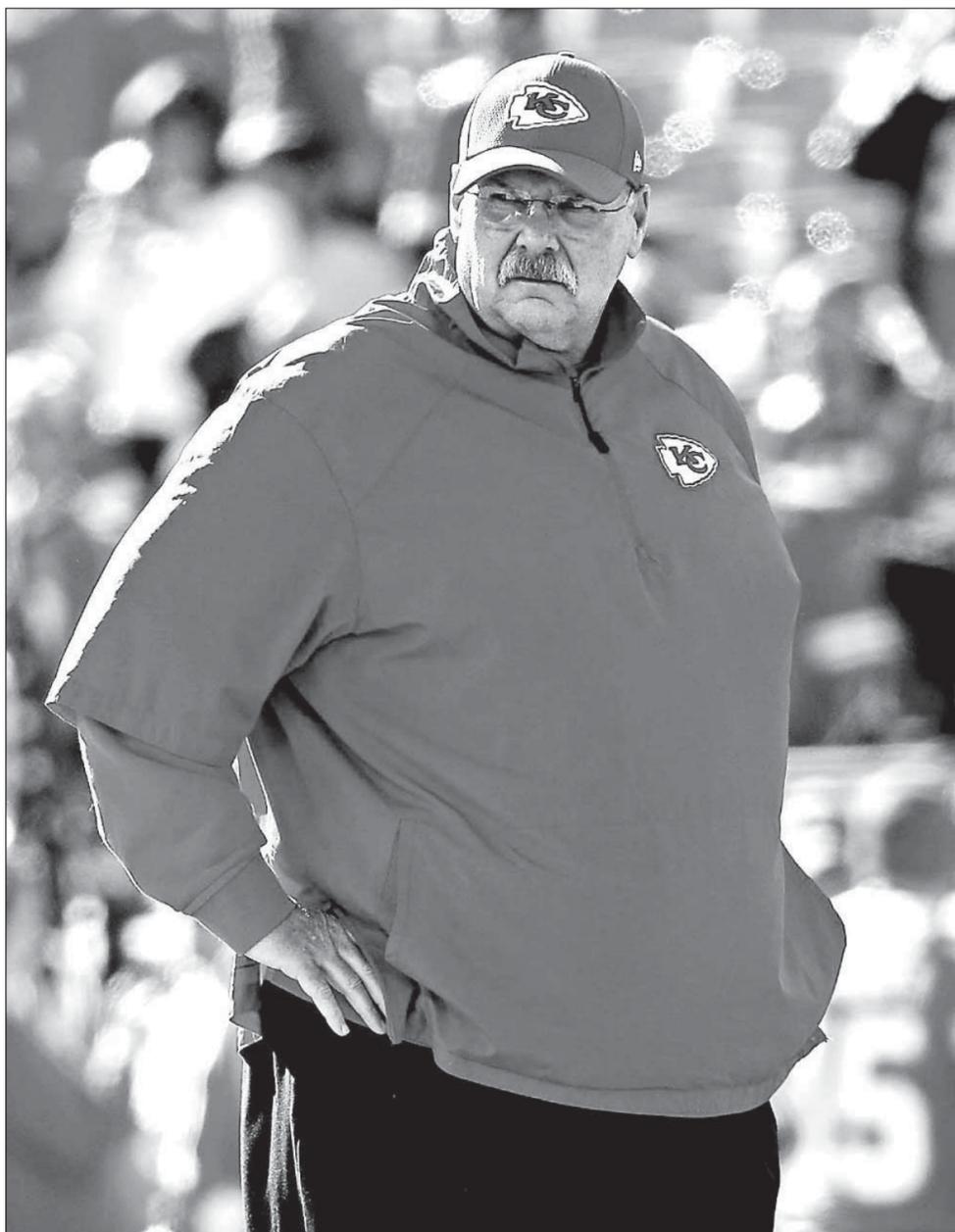
Redskins
 D.J. Swearinger, tied for second in the NFL with four picks, faces the Texans, who drafted him in 2013 but cut him after two seasons.

Saints
 RB Alvin Kamara has scored at least two touchdowns in three straight games and nine times during his 25-game career.

Seahawks
 How did Pete Carroll celebrate after the Seahawks ended a two-game skid Thursday against the Packers? "We went on the Ferris wheel!"

Vikings
 Adam Thielen and Stefon Diggs each have three games with 10-plus catches. Cris Carter holds the team single-season record with four.

— Los Angeles Times



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

Reid painting his masterpiece



SAM FARMER
On the NFL

KANSAS CITY, MO. — Every so often, the artist comes out in Andy Reid.

It has nothing to do with coaching, instead those times when he puts pen to paper and allows his mind to wander.

"One time when we were talking on the phone, and he was telling me how much he remembered about when we were growing up," said his brother, Reg, nine years older than Andy. "While we were talking, he sketched a picture of me, then emailed it. It's just a sketch of my head, but it's pretty realistic."

Chiefs fans have a deep appreciation for Reid's creativity. He draws up the offense for one of the NFL's hottest teams and finds new ways to harness the spectacular talent of quarterback Patrick Mahomes. Even now, in his 20th season as an NFL head coach, Reid remains a pigskin Picasso.

That figures. His dad, Walter, did jaw-dropping work as a scenic artist in Hollywood, creating backgrounds and props for film, television and stage productions.

"My dad worked on all the Broadway plays that would come to the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion," said Reid, 60, sitting behind his desk at Chiefs headquarters. "They had these huge backdrops they'd lower from the second floor, whether it was 'Annie Get Your Gun,' or 'The Wiz' back in the day. My dad went down and worked on that. It was unbelievable. You'd stand up there and look over the edge, and if you took a wrong step, you'd go down like a mile."

The Chiefs, too, have reached toe-tingling heights. They're 9-1 heading into Monday night's game against the 9-1 Rams at the Coliseum, moved there by the NFL on Tuesday when field conditions at Azteca Stadium in Mexico City became unsatisfactory. On paper, at least, it would have been the most compelling international game the league has staged. Now it will be the Rams' first Monday night home game at the Coliseum since Nov. 19, 1979, when 54,097 watched a 20-14 victory over the Falcons.

Reid has been in plenty of huge games throughout his career, including as offensive line coach for the Packers when they won the Super Bowl after the 1996 season. He



DAVID RICHARD/AP

Coach Andy Reid's Chiefs, led by second-year quarterback Patrick Mahomes, have scored an NFL-best 353 points ahead of a showdown with the Rams.

coached the Eagles from 1999-2012 and led them to five NFC title games and a Super Bowl, then took over the Chiefs in 2013.

There's still a lot of Los Angeles in Reid, who grew up on Holly Knoll Drive, just around the corner from John Marshall High, his alma mater, and Walt Disney's first home.

Comically gruff and unrevealing with the media, Reid is beloved by his players, who refer to him as "Big Red," his hair color at an earlier age.

"He's actually more funny than you would think," running back Spencer Ware said. "Most people think of him as just serious. I can relate to him because I always have a serious look on my face and people think I might be mean mugging. Maybe I'm joking around. So I can relate to Big Red in that area."

Reid might show his lighter side to his players, but he also gets to the point. They appreciate that.

"The biggest thing is he treats us well, treats us with respect," offensive tackle Mitchell Schwartz said. "I know he's got a hard training camp and practices are long and all that. But we don't have 20-minute meetings every day with rah-rah speeches. It's just, 'These are the goals, these are the expectations. Now, it's on you to go do them.' So he doesn't have to be up there every day trying to get us to work hard."

Reid, a one-time offensive tackle at Glendale College and BYU, developed his work ethic at an early age. His mother, Elizabeth, was a radiologist, and his father got him occasional work in the entertainment industry. Once, young Andy got a job serving food in the green room of a popular TV talk show, and his rule-following ways clashed with one of Hollywood's biggest stars.

"I'm not sure whether it was the Merv Griffin or the Johnny Carson show," he said. "But they put me in

charge of dishing out the sweet-and-sour meatballs — they were unbelievable — and I was told I could only give three of them out to people.

"You name it, all of Hollywood would come through those shows. I knew all the athletes, so if it was Wilt Chamberlain or one of those guys, they'd get as many meatballs as they wanted."

But when John Wayne asked for more than three, the kid had to break the bad news.

"I found out later he was a great athlete," Reid said. "Maybe I should have given him a few more meatballs."

Reid was enormous for his age. There's a hilarious video clip of him in a Punt, Pass and Kick competition in the early 1970s. He's a 12-year-old man-child in a Rams uniform, with a line of kids behind him no taller than waist.

"The kid behind me was 8," Reid is quick to note. "I was like 12 or 13."

Whatever. The YouTube video leaves his players doubled over.

"Damn, that boy was huge," receiver Tyreek Hill said. "He's the size of Justin Houston."

Well, maybe Reid wasn't the size of the Chiefs' 6-foot-3, 258-pound outside linebacker, but he was big enough that when he was a water boy at Marshall, some of the varsity players asked him why he didn't join the team.

"Mike Haynes was between my brother and me," recalled Reid, referring to the future Hall of Fame defensive back. "He and his buddies were riding me, 'How come you're so big and don't play?' I said, 'Listen, I'm in sixth grade.'"

"They go, 'No way!' It's like, 'I've been doing this water boy thing longer than you guys have been around. I'm like the professional water boy.'"

Sam Farmer is the NFL columnist for the Los Angeles Times.



AFC FROM A TO Z

Bengals
 Coach Marvin Lewis takes over defensive coordinator duties against the Ravens, whose record-setting "D" in 2000 was coached by Lewis.

Bills
 The Nathan Peterman era ended last week when they released the second-year QB, who threw three TD passes and 12 INTs in eight games.

Broncos
 QB Case Keenum, who has been booed by frustrated fans, said with no apparent irony: "I feel like I've got the best job in the world."

Browns
 Baker Mayfield (17 of 20, 216 yards, 3 TDs) posted a 151.2 rating last week, the highest in history for a rookie attempting at least 20 passes.

Chargers
 If he throws two or more touchdown passes this week, Philip Rivers will become the sixth quarterback to do so in 10 straight games.

Chiefs
 Patrick Mahomes leads the NFL with 3,150 passing yards and set a single-season team record last week with his 31st TD pass.

Colts
 Andrew Luck needs one more 300-yard game — he has four this season — for an NFL-record 31 in a player's first seven seasons.

Dolphins
 Frank Gore is the first player to rush for at least 500 yards in 14 straight seasons. Emmitt Smith and Walter Payton did it 13 in a row.

Jaguars
 They intercepted Ben Roethlisberger five times last year in a 30-9 regular-season victory but have only five in nine games in 2018.

Jets
 Coach Todd Bowles' job appears to be safe — for now — despite losing four straight heading into their off week. He is 23-35 with the Jets.

Patriots
 With a 6-yard reception last week, Tom Brady, 41, became the oldest player to catch a pass since Jerry Rice at 42 in 2004.

Raiders
 Derek Carr hasn't thrown a pick in four straight games, the longest streak of his five-year career. The Raiders have lost five straight.

Ravens
 They are 18-4 at home in November under coach John Harbaugh since 2008 and are 8-2 under Harbaugh following their open date.

Steelers
 They have allowed an average of 268.6 yards during their five-game winning streak. They allowed 420.5 ypg in their first four games.

Texans
 Deshaun Watson's 36 touchdowns passes are the second most in NFL history in a player's first 16 games to Kurt Warner's 39.

Titans
 They have the league's No. 1 scoring defense at 16.8 points per game and have allowed an NFL-low 16 touchdowns.

— Los Angeles Times

BULLS



JABARI PARKER PHOTOS

The road less traveled

Parker's vintage automobile collection reveals an old soul who respects his roots

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

As a kid, Jabari Parker sometimes got his clothes from the thrift store. The second-hand threads never bothered him.

"I found value in my clothes because I wasn't seeing them elsewhere and some of them started becoming collectible items," said Parker, sitting inside the sparkling Bulls locker room at the United Center. "Not everybody saw that, but I did. So it hit me: If you have value in something, why not hold onto it? That's more precious than buying new stuff.

"That's just me."

Fast forward 15 years.

As a self-made millionaire plying his trade in the NBA, Parker could have his choice of luxury expenditures, of the newest, latest thing.

Instead, both indulging a childhood dream and paying tribute to prideful lessons he learned growing up on the South Side of Chicago, the Simeon product pours his passion into buying vintage cars.

You know, stuff that works, stuff that lasts.

"As a kid in my neighborhood, I didn't see Mercedes, luxury cars like that," Parker said. "What were around a lot were older Cadillacs. That's what middle-class, successful black men had. They took pride in a Cadillac, cleaning it, keeping it polished. That's something that was part of my upbringing. So it's also cultural to me. That's why I love it."

"It's not expensive. My cars don't even go for double-figure (in thousands) sometimes. If you're lucky, sometimes you can find a \$6,000 car. But it's going to hold its value. These cars were built to last. And I don't like losing money. And also I don't like seeing people beside me with something I have. That goes with everything."

Parker purchased his first car in 2015 and currently owns nine, some of which sit in a storage unit in Milwaukee. The Bulls' trip there Thursday and Friday allowed Parker to check in on his latest purchase, a 1954 Cadillac Coupe DeVille.

And it also provided him a chance to travel back in time for reasons beyond driving a vintage automobile.

Parker has said multiple times over the years how much he embraced his four seasons in Milwaukee after the Bucks selected him No. 2 overall out of Duke in 2014. He won awards for his community service and as



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— South Side native and Bulls forward Jabari Parker, driving his 1964 Cadillac Coup DeVille, top, and posing in front of his 1966 Lincoln Continental, middle. Parker owns nine vintage cars.



recently as a month before the Bucks rescinded their qualifying offer for him to sign with his hometown Bulls, he was inviting people to outdoor pickup games via social media.

His return there Friday brought pre- and postgame visits from seemingly all corners of the Bucks franchise — ball boys, locker-room attendants, strength and conditioning personnel, team physicians. All greeted a smiling Parker with kind words, a hug or both.

Two Bucks front-office personnel raved about Parker's personality, with one saying he treated his son like family and another stating how engaged he would be in helping to promote the franchise.

"You can ask the person with the smallest role in the building," Parker said. "I always knew everybody's name and always had a great relationship with everybody. This is home. This is family for me. The city of Milwaukee is definitely in my heart."

Milwaukee also is where Parker suffered two torn ACLs. And in those difficult days of rehabilita-

tion, sometimes he'd climb into one of his cars, play some R&B on the stereo — "I'd try to get the whole time-machine type of thing," he said, smiling — and drive the side roads.

He'd listen to how the car was running that night, lose himself in his thoughts. He'd think about his return.

"I just feel better when something has a story behind it," Parker said. "Everything that I do has a story behind it. And these cars do too. I love the craftsmanship. I love that it was more expensive to use the materials. They have mohair and leather, most of my cars, where now it's cheap fabric. The older cars have substance."

Parker, who despite being just 23 has been called an "old soul" by some close to him, also owns a pink 1965 Cadillac Sedan DeVille. But ask him which is his favorite car, and you'll get a smirk.

"That's just like asking you who's your favorite child," he said. "But if I had to say, I'd probably say one of my Cadillacs. Maybe my '64 Cadillac Coupe DeVille. That's probably my bread and butter."

Parker occasionally can come across as aloof in his postgame media sessions talking about basketball. But ask him about a teammate, his upbringing, politics, his community service or his passion for collecting cars and he can be engaging.

It's clear he wants to learn more about his hobby. It's also clear he's comfortable driving on the road less traveled.

"I don't like seeing my stuff aside me when I'm driving on the road," Parker said. "I want to be unique. I don't want to see my car being replicated. I hate my style being taken in most instances. I don't like wearing the same shoes as other people or nothing."

"I'm starting off to know a lot more about cars. I'm getting tossed in the fire. My mechanics are really helpful. They teach me on my way up. But that's what I did a lot when I wasn't playing after my injuries. I spent a lot of time with my cars at the shop. I'd think about how far I've come."

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LaVine ill, Bulls look sick

39-point loss latest in series of low moments

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

As if the Bulls didn't own enough woes with Lauri Markkanen, Kris Dunn, Bobby Portis and Denzel Valentine all injured, Zach LaVine missed Saturday's 122-83 loss to the Raptors with an illness.

The offense, or lack thereof, played out in predictable fashion.

The Bulls barely eclipsed by one their season low for points, shot a season-low 34.9 percent, committed 22 turnovers and failed to score 100 points for the sixth time in eight games.

Antonio Blakeney "led" the Bulls with 13 points — on 6-for-19 shooting. The Bulls trailed by as many as 40.

"We got to do something," Wendell Carter Jr. said. "Try our hardest. Don't quit. Play as hard as you can until the last second. I feel like that's what makes you a true basketball player — not giving up no matter what the score is. Just play as hard as you can."

In fact, Carter's postgame performance was probably the highlight of the evening. Rookie or not, 19 or not, he spoke with savvy and nuance, eloquently describing what he means when he says the team separates under duress.

"I don't think it's by choice," he said. "People just got different things on their mind in certain times of the game. It's kind of hard for all of us to come together in certain moments. I feel like it's something we can all work on. It's not that hard. It's not rocket science."

"People are committed to the team effort. It's more so pointing fingers at themselves. People are putting their heads down, blaming themselves. I feel the beauty of this game is there's another play in a matter of seconds. And we just have to move on and try to make a better play the next time down the court."

Coach Fred Hoiberg opted to start Cameron Payne alongside Ryan Arcidiacono to keep Blakeney and Shaquille Harrison in their customary bench roles. And if that previous sentence sounded like it came from a Windy City Bulls story, well, you get the picture.

Payne became the starter only because Dunn strained his left MCL. Payne promptly lost his job first to Arcidiacono and then his reserve role to Harrison. Payne had played just 11 mop-up minutes in the previous four games before Saturday.

Welcome to this injury-ravaged and illness-plagued season, in which point guards move from first to third string and back again.

"I don't care who you're playing, who you have," Hoiberg said. "You have to compete and play through the tough times. We have to figure that out."

Justin Holiday and Jabari Parker were the only Bulls starters to reach double figures — and barely, with 12 points apiece.

"We played three of the top teams in the Eastern Conference and didn't do well against any of them," Hoiberg said, citing losses to the Celtics and Bucks as well.

The Raptors rested All-Star forward Kawhi Leonard and started Rockford native Fred VanVleet because Norman Powell, OG Anunoby and C.J. Miles all sat with injuries.

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Coaching Bulls minor-leaguers a major step forward for Nurse

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Twenty-five years ago, Nick Nurse invited Fred Hoiberg to work at his basketball camp at the Carroll (Iowa) Rec Center.

Now, they're two of 30 NBA head coaches.

"He'd pay me \$50 for three hours of work," Hoiberg said, before pausing for comedic timing. "It wasn't very good."

Unlike Hoiberg, who starred at Iowa State, played in the NBA and led a successful college program at his alma mater, Nurse took a more

uncommon journey to first assisting and then replacing Dwane Casey in Toronto.

But perhaps Nurse's most effective stop came in 2007, when he returned from coaching in England to take over the Iowa Energy. At the time, it was the Bulls' D League — now G League — affiliate. And Nurse occasionally would travel to Bulls practices at the old Berto Center.

"It was the whole key, really," Nurse said Saturday before his Raptors trounced the Bulls 122-83 at the United Center. "I got a lot of my cutting-my-teeth experience

running around the world in minor leagues in England and summer leagues. That one put me not really one step away but at least a chance to get one step away.

"Having success there got me some credibility really fast. And I had none. All the stuff in England and the Olympics, nobody really cared about. Then we start having a bunch of guys get call-ups and won some championships, and it helped me."

Nurse coached the Energy to the 2011 D League championship before leaving for Rio Grande. He coached that franchise to the 2013

D League title and had 23 NBA call-ups between the two franchises before Casey hired him.

Most first-time NBA head coaches don't inherit rosters with championship aspirations. But that's where the franchise is after firing Casey despite him winning Coach of the Year.

The Raptors are an Eastern Conference-best 13-4.

"Our thoughts are all about winning," Nurse said. "I like it that way. Other than a few seasons of my 20-plus coaching career, I've always been thinking about trying to win big. Whether it was realis-

tic or not, that's what gets you out of bed. We're in position where we can win. We expect to win. And we want to win."

"I am extremely grateful and realize how lucky I am to get this job. Primarily because of the players; that's always the key to everything. But there are a lot of other things with the job that are unbelievable — the city, the sell-outs, the fans, the owners."

Nurse said the transition from lead assistant to head man has been smooth.

"I thought I would be more uncomfortable than I am," he said.

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NASCAR

It's crash and yearn in finale

Final 4 must weigh battles with a title

By **GEORGE DIAZ**
Orlando Sentinel

HOMESTEAD, FLA. — NASCAR always has been a contact sport. The sport rose to national prominence on the bump-and-grind embraced by fans who loved contentious crashes, whether it was man or machine or both.

The epic moment involved the last lap of the 1979 Daytona 500.

Cale Yarborough and Donnie Allison collided while jockeying for the lead on the back stretch. Neither car fared well — both spun off the wall and into Daytona's grass infield. Richard Petty stole a victory and barely had time to celebrate before Yarborough, Donnie Allison and brother Bobby Allison started brawling.

NASCAR officially became a blood sport, and people liked it.

It's uncertain whether there will be any brawls Sunday afternoon when Martin Truex Jr., Joey Logano, Kyle Busch and Kevin Harvick emerge from the scrum of the Ford EcoBoost 400. They are the "Championship 4," part of this newfangled playoff system in the evolution of NASCAR.

Struggling for eyeballs and relevance, NASCAR has tried to reinvent itself several times by tweaking the playoff format. Despite the groans from traditionalists, the sport got it right this year:

The three most dominant drivers of the season — and all former champions — are in the mix, plus Joey Logano, the ultimate wild card on the track.

It brings us full circle to the contact-sport context. Logano is NASCAR's version of a pro-wrestling heel in the 2018 edition of NASCAR's morality play. He has jostled with Truex at Martinsville and Aric Almirola at Texas.

Perhaps Almirola will extract sweet revenge, but the sharper focus is on Truex, who said during Thursday that the rules of engagement will be different with Logano.

"Absolutely," Truex said. "I have a free pass; he already told me that. Told me it's fair game, so here we go."

Logano doesn't quite see it that way.

"I didn't tell him that," Logano said. "I said, 'Hey, I expect to get raced the way I race people.' I'm a hard racer. I expect to get raced hard. I said it before: We didn't crash each other. I didn't crash him. Moved him up enough to have a drag race. That's what I explained to him."

It's an unpredictable scenario for Sunday but practicality may prevail: If Logano and Truex get caught up in payback shenanigans, they could take each other out — and gift a championship to Busch or Harvick.

One thing seems obvious, or at least ironic: Why is anyone complaining about rough-house tactics in a sport that needs an uptick in terms of interest and competitive juice?

That's racin', boys. Embrace it.

"Fans ask for NASCAR drivers to race 'side by side FOR THE WIN,'" Kenny Wallace tweeted after the Logano-Truex dustup. "And they just did. My heart was pounding. GREAT RACE!!"

Exactly. There's an interesting juxtaposition here as well. Busch and Harvick are usually the guys engaging in this kind of warfare — on and off the track. And at times with each other.

Harvick moved out Busch to win at New Hampshire this season, although the bump did not take Busch out of the race.

"How you race is how you get raced, so it's fine," Busch said afterward.

So consider the dynamics for Sunday's NASCAR Bizzaro World: The normally affable Truex is in the mood to fight. Harvick and Busch are playing kumbaya.

"I haven't always been very good at channeling my anger," Harvick said, laughing.

A ray of hope for Sunday, if you are a fan of the blood-sport dynamics.

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BLACKHAWKS



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Blackhawks defenseman Brandon Davidson is hoping he has been able to conquer his testicular cancer.

'Understand you're not alone'

Blackhawks' Davidson knows what it's like to survive cancer

By **JIMMY GREENFIELD**
Chicago Tribune

It has been six years since Blackhawks defenseman Brandon Davidson was diagnosed with testicular cancer at 21, and how he felt that day is never far from his mind.

"I thought it was a dream," Davidson said. "I didn't think it was real. When (I was) that age, I felt untouchable."

Why wouldn't he? Davidson was a young professional hockey player in terrific shape and had never had any health scares. The nagging discomfort he was feeling surely wasn't anything serious, but he brought it up when he went in for a physical with the AHL's Oklahoma City Barons, an Oilers farm team.

The cancer diagnosis stunned Davidson, but it didn't take him long to gear up for a fight.

"There was tears for sure," Davidson said. "After the initial shock, things started to set in a little more. I was just scared more than anything, and that kind of

brought on the tears. I had spoken with the doctor and knew this was a very beatable cancer. But at the same time, I was just scared. I know that cancer takes lives."

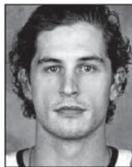
Davidson knew that firsthand because the previous year his grandmother, Dorothy Davidson, had died of lung cancer at 69.

"It was very familiar in my memory," Davidson said. "It was a very scary time in my family, and I knew how hard it was on them and knew how hard the next few months were going to be for me."

After receiving chemotherapy nearly every day for a month, Davidson lost his strength and could barely eat, but he was never without support. His parents and girlfriend at the time were at his side throughout the ordeal, and the Oilers made sure he had the best medical care possible.

"In the hockey world I had lots of phone calls from lots of people who I didn't know," Davidson said.

"People who were rooting for me. Really, people who just wanted to send their love. The hockey community is such a small community. When things like these happen, it really speaks immensely about our league."



Davidson

Davidson was able to return to the Barons that season after being declared cancer-free and has had no recurrences of the cancer. For the last several years, he has been a spokesman for the NHL's Hockey Fights Cancer initiative, taking

place this weekend in arenas around the league, including Sunday at the United Center during the Hawks-Wild game.

The two things Davidson wants people to know, particularly young men who are at the greatest risk for testicular cancer, are to get checked and know there always will be people to offer support.

"Just be aware and understand you're not alone," Davidson said. "We're all in this together. You don't have to take the fight alone."

As part of Hockey Fights Cancer, some players are growing "Movember" mustaches to help with awareness. And, yes, Davidson is fully aware his mustache isn't all that impressive.

"Twenty-seven years old and I can't grow facial hair," he said. "I'm just waiting for manhood to come around, I guess."

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BLACKHAWKS NOTES

Colliton tries to juice popgun offense

By **JIMMY GREENFIELD**
Chicago Tribune

When the Blackhawks were scoring in bunches at the start of the season, there were warning signs their offensive surge wasn't sustainable.

Patrick Kane, Jonathan Toews and Alex DeBrincat scored the majority of their goals, as would be expected, but their depth players provided little or no production. Now, with Kane, Toews and DeBrincat far off their earlier pace, the Hawks' lack of scoring from their bottom-six forwards is catching up with them.

The Hawks have only four goals in their last four games, their lowest-scoring four-game stretch since Jan. 22-Feb. 2, 2016. It's in stark contrast to when they scored 15 goals in their first three games.

Kane, Toews, DeBrincat and Brandon Saad have 35 of the team's 53 goals. Over the last four games, Toews, DeBrincat, Saad had the Hawks' only even-strength goals while defenseman Brent Seabrook scored on the power play.

Coach Jeremy Colliton has spent a lot of practice time trying

to develop better net-front presence that could result in deflections and rebounds.

"That would be some easy offense for us if we're willing to commit to it," Colliton said. "We've got to get more pucks to the net from atop. We're doing a pretty good job down low to win pucks back and make it hard on their 'D,' but I'd like to get more out of it."

Colliton isn't standing pat waiting for offense to appear magically. He put Kane and Toews on a line with Nick Schmaltz a couple of games ago, and when that wasn't working Friday night in a 2-1 shootout loss to the Kings, he swapped in Saad for Schmaltz.

The new line immediately produced a goal that tied the game and ultimately provided the Hawks with a point. Colliton had Kane, Toews and Saad skating on a line during practice Saturday.

"Saader will be a good added element to that line," Kane said. "Someone who has a lot of speed, who goes to the net, good along the walls, things like that. Should help us out. Should have more puck possession, which will be good for our line."

UP NEXT
Wild at Blackhawks
5 p.m. Sunday, WGN-9

Waiting game: Hawks prospect Dylan Sikura is leading the Rockford IceHogs with 13 points in 17 games and has been scoring consistently. He has the skill to play in the NHL but also has to be ready for the physical play.

"This is men, and they're heavy on the pucks and it's tough to win those 50-50 battles," Colliton said. "If (Sikura) can get to the point where he's doing that more consistently, then he'll be able to show his skill and make those plays and he can make a difference."

A step back: Rookie defenseman Henri Jokiharju played only 17 minutes, 4 seconds against the Kings — his lowest ice time of the season — and just 4:22 during the third period. It's easy to forget Jokiharju is only 19 and may have a rough game occasionally.

"He's a young player and it's not going to be straight up for him," Colliton said. "We want him to be clean with the puck, under control, make the plays that are there."

PREPS

LOYOLA 24,
LINCOLN-WAY E. 16

Ramblers able to defy odds

Potent Griffins shut down in 8A semifinal

By **MIKE CLARK**
Chicago Tribune

Jack Burke had no illusions about the task he and his Loyola teammates were facing Saturday.

Lincoln-Way East came to Wilmette with a 26-game winning streak, an average winning margin of 40 points and enough depth to have the luxury of not leaning on receiver A.J. Henning, the state's top-ranked junior who has been battling injuries.

"Against this team, we definitely needed some breaks," said Burke, a senior defensive back. "But I think we believed in each other (that) if everyone stepped up and everyone did their job, we'd have a chance."

Burke created a break, converting a scoop-and-score for a 17-yard touchdown in the first quarter. That was a preview of coming attractions for the Ramblers, who held on to stun the Griffins 24-16 in a Class 8A semifinal before a standing-room-only crowd.

Jack Fallon passed for 168 yards and ran for 70 more to help Loyola (10-3) advance to its fourth consecutive state final and sixth since 2011. The Ramblers will play Brother Rice (13-0) at 7 p.m. Saturday at Memorial Stadium in Champaign.

Brother Rice won the teams' Sept. 14 meeting 35-3.

That was part of a 3-3 start for Loyola, which has won seven in a row since giving up a 21-point lead in a 28-27 loss to Montini in Week 6. The Ramblers have played much better since, but as coach John Holecek said, "Statistically, this is a win that you just didn't see coming."

It happened because Loyola capitalized on four Lincoln-Way East turnovers and held the Griffins' potent offense to one touchdown — a Devon Williams 11-yard run. Kenny Palmer had a pick-six for the Griffins' other TD.

"A lot of things that throughout the season had gone our way went the other way (Saturday)," Lincoln-Way East coach Rob Zvonar said. "Just some critical errors at critical times. But I'm not going to sit here and blame our miscues more than credit them for making the plays when they needed to."

It still came down to the game's final play. Trailing 24-16, East (12-1) took over at its 16 with 3 minutes, 14 seconds left.

Quarterback Jack Baltz, who finished with 150 passing yards, was 6 of 9 for 72 yards on the drive. Included were fourth-down completions to Jamal Johnson for 26 yards and Matt Judd for 21.

Baltz's 10-yard scramble gave the Griffins a first down at the Ramblers 15 with 4.4 seconds left. He found Judd in the right side of the end zone, but a Loyola defender knocked the ball loose to preserve the win and give the Ramblers a chance for their first title since 2015.

"I've been saying the whole year our best football is tomorrow," Holecek said.

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FOOTBALL STATE PLAYOFFS

State finals at Memorial Stadium in Champaign
CLASS 8A
#1 Brother Rice 14, #5 Marist 3
#19 Loyola 24, #2 Lincoln-Way East 16
Final: Brother Rice (13-0) vs. Loyola (10-3), 7 p.m. Saturday
CLASS 7A
#8 Nazareth 47, #4 Batavia 28
#22 St. Charles N.27, #7 Mt. Carmel 21 (20T)
Final: Nazareth (12-1) vs. St. Charles North (10-3), 4 p.m. Saturday
CLASS 6A
#1 Cary-Grove 28, #6 Notre Dame 21
#11 Crete-Monee 38, #1 Richards 35
Final: Cary-Grove (13-0) vs. Crete-Monee (10-3), 1 p.m. Saturday
CLASS 5A
#4 Montini 42, #2 Sterling 20
#14 Joliet Catholic 42, #1 Hillcrest 6
Final: Montini (12-1) vs. Joliet Catholic (9-4), 10 a.m. Saturday
CLASS 4A
#1 IC Catholic 28, #3 Richmond-Burton 9
#3 Bishop McNamara 52, #4 Rochester 42
Final: IC Catholic (13-0) vs. Bishop McNamara (12-1), 7 p.m. Friday
CLASS 3A
#1 Byron 42, #15 Hershey 0
#1 Monticello 40, #2 Carlisle 14
Final: #1 Byron (13-0) vs. #1 Monticello (12-1), 4 p.m. Friday
CLASS 2A
#1 Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley 14, #13 Lanark Eastland-Pearl City 7
#2 Maroa-Forsyth 16, #1 Decatur St. Teresa 14
Final: Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley (13-0) vs. Decatur St. Teresa (13-0), 1 p.m. Friday
CLASS 1A
#6 Forreston 34, #4 Lena-Winslow 28 (0T)
#2 Camp Point C. 35, #1 Argenta-Oreana 22
Final: Forreston (11-2) vs. Camp Point Central (12-1), 10 a.m. Friday

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	MIN 7:20 NBC-5, AM-780					@DET 11:30 CBS-2, AM-780	
				PHX 7 NBCSCH, AM-670		MIA 7 WGN-9, AM-670	@MIN 7 WGN-9, AM-670
	MIN 5 WGN-9, AM-720			@WSH 6 WGN-9, AM-720		@TAM 6:30 NBCSN, AM-720	@FLA 6 NBCSCH, AM-720

SUNDAY ON TV/RADIO

NBA	NBA TV
6 p.m. Warriors at Spurs	NBA TV
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	
9:30 a.m. Myrtle Beach Invitational	ESPNU
11 a.m. Georgetown vs. South Florida	CBSSN
12:30 p.m. Hall of Fame Tipoff	ESPN
12:30 p.m. Charleston Classic	ESPNU
1:30 p.m. Austin Peay vs. Campbell	CBSSN
2:30 p.m. Indiana at Arkansas	ESPN
3 p.m. Mount St. Mary's at Maryland	BTN
3 p.m. Hall of Fame Tipoff	ESPN2
3 p.m. Myrtle Beach Invitational	ESPNU
5 p.m. Tennessee Tech at Michigan State	BTN
5 p.m. Charleston Classic	ESPNU
5:30 p.m. Myrtle Beach Invitational	ESPN2
5:30 p.m. Ohio vs. Loyola Marymount	CBSSN
7:30 p.m. Charleston Classic	ESPN2
8 p.m. Florida A&M vs. Central Conn. State	CBSSN
9:30 p.m. Minnesota vs. Texas A&M	ESPN2

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

1 p.m. Princeton at Penn State	BTN
3:30 p.m. Preseason NIT championship	CBSSN
4:30 p.m. Maryland at South Carolina	ESPN

NFL

Noon Steelers at Jaguars	CBS-2
Noon Cowboys at Falcons	FOX-32
3:25 p.m. Eagles at Saints	FOX-32
7:20 p.m. Vikings at Bears	NBC-5, WBBM-AM 780

GOLF

Noon CME Group Tour Championship	ABC-7
12:30 p.m. RSM Classic	Golf Channel

NHL

5 p.m. Wild at Blackhawks	WGN-9, WGN-AM 720
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MOTORSPORTS

2 p.m. NASCAR: Ford EcoBoost 400	NBC-5
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TENNIS

11:30 a.m. Oracle Challenger Series: Houston	Tennis Channel
Noon ATP Nitto Finals	ESPN2

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF TOP 25

CFP Rk.	TEAM	AP	REC	PF	PA	WEEK 12/NEXT GAME	*-11 A.M.
1.	Alabama	1	11-0	536	144	W 50-17 vs. The Citadel	
2.	Clemson	2	11-0	492	133	W 35-6 vs. Duke	
3.	Notre Dame	3	11-0	381	190	W 36-3 vs. #12 Syracuse	
4.	Michigan	4	10-1	403	149	W 31-20 vs. Indiana	
5.	Georgia	5	10-1	370	158	W 66-27 vs. UMass	
6.	Oklahoma	6	10-1	545	338	W 55-40 vs. Kansas	
7.	LSU	7	9-2	309	177	W 42-10 vs. Rice	
8.	Washington St.	8	9-1	376	221	vs. Arizona, late	
9.	West Virginia	9	8-2	409	233	L 45-41 at Oklahoma State	
10.	Ohio State	10	8-1	406	220	W 52-51 (OT) at Maryland	
11.	UCF	11	10-0	436	204	W 38-13 vs. #24 Cincinnati	
12.	Syracuse	12	8-3	447	312	L 36-3 vs. #3 Notre Dame	
13.	Florida	15	8-3	373	231	W 63-10 vs. Idaho	
14.	Penn State	16	8-3	377	237	W 20-3 at Rutgers	
15.	Texas	17	8-3	356	205	W 24-10 vs. #16 Iowa State	
16.	Iowa State	18	6-4	253	208	L 24-10 at #15 Texas	
17.	Kentucky	20	8-3	263	185	W 34-23 vs. Middle Tennessee State	
18.	Washington	17	8-3	308	183	W 42-23 vs. Oregon State	
19.	Utah	21	8-3	335	204	W 30-7 at Colorado	
20.	Boston College	22	7-4	363	266	L 22-21 at Florida State	
21.	Mississippi St.	25	7-4	314	141	W 52-6 vs. Arkansas	
22.	Northwestern	24	7-4	260	244	W 24-14 at Minnesota	
23.	Utah State	14	10-1	542	243	W 29-24 at Colorado State	
24.	Cincinnati	19	9-2	363	162	L 38-13 at #11 UCF	
25.	Boise State	23	9-2	411	244	W 45-14 at New Mexico	

CFP-College Football Playoff; AP-Associated Press; PF/PA-points for/allowed

BIG TEN STANDINGS

WEST	CONF	ALL	PF	PA	WEEK 12/NEXT GAME	*-11 A.M.
Northwestern	7-1	7-4	260	244	W 24-14 at Minnesota	
Wisconsin	5-3	7-4	336	254	W 47-44 (3OT) at Purdue	
Purdue	4-4	5-6	355	305	L 24-14 at #15 Texas	
Iowa	4-4	7-4	347	181	W 63-0 at Illinois	
Minnesota	2-6	5-6	305	320	L 24-14 vs. #22 Northwestern	
Illinois	2-6	4-7	296	449	L 63-0 vs. Iowa	
Nebraska	3-5	4-7	298	308	W 9-6 vs. Michigan State	
EAST						
Michigan	8-0	10-1	403	149	W 31-20 vs. Indiana	
Ohio State	7-1	10-1	406	220	W 52-51 (OT) at Maryland	
Penn State	5-3	8-3	397	240	W 20-3 at Rutgers	
Michigan St.	4-4	5-6	233	306	L 9-6 at Nebraska	
Maryland	3-5	6-5	239	206	L 52-51 (OT) at #10 Ohio State	
Indiana	2-6	5-6	276	300	L 31-20 vs. #4 Michigan	
Rutgers	0-8	1-10	152	363	L 20-3 vs. #14 Penn State	

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

MIDWEST	Wis.-Whitewater 67, Eureka 14 Wisconsin 47, Purdue 44, 3OT
EAST	Albany (NY) 25, Stony Brook 23 Army 28, Colgate 14 Brookport 40, Framingham St. 27 Columbia 24, Cornell 21 Dartmouth 49, Brown 7 Roger Federer 7-5, 7-6 (5), #1 Novak Djokovic, 6-2, 6-2, #4 Kevin Anderson, 6-2, 6-2.
NORTHWESTERN 24, MINNESOTA 14	Wisconsin 47, Purdue 44, 3OT
First quarter	OW: Bowser 2 run (Luckenbaugh kick), 6:20
Second quarter	MIN: Ibrahim 1 run (Carpenter kick), 2:18 NW: Thorson 13 run (kick failed), 1:12
Fourth quarter	NW: Bowser 2 run (C.Green pass from Thorson), 2:20 NW: FG Collins 29, 7:49 NW: Johnson 6 pass from Morgan (Carpenter kick), 4:32
TEAM STATS	NW MIN
First downs	16 18
Rushes-yards	39-95 35-109
Passing	230 197
Comp-att-int	15-21-0 19-32-2
Fumbles-lost	0-0 3-1
Penalties-yards	2-20 3-34
Possession time	29:26 30:34
Rushing: Northwestern, Bowser 29-85, MIN, Ibrahim 20-98.	
Passing: Northwestern, Thorson 15-21-0, 230 yds, Morgan 6-15-0, 82 yds.	
Receiving: Northwestern, Bowser 4-48, Skowronek 2-44, Chiaokhiao-Bowman 2-30, Holman 2-13, Jefferson 1-68, Ibrahim 1-8, Johnson 8-88, Bateman 1-54, MIN, Minnick 3-21, Johnson 5-39, 51 yds.	
Missed field goals: Min, Carpenter 38	

IOWA 63, ILLINOIS 0

Iowa	7	28	14	6-3
Illinois	0	0	0	0-0
First quarter	At: 33:13, IOWA: Fant 9 pass from Stanley (Recinos kick), 6:20			
Second quarter	IOWA: Sargent 3 run (Recinos kick), 13:50 IOWA: Espenes 19 fumble return (Recinos kick), 13:42			
Third quarter	IOWA: Hockenson 11 pass from Stanley (Recinos kick), 11:43 IOWA: Hockenson 37 pass from Stanley (Recinos kick), 5:10			
Fourth quarter	IOWA: Greeneweg 61 punt return (Recinos kick), 13:26 IOWA: Young 5 run (Recinos kick), 8:11			
TEAM STATS	IOWA	ILL		
First downs	20	11		
Rushes-yards	37-203	43-149		
Passing	27-207	8-82		
Comp-att-int	14-23-1	3-13-3		
Possession time	28:43	31:17		
Rushing: Iowa, Sargent 17-121, Tyiont 14-67, Illinois, Bonner 21-111.				
Passing: Iowa, Stanley 13-21-1178, Bonnell 1-2-0-13, Illinois, Bush 12-28-2-82, Rivers 0-2-1-0.				
Receiving: Iowa, Fant 3-54, S.B Smith 3-29, Hockenson 2-48, Illinois, Smalling 3-27, Mays 3-24.				
Missed field goals: None.				

LATEST LINE

NBA	pregame.com	SUNDAY
at Minnesota	4	at Memphis
Portland	1	at Washington
at Miami	1 1/2	L.A. Lakers
at Orlando	1 1/2	New York
San Antonio	2 1/2	Golden State
COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
at Texas-Arlin	3 1/2	UC Davis
Indiana	4	at Arkansas
at Oklahoma	4	Co. Of Charleston
Wake Forest	1	Valparaiso
Cal St.-Fullerton	6 1/2	Monmouth
W. Virginia	8 1/2	St. Joseph's
W. Kentucky	PK	Wright State
Ball St.	5 1/2	Appalach. St.
Alabama	3	Wichita St.
Northeastern	1	Davidson
Purdue	1 1/2	Virginia Tech
Holy Cross	4 1/2	Sienna
FIU	off	Youngstown St.
at Fordham	off	Columbia
Georgetown	off	South Florida
Austin Peay	3	Campbell
Loyola Marymrt	4 1/2	Ohio
Central Conn. St.	10 1/2	Florida A&M
Mainland	4	No. Asheville
at N. Kentucky	off	Coast. Carol.
Missouri	off	Oregon St.
Kansas St.	off	Pennsylvania
Washington	15	Santa Clara
Minnesota	5	Texas A&M
NHL		
at Blackhawks	off	Minnesota
at N.Y. Islanders-113	Dallas	+103
at Carolina	-149	New Jersey
Colorado	-108	at Anaheim
at Edmonton	-113	Las Vegas
NFL		
WEEK 11	SUNDAY	
at Bears	2 1/2	Minnesota
Carolina	4	at Detroit
at Atlanta	3 1/2	Dallas
at Baltimore	4	Cincinnati
at New Orleans	7 1/2	Philadelphia
at Indianapolis	2	Tennessee
Houston	3	at Washington
at N.Y. Giants	2 1/2	Tampa Bay
at L.A. Chargers	7	Denver
at Arizona	5 1/2	Oakland
Pittsburgh	5	at Jacksonville
at L.A. Rams	3 1/2	Kansas City
NFL		

NFC NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
BEARS	6	3	0	.667	269	175
Minnesota	5	3	1	.611	221	204
Green Bay	4	5	1	.450	247	243
Detroit	3	6	0	.333	202	244
NFC EAST						
Washington	6	3	0	.667	176	175
Dallas	4	5	0	.444	181	171
Philadelphia	4	5	0	.444	198	183
N.Y. Giants	2	7	0	.222	177	228
NFC SOUTH						
New Orleans	8	1	0	.889	330	232
Carolina	6	3	0	.667	241	232
Atlanta	4	5	0	.444	244	254
Tampa Bay	3	6	0	.333	232	291
NFC WEST						
L.A. Rams	9	1	0	.900	335	231
Seattle	5	5	0	.500	246	216
Arizona	2	7	0	.222	224	225
San Francisco	8	0	0	1.000	230	147
AFC NORTH						
Pittsburgh	6	2	1	.722	279	209
Cincinnati	4	4	0	.556	235	288
Baltimore	4	5	0	.444	213	160
Cleveland	3	6	1	.350	218	263
AFC EAST						
New England	7	3	0	.700	280	236
Miami	5	5	0	.500	199	256
Buffalo	3	7	0	.300	137	251
N.Y. Jets	3	7	0	.300	208	254
AFC SOUTH						
Houston	6	3	0	.667	216	184
Tennessee	4	4	0	.556	168	151
Indianapolis	5	4	0	.556	230	233
Jacksonville	3	6	0	.333	160	199
AFC WEST						
Kansas City	9	1	0	.900	353	240
L.A. Chargers	7	2	0	.778	240	186
Denver	3	6	0	.333	205	213
Oakland	1	8	0	.111	147	272

WEEK 11	SUNDAY
at Bears	2 1/2
Carolina	4
at Atlanta	3 1/2
at Baltimore	4
at New Orleans	7 1/2
at Indianapolis	2
Houston	3
at N.Y. Giants	2 1/2
at L.A. Chargers	7
at Arizona	5 1/2
Pittsburgh	5
at L.A. Rams	3 1/2
NFL	

NFC NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
BEARS	6	3	0	.667	269	175
Minnesota	5	3	1	.611	221	204
Green Bay	4	5	1	.450	247	243
Detroit	3	6	0	.333	202	244
NFC EAST						
Washington	6	3				

Sept. 9 @GB Lost 24-23	Sept. 17 SEA Won 24-17	Sept. 23 @ARI Won 16-14	Sept. 30 TB Won 48-10	Oct. 7 OPEN DATE	Oct. 14 @MIA Lost 31-28	Oct. 21 NE Lost 38-31	Oct. 28 NYJ Won 24-10	Nov. 4 @BUF Won 41-9	Nov. 11 DET Won 34-22	Nov. 18 MIN ▼	Nov. 22 @DET 11:30 a.m. CBS-2	Dec. 2 @NYG Noon FOX-32	Dec. 9 LAR 7:20 Ch. 5	Dec. 16 GB Noon FOX-32	Dec. 23 @SF 3:05 FOX-32	Dec. 30 @MIN Noon FOX-32
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Vikings at Bears

7:20 P.M. SUNDAY AT SOLDIER FIELD | NBC-5 | BEARS BY 2½ (O/U 44)

THREE KEYS

1st things 1st: Convert on 3rd

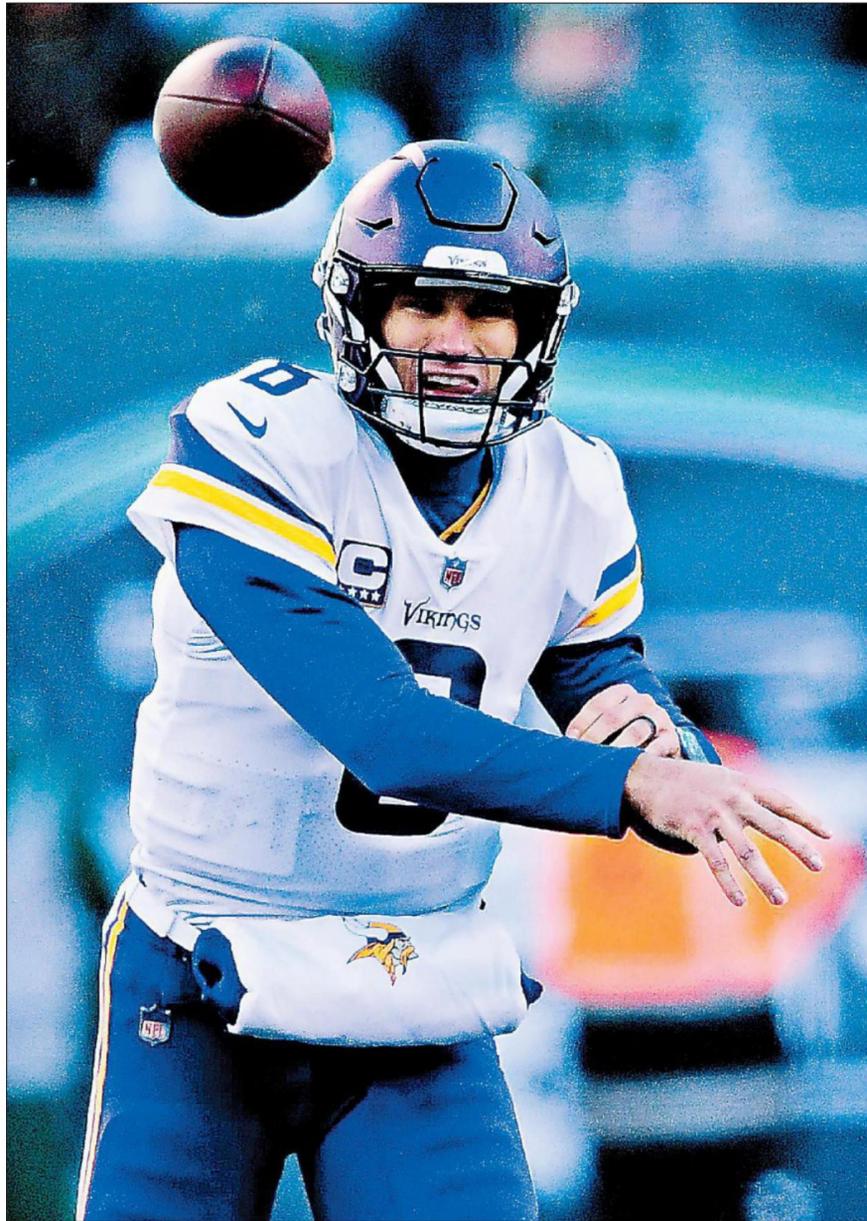
First place in the NFC North is at stake Sunday night as the Bears (6-3) play host to the defending champion Vikings (5-3-1). Neither has beaten a team that currently has a winning record, leaving much for both to prove. Here are our three keys to a Bears victory:

1 Third down no charm
Pregame analysis: The Vikings have, basically, the best third-down defense in NFL history. Last year, they set the league single-season record by surrendering a conversion rate of only 25.3 percent. This season, they're at 25.7. They do a great job of making it difficult for an offense to distinguish whether they're sending extra pass rushers or not. "They average third-and-9 — that is a bad percentage game for an offense," Bears coordinator Mark Helfrich said. "It's a combination of great scheme and great guys executing it for a long time." The Bears must stay in third-and-manageable. That means biting off yards on first down, probably in the run game. As for Mitch Trubisky, his third-down numbers put him in the middle of the pack. He's 13th in the NFL in third-down passer rating (99.0), 14th in completion percentage (61.5) and 24th in yards per attempt (6.34). The Bears' offense ranks 11th in the NFL with a 38.5-percent conversion rate.

2 Practice makes perfect
Pregame analysis: Maligned kicker Cody Parkey trained at Soldier Field during the week after hitting the upright four times against the Lions. (Four times is still hard to believe.) The Bears have been supportive of Parkey after his epically bad game, but it would serve him and the Bears well for Parkey not to test that patience and trust any further, even if the \$9 million guaranteed in his contract makes his job more secure. The Vikings are the best team the Bears have faced; they can't afford to leave eight points on the field like Parkey did against the Lions. "Especially as we get going on into the season here, the end of the regular season, these are huge now," coach Matt Nagy said. "You have to make them. It's just too important. They're too crucial."

3 Big-game balance
Pregame analysis: There's an unmistakable confidence bubbling within the Bears, which is noteworthy because this group hasn't really accomplished anything. They believe in themselves and there's cohesion, and rightfully so. But how the Bears handle the high stakes of these meaningful games remains to be seen. The Vikings, on the other hand, were in the NFC championship game last season. They won the division. They're experienced winners. The Bears must find that sweet spot between rising to meet the opportunity and not losing focus. A good indication will be whether they come close to duplicating the fast start they enjoyed against the Lions. "This is an important game. Get that, understand that, but don't overdo it to the point where you stress and you play tight," Nagy said.

— Rich Campbell



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FILL IN THE BLANK

With Cousins leading the way, this Vikings team is _____.

BRAD BIGGS

Beginning to play as expected as defending NFC North champions

Cousins was always steady with the Redskins but not always spectacular and he has better skill position players around him with wide receivers Adam Thielen and Stefon Diggs. He's certainly playing with a better defense. He makes good decisions and the Vikings have won four of their last five games. Expectations won't be met with Cousins in Year 1, though, if they don't advance beyond the point they reached last season with Case Keenum, and that was the NFC championship game.

RICH CAMPBELL

Still the NFC North favorite until someone finishes them

Although Cousins still has a lot to prove as a big-game, playoff-level quarterback, he has a better completion percentage (71.3 to 65.5) and interception percentage (1.4 to 2.4) than Trubisky. I think he's steady enough that, combined with the rest of the team's experience, they're the champs until further notice. That said, the Bears can take control of the race with a victory at home Sunday. Lose, and they will spend the rest of the season in chase mode, with that road game in Minneapolis to close out the season. So much hinges on Sunday night. Let's see which quarterback protects the ball best.



BRUCE KLUCKHOHN/AP

Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins has weapons in receivers Adam Thielen, left, and Stefon Diggs.

COLLEEN KANE

Among the best the Bears will face this season, behind only the Rams

The Vikings had their share of problems early in the year, but they're 4-1 over the last five games, with the only loss coming to the Saints. Their defense is showing it's still dangerous by putting up elite numbers, including sacking Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford 10 times. Cousins' massive paycheck invites criticism, and he has turned the ball over 11 times. But he also has passed for 2,685 yards, has a 71.3 percent completion rate and a 102.2 passer rating and makes use of a pair of dangerous receivers in Adam Thielen and Stefon Diggs. Beating this Vikings team is how the Bears can show they're for real.

PREDICTIONS

Finding just a little separation

Brad Biggs (8-1)
Pressure is on Vikings after an off week with a treacherous schedule ahead. They encounter a Bears team that is mostly healthy and on a roll offensively.

 **31-24**
Bears

Rich Campbell (7-2)

This game is a tossup, but I lean toward the Vikings because of their experience in big games. They're the division champs, after all. Also, the Bears' running game struggles make them susceptible to problems against that nasty third-down defense.

 **20-17**
Vikings

David Haugh (8-1)

Days after choppers followed Cody Parkey to practice under the lights at Soldier Field, a Parkey field goal will be the difference in the biggest Bears' regular-season game in years. But Parkey's foot won't affect the outcome as much as coach Matt Nagy's brain with the Bears' offensive scheme providing the edge over the Vikings' defensive skill.

 **23-20**
Bears

Colleen Kane (7-2)

This is a prove-it game for the Bears and quarterback Mitch Trubisky, who haven't faced many teams as balanced as this Vikings group. It could swing either way, but I'm leaning toward Kirk Cousins leading a winning drive more than Trubisky.

 **24-20**
Vikings

Phil Thompson (8-1)

Not to dismiss their winning streak, but the Bears have yet to be tested by a team with both a playoff-worthy offense and defense. But a Mitch Trubisky run here and a Kirk Cousins pick there could bring it all down to ... a Cody Parkey kick.

 **24-23**
Bears

Dan Wiederer (7-2)

Is this possibly the first of three meetings this season? In easily the hardest all-around test the Bears have taken to date, Matt Nagy and Vic Fangio push all the right buttons.

 **27-26**
Bears

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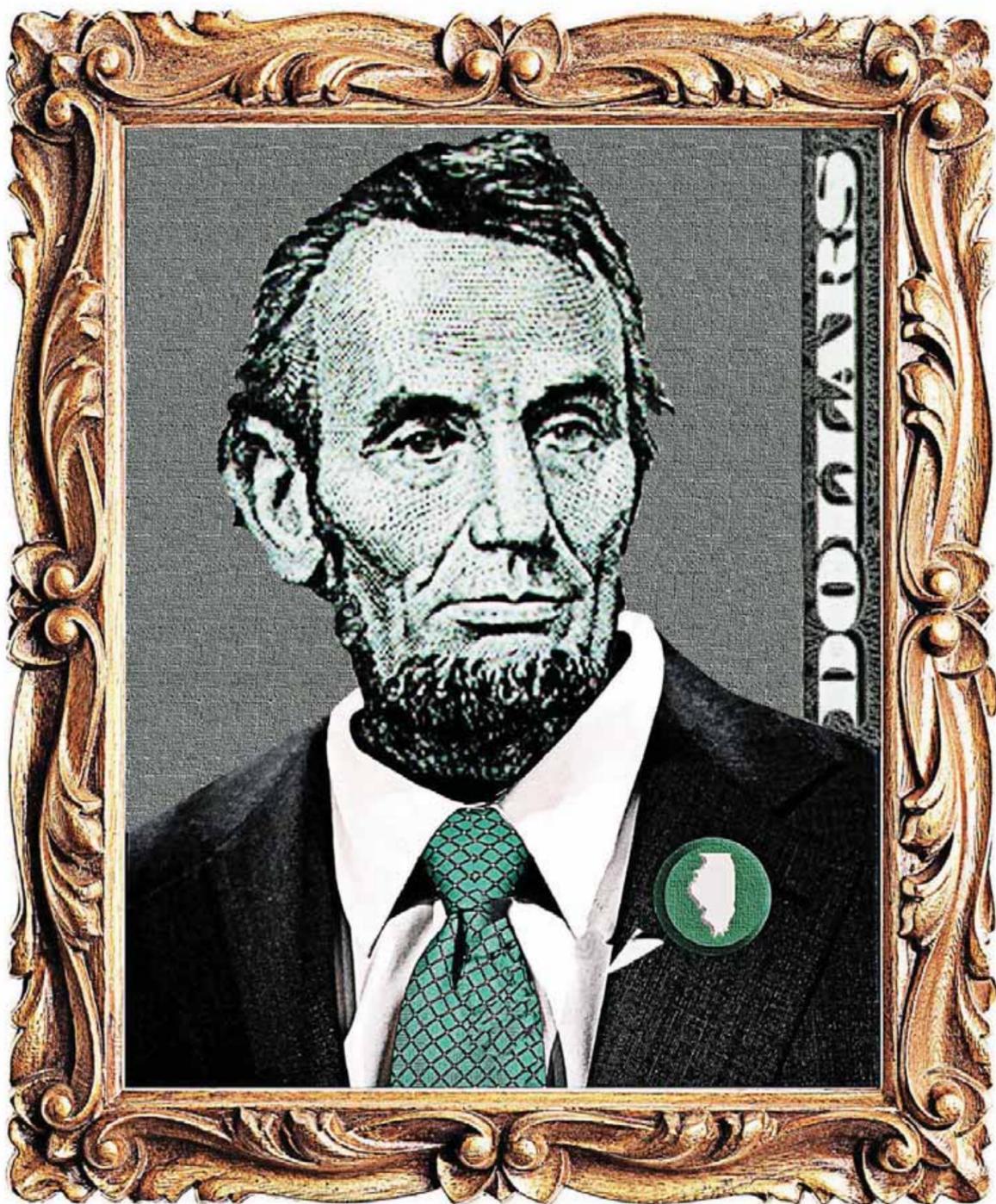
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Beatles' 'White Album' at 50

A classic or an overindulgence?

When it comes to Beatles nostalgia, the band's self-titled 1968 "White Album" has a king-size reputation — the biggest album (30 songs!) by the biggest band in the world at the time. But, to paraphrase a Beatles song, it was all too much, and its producer, George Martin, and at least a couple of its participants, George Harrison and John Lennon, would be among the first to agree.

A half-century later, little has changed, at least in the marketplace for more Beatles. Despite a \$138 price tag, a newly released 50th anniversary "White Album" box set is No. 2 on the Amazon CD/vinyl sales rankings. It's a 4-pound doorstop: six CDs and a Blu-Ray disc containing the original album, 27 early acoustic demos and 50 session tracks, most of them previously unreleased, plus a hardcover book. The mix, by George Martin's son, Giles, is immaculate, and in many ways the Beatles have never sounded better or more intimate.

But is the actual music worth the fuss? The pop historians have trained generations to believe the Beatles could do no wrong, and that the "White Album" was one of the group's greatest achievements. It undeniably contains some of the band's finest songs. But does it really make the case for the Beatles in late-career overdrive, or is it a wildly erratic hit-and-miss hodgepodge that could've been better served as a single album?

The original "The Beatles" was packaged for posterity. It spread 30 songs across two discs when released on Nov. 22, 1968, with a white cover designed by pop artist Richard Hamilton. The band's name was subtly embossed on the sleeve above a seven-digit stamp, as if it were an exclusive art piece. It looked cool, radical, and its sound — both more subtle and more bombastic than anything the Beatles had recorded before — signaled its game-changing objectives.

The ambition belied the turmoil swirling within and around the Beatles at the time. Even though the quartet was coming off the 1967 release of "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," widely acknowledged as an art-pop landmark, the Beatles' interpersonal relationships were in disarray.

Band manager Brian Epstein, a stabilizing force, died in 1967. A trip to India in early 1968 to visit Maharihi Mahesh Yogi and study transcendental meditation ended with the band members disillusioned and feeling exploited. The world was in a darker time as well. The optimism of the '67 "Summer of Love" in which "Sgt. Pepper" had been released had given way to the Vietnam War quagmire, the Prague Spring Soviet inva-

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WHAT ARTS AGENDA?

Governor-elect Pritzker: Let's invest in people, truck stops and empathy

What should be the arts policy of the new administration headed by the incoming Democratic governor of the State of Illinois, J.B. Pritzker?

You cannot answer that question without also asking what level of resources, and how much political capital, he should be investing therein in his first months of office. But before we get to all that, let's start with this truth. Pretty much any arts policy for the State



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of Illinois would be an improvement on the one now in place, which, in all practical terms, represents no policy at all.

When it comes to the arts, culture and creativity, the official vehicle of the State of Illinois long has been skidding down the road to irrelevance. And over the years of the administration of Gov. Bruce Rauner, it arrived at its destination.

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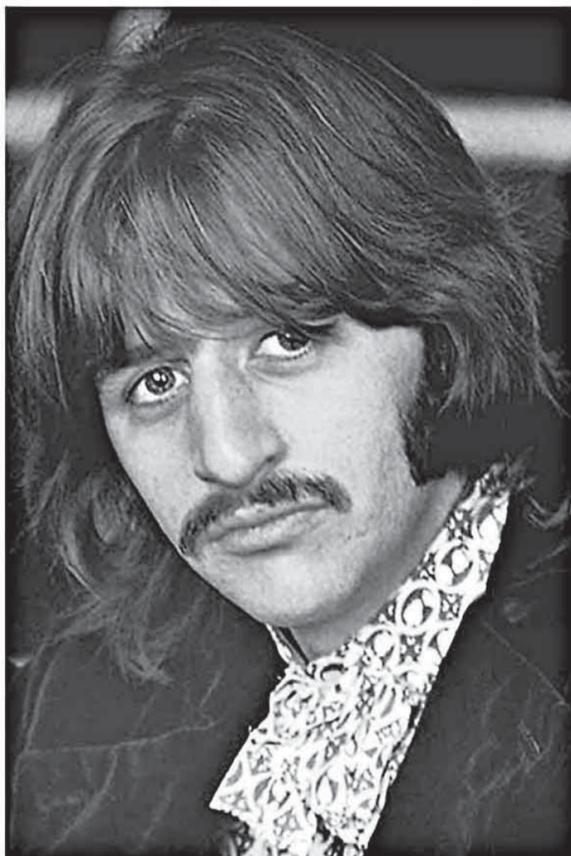
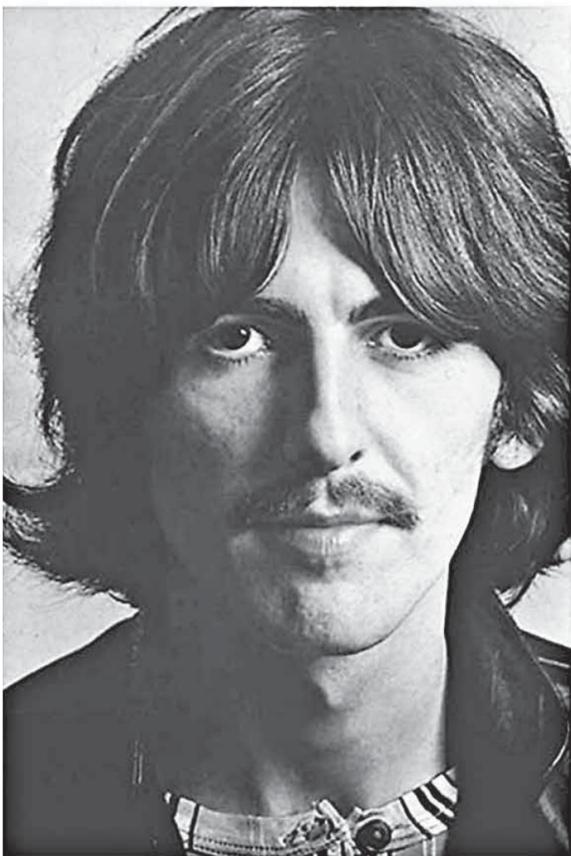
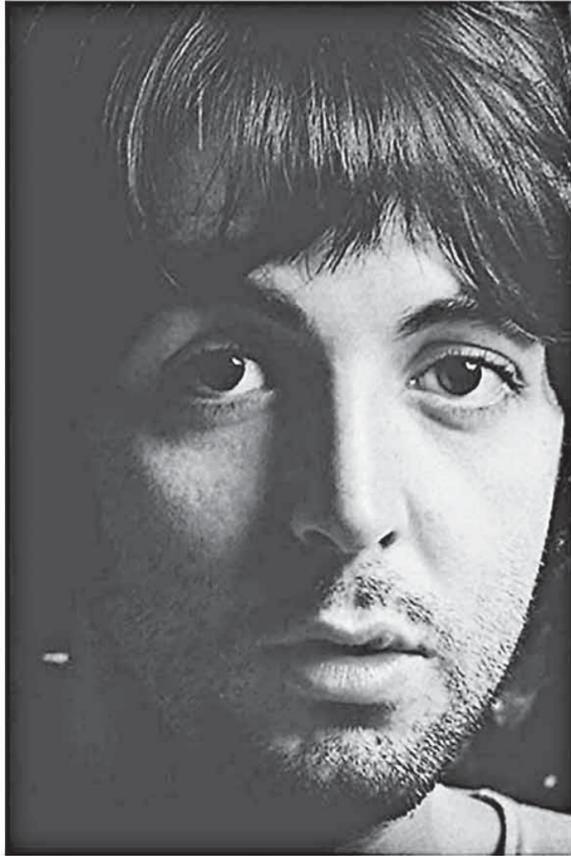
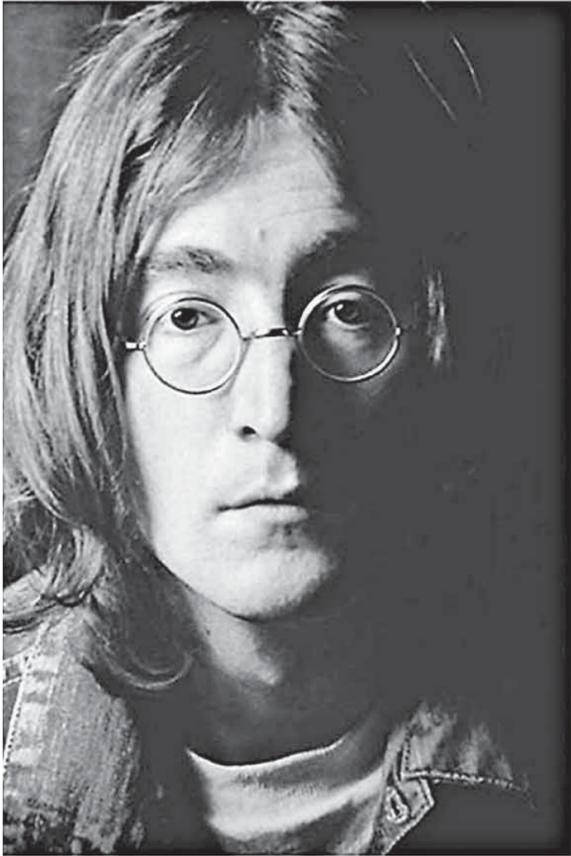
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Beatles' 'White Album' at 50



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The Beatles' self-titled 1968 release was written and recorded under the duress of disruptive change within the band.

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sion, and the assassinations of Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy. The bleaker, more cynical tone of a number of songs that would eventually appear on the "White Album," particularly those of Lennon and Harrison, reflected this crisis atmosphere.

More disruptive changes were in the air. Lennon and Paul McCartney were in the midst of severing ties with their wife and fiancée, respectively, and partnering with new love interests (Lennon with Yoko Ono and McCartney with Linda Eastman). Lennon struggled with heroin addiction and was becoming increasingly estranged from McCartney, his songwriting partner. Harrison and drummer Ringo Starr were beginning to chafe under McCartney's expanding artistic control. And there was simmering resentment over how much praise was showered on "Fifth Beatle" Martin for the studio accomplishments of "Sgt. Pepper."

Nonetheless, things started promisingly when the band reconvened in May 1968. The quartet took a back-to-basics approach and banged out 27 acoustic demos in Harrison's home in Esher, Surrey, outside London. The four-track recordings are terrific, the primary reason to dig into the box set as they show the Beatles feeding off a new impulse in rock, the more pastoral feel of recordings by Bob Dylan and the Band that had begun circulating in musician circles. While in India, the Beatles jammed on acoustic guitars, and Lennon and McCartney adopted the clawhammer style of finger-picking they were shown by British folk singer Donovan to craft new songs such as "Julia" and "Blackbird."

The box set also culls tracks from five months of studio sessions that followed the Esher demos. Instead of the sound layering that characterized "Sgt. Pepper" and the 1966 masterpiece, "Revolver," the arrangements remained relatively pristine. The outtakes reveal how Lennon's characteristically contrarian take on the counterculture, "Revolution," evolved into three distinct recordings, two of which appeared on the "White Album," as the bluesy "Revolution 1" and the avant-garde collage "Revolution 9," plus a definitive hard-rock take that was released as a single. But other than an early version of Harrison's "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" and a ragged but thrilling run through "Helter Skelter," the



The 50th anniversary "White Album" box set includes six CDs, a Blu-Ray disc and a book.

three discs of studio extras will largely appeal only to Beatles obsessives.

In the same way, the "White Album" now feels more than ever like an indulgence from a band that was no longer in sum-is-greater-than-the-parts collaboration. Lennon was clearly drawing greater inspiration from Ono, who accompanied him to the sessions, than he was from McCartney. Only two weeks before "The Beatles" was released, Lennon and Ono released their debut album, "Unfinished Music No. 1: Two Virgins," with its scandalous nude cover image.

One of the casualties of the widening McCartney-Lennon rift was the checks and balances that the two main songwriters typically imposed on one another's work. McCartney in particular tossed out some of the flimsiest songs of the Beatles era ("Martha My Dear," "Honey Pie"). Starr inexplicably earned his first songwriting credit on a Beatles recording (the forgettable "Don't Pass Me By"), while Harrison continued to feel neglected (not for nothing did he enlist his pal Eric Clapton to play on "While My Guitar Gently Weeps," in a last-ditch effort to salvage a song that the Lennon-McCartney brain trust had rejected).

Tensions ran so high that Starr briefly quit the band, recording engineer Geoff Emerick exited the sessions altogether and Martin, feeling underutilized, took an unannounced vacation and left the recording in the hands of fledgling engineers Chris Thomas and Ken Scott.

One of the reasons Martin left was that he felt he was being ignored and wouldn't be missed, according to a forthcoming book, Kenneth Womack's "Sound Pictures: The Life of Beatles Producer George Martin, the Later Years, 1966-2016."

The producer never much liked the "White Album." As he later told Beatles biographer Mark Lewisohn, "I really didn't think that a lot of the songs were worthy of release, and I told them so. I said, 'I don't want a double album. I think you ought to cut out some of these, concentrate on the really good ones and have yourself a really super album. Let's whittle them down to 14 to 16 titles and concentrate on those.'"

It was an opinion echoed by Harrison and Lennon. As it turns out, they were right. The "White Album" would've been a classic had it been trimmed to the following 12 keepers. Everything else doesn't match the high standards the Beatles had previously set for themselves.

'White Album' keepers

"Back in the USSR": A good portion of the album finds the Beatles appropriating and in some case satirizing beloved peers and influences, none more so than the leadoff track with its nods to Chuck Berry's "Back in the USA" and the Beach Boys' "California Girls." Yet in Starr's absence, the remaining trio led by McCartney piles on the excitement: piano flurries, exuberant Beach Boys-style harmonies, a wicked guitar solo.

"Dear Prudence": Squishy bass, a tolling guitar and harmony vocals swim atop the psychedelic breeze.

"While My Guitar Gently Weeps": The Harrison track was nearly orphaned until Clapton came aboard to play the solo, and then it was buried as the seventh track on Side 1. Poor George couldn't catch a break, but he was right to fight for the song. It's one of the album's most enduring moments.

"Happiness is a Warm Gun": Lennon's multipart masterpiece serves as a mini-history of rock 'n' roll (folk finger-picking, blues chords, hard rock, doo-wop vocals) while skewering America's obsession with guns in the wake of the King and Kennedy assassinations.

"Blackbird": A sparse beauty of a protest song as McCartney's poignant melody and poetic wordplay allude to the longing and perseverance of the civil rights struggle.

"Julia": Lennon's heartbreaking ode to his late mother casts a dreamlike spell as it yearns for something that could never be.

"Yer Blues": The Beatles rarely dabbled in blues, but Lennon dives into the deep end with caustic guitars and cauterizing vocals. Even as he parodies white British kids who reverently imitated African-American blues singers, he also one-ups them.

"Everybody's Got Something to Hide Except Me and My Monkey": Clanging bells, agitated guitars, a song pitched on the edge of hysteria as Lennon finds hard-won love amid an atmosphere of tension and paranoia.

"Sexy Sadie": Lennon left India feeling used by the Maharishi, and this vicious diatribe does some score-settling. It also inspires one of the singer's most expressive vocal arrangements.

"Revolution 1": Lennon was not a follower. He expresses his skepticism about the counterculture revolution with typical slyness and wit over a deceptively laid-back arrangement that draws on blues and doo-wop.

"Helter Skelter": In response to the electric storm whipped up by Jimi Hendrix and Cream, McCartney goes toe-to-toe with the heavyweights. His Little Richard-inspired vocal fights for space amid the heavy-metal carnage of Ringo "I've got blisters on my fingers" Starr and the boys.

"Long Long Long": Harrison's spiritual quest has never sounded more haunting.

Contenders: "Glass Onion"; "Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da"; "The Continuing Story of Bungalow Bill"; "I'm So Tired"; "Piggies"; "Rocky Raccoon"; "I Will"; "Birthday"; "Savoy Truffle"; "Mother Nature's Son"; "Cry Baby Cry."

Duds: "Wild Honey Pie," "Martha My Dear," "Don't Pass Me By," "Why Don't We Do It in the Road?," "Honey Pie," "Revolution 9," "Good Night."

State needs to invest in empathy lessons

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In the summer of 2017, the Belleville News-Democrat pointed out that the Illinois Arts Council had, the previous year, spent \$1 million on staff and overhead to hand out \$834,900 in grants, leading the downstate newspaper to editorialize that the agency should be cut. And while you might be surprised to read this in an arts section of a newspaper, the editorial board of the Belleville News-Democrat made an excellent case.

Our journalistic colleagues in Belleville had been reading a story in Forbes penned by Adam Andrzejewski, an advocate for governmental transparency, in which he reported that the Arts Council did not have a single in-person meeting during 2016. In fact, Andrzejewski wrote, the Illinois Arts Council had no official, in-person meetings from August 2014 until August 2016. Moreover, Andrzejewski argued that most of that \$834,900 had gone to relatively wealthy cultural organizations in Chicago and that many of them represented the particular interests of, and in some cases were employers of, members of the council. "Our OpenTheBooks.com findings," Andrzejewski wrote in Forbes, "reveal 37 cents on every \$1 in grants flowed to just 20 well-heeled, asset-rich organizations. In total, these 20 rich organizations received \$12.1 million despite controlling financial assets of at least \$3.1 billion."

This is a conservative critique and you can dispute the veracity of a phrase like "controlling financial assets." Here's what is fascinating. Given Shirley Madigan's longstanding leadership of the Arts Council, you'd have thought that Gov. Rauner would have made a campaign issue of a part of State government long controlled by the spouse of a nemesis, House Speaker Mike Madigan, whom he had no hesitation to demonize elsewhere. Why not here? Probably because of the involvement of a laughably tiny amount of money. It was too small for Rauner to care. He'd already choked it off.

As a point of comparison, New York magazine reported Tuesday that the State of New York — the State, not the city — had offered Amazon \$1.7 billion in incentive money to build a new operation in Long Island City, or over \$100,000 per promised job. Many New Yorkers in recent days have been questioning whether that public subsidy actually will do any social good at all, given that it likely will increase LIC rents and help Amazon dominate over small, locally based competitors who get no subsidies at all. Or take the State of Wisconsin, which reportedly offered some \$3 billion in incentives to FoxConn, which has agreed to build a new factory in the state. This was an in-

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centive for one private employer.

Granted, the State of Illinois has contributed to the arts outside of the Arts Council (the funding package for the Uptown Theatre renovation, for example, includes \$10 million in Build Illinois bond funding). But, truly, \$1.8 million is 0.06 percent of \$3 billion. This is too small a commitment for anyone — beyond the most tenacious watchdog — to care.

This all has to change. Why? The economic-development arguments for the arts are as well-worn as they are indisputably accurate, but it is high time arts advocates in Chicago admit that they have not made an effective statewide case (hence that editorial in Belleville). It also is high time for arts advocates in Chicago to admit that so much state arts funding should not be swallowed up by relatively rich institutions in downtown Chicago. It should be for everyone.

I heard Andrew Yang, the founder of Venture for America (a kind of private equity version of Teach for America) and a long-shot Democratic Presidential candidate for 2020, speak this week in Rhode Island. Yang argued that everyone in Silicon Valley well knows that the manufacturing jobs wiped out in Midwestern states were just the beginning. Within just a few years — almost certainly within your lifetime — most human jobs in retail, food service and trucking are also about to disappear, with humans supplanted by either robotics or some version of artificial intelligence. These are the job categories that employ the majority of Americans, a majority of whom still do not graduate from college. This change — coming very soon — will, Yang argued, provoke a crisis of social unrest in the traditional manufacturing states of such a unprecedented scale that it needs to be anticipated now. And it's not as simple as retraining workers: retraining for what jobs?

Take trucking — once the trucks no longer need to stop, the truck stops along the interstates will disappear. Those jobs will vanish. Entire communities, Yang

argued, will also vanish. Soon. People will have to completely reorient their lives. And before that, he said, there will be anger and alienation. The only solution will be that we will all have to learn to feel more empathy for our fellow Illinoisans, and we will have to learn to do so very fast.

Empathy is about to be everything. If the Land of Lincoln is to survive.

As apocalyptic as it may seem, this stuff is what Pritzker, a smart guy, needs to anticipate and fast. This is why you need

the state to be involved in the arts.

Enough with the anemic arts council and the petty controversies and the late checks and the non-conversations and the pathetic budgets. It's time for the state to train its citizens in how to change their own narratives. It's time for the state to take charge of the narrative, and help its people understand the meaning of that term. The human story is changing far faster than most people realize, and the arts will need to be at the center of what soon will be 12.8 million very different lives, as lived in the State of Illinois. People will have to re-create themselves, write very different stories for themselves, and we'll all need help.

Where will he find the money for that? The smarter people in the business of technological change know that their profitable utopia will be scuppered if they don't also fund the human change that's needed. There's plenty of money out there, all looking for the right artistic and creative idea. Some of it lives very close to home.

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BOOK REVIEW

Jeff Tweedy as songwriter and family man

By LLOYD SACHS
Chicago Tribune

As Jeff Tweedy would admit — and more or less does in his new memoir, “Let’s Go (So We Can Get Back)” — his life hasn’t been all that interesting, at least for a rock star. Raised in a dysfunctional family (his father drank a 12-pack every night), he grew up in a depressed Midwestern town (downstate Belleville). As a kid who had trouble getting noticed in school, he embraced music (rock, country, punk) for the companionship and escape it offered. When he got older, he suffered from his own depression and drug addiction before turning things around.

But in his new memoir, the leader of Chicago’s long-running band Wilco isn’t interested in the usual rehashings of life and career. Those expecting lots of backstage dish will have to settle for his account of being mistaken for an usher at the Grammys by Sean “Diddy” Combs. He acknowledges bands that inspired him, like the Replacements, and devotes a chapter to his recent collaborations with the great Mavis Staples. But as for hero worship, Bob Dylan’s “importance to me feels like it’s too obvious to bring up,” he writes, getting to it toward the end of the book.

Tweedy, who spends time on the making and rescuing of Wilco’s anointed 2001 masterpiece, “Yankee Hotel Foxtrot,” but barely mentions the albums by the band’s current incarnation, is much more interested in examining the painful lessons he has learned from his life as a songwriter and a family man. In this he succeeds in entertaining and oddly revealing ways, moving with shape-shifting ease from wry self-effacement to what he calls Midwestern sarcasm to naked confession.

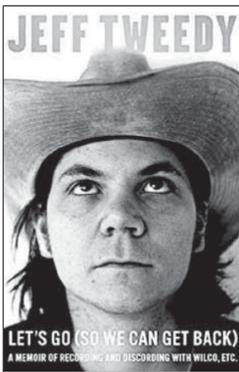


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Wilco frontman Jeff Tweedy opts to reflect on life lessons over backstage dish in his 2018 memoir, “Let’s Go (So We Can Get Back).”

“My comfort level with being vulnerable is probably my superpower,” he writes, testing that theory by telling how, at the rock bottom of his addiction, he stole morphine from his cancer-stricken mother-in-law. When his wife, Sue Miller, former operator of Lounge Ax, the popular Lincoln Avenue club where they met, lightly asks whether he really needs to include such personal details, he responds, “I don’t want to romanticize any of this. It wasn’t glamorous or fun, it was awful.”

To sometimes ingratiating effect, he acts as though “Let’s Go (So We Can Get Back)” — a pet expression of his father’s — is being written as it is being read. “I need strings that sound like me, a doom-dabbling, fifty-year-old, borderline misanthrope, nap enthusiast,” he writes, before, as he



often does, telling the reader that’s not quite what he meant.

He saves his best writing for a brilliant, Philip Rothian analysis of an encounter he had in Belleville with two women, former classmates he never knew. “Are you still in that little band?” one of them asks. “Are you still together?”

‘Let’s Go (So We Can Get Back)’

By Jeff Tweedy, Dutton, 304 pages, \$22.35

Writes Tweedy, “It was sublime poetry, the way they danced between foggy memory and under-the-radar insult ... They smiled and nodded, but like you do when somebody tells you they’ve been living in their parents’ basement and sleeping on a beanbag chair.” Midwestern sarcasm, he adds, “makes you listen more closely. You have to treat every conversation like a safecracker.”

For someone who writes so perceptively about his own descent into drug hell, Tweedy is rather muted in discussing the pill-popping decline and eventual overdose of his extravagantly talented, perpetually wired

Wilco mate — and nemesis — Jay Bennett. Tweedy says he fired Bennett, whose creative genius in the studio lifted such albums as “Summerteeth,” because his destructive antics were tearing at the collective fabric of the band — and because “I knew if I didn’t, I would probably die.”

Some believe Bennett, for whom Tweedy expresses love and admiration, got a raw deal. “I get it when Wilco fans are still angry at me about Jay Bennett,” Tweedy writes. “I don’t like it, but I understand. They don’t think Wilco is as good now as it was when Jay Bennett was in the band, because he’s on all of the Wilco albums that mean the most to them.”

But, he came to realize, that kind of extreme devotion to “something entirely made up like a ‘band’ is silly.”

He himself had been hurt when the other significant Jay in his life, Jay Farrar, his partner in the pioneering alt-country band Uncle Tupelo, told him the group “was over.” But the two were never close. Farrar disappeared one day, never to return to the group, and that was that.

Considering Tweedy’s life-threatening addictions and his wife’s frightening bouts with cancer, you can understand why such distant events might lose some of their edge. “Leaving behind as many of the myths surrounding suffering and art as I possibly could was the only path forward,” he writes. This book is a significant step in that direction.

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This photo from the book "Pop 66: A Dreamy Pop Can-Camera Odyssey Along Route 66" shows the beach near the Santa Monica Pier, the western end of Route 66.

SEEING ROUTE 66

through the eyes of a pinhole camera



RICK KOGAN
Sidewalks

Photographer Wes Pope flew to Chicago a couple of weeks ago. A native of the Pacific Northwest, he is a professor in Portland, Ore., but his mind was firmly on the road and the trip he took here from California in 1998 that changed his life in ways he could never have expected or imagined.

It was a trip that started in an unusual way. "On the very first day, I stopped to take a picture of the horse," he says.

The horse was stuffed and named Trigger and was in the Roy Rogers Western World & Museum in Victorville, Calif. As Pope walked into the place, a man stopped him and said, "You better hurry, Roy and Dale are still in there."

Yes, they were, Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, those stars of screen and song, sitting in wheelchairs and signing autographs for fans. Pope asked the pair to pose and they agreed, in part because they were intrigued by the device Pope was carrying, a camera made out of two halves of aluminum cans held together with tape.

"It's called a pop can pinhole camera," Pope told the aging stars. They all went outside. They smiled and Pope got his shot.

That close encounter is one of the many highlights of Pope's spectacular first book, "Pop 66: A Dreamy Pop Can-Camera Odyssey Along Route 66," handsomely published by the Chicago-based Press Syndication Group.

You likely know about Route 66, if only from the old TV show and song: "It winds from Chicago to LA / More than two thousand miles all the way / Get your kicks on Route Sixty-Six."

It has long been known as "the mother road," this 2,400-some-mile, two-lane ribbon of concrete that starts or ends, depending on your perspective, at Michigan Avenue and Adams Street in front of the Art Institute, and at the Santa Monica Pier, poking out into the Pacific Ocean in California.

For many, it defines and evokes a bygone America.

But do you know anything about a pop can camera? Pope explains what that is at some length in the book but, basically, it is an instrument of charmingly rudimentary camera technology.

He made 33 such cameras on his mother's kitchen table in Orange County, Calif., for her fifth grade class. After helping the kids use them to take self-portraits, he took them on the road.

The cameras were on that first road trip in '98 and his dozen or so subsequent "66" excursions. They have enabled him to create photos that lack the clarity and color we have become accustomed to in this iPhone age. But the dozens of images in this book have a dreamy, almost ghostly



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Former Chicago Tribune photographer Wes Pope just released his new book detailing Route 66.



WES POPE PHOTO

Route 66 starts at Adams Street and Michigan Avenue in Chicago.



WES POPE PHOTO

Artist Bob Waldmire, known for depictions of Route 66, sits in his hand-decorated 1972 Volkswagen van outside his family's Cozy Dog restaurant in Springfield, Ill. Waldmire's van was the inspiration for the character of Fillmore from the 2006 Pixar movie "Cars."

quality that grabs the eye. They are like paintings.

John Steinbeck, in his magisterial "The Grapes of Wrath," wrote that "66 is the path of a people in flight" but for Pope it was a wel-

come journey, since in 1998 he was on his way to Chicago to begin work as a Tribune staff photographer. This would be where he found, as he writes in the book, "an amazing time and

ally credited with sparking new interest in the highway, which had been officially decommissioned in 1985, fading further into shadows cast by the interstate highway system.

It also initiated what is now a shelf full of "66" books. Some are little more than gatherings of snapshots and tourist tips. A few are good but none is as compelling as "Pop 66."

It contains brief words from some of the many authors who have written of 66: Steinbeck, of course, but also Woody Guthrie, for whom Pope's son Guthrie is named; N. Scott Momaday; J. Robert Oppenheimer; Lew Welch; Larry McMurtry; L. Frank Baum and Paul Simon.

Most of the words in the book are Pope's and he proves a first-rate writer. An example: "Beyond the souvenir shops, there is a poverty of the land and a toughness of the people — I have yet to meet any of the starkly red or blue creatures we hear about ad nauseam. The folks I meet tend to be friendlier and far more complicated than you would ever imagine."

That attention paid to people is what helps elevate the book into a distinctive realm.

"People have been the key," he says. "That is what has kept me going."

And so we meet Pop McGee, who as a boy witnessed a nuclear bomb test near in his family farm and recalls that is was "The day the sun came up twice," and Joyce Livermore, a woman standing by the side of the road with a sign offering to trade toys for diapers and milk needed by her grandkids.

We visit Exotic World in Helendale, Calif., "dedicating to preserving the art of burlesque" and some of the women who practice that art; see a 5-year-old Guthrie (he's now 6) sitting on the hood of a tow truck in Galena, Kan.; a woman mowing weeds in tiny Glenrio, N.M.; and Bunyon's Hot Dogs owner Art Stephens in Cicero, who tells Pope about the only trip he had made on Route 66 in 1952, his family packed into a brand new Cadillac.

There is tenderness in the book, a sensitivity and wistfulness too, especially when Pope travels a bit off the mother road to visit and photograph places with deep familial connections and family graves.

He also manages another photo of his old pal Trigger.

Roy and Dale died not long after meeting Pope and posing for his camera. In time, the stuffed Trigger and the entire museum relocated from Victorville to Branson, Mo. They did not have much success there. Few people came to visit and eventually Trigger was auctioned off, purchased by a cable TV outfit that keeps it in the lobby of its headquarters, not available to public eyes.

But there is Trigger on the page of this book, like something out of a dream. Have a good long look.

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place to make a living as a photo-journalist?"

His time here ended in 2008. He then worked for another newspaper before becoming what he is now, an assistant professor in the multimedia journalism master's program at the University of Oregon in Portland.

But Route 66 had grabbed him and did not let go.

"Over the years I have seen some serious preservation efforts, some new museums. I have seen creativity, outsider art, mom-and-pop entrepreneurship," he says. "I went to diners, went to football games. Route 66 is America and it's a magical place."

In an artful foreword to the book, Michael Wallis writes, "[Pope] offers both a new voice and a new look at the Mother Road. Like the highway itself, Pope and his photographs are not in any way predictable. Nothing about them is contrived."

Wallis is a historian and author. One of his books, 1990's "Route 66: The Mother Road," is gener-



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BROADWAY REVIEW

Hey, Indiana! Broadway wants to save you

By **CHRIS JONES**
Chicago Tribune

Hoosiers are a great mystery to the people of Broadway. Apparently, they live in small, economically challenged towns best flown over. They insist on homophobic traditional values and, when out for dinner, they're chained to a choice between Applebee's and Applebee's.

But, hey, don't despair, Indiana! A cute clutch of crazy-lovable-wacky showbiz divas can parachute in from Midtown Manhattan, wake up all the sleepy young people, restore your geeky teen lesbian's canceled prom, reinstall arts education in the schools and make an entire struggling town a whole lot less likely to vote for You Know Who in the future.

And — wait for it — in so doing, these misunderstood

narcissists, wounded as they are by the repeated thrusts of the knives of Broadway's mean critics, can Learn to Love Something Other Than Themselves.

Theater kids stand up and be proud! Broadway makes America great again — in its own image.

That's "The Prom," a savvy, self-aware, self-serving and consistently funny new musical of liberal long-ing.

Penned by Bob Martin and Chad Beguelin (who also wrote the lyrics) and with a peppy, empowering score by Matthew Sklar, "The Prom" is custom-designed to make Midwestern theater kids geek out like they're watching "Glee," only in double-time and at the IMAX.

But this also is a fascinating show for deep thinkers about the form. Throughout history, Broadway musicals

have reflected the nagging worries of progressive America. Right now, the panic is over that Other America, the one headquartered, apparently, somewhere in Indiana. And just as Lynn Nottage's Pulitzer Prize-winning play "Sweat" tried to understand the people of the red states, so "The Prom" imagines that the way to beat back triumphalist Trumpism is to take Broadway on the road and have the director-choreographer Casey Nicholaw turn everyone into sweaty dancers. Why not?

Of course, most Broadway stars aren't known for prioritizing that bus-and-truck tour to Muncie, an elitist paradox that "The Prom" at least is smart enough to acknowledge. Unfortunately, though, there is no evidence whatsoever that anyone involved

here has spent recent quality time in Indiana, which means that the show's generic locale feels reductive and probably will be offensive to some of the older, prouder residents of that state. They're not likely to be in the seats. Still, the show's best moments still are when the Scary World Outside Manhattan has at least a semblance of reality. Which is only occasionally.

Mercifully, the cast of this nonsense includes Brooks Ashmanskas (very funny), Beth Leavel (charmingly hilarious) and Christopher Sieber (pompously hilarious). There's also a lovable heroine in Caitlin Kinnunen's Emma, an earnest vlogging character seemingly modeled on both "Lady Bird" and the performance by Elsie Fisher in the movie "Eighth Grade." Emma's job is to be motivated by the Broadway

visitors (who are at first in this only for the publicity) and, in turn, give 'em purpose and cure them from their egos.

Good luck Emma, you think. And you'll need the sense of humor that nobody bothered to write for you. But you're still laughing much of the time at the generally witty book and, for sure, enjoying Nicholaw's truly eye-popping explorations of how youthful dance can be a unifying force across our great political gulf.

The show's DNA is quippy and in too much need of insider validation, sigh, to really range deep into the causes and solutions for homophobia, but the choreography still is keyed around hope. It's cool to watch the kids in the ensemble as stand-ins for the dreams of the terrified older liberals who

made this show.

The best moment of all is a lovely Beguelin/Sklar song given to the sympathetic school principal in the show. Played by Michael Potts, he is enlightened enough to be a fan of Leavel's needy character, Dee Dee. The song is called "We Look to You," and it is a moving expression of what show people give to a world that often does not love them back. Look for it on the cabaret circuit, just as you'll soon find the sweet pop ballads "Just Breathe" and "Dance With You" being done in auditions.

Even in Indiana, where even the small towns usually have at least one nice local place to eat.

"The Prom" plays at the Longacre Theatre, 220 W. 48th St.; 212-239-6200 or theprommusical.com



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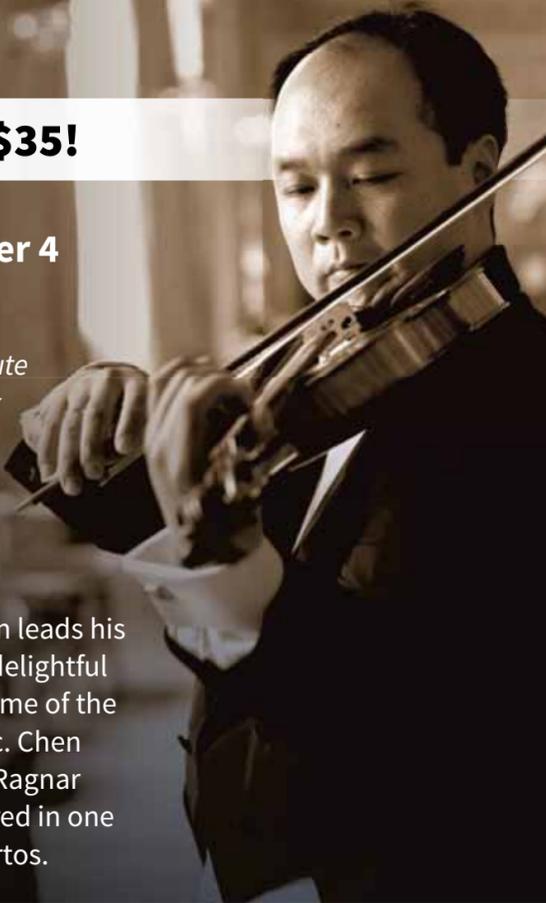
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FADE TO BLACK

FilmStruck's demise ignites fears that streaming services will erase movie history

BY RYAN FAUGHNDER | Los Angeles Times

On a recent Friday night, filmmaker Evan Koehne and his group of fellow film enthusiasts gathered to watch "Stalker," the influential 1979 sci-fi drama by Russian director Andrei Tarkovsky.

The handful of former roommates and college buddies huddled on a couch and camping chairs in the living room of Koehne's Echo Park, Calif., house to view and discuss the three-hour Soviet-era epic. The event wouldn't have been possible without the classic movie streaming service FilmStruck. So Koehne was stunned when the AT&T Inc.-owned film and television giant WarnerMedia decided to pull the plug on the small but beloved FilmStruck, a 2-year-old treasure trove for fans of old movies such as 1946's "The Best Years of Our Lives" and Francois Truffaut's 1959 film "The 400 Blows."

"I'm worried people won't be aware these movies exist if there isn't a way for them to be easily accessible," said Koehne, 31. "I'm afraid kids today won't seek these movies out if they don't have this ease of access."

FilmStruck's demise at the end of this month has raised broader concerns among movie buffs about the future of cinema's past. They fear Hollywood's rapid embrace of streaming services and new, buzzworthy content is making it harder for young audiences to discover the classics that shaped an industry and culture.

Streaming companies including Netflix, Amazon and Hulu are spending billions of dollars to create the kinds of next-big-thing TV dramas that draw subscribers, and aren't so interested in hosting vast catalogs of oldies. Compounding the problem, video stores that once facilitated the discovery of esoteric films have mostly vanished, and younger viewers aren't subscribing to cable bundles, let alone watching Turner Classic Movies. Another constraint is that it's costly to convert old movies into streaming-friendly formats.

FilmStruck, experts said, represents the best option for people who want easy access to silent-era landmarks and art house oddities, serving as the online home of the lauded Criterion Collection, the New York-based group dedicated to the most culturally significant films. It helped users unearth gems based on directors or themes, such as "Japanese horror classics" and "classics of lesbian cinema."

The internet has turned aficionados into online detectives, scouring the web for physical copies of obscure film titles.

"What's happening is the cinema of the 20th century is being erased," said Wheeler Winston Dixon, a film studies professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. "These films vanish from public view because there's no one there to recommend them."

In its announcement last month, WarnerMedia said that "while FilmStruck has a very loyal fanbase, it remains largely a niche service."

Nonetheless, the suddenness of WarnerMedia's decision, and the lack of information about its plans

for making historic material available, angered users who pay at least \$6.99 a month for FilmStruck. The move also got a big thumbs down from elite filmmakers, including Barry Jenkins ("Moonlight"), Guillermo del Toro ("The Shape of Water") and Edgar Wright ("Baby Driver"). A Change.org petition asking WarnerMedia to save the service has garnered nearly 50,000 signatures.

"Sometimes friends of mine are bemused by me still buying dvds and Blu-Rays, clinging on to physical media," Wright wrote on Twitter. "But here's why: these streaming libraries can be gone in a flash."

A spokesperson for WarnerMedia said the company expects Criterion Collection films will have a place in its upcoming streaming service, which will include films and TV shows from HBO, Turner and Warner Bros. Warner's deep film library is part of what attracted AT&T to the Warner Bros. properties. However, the new streaming service is not expected to launch until late next year, and the company has not said how the collection will be packaged.

The unexpected decision has left fans scrambling to view as much classic cinema as possible before the site fades to black. Koehne, the Echo Park freelancer, has binge-watched such landmarks as Cheryl Dunye's "The Watermelon Woman" (1996) Jacques Tourneur's "Cat People" (1942) and Ernst Lubitsch's "To Be or Not to Be" (1942) so far.

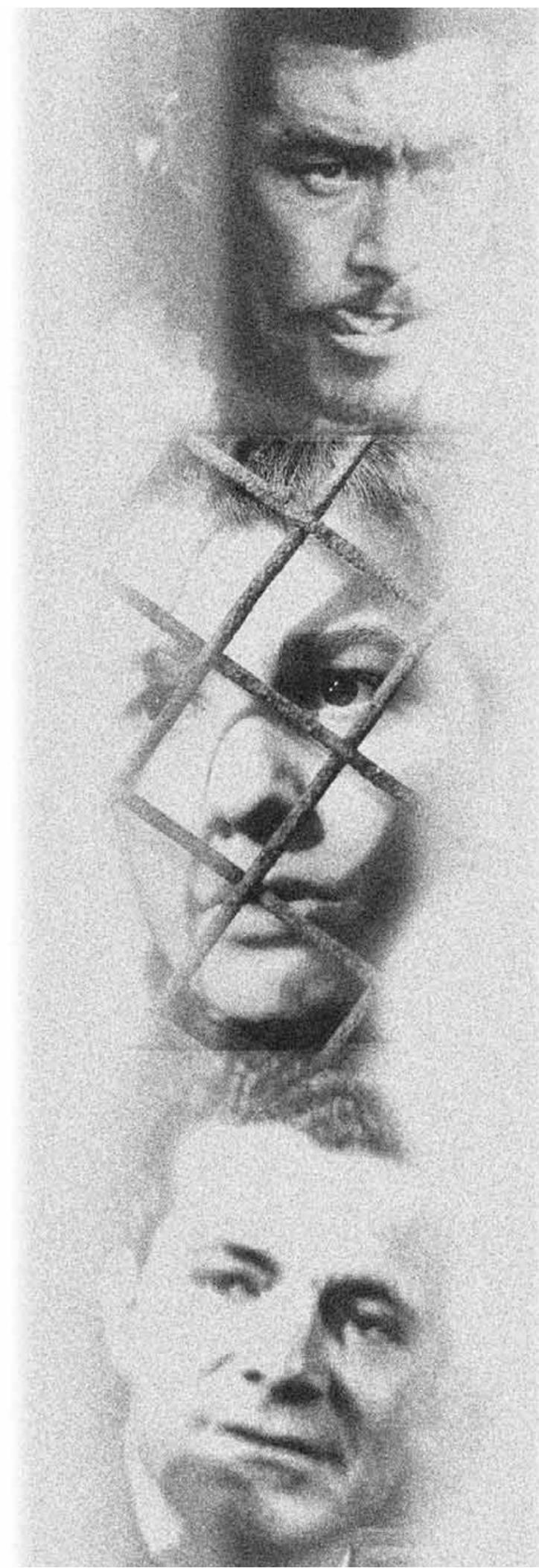
"I've been voraciously watching movies on it while I can," Koehne said. "I've probably seen six or seven classics in the last week and a half."

To film experts, FilmStruck's doom reflects a long-term challenge of preserving films for future generations. Jan-Christopher Horak, director of the UCLA Film & Television Archive, estimates that every time there's a transition from one film-viewing medium to another — VHS to DVD; DVD to digital downloads; digital downloads to streaming — 15 to 20 percent of the existing material doesn't make the jump because of the expense.

"It ends up being a vicious circle," Horak said. "If the material doesn't get out, less people know about it, and the group of cognoscenti gets smaller and smaller."

Part of the problem is that the business of streaming classic films is challenging for media companies. Major movie studios still have teams tasked with restoring old films and finding homes for them on DVD, video-on-demand and streaming services. Companies, including Technicolor, master and restore early films so they can eventually reach new audiences.

But the process is often hobbled by the difficulties of working with old material. The rights to old movies, especially ones made by defunct studios, can be difficult and expensive to



FilmStruck's offerings include classic foreign and Hollywood movies such as, from top, Akira Kurosawa's "Seven Samurai," Francois Truffaut's "The 400 Blows" and William Wyler's "The Best Years of Our Lives." The streaming service closes this month.

untangle. Additionally, the original materials are often incomplete or damaged.

A few years ago, for example, Technicolor was tasked with restoring a rare version of "A Trip to the Moon," the 1902 silent picture. The negative was in poor condition, with missing frames and gouges that had to be digitally re-created in a painstaking process that took several weeks.

"We don't always have access to a complete set of materials to work with," said Bill Cole, Technicolor's vice president of mastering and restoration. "We sometimes have to mix and match elements in order to

create the best possible product, even when some of the elements are literally falling apart."

When old movies are available online, finding them can still be a headache for viewers because of the number of services competing for attention, each of which has a different selection. Rights to old films frequently lapse and transfer to other sites, leaving it to users to navigate the patchwork of apps that stream movies.

Some Criterion oldies and indies are available on Kanopy, a streaming service for public library card holders, for example. Subscription service Mubi

offers yet another model, making 30 films available at a time to users, with each film remaining online for a month. San Francisco-based streamer Fandor, which has a collection of 4,000 titles, offered FilmStruck subscribers a discount on its annual mem-

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"As technology transforms the media and entertainment business, there's a tremendous opportunity to build access to these movies," Fandor Chief Executive Chris Kelly said. "We think there's room in the market for more than one access point."

Many beleaguered film buffs use an app called JustWatch, which helps people locate where certain movies are available online. But even that solution comes with difficulties.

Say, for example, someone wants to watch the 1977 Italian horror classic "Suspiria" before seeing Amazon Studios' remake in theaters. A JustWatch search brings up only two results: the public library-powered service Hoopla, and the ad-based service TubiTV. Other movies, such as the fantasy cult classic "Willow," the 1938 James Cagney crime drama "Angels With Dirty Faces" and 1932's "Island of Lost Souls," turn up no results at all.

"It's frustrating for the audience," said Daniel Kasman, director of content for Mubi. "The [dispersal] of content forces consumers to struggle to find good quality versions of the things they want to watch."

For some, including Burbank, Calif., graphic designer Zack Morrisette, 45, the hunt for rarities is part of the fun of fandom. He has frequented the bargain bin at his local Fry's Electronics to satiate his hunger for classic B-movie monster flicks he used to watch on TV as a kid.

"If it's something I'm really interested in, I'll find it," he said.

Annie Wilkes, a 31-year-old film editor living in Lincoln Heights, Calif., compares finding obscure films to being an archaeologist searching for ancient artifacts. She's one of Koehne's friends who often gather to watch the classics.

She's hopeful that some tech or media company will figure out a business model to keep the classics in circulation.

"I know everyone's shouting at the sky right now," Wilkes said. "But I'm optimistic someone will crack the code for making these films available for streaming, and do it in a way that's profitable for whatever conglomerate owns them."

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Patricia Arquette

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"Macy's Thanksgiving Cake Spectacular" (7 p.m., 2 a.m., Food): Cake masters Buddy Valastro and Yolanda Gampp serve as judges as lifestyle diva Martha Stewart welcomes four exceptional cake artists to this Thanksgiving special, where they vie to craft ingenious cake tributes to the beloved Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, with its cavalcade of balloons and floats.

"Christmas in Evergreen: Letters to Santa" (7 p.m., Hallmark): During her annual Christmas visit back to her hometown of Evergreen, Vt., retail designer Lisa Palmer (Jill Wagner) can't help falling under the town's yuletide spell as she works with handsome newcomer Kevin (Mark Deklin) on restoring a local general store so it can be sold to avoid foreclosure. Soon, romance blossoms not only between Lisa and Kevin, but also Michelle (Holly Robinson Peete), another resident, and Thomas (Kevin Lawrence), a single father visiting the town with his son.

"Enemies: The President, Justice & the FBI" (7 p.m., 12:10 a.m., 3:10 a.m., Showtime): President Donald Trump's aggressively contentious relationship with members of his own Justice Department has been one of the most controversial parts of his presidency, yet as this new four-part documentary series reminds us, he's not the first U.S. chief executive to clash with the FBI. Co-created by Alex Gibney and Jed Rothstein, this project delves into the history of such loggerheads.

"The Clinton Affair" (8 p.m., 12:03 a.m., AE): Airing nightly through Tuesday, this new three-part, six-hour documentary series from producer Alex Gibney and director Blair Foster explores the key historical events — the Whitewater investigation, the Paula Jones lawsuit and the Monica Lewinsky scandal — that led to the impeachment of President Bill Clinton 20 years ago. In addition to extensive archival footage, the docu-series incorporates exclusive in-depth interviews.

"My Brilliant Friend" (8 p.m., 11:05 p.m., 1:35 a.m., HBO): Elena Ferrante's best-selling book of the same title becomes an eight-episode limited series that chronicles more than 60 years in the lives of two Neapolitan women, Elena Greco and Raffaella "Lila" Cerullo. The story opens as elderly Elena sits down to write the story of their friendship, which begins in 1950, in their first year of primary school. In the premiere, "The Dolls," bright-eyed young students Elena and Lila (Elisa Del Genio, Ludovica Nasti) discover a criminal's underground lair.

"A Godwink Christmas" (8 p.m., HMM): Inspired by a true story, this 2018 holiday romance stars Kimberley Sustad as Paula, an antiques appraiser who accepts her boyfriend's (Giles Pantan) marriage proposal, albeit somewhat reluctantly. Sensing her ambivalence, Kimberley's Aunt Jane (Kathie Lee Gifford) invites her to Nantucket for a visit, where she meets and quickly forms a connection with Gery (Paul Campbell), an innkeeper on Martha's Vineyard.

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	NBC	5	Football Night (N)	(7:20) NFL Football: Minnesota Vikings at Chicago Bears. (N) (Live) ©					
	ABC	7	Dancing With the Stars: Juniors (N) ©		Shark Tank (N) ©	(9:01) Shark Tank ©	News at 10pm (N) ♦		
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	ANIM	Crikey! It's the Irwins (N)		Amanda-Res. (N)		Amanda to the Rescue		Scaled © ♦	
	BBCA	Doctor Who (N) ©		(8:10) The Hunt for Red October (PG,'90) ***	Sean Connery. ♦				
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	LIFE	Dear Secret Santa (PG,'13)	Tatyana Ali. ©			(9:03) Snowed Inn Christmas ('17) ♦			
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TLC	90 Day Fiance: "Not What I Thought." (N)				Return to Amish (Season Premiere) (N) ♦				
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TNT	Godzilla (PG-13,'14) **	Aaron Taylor-Johnson. ©			Jack the Giant Slayer ♦				
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USA	(5:30) Pretty Woman ***		A Madea Christmas (PG-13,'13) *	Tyler Perry.			Country ♦		
VH1	(6) White Chicks ('04) **		T.I. & Tiny: Friends		T.I. & Tiny: Friends		Love ♦		
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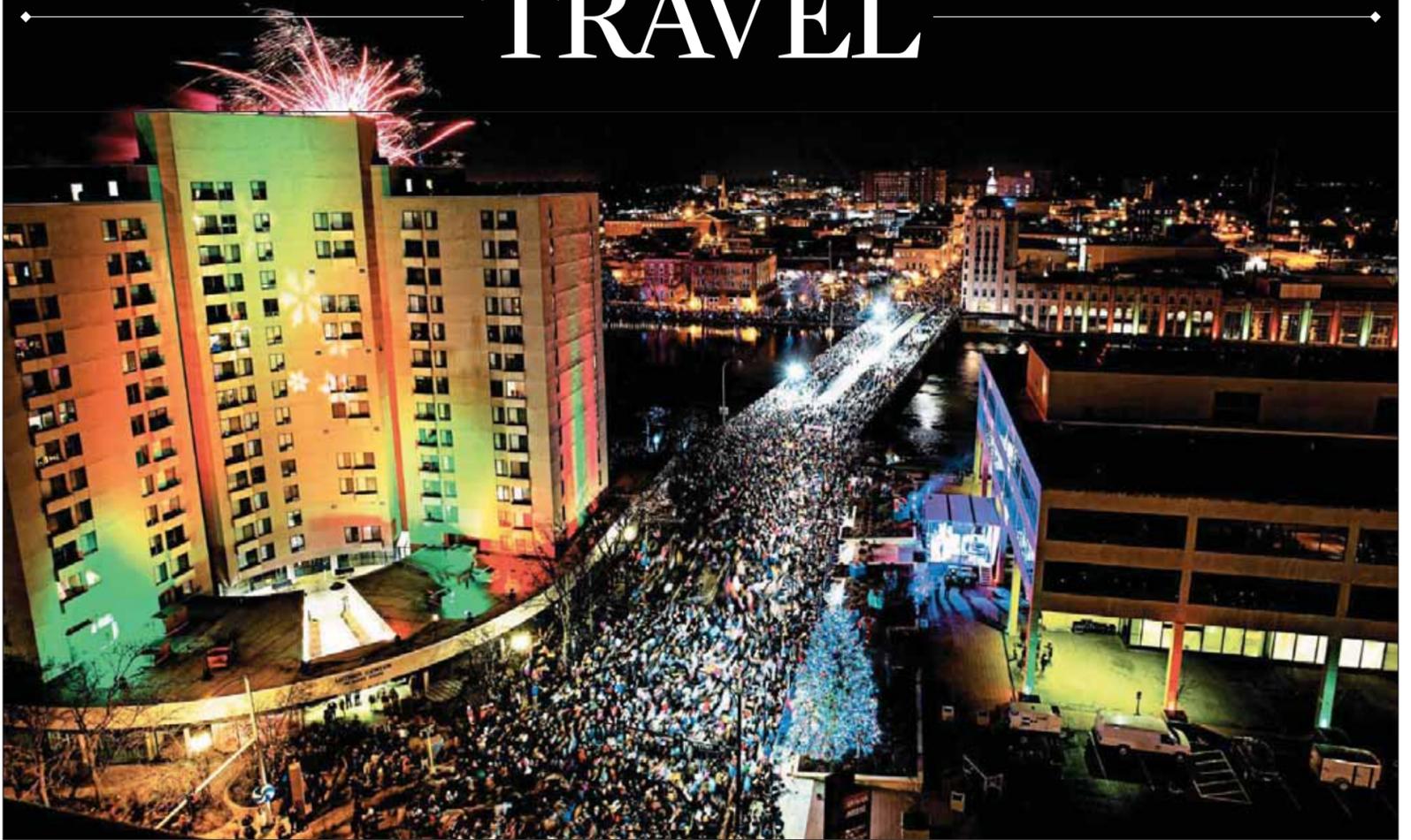
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Stroll on State is an annual holiday celebration that draws big crowds, including a record-breaking 80,000 people last year, to downtown Rockford. This year's installment is Nov. 24.

ROCKFORD COMING BACK

Once-sleepy downtown has awakened, and pride among residents is palpable

BY KATE SILVER | Chicago Tribune

ROCKFORD — If you haven't been to Rockford in a few years, it might be time to plan a visit. While you were sleeping, the area's downtown started waking up. And now, work is underway to transform an old, dilapidated factory called the Amerock Building into a 160-room Hilton Embassy Suites Hotel and Rockford Conference Center that's steps from the action.

Wandering around the urban core of the city, about 90 miles northwest of Chicago, there are bustling spots that feel a bit like Milwaukee or Indianapolis or other river-lined cities in the Midwest. Rockford has many of those elements that city dwellers have come to expect from energized urban areas: craft breweries (Prairie Street Brewing Co. and Carlyle Brewing Co.), a bustling restaurant scene (with locally sourced offerings at places like Social Urban Bar & Restaurant and Octane InterLounge), a coffee roaster (Rockford Roasting Co.), swanky lofts, yoga studios and more.

Cultural institutions are another downtown draw, including an ornately restored theater (Coronado Performing Arts Center) and a museum campus with the Discovery Center Museum, Burpee Museum of Natural History, the Rockford Dance Company and the Rockford Art Museum.

On the sporty side of things, the Rockford IceHogs — the Blackhawks' minor-league team — are at BMO Harris Bank Center, and the new, river-hugging UW Health Sports Factory brings in amateur tournaments in basketball, volleyball, pickleball and more throughout the year. The backdrop to it all: story-filled, old brick buildings, many of which are skeletons from Rockford's factory-filled past.

When the hotel opens in spring 2020, city officials are banking on it drawing more visitors to the area. It's not just any hotel and conference cen-

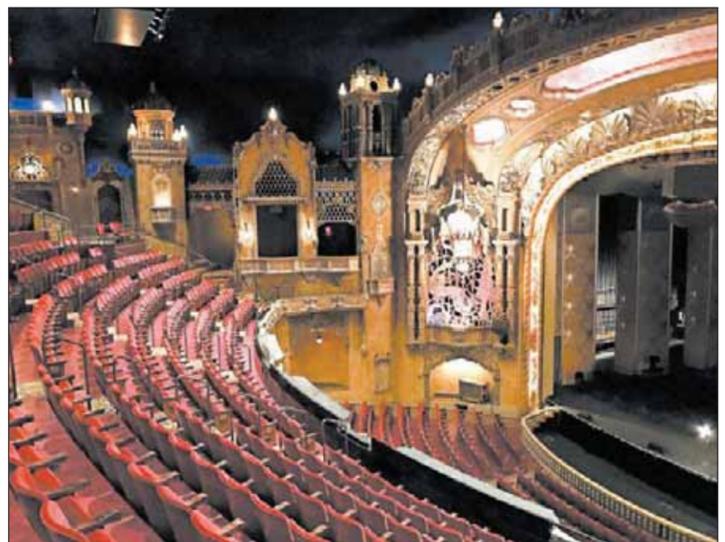
ter, after all. The 13-story concrete building, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, is in a prime location, overlooking a large park and the Rock River. And the developer is Gorman & Co., a Wisconsin-based outfit known for its revitalization projects.

"I see this changing downtown Rockford. I really do," says Gary Gorman, chairman of Gorman & Co. "I think we're going to be able to attract events to Rockford that wouldn't come here otherwise. And I think we're going to change the image of Rockford."

Connecting past to present

Gorman & Co. has deep experience in the historic rehabilitation arena, having worked on more than 30 projects fitting that description since 1985. One that's especially notable is the radical transformation of a former Pabst Brewery into the beloved BrewHouse Inn & Suites in Milwaukee. Gorman's company has also turned the former Garton Toy Factory — which made sleds, tricycles, wagons and other wheeled toys — into apartments in Sheboygan, Wis., and converted a wagon factory and auto plant into the Mitchell Wagon Lofts in Racine. The real estate development company is based in a former high school built in 1922 in Oregon, Wis.

Gorman says that with the current



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The Coronado Performing Arts Center, which was built in 1927 and later fell on hard times, reopened in 2001 after an \$18.5 million restoration.

hotel project, he wants to meld the history of the Amerock Building and modern-day Rockford.

"People like to see indications of what the building was previously used for," he says.

It's still early on in the construction process, though, and Gorman says he's not yet sure what, exactly, those historical touches might look like.

Construction on the \$87.5 million project, which is using a mix of public and private funds, began in late 2017. As construction crews remove lead paint and tear out old wood from the floors, they're finding and saving treasures from the building's history, like old lockers, a newspaper dating to 1923, antiquated meters and elevator tags

that could be put to use in the new design. When it's complete, the hotel will have a two-level spa, a first-floor restaurant, a 12th-floor outdoor cocktail lounge and 40,000 square feet of conference space with floor-to-ceiling windows looking out on the Rock River.

"It's going to be a spectacular setting that doesn't exist in Rockford right now," says Gorman.

But the project isn't just about a hotel. It's really a symbol of the evolution of Rockford, long a manufacturing hub with the nickname Screw City. In the early 20th century, the concrete building was Rockford's first sky-

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Visiting New York? Try a walk in a different park

BY JEN MURPHY
The Washington Post

You'd be forgiven for thinking that New York's Central Park isn't exactly bucolic. After all, the most visited city park in America welcomed 42 million people in 2016.

The 840-acre refuge quickly loses its tranquility as the sun rises. Selfie stick-wielding tourists flock to the Imagine mosaic in Strawberry Fields, bridal parties clog the park's intricate bridges and picnickers

blanket every green blade of the 55-acre Great Lawn. Although the entire park is now car-free, pedestrians still must deal with speed-demon cyclists and manure-depositing horses and their carriages.

An alternative awaits in Brooklyn's Prospect Park. The largest park in the borough, which you can get to in less than 30 minutes by subway from Midtown, rivals Central Park in terms of pastoral beauty.

Created by the same

architects — Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux — the 526-acre park has many of the same attractions as its Manhattan counterpart, including its own zoo, vintage carousel, running loop and skating rink. The Long Meadow, which stretches almost a mile along the west side of the park, is one of the longest unbroken green spaces in any city park in the country.

Unlike on Central Park's Great Lawn, there is room to spread a picnic blanket

or toss a Frisbee here, even on weekends. Public events are more low-key but no less star-studded.

The surrounding neighborhood of Park Slope has the Upper West and Upper East sides beat when it comes to great food. After a day in the park, you'll have countless-of-the-moment restaurants, such as Fausto and Olmsted, to choose from for dinner, and, at bars like craft beer shrine Double Windsor, you'll be rubbing shoulders with locals rather than tourists.



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Prospect Park in the Brooklyn borough of New York offers a less-crowded alternative to Manhattan's Central Park.

Andalucia's hill towns are soul of Spain



RICK STEVES
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When my travel dreams drift off to Spain, they often include visions of Andalucia, the southern part of the country that feels so quintessentially Spanish. With a string of whitewashed hill towns, sunny skies, vibrant festivals and tempting tapas, Andalucia is the soul of Spain — almost stereotypically so.

Most tourists hit Andalucia's three great cities — Granada, Cordoba and Sevilla — or the Costa del Sol. But for something more authentic, I like exploring the region's interior along the Route of the White Hill Towns (Ruta de los Pueblos Blancos). This charm bracelet of cute villages perched in the Sierras gives you wonderfully untouched Spanish culture, where middle-size towns are more accessible and friendlier. Whether crouching in a ravine or perched atop a hill, each town — painted white to stay cool in scorching summers — has a personality and a story of its own.

Exploring these hill towns is easiest by car, with only the major towns easily accessible by public transportation: Arcos de la Frontera (by bus) and Ronda (by train).

The romantic queen of the towns is Arcos de la Frontera, a photographer's feast. Arcos smothers its hilltop, tumbling down its back like the train of a wedding dress. The fairy-tale old center is a labyrinthine wonderland, where you can viewpoint-hop all the way through town and feel the wind funnel through the narrow streets as cars inch around tight corners. Around town, I like to peek discreetly into private patios. These wonderful, cool-tiled courtyards, filled with plants, pools and happy family activities, are typical of the region.

Arcos' main church — and the town's name (de la Frontera means "on the frontier") — are reminders of the Reconquista, the centurieslong fight to take Spain back from the Muslim Moors. After Christian forces retook Arcos, the mosque was demol-



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Tiny Zahara is a characteristically whitewashed Andalusian town with an evocative Moorish castle.



Ronda is the birthplace of modern bullfighting and home to a venerable bullring that dates to 1785.

ished, and a church was built on its ruins. Today, these hill towns — no longer strategic — are just passing time peacefully.

From Arcos, a short drive takes you to Ronda. With nearly 35,000 people, it's the most substantial and entertaining home base on the route.

Ronda's main attractions are its gorge-spanning bridges, an intriguing old town and one of the oldest bullrings in Spain — built in 1785. The arena's columns corral the action, creating a kind of

neoclassical theater. But the real joy lies in exploring Ronda's back streets and taking in its beautiful balconies, wispy gardens and panoramic views. Walking the streets, you feel a strong local pride and a community where everyone seems to know every-

one. While crowded with day-tripping tourists from the nearby Costa del Sol, late in the day locals reclaim their streets and squares, and a thriving tapas scene takes over.

Ronda's breathtaking perch above a deep gorge, while visually dramatic today, was practical and vital when it was built. For the Moors, it provided a tough bastion, one of the last to be conquered by the Spaniards in 1485. The ravine divides Ronda into its old Moorish town and the relatively modern new town, which was built after the re-conquest. The two towns were connected by a bridge in the late 1700s.

The dramatic road linking Arcos and Ronda cuts through the Sierra de Grazalema Natural Park, famed throughout Spain for its lush and rugged mountain scenery. Within the park lie the towns of Zahara de la Sierra and Grazalema. While Grazalema is a better overnight stop, Zahara is a delight for those who want to hear only the sounds of the wind, birds and elderly footsteps on ancient cobbles.

Tiny Zahara, in a tingly setting under a Moorish castle, has a spectacular view over a turquoise reservoir. The town had long been a strategic stronghold for the Moors, and Spanish Reconquista forces considered it the gateway to Granada. Today the castle is little more than an evoca-

tive ruin with a commanding view.

Grazalema is another postcard-pretty town, offering a royal balcony for a memorable picnic, a square where you can watch old-timers playing cards and plenty of quiet, whitewashed streets to explore. Shops sell the town's beautiful handmade wool blankets and good-quality leather items from nearby Ubrique. While the Sierra de Grazalema Natural Park is known as the rainiest place in Spain, the clouds seem to wring themselves out before they reach the town — I've only ever had blue skies.

In any of these towns, evening is prime time. The promenade begins as everyone gravitates to the central square. The spotless streets are polished nightly by the feet of families licking ice cream. The whole town strolls — it's like "cruising" without cars. Buy an ice cream, join the parade and soak up the essence of Spanish life.

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TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Refund for Mexican hotel with no air conditioning?

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT
King Features

My family and I recently made reservations at the Villa Las Estrellas in Tulum, Mexico, using Booking.com.

When we arrived, we found that the room wasn't as advertised. Among the problems were accessibility for our disabled daughter, who has Down syndrome and has mobility, vision and health issues. The room also had no air conditioning.

Our room had only one fan, which did not rotate and was at floor level. The hotel offered us another fan, but it wasn't enough and was almost impossible to put at bed level with the furniture in the room.

We couldn't lock the room, because with doors and windows closed it would have been even more uninhabitable. The screen door did not close entirely. We had bugs galore in the room. There was no TV in the room, but there was a common area outside with a TV. However, a disabled person would need constant supervision there. Also, nothing on Booking.com mentioned that the Villa Las Estrellas was an "eco-friendly" property, where ocean water was used in the sink and for bathing. For our daughter, that is completely unsafe since she would gulp down water during bathing.

We let Booking.com and Villa Las Estrellas know as soon as we arrived that this would not work for us. The hotel offered a floor-level room, which cost us extra. But the room didn't accommodate four people. Can you help us get a refund?

— Yasmin Maniar, Saratoga, Calif.

A: I'm sorry your family ended up in a hotel room you couldn't use.

Booking.com could have done a better job with the room description, but this Mexican hotel nightmare was also preventable. If you're traveling with someone who has special needs, you might consider working with a qualified travel adviser. For example, Travel Leaders, one of the largest travel agency groups, publishes a list of agents who specialize in accessible travel (www.travelleaders.com/travel_agent/agent-search-results.aspx?slctInterest=Accessible+Travel). There's also a nonprofit organization, the Society for Accessible Travel and Hospitality, that can help connect you with a proper-

ty or agent that will fit your needs (<http://sath.org/>).

I think you did your best with the information you had. The property description seemed adequate. But everyone expects air conditioning in a modern hotel. A TV too. I think Booking.com should have placed a warning on the site if the hotel didn't have any amenities that everyone takes for granted.

A brief, polite email to your online agency might have helped. I list the names, numbers and email addresses of Booking.com's executives on my nonprofit consumer-advocacy site: www.elliott.org/company-contacts/booking-com/.

It turns out your family booked a "deluxe ocean front" room on the upper floor of the Villa Las Es-

trellas. Air conditioning and TV were not listed as amenities for the specific room category chosen, according to Booking.com. Your online travel agency also verified that the hotel tried to help you by placing you in a room with AC and giving you access to a TV lounge. Booking.com offered you a refund of \$833 — half your room rate for the five days you were in Tulum — which you accepted.

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CELEBRITY TRAVELER
CRYSTAL HANA KIM

Travels tap roots, inspire writing

BY JAE-HA KIM
Tribune Content Agency

Crystal Hana Kim makes her debut as a novelist with "If You Leave Me," a sweeping tale that centers on a resilient young woman forced to tackle roles thrust upon her: caregiver, wife and mother. Born in Queens, N.Y., and currently a resident of Brooklyn, Kim, 31, says the inspiration for the main character was her grandmother.

An edited version of our conversation follows.

Q: You lived in Chicago for a bit before moving back to New York. How do the two cities compare?

A: New York has my heart, but I loved my time in Chicago. It's a deeply cultural city with a robust food scene. For two years, I lived 15 minutes from Lake Michigan. My favorite writing break during the summer was jumping off the flat stones in Hyde Park and swimming in the lake for an hour.

Q: You were born in Queens, but I suspect that you have been asked the "where are you really from?" question. How do you react to assumptions you are not American?

A: Oh, I've gotten that a lot ... I want to assume the best of strangers who are curious, but I'm also taken aback by some people's insistence on repeatedly asking, "But where are you really from?" even after I've answered. It insinuates that there is only one true type of American. I'm a teacher, so the educator in



NINA SUBIN PHOTO

New York has my heart, but I loved my time in Chicago. It's a deeply cultural city with a robust food scene.

me comes out in these moments. It can be a helpful teaching moment to talk about how questions like "Where are you really from?" contribute to a narrow understanding of our country.

Q: If you were given enough money and time to travel exclusively for food, where would you want to revisit and why?

A: I'd love to go back to Nice where I'd eat more socca, which is a type of pancake made of chickpea flour sold on the streets as a cheap snack. In Mexico City, I'd love to eat more escamoles, a local dish made of ant larvae.

Q: Your parents are from South Korea. How often do you visit?

A: I grew up traveling to Korea often. My parents are both immigrants from Korea and my mother's side of the family still lives there. She'd take me and my little sister back during our summer breaks to visit our grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. All of those summers in Korea helped me to develop a

deep love for my culture. When I began writing my novel during graduate school, I visited Korea specifically to do research. "If You Leave Me" is about five characters growing up during and after the Korean War. I wanted to make sure I represented this period of time accurately. I first interviewed my grandmother, who was a teenage refugee who fled her home during the Korean War. Her story inspired the premise of my novel.

Q: What untapped destination should people know about?

A: Cassis, France. Cassis is a small fishing town in the south of France, about 40 minutes outside Marseille. I lived there for a month while doing a writer's residency, and I fell in love. It's a quiet town where you can lay out on stone beaches, eat plenty of pastries and hike the majestic calanques, which are these breathtaking limestone valleys along the Mediterranean coast.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

St. Louis hotel has a room color for every mood

BY LORI RACKL
Chicago Tribune

Looking for a romantic getaway? Or maybe you just want to go somewhere to relax and unwind?

A new hotel in St. Louis aims to match travelers' moods with the type of room they get, and it's all based on color.

Red rooms are for passion. Blue for tranquility. Need rejuvenating? Go green. For happiness, surround yourself in sunny yellow.

Each room's all-in color scheme goes beyond the paint on the walls, right down to the hue of the drapes and throw pillows, and the shade of the rubber duck in the bathtub.

"We thought, 'Why not give guests the opportunity to tailor their experience by booking the room around the emotion of color?'" said Steve Smith, co-developer of the Angad Arts Hotel. "It hadn't been done before."

The 146-room property opened in early November in St. Louis' Grand Center Arts District in Midtown, roughly 3 miles west of the Gateway Arch. It's an area flush with performance venues, museums and galleries, and the artsy hotel was designed to fit right in with the neighborhood's creative vibe.

A 14-foot-tall sculpture of stacked suitcases greets guests as they enter through the back of the building under a fire escape. ("Everything we do here is unconventional," Smith said.) The ground-floor lobby doubles as an art gallery featuring local works for sale, as well as a permanent exhibit dubbed "Behind Closed Doors."

"We have 24 doors in kind of a Mondrian pattern," Smith explained. "About half the doors open, and behind them are individual art exhibits that might be something other than a painting — call it an artistic surprise. It might be something from a fashion designer, a poem, a set of headphones to listen to



ANGAD ARTS HOTEL PHOTOS

Angad Arts Hotel's two-bedroom suite is saturated in green, right down to the rubber ducky.

music from one of the recording studios in St. Louis, or goggles you put on for a virtual reality experience. We want to give artists of all persuasions a chance to showcase their work."

They also want to give guests a chance — many chances — to showcase the Angad on social media.

"We imagined very consciously throughout the design process, where are our Instagram moments?" Smith said. "The 44 pieces of luggage stacked 14 feet high — we think people will be Instagramming that. We were constantly thinking, where will people want to share their experience with their friends?"

One such place is bound to be the Angad Stockhouse, a purple room stocked with musical instruments. Hotel guests and the public can grab a banjo or violin off the wall and start jamming.

The musical playground is perched on top of the building, on the 12th floor, along with the Rainbow Terrace bar, serving cocktails and small plates.

Famed New York City chef David Burke oversees the food and beverage offerings at the Angad, where Burke is debuting his first St. Louis restaurant, Grand Tavern.

The top floor is where you'll find the hotel lobby. Decked out in white and gold accents, the contemporary space is anchored by a 12-foot-tall "chameleon lamp." Ever-changing video art covers the massive lampshade, a 360-degree projection screen.

Decidedly modern and cutting-edge inside, the building itself is a historic property nearly a century old. Formerly known as the Missouri Theatre Building, the long-vacant structure once housed a 3,500-seat venue for vaudeville acts and movies. It's where a chorus line of dancers known as the Missouri Rockets got their start before legging it to New York to become the Radio City Rockettes.

The auditorium portion of the building is long gone. The Lawrence Group,



Rooms done up in yellow are the ones that have elicited the most oohs and aahs, co-developer Steve Smith said.

where Smith is CEO, bought the remainder in late 2013 for \$3.6 million. Five years and about \$62 million later, the St. Louis native is ready to raise the curtain on the property he developed along with Britain's Lord Swraj Paul, whose late son, Angad, is the hotel's namesake.

"When this project started in 2014, Angad was my partner and co-visionary," Smith said. "He passed away in November of 2015. We thought we'd memorialize his name. And the

acronym is AAH. We like that expression."

This hotel marks the second for Smith, whose Lawrence Group partnered with St. Louis University in 2011 to open Hotel Ignacio, a 51-room boutique property about three blocks away.

The Angad boasts nearly three times as many rooms, 38 of which are suites. Another 25 are extended-stay lodging with kitchenettes.

Room sizes range widely, from "small" (230-280 square feet with a queen or king) to a 380-square-footer

with a pair of bunk beds and a 1,400-square-foot, two-bedroom grand suite.

Some rooms can be had for as little as \$95 with an introductory, online-only "Red Hot Rate" good through March 31. Hotel prices can fluctuate wildly, but Smith expects the average nightly rate will settle in around the low \$200s.

So far, blue is shaping up to be the color most in demand for online reservations, Smith said.

"It's a safe choice; it's tranquil," he said. "What's interesting is when we give tours of the hotel, yellow is probably the color most people have been least inclined to initially. But when you walk them into the room, you get a visually positive reaction, a 'Wow, this is really neat.'"

Smith credited the concept of booking a room by color to the hotel's executive managing director, David Miskit.

A veteran of the boutique lodging world, Miskit long worked for hotel and nightclub impresario Ian Schrager. His resume includes stints managing New York City's legendary Studio 54 in the '80s and, more recently, the former Public hotel in Chicago's Gold Coast.

At the Angad, Miskit's to-do list includes curating surprise pop-up experiences throughout the property.

"On any given evening, a local dance troupe might create a 'Dirty Dancing' performance, unannounced," Miskit said in press materials about the hotel. "Or the lobby lights might dim, and a student from the Grand Center Arts Academy across the street might walk in and sing an aria."

Said Smith: "One of our mantras is 'stay colorful.' That's not only visual, but the colors, but also personality-wise. Being colorful. It's what this hotel is about."

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Exploring peaks in an ancient land

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY RALPH VARTABEDIAN
Los Angeles Times

YEREVAN, Armenia — My son, Marc, and I had tromped through shin-deep snow for several hours, and by the time we reached the blustery top of the peak, we couldn't see more than 25 feet because of a whiteout.

Somewhere in front of us was a deep crater and the surrounding peaks of a volcanic rim we had hoped to reach. But as we stood on one of the highest peaks in the Armenian Caucasus Mountains, we were satisfied we'd made it this far.

For much of the last century, nobody would have considered the former Armenian Soviet Socialist Republic a hiking destination. But a few decades of independence and a strengthening democratic government have given the little nation a growing reputation as an interesting, safe hiking place. Smithsonian magazine earlier this year identified it as one of the next world-class hiking destinations.

The nation's beautifully wooded Dilijan National Park resembles Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The plateaus of volcanic Mount Aragats look something like the Sierra Nevada's high country, with barren igneous rock, gravelly slopes and snow-covered peaks.

Lake Sevan is twice as large as Lake Tahoe and a thousand feet higher in elevation. Although its waters don't have the clarity that makes Tahoe so spectacular, you won't find a traffic jam around the lake's perimeter or dense neighborhoods of mansions.

What the country lacks in affluence is offset by the warmth of the people, whose identity is anchored to its long history. Yerevan, the capital, was founded in 782 B.C., decades before Rome. Between hikes, you can visit ancient temples and some of the oldest Christian churches in the world.

But anyone who frequents well-traveled mountains would find a few surprises and challenges in hiking or climbing in Armenia. You often won't find marked trailheads. The weather will be unpredictable. The flora will be foreign. You might end up driving your rental car across a boulder-strewn mountain river to get near a trail. If you find a topographic map, it will probably be written in Armenian — which doesn't use the Latin alphabet.

Just how surprising traveling around Armenia could get dawned on me when Marc and I rented a car in early June in Yerevan, and the rental agent warned me that my California driver's license wasn't strictly legal. If I was stopped by police, he said, just offer money. How much, I asked? About \$10 would be more than enough. Fortunately, it wasn't needed.

I had long searched for a good reason to



Between hikes in Armenia, you can visit the country's ancient temples. The Garni Temple was built in about 100 A.D.



A roadside bakery near Geghard sells Armenian sweetbread.

visit Armenia. As I grew up in Detroit, my father often reminisced about growing up in the Caucasus Mountains in the early 20th century. Marc had just completed graduate school and had a one-week window to join me in Armenia.

After a day of exploring Yerevan on foot, we planned for three or four days of hiking. On the way to Dilijan National Park, we stopped at the Sevanavank Monastery, two 1,100-year-old stone churches overlooking Sevan Lake.

We went on two hikes in Dilijan Na-

tional Park, one to pleasant back-country Gosh Lake, along the Transcaucasian Trail, or TCT. At the lake, we met a Canadian hiker who seemed lost. He joined us, and we gave him a ride back to the city of Dilijan.

A few days later, I met park Superintendent Armen Abrahamyan at the park's headquarters just outside Dilijan. The park now has 124 miles of trails, about half of them on the TCT, he said. Some of them are Jeep roads, although we didn't encounter vehicle traffic on our hikes. The TCT will eventually extend from Georgia through Armenia, covering 1,864 miles and connecting existing and future national parks.

The second hike took us to the ruins of the 11th-century Jukhtak Monastery, deep in a forest.

The main objective of our trip was Mount Aragats, the highest peak in the country, about an hour's drive east of Yerevan. I found a crude digital topographic map of Aragats on the internet. I wasn't sure there was an actual trail, and we didn't have time to find our own route.

I quickly realized we would need a guide. A hiking brochure, produced under the sponsorship of the U.S. Agency for International Development, advised guides for many of the much less ambitious hikes in Armenia. The only problem was finding a good one.

I talked with Armenian travel agents, Armenian journalists and Armenian aid officials. I found hiking guides online and tried to email them.

It wasn't until I got to Armenia that

things fell into place and I met Hovik Mizrakyan, a jewelry designer and strong hiker affiliated with FindArmenia.com. Marc and I camped the night before at subalpine Kari Lake. There were no fire pits, picnic tables, fee stations or infrastructure you'd expect when car camping. Mizrakyan would meet us the next morning.

We met a group of Belgians camping nearby, led by Nver Avetisyan, a friendly mountain guide. He drove the only Dodge Caravan we saw on our trip. ("I like American cars," he said.) He invited us into his dining tent for some tea and coffee. We brought a bag of ripe cherries we had bought earlier and talked about the future of democracy in Armenia.

Mount Aragats has four peaks, the highest being the North summit, at 13,420 feet. It was still snow-covered in mid-June and would have required a 6,000-foot vertical climb in one day or an overnight stay in the crater. Either way, we would be traversing deep, soft snow.

The weather wasn't cooperating. The Caucasus Mountains can be unpredictably stormy, with violent lightning. In the morning, the storm clouds roiled. So we nixed climbing Aragats North and chose the much tamer Aragats South, at 12,756 feet. We weren't disappointed.

Our hiking trip barely scratched the surface of what Armenia's four national parks have to offer. I ran out of time before we could get to Arevik National Park along the southern border. Maybe someday I'll try again for Aragats North, knowing I'll need more time.

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NEWS TO USE

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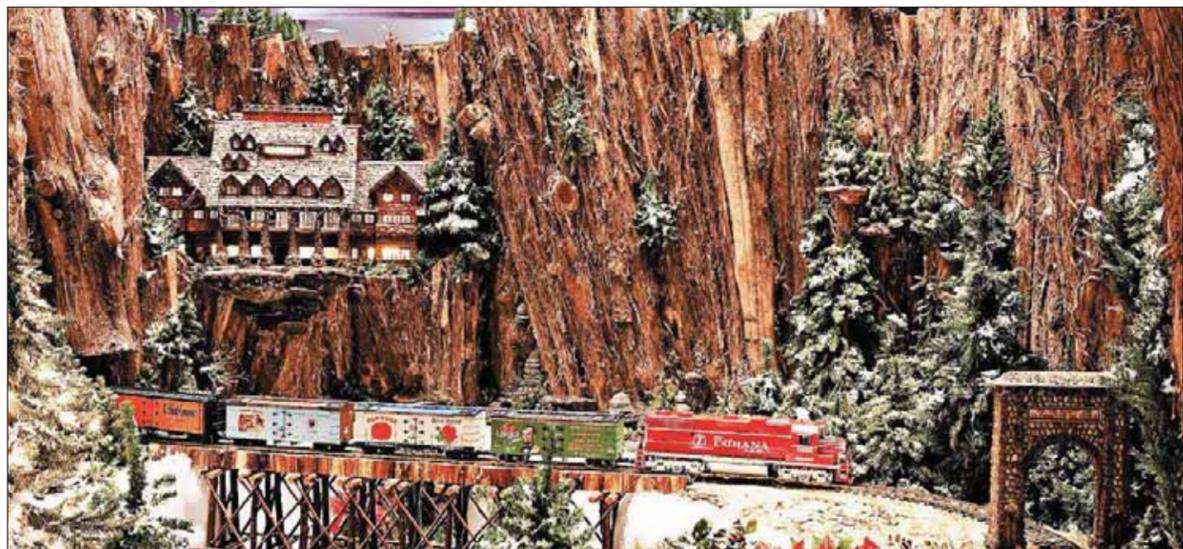
Here are some of the more interesting events, deals, websites and other travel tidbits that have come across our desk recently:

■ Catch “Jingle Rails: The Great Western Adventure” at Indianapolis’ Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art through Jan. 21. The popular holiday exhibit features nine model trains and nearly 1,200 feet of track that includes Indianapolis landmarks such as Monument Circle and Union Station and national attractions like the Grand Canyon and Old Faithful. New this year is a trip along famed Route 66. tinyurl.com/p8jh27r

■ What’s called “America’s Tallest Singing Christmas Tree” will be staged Nov. 29–Dec. 1 at the Frauenthal Center for the Performing Arts in Muskegon, Mich. The 67-foot-tall tree consists of lighted tiers that hold 240 of the nearly 300 members of the Mona Shores High School choir. There are 7 p.m. performances each day and a 3 p.m. matinee on Dec. 1. www.monashores.singingchristmastree.com

■ The Steubenville Nutcracker Village & Advent Market in Steubenville, Ohio, will be in operation from Nov. 20–Jan. 5, when some 150 6-foot-tall nutcrackers are displayed around Fort Steuben Park downtown. Each Friday–Sunday the Advent Market is open with artisans offering specialty crafts and baked goods in Swiss-style chalets set around the 30-foot-tall Christmas tree. www.steubenvillanutcracker.village.com

■ Hotel Walloon in Walloon Lake, Mich., is offering a deal for military personnel and emergency responders. During November and March the second night of a two-day



APPLIED IMAGINATION-EITELJORG MUSEUM

Eiteljorg Museum’s popular holiday train exhibit runs through Jan. 21 in Indianapolis.

stay is free. A valid form of military ID or emergency responder ID must be shown at check-in. tinyurl.com/y79cs8m5

■ The Charles Lindbergh House and Museum in Little Falls, Minn., presents a look back at holidays of a different time with its “A WWI Christmas” offering. Costumed interpreters will give a taste of the holiday season during wartime. It’s offered Nov. 23–25 and Nov. 30–Dec. 2. tinyurl.com/yj08v3q

■ Kenosha, Wis., dives into the holidays Dec. 1 with Kenosha HarborHoliday — International Market & Festival. Held at Museums Campus, the event combines the Victorian Christmas at the Civil War Museum, the Kenosha Public Museum’s International Holiday Faire, the Winter Harbor-Market event and more. There will be indoor and outdoor activities and lots of entertainment, such as Korean dancers, Ballet Folklorico and the MGV Harmonia German Men’s Choir. tinyurl.com/ybb84pam

■ The Green Bay Botanical Garden in Green Bay, Wis., presents its Garden of Lights holiday light show Nov. 23–Dec. 30. This is the 22nd year for the walk-through show, which extends almost a mile. Light displays are botanical-themed, and there’s a model-train display. Horse-drawn wagon rides are also offered. tinyurl.com/y8ls7zub

■ Galena, Ill., lights up for the holidays on Dec. 1 with Holiday Fire in the Sky. The fireworks display will be at Depot Park. There will also be caroling, a bonfire and other Christmas music. tinyurl.com/y934snae

■ More than 300 musicians join together in a holiday salute during the 60th annual Vespers at Millikin University’s Kirkland Fine Arts Center in Decatur, Ill. Performances are at 2 and 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 1–2. tinyurl.com/yecjutzl

■ Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, Wis., is staging the 21st edition of its Old World Christmas Market on Nov. 30–Dec. 9. The market is modeled on Europe’s

Christkindmarkts with vendors selling unique items and German food. There’s an admission charge for the market, and the resort also has holiday lodging packages. www.christmasmarketatosthoff.com

■ Seven of Indiana’s state parks have inns so you can sleep close to nature. tinyurl.com/yaky514u

Deals and websites listed here have been checked for availability as of press time. Listings are not endorsements. Send tips at least a month in advance to ChicagoTribTravel@gmail.com.

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GEOQUIZ ANSWER

Peru. Located in the south, it’s a popular jumping-off point for visits to the Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu.



LORI RACKL/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The old, red-brick building that says Rockford Brewing Co. is actually home to Prairie Street Brewing Co.



LORI RACKL/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A comfortable place to relax and get caffeinated, Rockford Roasting Co. is at 206 N. Main St. in downtown Rockford.



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When it opens in 2020, the Hilton Embassy Suites Hotel will offer a place to stay in the center of downtown.

Rockford

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scraper and home to a number of businesses related to the knitting industry. It was originally named for William Ziock Sr., a leading figure in the knitting and textile arena. Its name changed to the Amerock Building when, for decades, it housed the manufacturing company Amerock (a portmanteau for America and Rockford), a cabinet- and hardware-maker. More recently, it’s been a symbol of blight, referred to as an “eyesore” by local newscasters and residents, and there have been a number of efforts to redevelop the building.

Rockford Mayor Tom McNamara says the hotel further validates the downtown development — and momentum — that’s been going on for the last few years.

“I think any time you can get such a flagship (hotel brand) that we have been fortunate enough to get, it just speaks volumes about what is going on,” says McNamara.

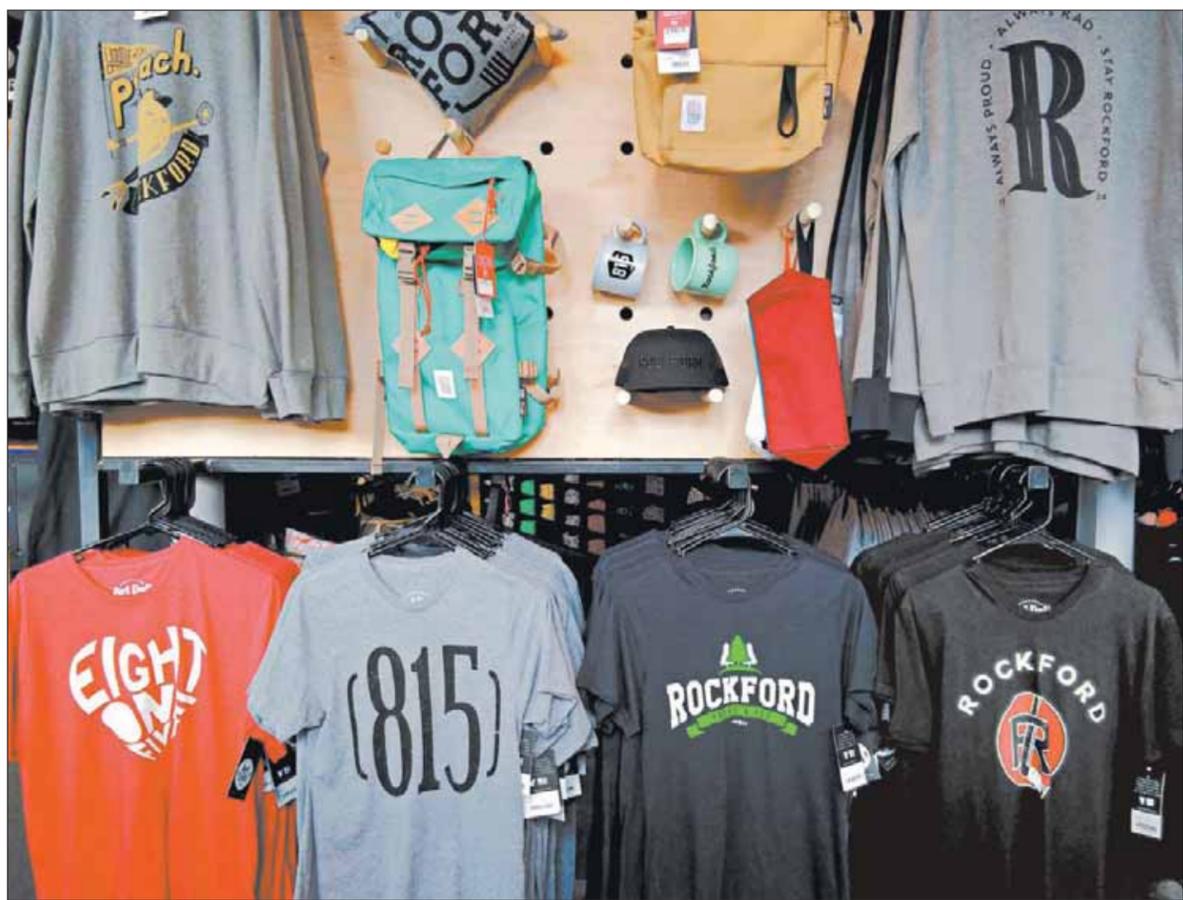
The mayor and a half-dozen others interviewed for this story said that when they were growing up in the ’70s and ’80s, they didn’t spend much time downtown. Back then, the storefronts were more likely to be empty than filled. McNamara, who is in his mid-30s, recalls that he’d get in the car with his parents and go to a museum, or they’d visit the YMCA, but then they’d get back in the car and go straight home. Today, he says, it’s a different story. People of all ages have moved into more than 300 lofts in the downtown area. On any given day, you can see men and women in business suits walking to lunch at Kuma’s Asian Bistro, parents pushing strollers into Wired Cafe for a latte and women shopping for flowing, eco-friendly dresses at Minglewood boutique.

In warm weather, the Rock River, which runs through downtown, becomes a destination. On Thursday nights, crowds gather on the docks at Prairie Street Brewing for free live music and a barbecue buffet at the weekly Dinner on the Dock series. On Friday nights, Rockford City Market is the place to be, with its live music, craft vendors, a farmers market, food trucks and more. Then it’s on to Davis Park for outdoor movies by the water, held the first Friday of the month. On weekends, stand-up paddleboards, kayaks and canoes rented from Rocktown Adventures dot the water.

Last November, a record-breaking crowd of more than 80,000 turned out for Stroll on State, an annual holiday celebration that includes a parade, live music, ice skating, wagon rides and other festivities. This year’s installment is Nov. 24.

According to McNamara, recent development and downtown energy have helped galvanize more of the same.

“Five years ago, if a storefront opened up, it was like, oh my gosh, so-and-so left.



KATE SILVER/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Downtown’s Rockford Art Deli, an eco-friendly screen-printing shop, has just about every Rockford-themed souvenir you could want.

Now it’s like, well, who are we going to get? Now you’re seeing four or five people bidding,” he says. “It’s super exciting. It’s what you want to see.”

McNamara chalks up much of the recent growth spurt to the state-run River Edge Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program, which gives owners of historic properties a 25 percent state income tax credit for qualified expenditures on rehab projects. The program is open to a handful of cities in the River Edge Redevelopment Zone, including Rockford, and it’s attracted millions of dollars of development — including the Hilton Embassy Suites project, which is also getting a 20 percent federal historic tax credit.

“We’ve benefited tremendously from the River Edge Redevelopment and the historic tax credits,” says McNamara. “You probably can’t say enough about that.”

He adds that it’s exciting to watch the latest wave of residents, including his own two young children, grow up in the new Rockford.

“Probably one of the neatest things to me is the generation that’s coming up now, like the last five to 10 years, is experiencing a totally different city than what I got to experience,” he says.

Building on Rockford pride

Downtown redevelopment has brought with it something that had been missing for years: foot traffic in the urban core.

“You see women with strollers and families,” says Prairie Street Brewing co-owner Chris Manuel, who opened the brewery in 2013. “When we started, you wouldn’t see that at all.”

The brewing company — the same one that hosts Dinner on the Docks in the summer — operates in a beautiful, old brick building from the mid-1800s, when it was home to Peacock Brewing Co. In addition to the brewery and restaurant, the property has event spaces, offices and lofts.

The recent changes have brought about a deeper sense of hometown pride, which you can see on display at Rockford Art Deli, an eco-friendly screen-printing shop selling all things Rockford: T-shirts, coffee mugs, hats, buttons.

The story of Art Deli reflects the spirit of what’s happening in the surrounding streets. Owner Jarrod Hennis moved downtown 14 years ago; his retail store has been open for nearly six years.

“We’ve really been downtown since there was nothing,” says Hennis. “Now

there’s foot traffic all the time. Right at noon, when we open, we’re always busy. It’s night and day. A lot of money is coming downtown.”

Just as downtown has changed, so has Art Deli’s attitude. In the beginning, Hennis says, he was making shirts that poked fun at Rockford. “And it didn’t feel right; it didn’t feel good,” he says. So he switched gears and started making shirts that showed Rockford pride. Some are cheeky: “Rockford AF,” “Always Proud Always Rad Stay Rockford,” “Rockfordians do it better.” Others are more straightforward, like “815” (Rockford’s area code) and simply “Rockford.”

The shirts that embrace the city have been such a hit that Hennis says he’s gone from offering six designs in the early days to nearly 60 designs today. In fact, Rockford pride runs so deep, other designs just don’t sell.

“We keep trying to do more Illinois and Midwest, but everyone wants just Rockford or 815,” he says.

One recent design that seems especially appropriate today: “Making a comeback, Rockford, IL.”

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FORK IN THE ROAD



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Bear Wallow Distillery owner Susan Spagnuolo pours a tasting for participants on a Sippin' Trip in Brown County, Ind. Her Hoosier Hooch Moonshine comes in several colors and flavors.

SIPPIN' TRIP IN INDIANA

Holiday-themed tours visit wineries, breweries, distilleries in Brown County

By KATHERINE RODEGHIER
Chicago Tribune

NASHVILLE, Ind. — It's a travel trend that may have begun with wine tastings. Visiting vineyards became so popular, wineries opened in all 50 states.

Then came the craft beer craze, with brewery tours catering to thirsty visitors in cities big and small.

Now, small-batch distilleries lead the curious through the process of producing hard liquor, ranging from top-shelf spirits to grandpappy's moonshine.

"Across the country, alcohol tourism is on the rise," said Susan Spagnuolo, owner of Bear Wallow Distillery in Brown County, Ind.

Wine, beer, spirits — this county in southern Indiana has them all, and guided, afternoon bus tours make it easy to sample the gamut.

"People don't want to drive; they want to be safe," said Spagnuolo, whose distillery is one of four stops for sampling adult beverages on a Brown County Sippin' Trip.

The tours, offered through the Brown County Convention & Visitors Bureau, take on a holiday theme on select weekends in late November and early December (\$65 a person, must be at least 21 years old). The 3 1/2-hour excursions aboard the the Nashville General Store Express shuttle start and end at Brown County Visitors Center in downtown Nashville, Ind., roughly 50 miles south of Indianapolis. As you board the bus, you'll get a goody bag with a bottle of water, a boxed lunch and a souvenir. A Christmas stocking is handed out on holiday tours for you to stuff with gifts you'll get at each stop.

Holiday lights and decorations add to the good cheer that comes with the four to six tastings included at each location. You might get a behind-the-scenes peek too, depending on the stage of production at each winery, brewery and distillery.

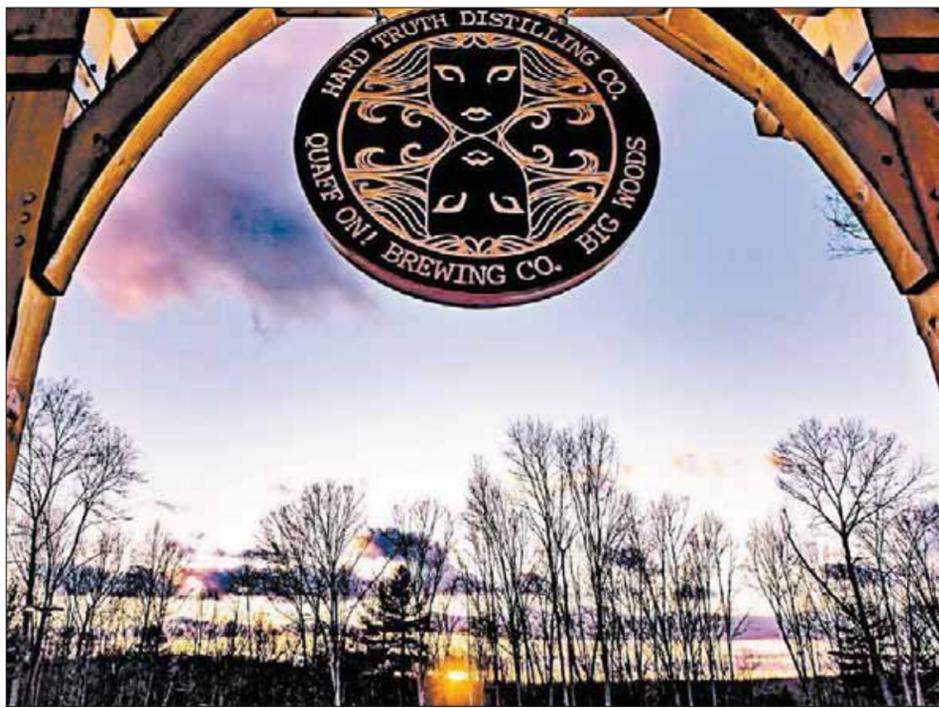
During tours at Bear Wallow Distillery, you'll learn that making handcrafted Indiana corn whiskey takes seven days, using locally grown grain, yeast and water in an old-fashioned copper still.

Spagnuolo, one of the nation's few female distillery owners, helped change state law to allow for craft distilleries and began operating the first "legal" still in Brown County. Her Hoosier Hooch Moonshine comes in a rainbow of colors and flavors and is the key ingredient in Spagnuolo's Moonshine Shake-ups, made by adding an elixir, soda water and fresh-squeezed fruit juice. The lemonade shake-up was named the official cocktail of the Indiana State Fair last year. Another best-seller, Gnow Bone Bourbon, takes its name from the distillery's location in the hamlet of Gnow Bone. Don't blink on the bus ride there, or you'll miss it.

Bear Wallow also offers alcohol-infused edibles. Moonshine pickles, anyone?

Down the road in Gnow Bone, Brown County Winery has been making wine for more than three decades. The family-run operation, part of the Indiana Uplands Wine Trail, turns out about 30,000 gallons a year of dry, semi-sweet and dessert wines made not only from grapes but also from berries and other fruits. Try its strawberry wine, named Fruit Wine of the Year in 2017 at the Indy International Wine Competition, and the Vista Red, awarded best in class. If you want more samples than time on the tour allows, stop by the winery's downtown Nashville tasting room, open daily.

You'll sample both spirits and beer at Hard Truth Hills. What started in 2009 as Big Woods restaurant in downtown Nashville evolved into a dining, brewing and distilling enterprise by creating Quaff On! Brewing and Hard Truth Distilling companies. (The Original Big Woods still exists in Nashville, along with Big Woods Pizza and more Big Woods restaurants in several Indiana towns.) Last winter, it opened Hard Truth Hills Welcome Center amid 325 acres of woodlands just outside Nashville. Sippin' Trippers take a tour and sample its cinnamon vodka. The distillery also makes gin and rum, and plans to launch barrel-aged rye whiskey and bourbon. If suds are more your style, try Busted Knuckle Ale, named for a brew-



BROWN COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

Hard Truth Hills opened last winter amid 325 acres of woodlands just outside Nashville, Ind.



BROWN COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

Nashville businesses go all-out with holiday lights and decorations.

er's mishap, or any of the seasonal brews.

Sippin' Trips then head back to downtown Nashville for a stop at Chateau Thomas Winery. It's named for Dr. Charles Thomas, a physician who turned his wine-making hobby into a business more than 30 years ago. Using imported grapes, the winery produces about 15,000 cases a year of dry reds, whites, sweet, semi-sweet and jug wines. It's known for its Slender wine, billed as the world's first naturally sweetened, carb-free wine. Gourmet foods, cheese plates and gift items are available for purchase, and you can browse a Native American art gallery upstairs. Swing by later for live music Friday and Saturday nights.

If you can't make it to Nashville for a Sippin' Trip, you can visit each of the establishments for tastings on your own. Two other places have tasting rooms in

Nashville too: Salt Creek Winery and Cedar Creek Winery.

With a population hovering around 1,000, Nashville remains a folksy outpost of Indy that plays up its founding as an artist colony. At Thanksgiving and Christmas-time, it pours on old-fashioned country charm with storefront window displays, holiday lights and decorations, carolers, candy canes and Santa sightings.

Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, is Brown Friday here. Stores and galleries beckon with one-of-a-kind art objects, gifts, crafts and accessories. Candy shops stand ready to provide a sugar boost. Nashville General Store & Bakery satisfies a sweet tooth with pies, pastries and its famous fried biscuits rolled in sugar and cinnamon and served with apple butter.

A Brown County Chamber of Commerce holiday passport program encourages shoppers to

fill passports with \$500 in purchases for a chance to win prizes. Sippin' Trippers get at least \$50 stamped in their passports for taking the tour.

Holiday events pair nicely with Sippin' Trips. A tree lighting ceremony and arts and craft show take place the weekend after Thanksgiving. December's calendar is packed with a holiday show at the Brown County Playhouse, a tour of log homes decked out in holiday finery, an organized run and walk (the 19th annual Reindeer Romp) in Brown County State Park, a light parade, Victorian candlelight dinners and a wine marketplace with tastings from the nine wineries on the Indiana Uplands Wine Trail.

The T.C. Steele State Historic Site, the Belmont home and studio of an early Hoosier impressionist artist, will return to Christmases of a century ago with cookies, cider, crafts, live music and a visit from St. Nicholas on Dec. 2.

The Bill Monroe Music Park, 5 miles north of Nashville, transforms as a faith-based, drive-through light show after dark on select dates from Black Friday — uh, Brown Friday — through the end of the year.

Tiny Nashville is awash in restaurants and lodgings both in town and the countryside. Brown County State Park, Indiana's largest state park, provides some peace and quiet just outside of downtown Nashville. Its Abe Martin Lodge has dining, motel rooms and cabins. Modern cabin suites, added in 2016, make an especially comfortable spot for Sippin' Trippers to get cozy.

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ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE; SHANNON KINSELLA/FOOD STYLING

Pears and cranberries partner for a fall-forward pie of flavor and textural contrasts, with fresh and dried versions of the berries playing off each other.

Practice makes perfect pie

Pear and dried, sweet cranberries a union that speaks to the season



JEANMARIE BROWNSON
Dinner at Home

We are a family of pie bakers. Long before the holiday season, we discuss our favorite pie flavors. Then we divvy up who gets to make what. I'm partial to cream pies while Mom is the queen of lemon meringue and creamy chocolate varieties. One niece is perfecting her pumpkin pie skills; my son prefers to bake fruit pies. This year, the challenge of lattice-top crusts piques his interest.

Homemade pie fillings prove easy. Crust not so much. Practice makes perfect. With every pie, our skills improve. It's an acquired art to turn out flaky, beautiful crust.

My mother regularly reminds us of her early crust adventures — many of which ended in the garbage can. No worries, she says, the crust ingredients cost far less than the filling.

So, when time allows, we practice making pie crust hearing her voice remind us to use a gentle hand when gathering the moist dough into a ball and later when rolling it out. Mom always uses a floured rolling cloth on the board and on the rolling pin. These days, I prefer to roll between two sheets of floured wax paper. We factor in plenty of time to refrigerate the dough so it's at the perfect stage for easy rolling. The chilly rest also helps prevent shrinkage in the oven.

I've been using the same pie dough recipe for years now. I like the flakiness I get from vegetable shortening and the flavor of butter,

Turn to *Pie*, Page 5

Pear, double cranberry and apple lattice pie

Prep: 1 hour **Chill:** 1 hour **Cook:** 1 hour **Makes:** 8 to 10 servings

1 recipe double crust pie dough, see recipe or your favorite store-bought crust

2 ½ pounds ripe, but still a bit firm, Bartlett pears, about 6

1 ½ pounds Honeycrisp or Golden Delicious apples, about 4

2 cups fresh cranberries, about 8 ounces

3 tablespoons unsalted butter

¾ cup sugar

3 tablespoons cornstarch

1 cup (4 ounces) dried cranberries

½ teaspoon grated fresh orange zest

⅛ teaspoon salt

Cream or milk, coarse sugar (or turbinado sugar)

1. Make pie dough and refrigerate it as directed. Working between two sheets of floured wax paper, roll out one disk into a 12-inch circle. Remove the top sheet of wax paper and use the bottom sheet to flip the crust into a 10-inch pie pan. Gently smooth the crust into the pan, without stretching it. Roll the edge of the dough under so it sits neatly on the edge of the pie dish. Refrigerate.

2. Roll the second disk of pie dough between the sheets of floured wax paper into an 11-inch circle. Slide onto a cookie sheet and refrigerate while you make the filling.

3. Peel and core the pears. Slice into ¼-inch wide wedges; put into a bowl. You should have 6 generous cups. Peel and core the apples. Cut into ¾-inch chunks; you should have about 3 ½ cups. Add to the pears. Stir in fresh cranberries.

4. Heat butter in large deep skillet over medium-high until melted; add pears, apples and fresh cranberries. Cook, stirring, until nicely coated with butter, about 2 minutes. Cover and cook to soften

the fruit, 3 minutes. Add sugar and cornstarch; cook and stir until glazed and tender, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in dried cranberries, orange zest and salt. Spread on a rimmed baking sheet; cool to room temperature. While the fruit mixture cools, heat oven to 425 degrees.

5. Pile the cooled fruit into the prepared bottom crust. Use a very sharp knife to cut the rolled top crust into 18 strips, each about ½ inch wide. Place 9 of those strips over the fruit filling, positioning them about ½ inch apart. Arrange the other 9 strips over the strips on the pie in a diagonal pattern. (If you want to make a woven lattice, put one strip of dough over the 9 strips on the pie and weave them by lifting up and folding to weave them together.)

6. Crimp the edge of the bottom crust and the lattice strips together with your fingers. Use a fork to make a decorative edge all the way around the pie. Use a pastry brush to brush each of the strips and the edge of the pie with cream. Sprinkle strips and the edge with the coarse sugar.

7. Place pie on a baking sheet. Bake at 425 degrees, 25 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees. Use strips of foil to lightly cover the outer edge of the pie. Continue baking until the filling is bubbling hot and the crust richly golden, about 40 minutes more.

8. Cool completely on a wire rack. Serve at room temperature topped with whipped cream or ice cream. To rewarm the pie, simply set it in a 350-degree oven for about 15 minutes.

Nutrition information per serving (for 10 servings): 540 calories, 24 g fat, 11 g saturated fat, 34 mg cholesterol, 80 g carbohydrates, 43 g sugar, 4 g protein, 270 mg sodium, 7 g fiber

Inside

How to prep and cook winter squash and make a glazed spiral-sliced ham and sweet potato mash. **Pages 2 and 4**

Online

How to brighten the turkey, six easy make-ahead vegetable side dishes, what wines to pour and more. Go to chicagotribune.com/thanksgivingguide.

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Breakfast With Ina

Having lived in Lakeview for almost three decades, I've driven on Irving Park Road a gazillion times and passed one of this month's restaurants every time. Corona's Coffee Shop: That's the old-timer. The new bakery I visited in Logan Square, Pan Artesanal, has been open for only a few months and, I'm sure, will be around for a long time. In the middle is Over Easy, a neighborhood place that has weathered the storms all independent restaurants face and is still thriving. Here's what I found.

Pan Artesanal Bakery

The terms "fusion" and "mashup" have made their way into the culinary lexicon, and sometimes the concept works and sometimes it leaves me wondering why someone thought such disparate ingredients belonged in a single dish.

But what happens when you take the Espinoza sisters — Marisol, who went to the French Pastry School, and Lizette, who went to Robert Morris University School of Business — and let them work the magic of Mexican traditions with French techniques? You get a breakfast full of surprises and delights!

The bakery case is filled with well-crafted desserts that invite you to read every tag carefully before you make a decision. Be assured, you can't make a mistake; they are all tempting and delicious.

The breads that perfume the air are used in the sandwiches. They just beg to go home with you too.

I went with my friend Andrew Weithe, who is now the manager of Read It & Eat culinary bookstore in Lincoln Park. He was my eating partner of choice, since he has spent so much time south of the border.

We shared the turkey pastrami-egg-and-cheese sandwich on a baguette as well as a chorizo-and-egg sandwich on a croissant. Both were tasty, and the breads superb. The baguette had just the right crust, so you could bite down easily.

A poblano-pepper-and-cheese loaf looked like a tall relative of a focaccia, but was so much lighter and tastier than the Italian version. I thought I would just take a bite and save the rest for later, but later never came. We lived in the now.

We lingered over coffee and a beautiful, flaky pear almond pastry. Several times we were asked if there was anything we needed, and they offered the kindest words: They were happy we were happy to stay.

Of note: Street parking, fast casual, catering, takeout and delivery.

Find it: 3724 W. Fullerton Ave., 312-286-5265, www.panartesanalbakery.com.

Hours: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday to Friday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Corona's Coffee Shop

A restaurant that has been open



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Pan Artesanal Bakery in Logan Square, a blending of Mexican traditions with French techniques, offers a breakfast full of surprises.



Pan Artesanal's bakery case is filled with delights, like this pear pastry, paired with dulce de leche iced coffee.



The chorizo-and-egg sandwich on a croissant, with queso fresco.



The turkey pastrami-egg-and-cheese sandwich on a baguette.

for many years has to be careful when it uses a tagline like: Great Coffee, Breakfast, Delicious Food and Friendly Service. While I'm not a skeptic, I am sensitive to such claims and am careful to enter without a "show me" attitude when I arrive.

I ordered the croissant sandwich with bacon, egg and cheese that came with hash browns. I've said this before about biscuits: If they are truly authentic,

they will fall apart in a sandwich. The same goes for croissants. If they are buttery and crackly and airy, they won't hold up. This version had the taste and aroma, but was a little sturdier to make for a perfect sandwich-holder.

I had the Delight Skillet with over-easy eggs, mushrooms, fresh spinach, tomato, onions and cheese over hash browns. These same ingredients can also

be part of an omelet or a wrap.

So, let me go back to the tagline: The latte was the best one I've had in months; yes they serve breakfast; the food was delicious; and the service was warm and friendly. I call that truth in advertising.

Of note: Metered street parking, fast casual, takeout and delivery.

Find it: 909 W. Irving Park Road, 773-529-1886.

Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Second helping: Over Easy Cafe

Since I know and understand what it takes for a restaurant to stay alive and thrive, I wanted to pay my respects to Jon Cignarale and Gwyneth Nordine in their 11th year.

Who better to join me, since the Cubs weren't in the playoffs, than Hot Doug himself, Doug Sohn! When we look around, and we always do, we see the hard work and dedication that goes into an operation that has sustained and become part of the neighborhood.

A young man at the door welcomes patrons and, if there's a wait, given the 36-seat dining room, offers free coffee. We were seated and greeted immediately with a smile and a warm welcome.

The menu is solid and exciting in its variety, with weekly special additions that are also posted on their website. That's rare; many restaurants forget to post changes in hours or closed days.

I ordered the eggs scrambled with smoked, wild-caught sockeye salmon and dill havarti, served with red potato hash and toast. There is a taste memory that kicks in when you have had the same dish before, and it was — and is — exactly right on target.

Doug had the Nueva Mexicana Omelette with eggs, corn, tomatoes, red onions, cilantro and goat cheese, topped with salsa verde and sour cream and served with red potato hash and toast.

We shared a short stack of bacon pancakes and stories, since we both have lots of those.

Of note: Street parking can be challenging, full service.

Find it: 4943 N. Damen Ave., 773-506-2605, www.oveasycafechicago.com

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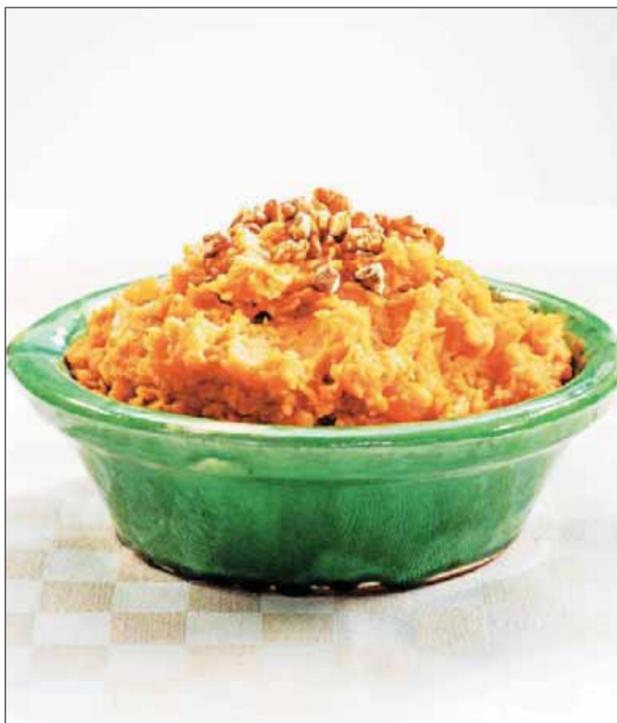
SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

Pecans? Yes, you can!

BY DIANE ROSSEN WORTHINGTON
Tribune Content Agency

I recently attended the Pecan Chefs Summit in Atlanta, along with chefs from across the country. I experienced firsthand how versatile the creamy, toasty nut could be as we cooked dishes that added chopped pecans to meatballs, pizza crust and filling for tacos. We also stuffed them in pitted dates, wrapped in bacon and roasted until crisp. All of these unusual applications were happily surprising and plenty tasty.

I selected this sweet potato dish to cook for our lunch, and the result was so good that I will be making it for my Thanksgiving side dish this year. It's also a conversation starter when you say it was made using pecan milk, which is simple to make. It also has lots of uses, such as adding it



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Pecans give this sweet potato dish a rich, buttery flavor.

to your coffee or using it as a nondairy milk replacement in other recipes.

This time of year is pecan season, which might explain why

pecan pie is a favorite on the Thanksgiving dessert table, but I hope you'll try this reinterpreted mashed sweet potato dish for any of your holiday menus.

Mashed sweet potatoes with peach preserves and toasted pecans

Prep: 15 minutes **Cook:** 50 minutes **Makes:** 4 to 6 servings

- ½ cup chopped pecans
- 2 ½ pounds sweet potatoes, ends trimmed
- 3 tablespoons butter
- ⅔ cup peach preserves
- ¾ cup pecan milk or half-and-half (see recipe)
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- ⅛ teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)

1. Toast the pecans in a skillet over medium-heat, shaking the pan to toast evenly, until fragrant and lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Reserve.

2. Heat the oven to 425. Put the sweet potatoes on a parchment paper-lined baking sheet. Roast until the skin softens slightly and you can slide a knife through the thickest part of the flesh with no resistance, 45 minutes to 1 ¼ hours, depending on their size. Cool. Remove the sweet potato pulp; transfer to a bowl.

3. Mash in the butter and peach preserves until melted and well blended. Drizzle in the pecan milk; it will absorb into the potatoes, so add enough for a mashed potato consistency.

4. Season with salt, pepper and cayenne, if using. Transfer to a serving bowl. Serve, sprinkled with the toasted pecans.

Pecan milk: Toast ½ cup pecans in a skillet over medium-heat, shaking the pan to toast evenly, until fragrant and lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Transfer pecans to a blender; add 2 cups water. Blend until creamy and smooth, about 1 minute. Add 1 tablespoon maple syrup, ½ teaspoon vanilla and a pinch of salt. Blend again to combine. Taste, add more maple syrup if you like. **Makes:** about 1 ¼ cups

Nutrition information per serving (for 6 servings): 380 calories, 14 g fat, 4 g saturated fat, 15 mg cholesterol, 63 g carbohydrates, 23 g sugar, 4 g protein, 335 mg sodium, 7 g fiber

Spain's txakoli is instantly likable



MICHAEL AUSTIN
The Pour Man

Although the traditional pouring technique of Spain's txakoli could take a fair amount of time and practice to master (more on this later), the wine itself is instantly and effortlessly likable.

Txakoli (say "CHAH-koh-lee") is dry, tangy and refreshing, and can offer everything from lemony citrus, earthy minerality and chalk, to stone fruits, tropical fruits, nuts and salinity.

This light, gently fizzy wine hails from Spain's Basque region, near the country's border with France along the coast of the Bay of Biscay, with a number of notable appellations. Those vineyards in the Getariako Txakolina D.O. (denominacion de origen) hug the country's northernmost shorelines, directly west of San Sebastian. The Bizkaiko Txakolina D.O., farther west on the same coast, surrounds the city of Bilbao. A third appellation, Arabako Txakolina, lies south of Bilbao.

Made predominantly of the indigenous grape varieties hondarrabi zuri (white) and beltza (red), txakoli wines can include other grape varieties, but hondarrabi zuri is the star. (Even though rosé and red versions of txakoli are made, white is the undisputed classic.)

This is a wine style that says, "Let's have some fun." Imagine a restaurant in San Sebastian or Bilbao, a few steps down from street level, with stone walls,

dark wooden tables and hams hanging from the ceiling. Or imagine a bustling, well-lit tavern with pintxos (the Basque version of tapas) being passed around, little plates stacking up throughout the night. In both scenarios, an abundance of txakoli is a given.

It is a great match for raw oysters, seafood, nuts, cheese and cured meats. If you want a fresh and vibrant wine with an alcohol content low enough to not worry about potential lapses in judgment an hour after your first sip, txakoli is for you. Drink this lively, thirst-quenching, lip-smacking wine with just about anything — its tingling acidity makes it immensely versatile — but also for any occasion. Drink it while you're pitching horseshoes, lounging at the beach or killing time between flights.

Now, about the traditional pour. In Spain, pouring txakoli usually ends up being a brief moment of spontaneous theater. To pour like a Spaniard, hold the bottle high, at least at shoulder height, and aim for a glass below. A good way to try this time-honored tradition is to rely on a simple speed-pourer spout, which delivers a stream as precise as a tight piece of string. Once you get comfortable with that, graduate to freestyle and pour straight from the bottle — first from shoulder height with a glass on a table or countertop (or over your sink as I did when I tasted the wines below), eventually working your way up to full arm extensions with a bottle held high in one hand and a glass in the other. Of course, there's always the porron, a decanter of sorts with a spout for pouring

streams of wine into glasses or — more fun — waiting mouths.

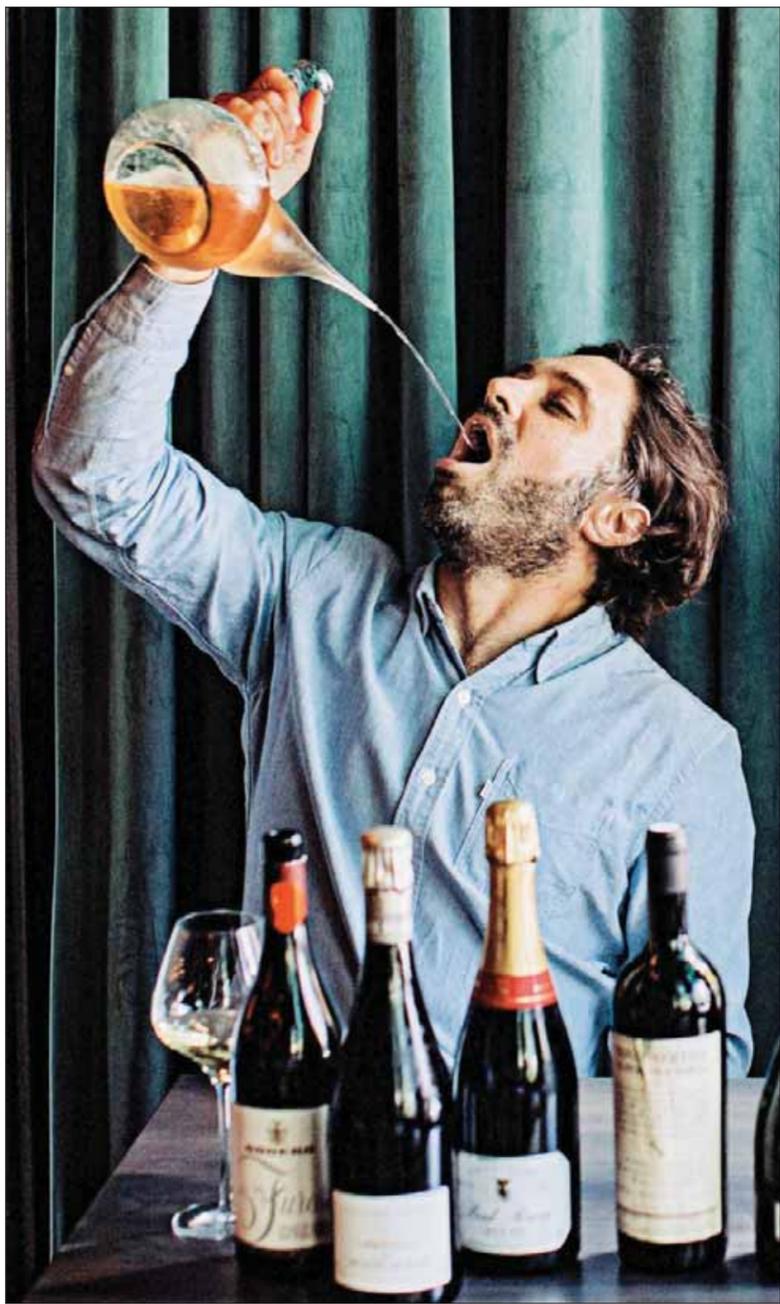
It's not all for show. Spanish bartenders and waiters pour like this to agitate the wine and wake it up. Like a horse with pent-up energy, txakoli wants to buck and jump and run, and it displays its most power and beauty when it has the space to do so.

You don't need to spend a lot of time considering the subtleties of txakoli. Just plop a bottle into an ice bucket, let it get nice and chilly, and enjoy its cleansing zestiness. And always drink it when it's young and fresh. With some versions, you might be hard-pressed to even detect effervescence. You will notice the acidity. Fizzy or not, this wine will zap your palate.

The following are notes from a recent tasting of white txakoli wines, including one that is not effervescent. They are listed in ascending order, according to price, but all ring up at around \$20, which is a fairly standard price for txakoli — not exactly cheap, but well worth the price.

2017 Gaintza Txakolina. From the Getariako Txakolina appellation and made of 85 percent hondarrabi zuri, 10 percent gros manseng and 5 percent hondarrabi beltza, this wine offers pear, crushed rock, ripe pineapple, tropical notes and zingy acidity. \$20

2017 Berroia Txakolina. Notes of tropical fruit, ripe pear and chalk come in this fuller-bodied, less-fizzy blend of 85 percent hondarrabi zuri, 10 percent riesling and 5 percent folle blanche from Bizkaiko Txakolina. \$21



JEFF MARINI PHOTO

Drinking txakoli out of a porron at Bar Ramone in Chicago.

2017 Ameztoi Txakolina. From Getariako Txakolina, this bottle offers bright lemon zest, fresh pear, stony minerality and a touch of clove, which led to a nutty finish and a manageable 10.5 percent alcohol. \$22

Arginano K Pilota Txakolina. Stone fruit, lemon and anise seed give way to chalky notes, a touch of bitter nuttiness and pleasantly tart citrus, with 11.5 percent alcohol in this Getariako Txakolina wine. \$22

Txakolina. This noneffervescent txakoli, labeled "Basque white wine," is from Bizkaiko Txakolina and offers floral and herbal notes along with lime, chalk, ripe green apple skin and crisp acidity. \$23

Michael Austin is a freelance writer.

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In the glazed squash recipe, the steamed slices of squash are treated to a smoky-sweet coating that enhances their appearance as well as their flavor.

GOOD GOURD!

How to pick, prep and cook winter squash of all types

BY BECKY KRystal
The Washington Post

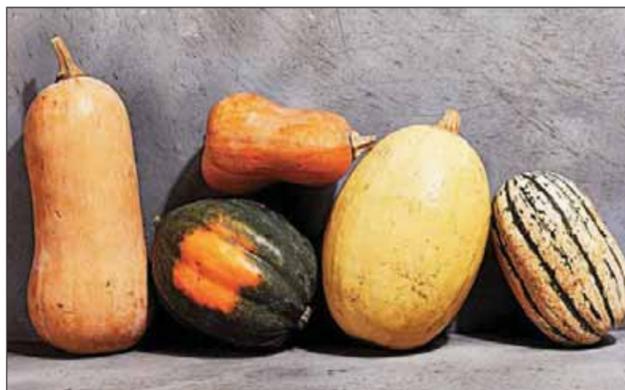
It's decorative gourd season, but it's also edible gourd season. Swing by the supermarket and you'll be greeted with a rainbow of winter squash in all sorts of shapes, sizes and colors.

They're so tempting you might be hauling a few home before you even know what you're going to do with them. Need a primer? Here are tips to make the most of this seasonal specialty.

Buy: Look for winter squash that are hard, heavy and free of mold or too many blemishes. A deep-colored exterior is a good sign too. The varieties have varying degrees of firmness and sweetness. Kabocha are firmer and drier, and hold their shape when cooked. Delicata have a thin skin that is easy to eat. Butternut: a marked sweet flavor. Acorn: a more mild one. Spaghetti squash: tender flesh that separates into threads. Hubbard: makes for an impressive stuffed holiday main course.

Peel: To peel a winter squash, microwaving it first helps. Prick the squash in a couple of spots and then nuke it for a few minutes. The exterior will soften enough to make getting the peel off easier.

Cut: Find the biggest, sharpest knife you have and get carving. Steady the squash on a damp dish towel, or slice a thin plank off a side or two to make it rest flat on



Winter squash varieties come in many shapes and sizes. They're often interchangeable, but some work better in certain dishes than others.

your board. You may need to rotate the squash — carefully — as you work your knife through it rather than going straight down in one cut. If you have a butternut, separate the straight trunk from the rounded bulb end and then continue breaking it down.

Deseed: Use a large soup spoon or a large, shallow ice cream scoop. Scrape out the seeds and the stringy flesh holding them in. If you like, save the seeds for roasting. (See recipe.)

Cook: There are so many ways to cook winter squash. Roasting is an obvious choice. Roast halves at 350 to 400 degrees until soft (probably close to an hour, especially for larger varieties), cut side up or down depending on whom

you ask. Or chop it into pieces for a much faster bake. There's also the microwave route, which is the logical conclusion to the peeling strategy. You just let the squash go until it's completely soft. Steaming is another possibility. Slice the squash, put it in a shallow glass dish with some water and cook on high in the microwave, from 4 to 7 minutes. Do you have an Instant Pot? It can make very quick work of a squash, whether it's in pieces resting on the steam rack or halves nestled above some liquid.

As to what to make, you have lots of options. Use winter squash in soup, whether it's pureed or left in chunks. Add pieces to salad and risotto. Scoop, stuff and bake. Incorporate flesh into muffins and quick breads, or use it in a pie instead of sweet potato.

Glazed squash

Prep: 45 minutes **Cook:** about 30 minutes **Makes:** 8 to 12 servings

Based on a recipe from "The Clean Plates Cookbook" by Jared Koch with Jill Silverman Koch (Running Press).

4 to 5 pounds total squash, preferably a mix of delicata, butternut, acorn and/or kuri

½ stick unsalted butter

¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil

¼ cup vegetable broth, preferably no-salt-added, or more as needed

¼ cup maple syrup

1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon Spanish smoked paprika (sweet or hot)

Kosher or flaky sea salt

1. Peel the butternut squash; cut ¼-inch thick crosswise rounds from its center (seedless) section. Cut the delicata squash crosswise into ½-inch rounds; spoon out seeds. Cut the acorn and kuri squash into 1-inch-thick wedges; remove seeds. Cut away the peel if desired. You may not use all of every squash, depending on the variety.

2. Working in batches of the same variety, lay the squash in a glass or other microwave-safe shallow baking dish, so that pieces are only partially overlapping (for even cooking). Pour in about ½ cup water. Cover tightly with plastic wrap; poke a few holes in the wrap so steam can escape. Microwave in 4-minute increments, until the flesh is just tender enough to pierce with a fork. Transfer to a plate; repeat as needed, adding more water and changing the plastic wrap.

3. Just before serving, heat the butter and oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the broth, syrup and smoked paprika; cook, stirring, until well incorporated, about 2 minutes. The mixture should thicken a bit, into a syrupy glaze; if it begins to bubble up or looks in danger of burning, reduce the heat to medium-low or move the pan temporarily off the burner. Season with salt.

4. Working in batches, add the cooked squash pieces. Use tongs to turn them so all sides are coated. Cook for a few minutes, until warmed through; transfer to a platter, making sure there's enough glaze left in the pan to take care of all the squash you have. Pour any remaining glaze over the array. Season lightly with the salt. Scatter the toasted squash seeds over the top. Serve warm, or at room temperature.

Toasting seeds: Rinse the seeds to remove as much flesh as you can; dry on kitchen towels. Toss with olive oil, salt and your choice of spices; roast on a baking sheet at 300 degrees until dry, toasty and just browning.

Nutrition information per serving (for 12 servings): 130 calories, 9 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 10 mg cholesterol, 13 g carbohydrates, 7 g sugar, 1 g protein, 55 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

Cooking and glazing a cured ham? It's in the bag

By America's Test Kitchen

Heating and glazing a cured ham seems effortless, but many recipes yield leathery meat in an overly sweet glaze. We wanted to guarantee moist holiday meat in a nuanced glaze.

Bone-in hams, labeled "with natural juices," have the best flavor, and spiral-sliced ones make carving a cinch. But too much time in the oven can ruin even the best ham on the market, so we focused on reducing the cooking time. Soaking the ham in hot water shaved off a full hour, and using an oven bag further reduced the cooking time while also containing the ham's moisture.

We heated a mixture of sweet and savory pantry staples for two tempting glaze options.

You may bypass the 1½-hour soaking time, but the ham will be less juicy and the heating time must increase to 18 to 20 minutes per pound. We prefer a tapered shank ham, but a rounded sirloin ham will work here.

If there is a tear or hole in the ham's inner covering, wrap it in several layers of plastic wrap before the hot-water soak. If you do not want to use an oven bag, place the ham



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cut side down in the roasting pan and cover tightly with aluminum foil, adding 3 to 4 minutes per pound to the heating time.

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Glazed spiral-sliced ham

Servings: 12-14 **Start to finish:** 1 hour, 45 minutes (plus 1 hour, 30 minutes for soaking)

1 (7-to-10-pound) spiral-sliced bone-in half ham

1 large plastic oven bag

1 recipe glaze (recipes follow)

1. Leaving ham's inner plastic or foil covering intact, place ham in large container and cover with hot water; set aside for 45 minutes. Drain and cover again with hot water; set aside for another 45 minutes.

2. Adjust oven rack to lowest position and heat oven to 250 F. Unwrap ham; discard plastic disk covering bone. Place ham in oven bag. Gather top of bag tightly so bag fits snugly around ham, tie bag and trim excess plastic. Set ham cut side down in large roasting pan and cut 4 slits in top of bag with knife.

3. Bake ham until center registers 100 degrees, 1 to 1½ hours (about 10 minutes per pound).

4. Remove ham from oven and increase oven temperature to 350 F. Cut open oven bag and roll back sides to expose ham. Brush ham with one-third of glaze and return to oven until glaze becomes sticky, about 10 minutes (if glaze is too thick to brush, return to heat to loosen).

5. Remove ham from oven, transfer to carving board, and brush entire ham with another third of glaze. Tent ham with aluminum foil and let rest for 15 minutes. While ham rests, add 4 to 6 tablespoons of ham juices to remaining one-third of glaze and cook over medium heat until thick but fluid sauce forms. Carve and serve ham, passing sauce separately.

Maple-Orange Glaze:

Makes 1 cup

¾ cup maple syrup

½ cup orange marmalade

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

1 teaspoon pepper

¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon

Combine ingredients in small saucepan and cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until reduced to 1 cup, 5 to 10 minutes; set aside.

Cherry-Port Glaze:

Makes 1 cup

½ cup ruby port

½ cup cherry preserves

1 cup packed dark brown sugar

1 teaspoon pepper

Simmer port in small saucepan over medium heat until reduced to 2 tablespoons, about 5 minutes. Add remaining ingredients and cook, stirring occasionally, until reduced to 1 cup, 5 to 10 minutes; set aside.

Nutrition information per serving with orange glaze: 390 calories; 157 calories from fat; 17 g fat (5 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 145 mg cholesterol; 1914 mg sodium; 7 g carbohydrate; 0 g fiber; 6 g sugar; 52 g protein.

Nutrition information per serving with port glaze: 463 calories; 151 calories from fat; 17 g fat (5 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 143 mg cholesterol; 1908 mg sodium; 25 g carbohydrate; 0 g fiber; 23 g sugar; 52 g protein.



ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE; SHANNON KINSELLA/FOOD STYLING

This spin on pumpkin pie is topped with a nut-free ginger praline, made from gingersnap cookies and crystallized ginger.

Practice makes perfect pie

Pie, from Page 1

Ginger praline pumpkin pie

Prep: 40 minutes **Cook:** 1½ hours **Makes:** 8 servings

Prebaking the crust helps ensure the proper texture in the finished pie. You can replace the gingersnap cookies here with just about any spice cookie; I also like to use speculoos cookies or homemade molasses cookies. The recipe calls for canned pumpkin pie mix, which has sugar and spice already.

Half recipe double crust pie dough, see recipe

Filling:

2 large eggs

1 can (30 ounces; or two 15-ounce cans) pumpkin pie mix (with sugar and spices)

½ teaspoon each ground: cinnamon, ginger

¼ teaspoon ground cloves

⅔ cup heavy whipping cream

2 tablespoons dark rum or 1 teaspoon vanilla

Topping:

3 tablespoons butter, softened

2 tablespoons dark brown sugar

¼ cup finely chopped crystallized ginger, about 1½ ounces

1 cup roughly chopped or broken gingersnap cookies, about 2 ounces or 12 cookies

Whipped cream for garnish

1. For crust, heat oven to 425 degrees. Roll pie dough between 2 sheets of floured wax paper to an 11-inch circle. Remove the top sheet of paper. Use the bottom sheet to help you flip the dough into a 9-inch pie pan. Gently ease the dough into the pan, without stretching it; roll the edge of the dough under so it sits neatly on the edge of the pie dish; flatten attractively with a fork.

2. Line the bottom of the pie crust with a sheet of foil; fill the foil with pie weights or dried beans. Bake, 8 minutes. Remove the beans using the foil to lift them out of the crust. Return pie crust to the oven; bake until light golden in color, about 2 minutes. Cool. (Crust can be prebaked up to 1 day in advance; store in a cool, dry place.)

3. Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees. For filling, whisk eggs in a large bowl until smooth. Whisk in pumpkin mix, cinnamon, ginger and cloves until smooth. Whisk in cream and rum or vanilla.

4. For topping, mix soft butter and brown sugar in a small bowl until smooth. Stir in crystallized ginger; gently stir in the cookies to coat them with the butter mixture.

5. Carefully pour pie filling into cooled crust. Set the pie pan on a baking sheet; slide into the center of the oven. Bake, 40 minutes. Remove pie from oven. Gently distribute the topping evenly around the outer rim of the pie, near the crust. Return the pie to the oven; bake until a knife inserted near the center is withdrawn clean, about 40 more minutes. Cool on a wire rack. Serve cold or at room temperature with whipped cream.

Nutrition information per serving: 481 calories, 27 g fat, 13 g saturated fat, 96 mg cholesterol, 58 g carbohydrates, 9 g sugar, 6 g protein, 433 mg sodium, 9 g fiber

around the busy holiday season.

This fall, we are loving the combination of juicy, sweet Bartlett pears with tart cranberries for a gorgeous pie with hues of pink; a few crisp apples and chewy dried cranberries contribute contrasting textures. Feel free to skip the latticework and simply add a top crust; pierce the top crust in several places with a fork to allow steam to escape. For added flavor and texture, I brush the top crust with cream and sprinkle it generously with coarse sugar before baking.

The nut-free ginger praline recipe is a riff on a

longtime favorite pumpkin pie from Jane Salzfass Freiman, a former Chicago Tribune recipe columnist. She taught us to gussy up the edge of pumpkin pie with nuts, brown sugar and butter. This year we are employing store-bought gingersnap cookies and

crystallized ginger in place of pecans for a spicy, candied edge to contrast the creamy pie interior. Think of this pie as all your favorite coffee shop flavors in one — pumpkin pie spice and gingerbread, topped with whipped cream. Happy pie days, indeed.

Double crust pie dough

Prep: 20 minutes **Chill:** 1 hour

Makes: Enough for a double crust 10-inch pie

This is our family's favorite pie crust for ease of use with a flaky outcome. We use vegetable shortening for easy dough handling and maximum flakiness; unsalted butter adds rich flavor.

2½ cups flour

1 tablespoon sugar

1 teaspoon salt

½ cup unsalted butter, very cold

½ cup trans-fat-free vegetable shortening, frozen

1. Put flour, sugar and salt into a food processor. Pulse to mix well. Cut butter and shortening into small pieces; sprinkle them over the flour mixture. Pulse to blend the fats into the flour. The mixture will look like coarse crumbs.

2. Put ice cubes into about ½ cup water and let the water chill. Remove the ice cubes and drizzle about 6 tablespoons of the ice water over the flour mixture. Briefly pulse the machine just until the mixture gathers into a dough.

3. Dump the mixture out onto a sheet of wax paper. Gather into two balls, one slightly larger than the other. (Use this one later for the bottom crust.) Flatten the balls into thick disks. Wrap in plastic and refrigerate until firm, about 1 hour. (Dough will keep in the refrigerator for several days.)

Nutrition information per serving (for 10 servings):

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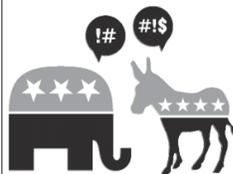


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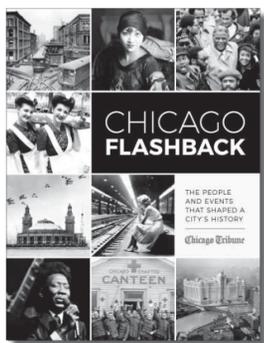
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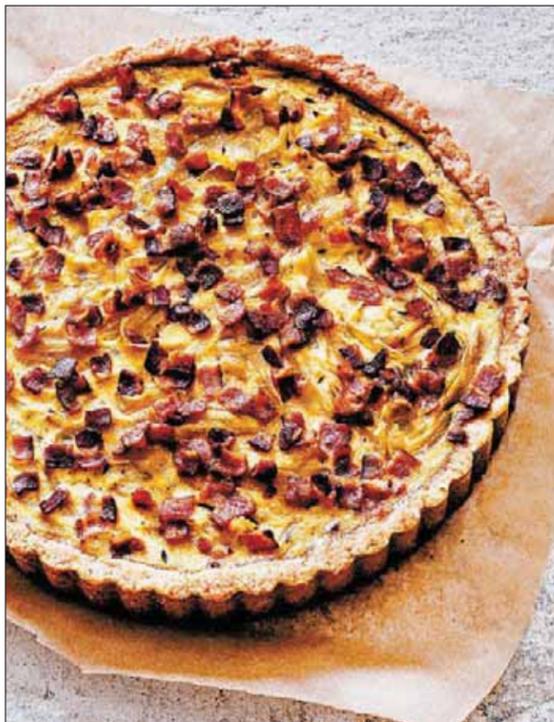
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Meaty bistro classic tart is as refined as it is rich

America's Test Kitchen

This bistro classic is as refined as it is rich. We kept the filling onion-forward by cooking the strands in rendered bacon fat and stirring them into a light custard. Use yellow or white onions here; sweet onions will make the tart too sweet. Use a 9-inch tinned-steel tart pan.

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French onion and bacon tart

Servings: 6-8

Start to finish: 2 hours, 15 minutes

Crust:

1 1/4 cups (6 1/4 ounces) all-purpose flour

1 tablespoon sugar

1/2 teaspoon salt

8 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-inch cubes and chilled

2-3 tablespoons ice water

Filling:

4 slices bacon, cut into 1/4-inch pieces

Vegetable oil

1 1/2 pounds onions, halved through root end and cut crosswise into 1/4-inch slices

3/4 teaspoon salt

1 sprig fresh thyme

2 large eggs

1/2 cup half-and-half

1/4 teaspoon pepper

1. Spray 9-inch tart pan with removable bottom with vegetable oil spray. Pulse flour, sugar and salt in food processor until combined, about 4 pulses. Scatter butter over top and pulse until mixture resembles coarse sand, about 15 pulses. Add 2 tablespoons ice water and process until clumps form and no powdery bits remain, about 5 seconds, adding up to 1 tablespoon more ice water if dough will not form clumps.

2. Tear dough into walnut-size pieces and sprinkle evenly in pan. Working outward from center, press dough into even layer, sealing any cracks. Working around edge, press dough firmly into corners, up sides of pan and into fluted ridges. Use your thumb to level off top edge of dough. Use excess dough to patch any holes. Lay plastic wrap over dough and smooth out any bumps or shallow areas. Place dough-lined pan on plate and freeze for 30 minutes.

3. Adjust oven rack to middle position and heat oven to 375 F. Place frozen tart shell on baking sheet. Spray piece of extra-wide heavy-duty aluminum foil with vegetable oil and gently press against dough, covering edges to prevent burning. Fill with pie weights and bake until top edge of dough just starts to color and surface no longer looks wet, about 30 minutes. Remove foil and weights. Return sheet to oven and continue to bake until tart shell is golden brown, 5 to 10 minutes longer. Set sheet with tart shell on wire rack. Do not turn off oven.

4. Meanwhile, cook bacon in 12-inch nonstick skillet over medium heat until crispy, 5 to 7 minutes. Using slotted spoon, transfer bacon to paper towel-lined plate. Pour off all but 2 tablespoons fat from skillet (if you do not have 2 tablespoons fat, add vegetable oil as needed to make this amount).

5. Add onions, salt and thyme sprig to skillet. Cover and cook until onions release liquid and start to wilt, about 10 minutes. Reduce heat to low and continue to cook, covered, until onions are very soft, about 20 minutes longer, stirring once or twice (if after 15 minutes onions look wet, uncover and continue to cook 5 minutes longer). Remove pan from heat and let onions cool for 5 minutes.

6. Whisk eggs, half-and-half and pepper together in large bowl. Discard thyme sprig. Stir onions into egg mixture until just incorporated. Spread onion mixture over tart shell and sprinkle bacon evenly over top. Bake tart on sheet until center feels firm to touch, 20 to 25 minutes, rotating pan halfway through baking.

7. Transfer sheet to wire rack and let tart cool for at least 10 minutes. Remove outer metal ring of tart pan, slide thin metal spatula between tart and pan bottom, and carefully slide tart onto platter. Serve warm or at room temperature.

To make ahead: Cooled tart can be refrigerated, wrapped in plastic wrap for up to 3 days. Reheat on baking sheet in 325 F oven for 10 to 15 minutes.

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Senior asks about paying it forward

Dear Amy: My income is derived entirely from Social Security and a small pension that has not increased one penny in 31 years. Because I have managed to avoid debt, my life in retirement is quite rich: A European river cruise and two Caribbean cruises so far this year, and a transatlantic and two more Caribbean cruises are scheduled for next year.

Recently, when I returned to a grocery store to pick up two items that I had forgotten to buy, a young lady in line behind me wanted to pay my tab to get a “blessing.” I refused this offer as unnecessary. Was it wrong to reject the offer? Should I have tried to pay it forward?

— *Wondering Senior*

Dear Senior: You seem to feel insulted by this generosity because you don't actually need the money. But this was not about money — it was about spreading a small kindness that, hopefully, would inspire yet more kindness. Oops, you went another way.

The person behind you in line at the store might have left her house that day feeling fortunate and wanting to spread her good fortune. Or perhaps she saw an older person in line and spontaneously wanted to honor your seniority, the way she hoped someone else might honor her own parent or grandparent.

Every once in a while, I'll be in the drive-thru line at Dunkin', and when I get to the window, I'll learn that the person ahead of me paid my tab. Even though I can afford to buy my own coffee, I'm tickled when this happens — and it sets up a little chain of good fortune because it reminds me that even small kindnesses are powerful. And so I gratefully accept the chance to pay the kindness forward for the person in the car behind mine.

You can respond to this “mitzvah” by forgiving yourself for your reaction and doing a good deed now for someone else. You'll feel better when you do.

Dear Amy: To “Sad Mom,” who was overwhelmed with love for her new baby but not feeling love for her toddler: More than 50 years ago I gave birth to three girls within 2½ years. It was tough, even with two sets of loving grandparents nearby. There were days I never took off a flannel nightgown until dinnertime,

when I was buried by mountains of diapers and baby clothes, stacks of dishes, a vacuum sitting in a corner and a load to put in the dryer downstairs.

My advice to Sad Mom: If there are any young teenagers (12 or older) in your neighborhood and you can afford to pay them for an hour or two a day two afternoons a week, right after school, hire them immediately to come and play/watch your kids while you go for a walk, take a shower or a bath, get a manicure, go grocery shopping — whatever you need to give yourself a break. It will be the best money you will ever spend. It will save your sanity, even your marriage.

If grandparents are nearby and are willing to help, let them.

You do not have to go through this alone. No money? Even if you and a neighbor trade kids for an afternoon, figure out a way to get help. Your babies will be better off for it, and so will you.

— *Been There*

Dear Been There: Such sage advice! Many people who responded to this situation noted how expensive child care is, but I agree with you that a “mother's helper” or a neighborly trade will help this overwhelmed mother immensely.

Dear Amy: I just read this line in your column, responding to a person who was judging someone else very harshly: “You should feel compassion toward someone who doesn't have your expansive capacity.” Amy, this brought tears to my eyes. This applies to so many situations. Thank you. I'm going to remember this.

— *A Fan*

Dear Fan: Thank you very much. I want you (and other readers) to know that over the many years I've written this column, my own compassion toward people with problems — large or petty — has expanded to fit the space.

This has been the most surprising impact of being an advice-giver: I may have many of the answers, but I still have problems — and empathy for others who are also struggling.

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balancing act

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How Michelle Obama filled us with hope

Former first lady speaks with honesty, wit, grace

Like a weary, battered flock, we sought refuge in the United Center, hungry for stories of success, joy, inclusion, triumph over long odds, the higher road. American stories.

And Michelle Obama fed us.

She fed us with her humor and her honesty and her grace.

She fed us with stories about growing up on South Euclid Avenue in Chicago, living in the upstairs of a tiny house with her mom, dad and brother, Craig, one floor above her Aunt Robbie, who taught her to play the piano.

She fed us with her slogans, one of which, she said, is, “It’s harder to hate up close.”

“If I was sitting in someone’s living room talking to someone up close,” she said, “you could see them thinking, ‘You’re different than I thought.’”

She fed us with stories in which we could see ourselves.

Oprah Winfrey joined Obama onstage Tuesday, at the first stop of the former first lady’s “Becoming” book tour. “What I’ve come to understand,” Winfrey said, “in all the years of interviews I’ve done, is everybody has this question: Am I enough?”

Obama said she first grappled with that question when she started attending Whitney Young Magnet High School. “Do I belong here?” Obama said. “Can I compete in this school that’s drawing in all this talent? And I’d say to myself, ‘Maybe I was just good enough for the school I was in. Maybe I couldn’t compete in a bigger market.’ And I think a lot of us have those doubts.”

She fed us with the story of her guidance counselor at Whitney Young telling her, “I’m not sure you’re Princeton material.”

“Failure is a feeling long before it is an actual result, and for me it felt like that’s exactly what she was planting,” Obama read from her book. “A suggestion of failure long before I’d even tried to succeed. She was telling me to lower my sights, which was the absolute reverse of every last thing my parents had ever told me.”

She wasn’t new to that feeling. She talked about a second-grade teacher who wasn’t bothering to bring much teaching into the classroom at Obama’s school, situated as it was in a neighborhood experiencing white



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Michelle Obama and Oprah Winfrey appear onstage to discuss the former first lady’s book “Becoming” during the first stop of her book tour Tuesday at the United Center.

flight at a rapid clip.

“Maybe she had already made some decisions about who she thought we were,” Obama said.

Second-grade Obama (Michelle Robinson then) came home and told her mom that they weren’t learning much. Her mom stood at the kitchen sink and listened. And then acted.

“She was at the school causing holy heck,” Obama said. “She was asking questions, and she wasn’t just asking for me.”

She was asking for all the students — students whose parents worked tirelessly to push their kids toward greatness and didn’t want that potential cut down in their earliest, formative years of school.

That model, her mother’s model, followed Obama to high school. To that guidance counselor’s office.

“I wasn’t going to let one person’s opinion dislodge everything I thought I knew about myself,” she read. “My only thought in that moment was, ‘I’ll show you.’”

She went on to Princeton, graduating

cum laude in 1985, and Harvard Law School after that.

“There will be people who set the bar so low, not even knowing who you are,” Obama told the audience, which included a healthy section of current Whitney Young students. “They don’t go away. Just because you become Oprah Winfrey or the president of the United States, they are still lurking. The challenge becomes how do we listen to the good voices in our heads, because for most of us, we have those.”

Tell us how, Winfrey said. “What is the secret, or the information, you want women to most know about sitting in those rooms with powerful men,” Winfrey asked, “during a time when it feels like we’re at a tipping point for women in the culture?”

“Maybe they want us to think we don’t belong because maybe we belong too much,” Obama said. “There are some people who are taught that they are entitled to be there. And then we think that we shouldn’t be there — as women, as minorities, as poor kids, as rural kids, as first-

generation kids. You know, we’re taught that our stories don’t matter. That we don’t belong.”

The truth is, she said, we do. And the truth has to lead us. “At every table I got to,” she continued, “I was like, ‘I do belong here. And I do have something to say.’”

Don’t silence yourself, she told the audience. “Our fear that our story doesn’t matter, it chokes us,” she said. “It keeps us silent because we’re afraid of putting ourselves on the table because we think we’re not worthy, so we don’t add value when we’re at these tables because we’re too busy hiding. And I’ve learned that my story does matter.”

“I love my story. It is the American story. My struggles. My journey. My life on the South Side of Chicago. My father with a disability. All of that makes me more valuable to this conversation, not less. And I think we, as women, need to understand that we have a lot to offer in these seats. We have perspective and wisdom and ability and empathy and a set of skills that many men don’t, and that’s why we need to be there.”

“But if we get at those tables and we’re silent because we’re afraid, then we’re of no use to anyone.”

What filled me up most — with hope, with healing, with gratitude that tens of thousands of people, young and old, were hearing her words, was her call for us to find and tell our stories.

“It matters, and it is valid, and it is necessary for our country to move forward,” she said. “The one thing I’m claiming is my story is the quintessential American story.”

“And yes, I’m black. And yes, I’m a woman. And, yes I grew up working-class, and yes, my parents didn’t get to finish college,” she said. “That is part of the American Dream. This story is it. So how dare somebody tell me that I don’t belong? That I don’t love my country? How dare somebody tell me that I don’t have a right to have a voice?” The crowd cheered.

Winfrey basked. “Have you found the answer to, ‘Am I enough?’” Winfrey asked. “Yeah,” Obama answered.

Join the Heidi Stevens Balancing Act Facebook group, where she hosts live chats every Wednesday at noon. This week, she’ll be joined by psychotherapist Kelley Kitley to talk about keeping holiday stress from outweighing holiday joy.



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Planet Access sells clothing and other merchandise in Lincoln Square, one of several Chicago neighborhoods offering a variety of stores for holiday shopping.

15 minutes to an amazing gift

4 Chicago neighborhoods that can make it happen

BY CINDY DAMPIER

Chicago Tribune

There are gifts that you plan, meticulously, lovingly. There are gifts that you order, on some bright Cyber Monday when the world is filled with a giddy retail buzz. Then there are gifts that you buy at that weird stuffed animal and greeting card store in the train station because there's nothing else open and you're on your way to Aunt Judy's, empty-handed and emotionally bankrupt at holiday time.

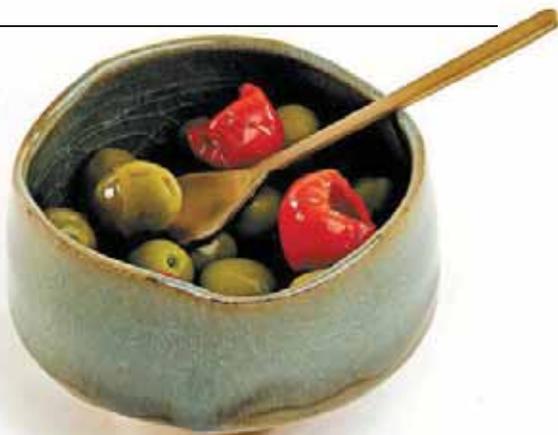
You've always suspected she didn't like that last Beanie Baby you got her as much as she says she did.

Luckily, we have a better solution. One that maps out four key Chicago neighborhoods where you can quickly and painlessly acquire lovely, original, even thoughtful, gifts for a range of people and occasions. In fact, these neighborhoods make it possible to leave with a gift, wrapped and ready to give, in as little as 15 minutes. The neighborhood shopping strategy centers around go-to stores and takes advantage of walkable options to allow you to make cool combo gifts: Pick up items that aren't too expensive, and package them together for a more interesting gift.

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A matcha bowl and brass spoon from Lincoln Square's Planet Access, filled with olives from the nearby shop Augusta Food and Wine.

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Lincoln Square

A perfect mix of shops within a tight radius make Lincoln Avenue between Leland and Lawrence one of the best gift shopping streets in town. Nearby Andersonville has another great downtown with plenty of local shops, but if you're tight on time, the more tightly edited options on Lincoln Avenue keep it clean and quick.

What to get: Grab a cool board game at Timeless Toys, then add a book from the Book Cellar, where we rely on solid staff recommendations to steer us in the right direction. A handmade pottery matcha bowl and gleaming brass spoon from Planet Access make an unexpected server for olives from Augusta Food and Wine (just around the corner on Leland). Choose from a wide selection of irreverent novelty

socks at Enjoy Urban General Store, then grab a luxe foot cream from Merz Apothecary.

Other picks: Men's grooming products (including old-school shaving supplies) at Q Brothers, Merz Apothecary's men's store; sweaters and jewelry at Planet Access; wickedly funny gifts and cute baby things at Enjoy; European candies, beer and, of course, sausages at Gene's.

Pro tips: This neighborhood has easy access via the Brown Line to Western, and parking is made easier by lots near the "L" stop as well as street parking on both Western and Lincoln. If you're looking for a bite to eat while shopping, the Book Cellar or Cafe Selmarie is a solid option for a snack.



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Margeaux Ferrell works at Gene's Sausage Shop and Delicatessen in Lincoln Square, a Chicago neighborhood with a perfect mix of shops within a tight radius.

Slippers made in Poland are sold at Komoda, a gift shop in the West Town neighborhood.

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West Town

Chicago Avenue changes dramatically on its way west from downtown. Between Western and Rockwell, it takes on a neighborhood feel, without the density of other shopping districts. But a treasure chest of a gift shop, Komoda, is the anchor that makes this area a guaranteed success for gifting.

What to get: Pick up a Juliska decanter at flower shop Marguerite Gardens and a bottle of wine from the solid selection at Tabb's Food and Liquor (great beer here too); add a pound of locally roasted Dark Matter coffee beans from the Star

Lounge coffee bar to a set of vintage mugs from Beehive vintage shop; customize a vintage flannel from Beehive by adding one of Komoda's embroidered patches, made by hip Parisian maker Macon & Lesquoy.

Other picks: A collection of house-designed hats and cool jewelry at Squasht; plants in cool containers at Marguerite Gardens; vintage cheese trays and embroidered pillows at Beehive; shearling slippers from Poland, at Komoda.

Pro tips: Parking isn't bad in this neighborhood, but keep an eye out for zoned spots. The Star Lounge is your source for coffee, but the Ukrainian Shokolad Cafe is an under-the-radar find for a quick bite.



Green, a store in Old Town, is a longtime floral source for interior designers and stylists.

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Old Town

Tucked in between the bars and restaurants on Wells Street between North Avenue and Schiller are a few go-to spots for great gifts — especially if you're into giving food, which generally makes for an easy-to-choose, surefire gift. After all, it doesn't need to fit or match; it just has to taste good.

What to get: Go all-chocolate with a collection of hot cocoa mixes from the Spice House, plus a Wells St. classic box of mixed chocolate treats from the Fudge Pot; add a bottle of Tuscan extra virgin olive oil from Old Town Oil to baguettes from La Fourchette and smoked salt from the Spice House; pair up a Chicago neighborhood spice set from the Spice House with a Chicago-themed gift from Judy Maxwell Home.

Hyde Park

Hyde Park's 53rd Street is the home of a swanky shopping plaza, but it hasn't lost that sense of place that makes finding original gifts fun. Clustered not far off Lake Shore Drive are a pair of hip gift stores, a luxe food option and one of the city's coolest record stores — which should already have your gifting gears turning.

What to get: Vintage glassware from Modern Cooperative, plus colorful macarons from Vanille Patisserie; a hat and artful scarf (that doubles as a neck-lace) from the Silver Room; groovy vintage barware from Modern Cooperative, and some vintage jazz records from Hyde Park Records to set the mood (our pick: Hungarian guitarist Gabor Szabo).

Other picks: Plants in macrame holders from Modern Cooperative; jewelry from the Silver Room; a stack of vintage DVDs or comic books from Hyde Park Records; a box of croissants from Vanille (arguably the best croissants in the city); further afield, one of the city's best-loved bookstores, Powell's Books (1501 E. 57th), can add a literary element to your gifts — and also has a deep Chicago-themed section. If you prefer to pair liquor with vintage barware from Modern Cooperative, Kimbark Beverage Shoppe (1214 E. 53rd), just a few blocks down 53rd, is your source.

Pro tip: Parking isn't too bad in this neighborhood on side streets or in a shopping center parking garage; for a quick bite with a '70s vibe, the Mellow Yellow diner is front and center



Vintage glassware from Modern Cooperative, with macarons from Vanille. Both stores are in Hyde Park.

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Other picks: Sets of olive oil and vinegar from Old Town Oil; handmade jewelry and fun home goods from Judy Maxwell; farther north on Wells is another great gift stop: Green (1718 N. Wells), a longtime floral source for interior designers and stylists, has not only beautiful flowers and quirky plants, but also an amazing collection of African and other artifacts and textiles — not cheap, but truly amazing.

Pro tips: Parking is a bear in this stretch of the city — the Brown Line stop at Sedgwick is a few blocks away if you'd prefer to avoid the parking pain, or plan to circle the neighborhood patiently or walk a little farther to get a spot.



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A set of spices from the Spice House in Chicago's Old Town neighborhood.

A week of things to do with the kids

BY WEB BEHRENS | Chicago Tribune

Monday

'ZOOM ROOM'

A convoy of delight kids (plus, we suspect, a bunch of dads) are heading to Navy Pier, thanks to one of Chicago Children's Museum's most popular exhibits. "Zoom Room" features hundreds of toy cars and more than 40 tracks at various heights and angles to create one colossal race course. Best part? The spots deliberately designed for head-on crashes. Daily at CCM, 700 E. Grand Ave. \$15, free for infants under 1. tinyurl.com/yavnz27w

Tuesday

'SHREK THE MUSICAL'

The modern-day classic of fairy tales run amok! "Shrek" follows the heroic mishaps of a lovable green ogre, a talking donkey and a princess with a mysterious secret. Catch the Marriott musical production in matinees, Tuesdays through Sundays (except Thanksgiving and Christmas) until Dec. 30, at Marriott Theatre, 10 Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire. \$18.23. tinyurl.com/yb3f8tm3

'HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS! THE MUSICAL'

When Chicago last saw Gavin Lee, he tapped his way into our hearts after rattling our funny bones as Squidward in the "SpongeBob" musical. Now the Tony-nominated actor tackles a different curmudgeon, the Grinch, in a touring production of the 90-minute musical based on Dr. Seuss' beloved Christmas fable. 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, then three performances a day Friday through Sunday at Chicago Theatre, 175 N State St. \$45-\$125. tinyurl.com/yau5ukcg

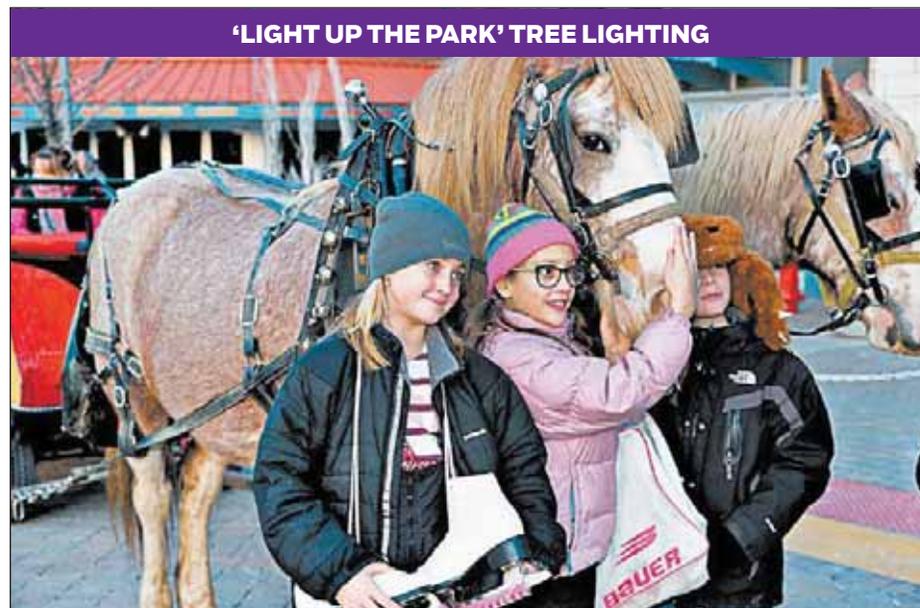
Thursday

THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE

State Street transforms into a rolling party with giant balloons, rollicking marching bands, entertainers and celebrities. Watching the nation's second-largest Thanksgiving Day parade live from your living room on WGN doesn't fully capture the magic of being downtown. 8-11 a.m. Along State Street from Congress Parkway to Randolph Street. Free. tinyurl.com/y6vql38s

TURKEY TROT CHICAGO

The whole fam can work up an appetite for Thanksgiving by jogging this 5K or 8K Lincoln Park route and raising money for the Greater Chicago Food Depository. The annual tradition invites youths to run in the 5K (the first heat begins running at



EDWARD MARSHALL/VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT

Rosemont's fun little winter wonderland kicks off another season Friday with a day full of dazzle. You'll find plenty to do until dark, when the lights flash on. Zoom around the Chicago Wolves Ice Rink (beginning at 11 a.m.), visit Santa and Mrs. Claus (beginning at 3 p.m.) or enjoy a free sleigh ride. At 5:30 p.m., more than 80,000 holiday lights flood the night sky. At Parkway Bank Park, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont (west of River Road between Bryn Mawr and Balmoral Avenues). Free to attend; \$8 for skate rentals. tinyurl.com/y9eq3ono

9 a.m.). Kids not quite ready for that distance can join the Plymouth Rock Ramble, which begins at 11 a.m. with distance adjusted by age. After the race, sip hot cider in the family-friendly Turkey Day Tailgate zone. Canned-food donations go directly to the Greater Chicago Food Depository, and you'll leave the race with a long-sleeved tee and a medal. Inner Lake Shore Drive at Diversey Parkway. \$50 adults, \$30 youth for the Trot; \$25 for Ramble (ages 2-12). tinyurl.com/ycp97n96

Friday

WREATHING OF THE LIONS

With Thanksgiving in the rearview mirror, it's all-engines-blazing on the holiday season. For a much more festive alternative to hitting a mall, enjoy the day with your kids amid the Loop's holiday splendor. Start with the Art Institute's annual ceremony, on the steps outside the museum. This year's entertainers include dancers from Joffrey's "Nutcracker" and Chicago's own family band, Cielito Lindo. At 10 a.m. (followed by free art-making activities inside the

museum's Ryan Learning Center) at the Art Institute, 111 S. Michigan Ave. Free. tinyurl.com/ydhxxtjs

'THE SOUND OF MUSIC' SINGALONG

Here's a tip about how to excel at singing along to "The Sound of Music": Practice its most exuberant tune, "The Lonely Goatherd," ahead of time — those lyrics flash by far too quickly for novices to keep up. Other highlights of this popular tradition include the costume contest. Parents, take note: The 1965 Oscar-winner is three hours long even without the pageantry, so this outing is best for kids who've outgrown the wiggle stage. 1 and 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday; noon and 6 p.m. Sunday; and 11:30 a.m. Dec. 1 and 2. Music Box Theatre, 3733 N. Southport Ave. \$13, \$9 for kids 12 and under. tinyurl.com/ybkt4vlj

TURKEY TROT HIKE

If your family has Friday off, the Forest Preserves of Cook County encourage you to ignore the Black Friday frenzy and decompress with nature instead. During this hourlong guided family hike

through the woods, explore a trail along the Des Plaines River and learn about the wild turkeys that used to roam there. 1 p.m. at Trailside Museum of Natural History, 738 Thatcher Ave., River Forest. Free, but advance registration required: 708-366-6530. tinyurl.com/y7kshqkh

Saturday

CHRISTKINDLMARKET

This giant, open-air market is the most Old World way to do your holiday shopping; it's a tradition from Nuremberg that stretches back to the 16th century. Happy shoppers, eaters and drinkers browse and carouse, finding goods from German vendors and local artisans. Raise a cup of hot cocoa or Gluhwein and say, "Prost!" Open through Dec. 24 in Daley Plaza, 50 W. Washington St., and Naper Settlement, 523 S. Webster St., Naperville. Free admission. christkindlmarket.com/

Sunday

FAMILY MORNINGS: GAME DAY AT SHEDD

Observe the aquarium's resident otters, who have a few lessons about playtime to impart. Then navigate your way through an obstacle course during the two-hour event. Shedd Aquarium, 1200 S. Lake Shore Drive. \$40. If you intend to wander the aquarium afterward, general admission (\$15-\$40) is extra. tinyurl.com/y8rslvfp

'THE NUT TAPPER'

Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite" is typically performed as a ballet. But this version comes with a twist — or rather, a step-ball-change. Professional and student dancers, led by Reggio "The Hooper" McLaughlin, deliver this percussive interpretation, blending modern tap, Spanish flamenco and Mexican zapateado. 3:30 p.m. at the Old Town School of Folk Music, 4544 N. Lincoln Ave. \$15. tinyurl.com/y9zmjn5r

'SUPERMAN' 40TH ANNIVERSARY SCREENING

The Superman who defined the role, Christopher Reeve is sure to win over a new generation of kids when the original superhero blockbuster returns to the silver screen for its 40th anniversary. Check the Fathom Events site for locations, times and prices; repeats Nov. 27 and Dec. 3. tinyurl.com/y7axkq9j

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Poppa reveals turkey carving's romantic secret

Family's patriarch has been in charge of slicing Thanksgiving poultry for 70 years

By SARA STILLMAN BERGER | The Washington Post

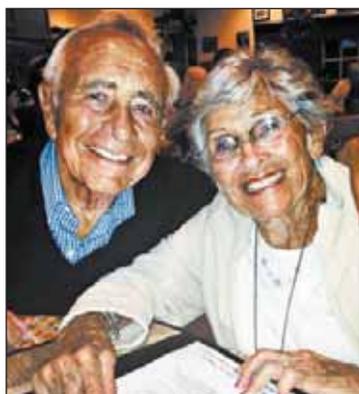
The kitchen smells like warm orange peels and rosemary. Surrounded by the lanky bodies of great-grandchildren, my grandfather's slight, 5-foot frame hunches over the turkey, a flowered apron tied around his waist to shield his sweater from grease splatters. "Who wants a taste?" he asks his adoring fans, as he spears a dripping piece of skin.

I marvel as my 6-year-old daughter, a strict noodletarian, pops the glistening turkey in her mouth. As picky as she is, she knows the family secret: Nothing tastes better than the first bite, straight from The Carver himself.

"How are you feeling, Poppa?" I ask him as I pinch some grease-drowned turkey left stranded in the cutting board's shallow moat and pop it in my mouth. "I feel 95," he answers with a grin, or maybe it's a grimace. Considering he is, in fact, 95, there is no irony in his response. Yet even as his back aches and his knees are bent from standing too long, he carves our family's Thanksgiving turkey, just as he has for more than 70 years. His cuts are skilled and precise as he lovingly fans the meat onto the platter — dark meat to the right, white meat to the left.

I realize not every family is as lucky as we are to have such an experienced carver at the helm. In fact, I'm convinced turkey carving is a lost art, and Poppa is one of the last great masters. This revelation hit me last Thanksgiving: We had two large birds that needed carving. (Why two? Not because we had a big, growing family that needed to be fed. It is because Aunt Mindy and Aunt Heidi both think the other's turkey is too dry, so they each make their own. Turns out they both needed copious amounts of gravy.)

When my well-intended husband noticed Poppa's fatigue as



Phillip and Norma Layne.

he started carving Turkey No. 2, he took over the knife — and proceeded to tenderly hack the beautiful bird to ugly pieces. Clearly, my 42-year-old husband wasn't prepared for the task, because presentably slicing a 20-pound turkey isn't anything like slicing bread, or even roast beef. It takes skill and practice. Even with an electric knife, which my Poppa sometimes uses for some extra muscle, carving takes skill and practice. If you don't believe me, check one of the more than 5 million YouTube videos explaining how to do it correctly. And a quick Google search shows that pros from Alton Brown to Geoffrey Zakarian have an opinion on the right technique. (They both recommend removing the wishbone before cooking to make it easier to carve the breast meat. But Poppa has never done this, so I'm not sure I trust them.)

I decided that this Thanksgiving, when Poppa starts to tire, the birds that were so carefully braised for hours (and hours, maybe too many hours? Is that why they are dry?) should not suffer in turn. I decided it was time for my Poppa to divulge his great secret of turkey carving so that generations of family to come can continue in The Carver's



FAMILY PHOTOS

The author's grandfather, Phillip Layne, makes his first cut into the Thanksgiving turkey.

plucky shadow. So I called him.

"Poppa?" I say when he answers. "It's Sara."

"Sara! It's so nice to hear your voice!" he responds, as always.

"I have a random question for you," I say, getting right to the point. Our conversations are always short and sweet. "You've been carving the Thanksgiving turkey ever since my mom was little — at least for 70 years now. How'd you learn to do it, and what's the trick?"

I guess I expected a bit of Yoda-like advice, such as "Decide you must how to serve them best," or at least some detailed instructions. Instead I got something equally as ponderous, for the opposite reason: "You cut through the legs and the breast, and you always save the wing." He responded as if there was nothing more. Nearly a century of experience, and that was it?

"Save the wing?" I repeated, baffled.

"Grandma always liked the fligl," he clarifies, using the Yiddish word.

My grandparents were married for 73 years, until my grandma passed away two years ago. Until the end, he was her devoted servant, climbing to the tops of trees to pick her the biggest, shiniest apple — both metaphorically and literally — until he couldn't climb anymore.

"Yes, I know. But ..." I said, trying to grasp at something that didn't seem to be there.

"If I was in charge of carving the turkey, I could make sure she got her fligl," he told me. "Well, it's always nice talking to you! Thanks for calling." And he hung up. I was left staring at my phone's screen saver. All these years he had been carving the turkey just so he could be sure my grandma got the piece she wanted? It seemed astounding. Comical. Romantic.

Since I've had some time to

chew on this revelation, I'm going to make sure that my husband will be properly prepared to be the relief carver this Thanksgiving. I know Poppa will tie on the apron and carve the turkey like always. His slices will be beautiful. The great-grandchildren will gather around taking first bites and giggling as they pull with greasy hands at the wishbone (which will have been left in the turkey — sorry, Alton). And when Poppa's knees finally give and my husband takes over the knife, he'll make great ugly cuts.

"Save me the skin," I'll whisper to him, my stomach gurgling just thinking of my favorite part of the turkey. Because if I learned anything, it's that tradition doesn't lie in the precision of the slices. It's in the love that's put into carving them. And I'm lucky to be the carver's wife.

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RBG, esteemed judicial prophet

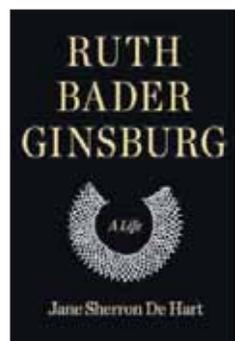
Biography grounded in her quest for gender equality

BY JEFFREY ROSEN

Special to The Washington Post

Why has Ruth Bader Ginsburg, at the age of 85, become an American icon who is stopped by young women for selfies in the street? The simple answer: She's such a boss. Young women see in her a model of energy, steely determination in the face of injustice, self-mastery and humor that inspired a New York University law student to create the meme "the Notorious

RBG." Less-young men and women celebrate her as the Thurgood Marshall of the women's movement, the lawyer who did more than any other to advance the cause of gender equality as a pathbreaking advocate for the ACLU in the 1970s. And over the course of her career, conservatives as well as liberals have hailed her as a judge's judge whose personal and judicial restraint, tireless



'Ruth Bader Ginsburg'

By Jane Sherron De Hart, *Knopf*, 723 pages, \$35

preparation, and mastery of the facts and precedents have led her to advance the cause of equal justice under law through what she calls "measured motions" rather than sweeping exercises of judicial power.

For all these reasons, the 25th anniversary of Ginsburg's appointment to the Supreme Court has inspired several books and movies, from a recent documentary to a forthcoming biopic with Felicity Jones. (I've known RBG for nearly 30 years, ever since we bonded over opera when I was a law clerk on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, and, with her permission, I am collecting my conversations with her into a book that will be published next fall.) Despite this cascade of tributes, Jane Sherron De Hart's "Ruth Bader Ginsburg: A Life" marks the first full-length biography of the justice.

De Hart began the book as an exploration of Ginsburg's late-1960s litigation strategy, which sought to secure gender



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As Ruth Bader Ginsburg marks her 25th year on the U.S. Supreme Court, her story has inspired several books and movies.

equality through ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and Supreme Court litigation. On this basis, RBG granted De Hart access to her litigation archives, as well as six interviews between 2000 and 2005. De Hart then decided to expand the book into a full-scale biography, despite the fact that Ginsburg's official biographers, Mary Hartnett and Wendy W. Williams, are still at work. For this reason, RBG resisted sharing extensive reflections on her life with De Hart, and the book does not contain her candid thoughts on the future of the Supreme Court and the Constitution. Nevertheless, De Hart has written an ex-

cellent biography based on archives and interviews with colleagues and friends: In its comprehensiveness, range and attention to detail, this is a vivid account of a remarkable life.

De Hart's biography makes clear that RBG's academic excellence, unwavering focus and consummate self-discipline were cultivated at an early age. Her most important influence was her mother, Celia, a passionate reader who came to the Lower East Side of New York from Poland and once, while walking down the street with her head buried in a book, actually fell and broke her nose. Celia, whom RBG called

"strict and loving," resolved that her daughter should "love learning, care about people, and work hard" to achieve her goals. Throughout her life, RBG has surpassed these high expectations. Celia also taught her daughter to control unproductive emotions, such as anger, through relentless self-mastery: "Be a lady," she frequently exhorted. Her mother died days before young Ruth's high school graduation; RBG later recalled her as "the strongest and bravest person I have ever known."

Ruth Bader excelled at Cornell, where she studied with Vladimir Nabokov, who taught her the importance of choosing

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“To be a woman, a Jew and a mother to boot” was “a bit much” in 1959.

— Ruth Bader Ginsburg, on receiving no job offers from law firms despite her dazzling success at Harvard's and Columbia's law schools

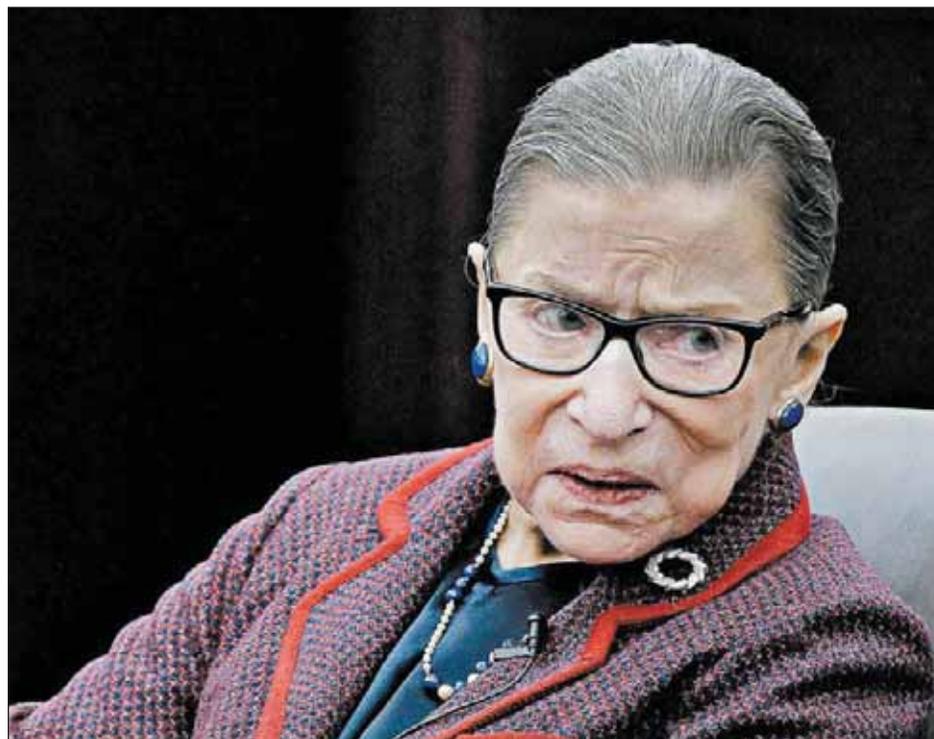
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words with precision, and the great civil libertarians Robert Cushman and Milton Konvitz, who kindled her passion for constitutional law. Classmates recalled her as “scary smart” with “a natural ability to be logical and reasoned, and not let emotions get in her way.” She graduated second in her Cornell class, with highest honors.

At Cornell she met Marty Ginsburg and concluded, “He was the only guy I ever dated who cared whether I had a brain.” Their storied marriage of equals began with a two-year stint at Fort Sill, Okla., where they shared responsibility for child care and read to each other from Tolstoy and Spinoza. They then set off together for Harvard Law School, where the dean asked each of the nine women in the class at a welcoming party why she was taking a place that could have gone to a man. RBG made the law review and ended her first year near the top of the class. She found the emphasis on legal process at Harvard “spellbinding” in its emphasis on practical facts and fair procedures rather than sweeping ideology. When Marty got a job in New York, RBG transferred to Columbia Law School, where her reputation as “the smartest person on the East Coast” preceded her, and she tied for first place in the graduating class. Despite her dazzling success, she received no offers from law firms because, as she later put it, “to be a woman, a Jew and a mother to boot” was “a bit much” in 1959.

Instead she clerked for a federal judge (but not Learned Hand or Justice Felix Frankfurter, who refused to hire women) and then went on to become, as head of the ACLU's women's rights project, the most influential litigator of gender equality of our time. De Hart's chapters on the landmark cases Ginsburg argued, which were the original core of her book project, are detailed and accessible. It's especially helpful to read about the feminist passion that gripped RBG after she read Simone de Beauvoir's “The Second Sex” while preparing to teach a class on women and the law in the early 1970s: “She sort of caught fire,” recalled a colleague. It's well known that RBG appealed to sexist male judges by representing male plaintiffs who had been disadvantaged by laws ostensibly favoring women while in fact enshrining gender stereotypes.

De Hart reminds us of the sweep of



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Ruth Bader Ginsburg's feminist vision sought to change not only the law but also institutions and practices that constrained women's abilities to define their own paths.

Ginsburg's feminist vision, which sought to change not only the law but also institutions and practices that constrained women's abilities to define their own paths. To change the law, RBG realized, she would have to change public opinion, since the courts would take into account the actions of Congress and the executive branch. And even at the end of her string of Supreme Court victories, according to De Hart, RBG lamented that the failure of the Equal Rights Amendment meant that the court would remain unwilling to root out unconscious gender bias, focusing only on intentional discrimination.

In telling the story of Ginsburg's appointment to the Supreme Court, De Hart reminds us that leading feminist groups were ambivalent about her candidacy, or even opposed to it, because of her criticisms of *Roe v. Wade*. RBG had (presciently) criticized *Roe* for being decided too broadly, in ways that provoked an unnecessary backlash, and for focusing on the amorphous right to privacy rather than

equal protection — the ways that restrictions on abortion discriminate on the basis of sex by limiting the opportunities of women rather than men. But once nominated, Ginsburg was hailed as a unifying and collegial centrist by conservatives as well as liberals and was confirmed by a nearly unanimous margin that now seems unimaginable.

How did the unifying centrist apotheosize into the Notorious RBG, a revered icon of fiery dissent? De Hart traces the transformation to 2006, when Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito succeeded Chief Justice William Rehnquist and Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, creating a solid conservative majority. RBG's dissent from Alito's decision in the Lilly Ledbetter case on workplace discrimination galvanized Congress to overturn it. Wearing her “‘black and grim’ dissenting collar,” Ginsburg read her dissents from the bench only six times during her first decade on the bench and 13 times between 2006 and 2015.

RBG's position as the leader of the court's liberal wing was formalized in 2010 with the retirement of Justice John Paul Stevens. She convinced the other liberal justices — Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan — that their dissents would have more force if they spoke together rather than separately. That's why the leading dissenting opinions of the post-2010 Roberts court have been written by Ginsburg — including her 2013 dissent in the *Shelby County* voting rights case, which sparked the Notorious RBG meme.

Today, RBG retains her astonishing work ethic, self-discipline and passionate commitment to equality, with a serene sense of the limits of judicial power and the need to inspire youths to achieve social change. Still a night owl, she continues to leave messages for her clerks at 3 in the morning and to produce opinion drafts faster than her colleagues. Her recall of facts and attention to detail have been combined with the wisdom of a life spent confronting inequality and overcoming it in measured motions, step by step. The ovations she receives at the opera and pop-culture tributes on the internet have not affected her clear-eyed focus on her ultimate goal, which is a Constitution that includes ever more individuals in what she calls “equal citizenship stature.”

“The standing ovations, the lovely hand-tatted lace collar gifted to her by a student, the Notorious R.B.G. Tumblr, the T-shirts and coffee mugs bearing her likeness, the children's books, the R.B.G. documentary, the forthcoming film starring Felicity Jones and Arnie Hammer as a young Ruth and Marty with the justice providing a cameo appearance, even the spoof on ‘Saturday Night Live’ — all are evidence that Ginsburg has indeed made her mark not only on the jurisprudence of the United States but also on American society and popular culture more broadly,” De Hart concludes.

Having transformed herself from a judicial priest to a judicial prophet, RBG's place in American history will endure.

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Bucket list books

Using a reading list to measure a life

BY JOHN WARNER | Chicago Tribune

I have completed 155 of James Mustich's "1,000 Books to Read Before You Die: A Life-Changing List."

Time for some math. I currently read 70 books a year, give or take, and I'm 48 years old. If I live as long as the average white male in the United States, I have 29 more years of reading. If I average the same reading pace until my demise, I have time for another 2,000-plus books.

That's good news, all things considered, but I'd better get cracking.

Mustich was for years the main man behind *A Common Reader*, a kind of bespoke book catalog for bibliophiles that featured brief editorial commentary along with its selections.

The book represents the sum total of a life thinking and talking about books; it's an attempt to capture what that means in the form of a list. We should recognize that reducing a lifetime of reading to a list is totally ridiculous, while simultaneously approaching the list with the utmost seriousness.

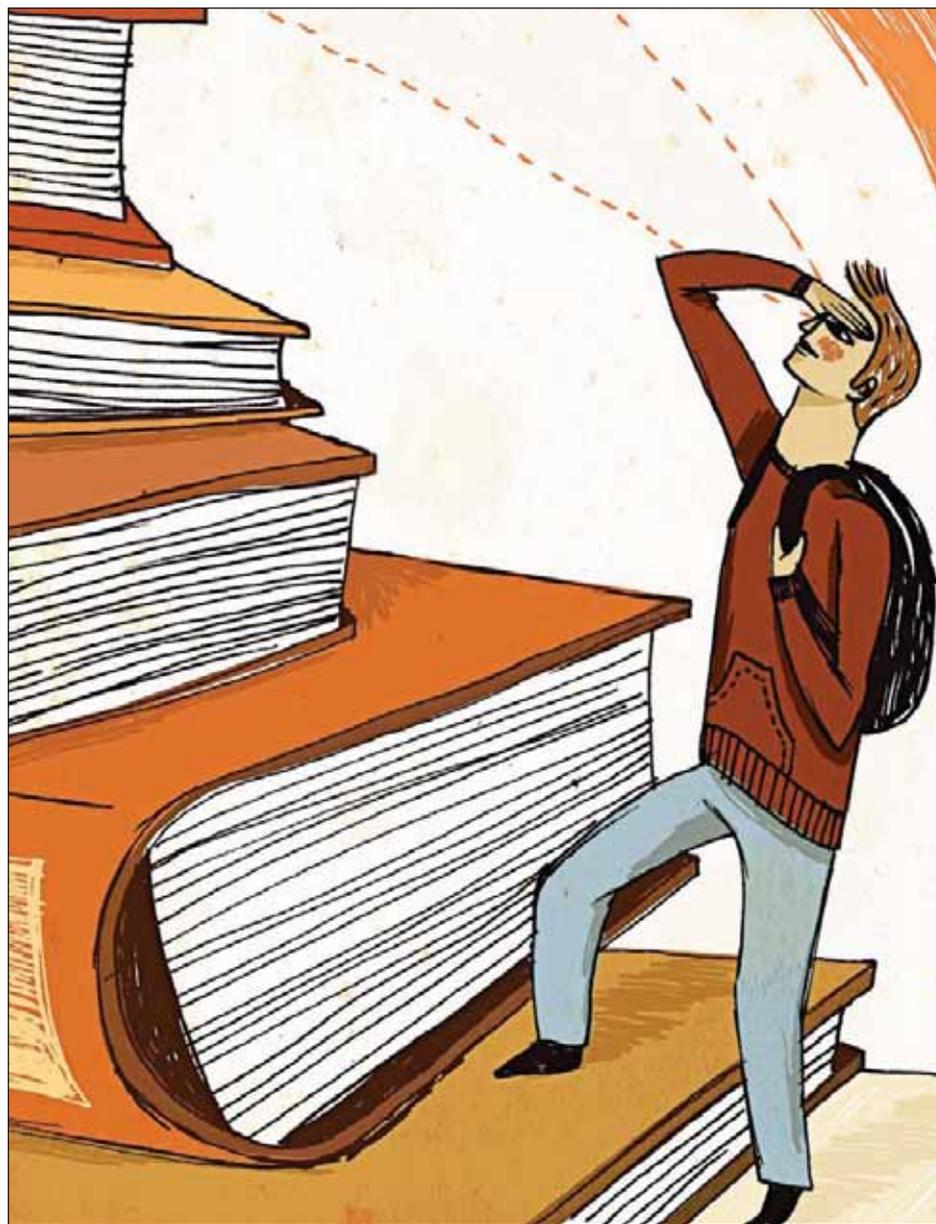
No one is more aware of this dichotomy than Mustich himself, who freely admits the idiosyncratic nature of his project and makes no claims to the authoritativeness of his list. The book is entirely personal, governed by a conceit of a bookstore that could only hold 1,000 books. Under those circumstances, what would you choose?

Mustich "wanted to ensure it not only held books for all time, but also books for the moment, books to be savored, or devoured in a night." The end goal was "a browser's version of paradise."

He succeeded. Organized alphabetically by author (with some occasional exceptions), it's equal fun to page through sequentially or dive in at random — a perfect mirroring of the browsing experience.

Each book is accompanied by a short, contextual entry, which never seems to read as formulaic. The unique intelligence of Mustich as an individual processing his own thinking is present in every sentence.

The pleasures are extremely varied. For example, when I saw he'd picked John McPhee's "Oranges," I gave a little shout of triumph that out of the many books McPhee has published, someone else had chosen to recognize my personal favorite.



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Mustich then perfectly captures the charms of a book that really is entirely about the little, spheroid fruit.

Other times, I'm thinking "Why'd he choose that one?" as with the selection of Hilary Mantel's "A Place of Greater Safety," a far more obscure work than her internationally best-selling "Wolf Hall," but reading Mustich's mini-essay quickly answers the question. Best-known does not necessarily equate to "best," and given the idiosyncrasies of readers, why should we expect the expected?

There are many common and popular books, from "Goodnight Moon" to "The DaVinci Code," — Mustich is admirably catholic in his tastes — but reasonably often, I will run across a book and author that I've never heard of before. Once I get over the blow to my ego, I'm treated to something really good.

For example, Curzio Malaparte's "Ka-

putt," a novel of World War II told from the perspective of the Axis powers doomed to defeat. Malaparte was a onetime supporter of Mussolini who channeled his ultimate disillusionment into the novel. Mustich compares it to Proust and calls it "one of the great neglected books of our time."

I immediately set out to do my part to remedy this neglect. Soon I will have completed 156 of the books I'm supposed to read before I die.

Sometimes these sorts of lists seem more trivial than substantive, but "1,000 Books to Read Before You Die" is the opposite. Even though I am unlikely to complete this specific task, knowing that someone else has done it nourishes my own goals as a lifelong reader.

John Warner is the author of "Why They Can't Write: Killing the Five-Paragraph Essay and Other Necessities."

Book recommendations from the Biblioracle

John Warner tells you what to read based on the last five books you've read.

1. "The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women" by Kate Moore
 2. "Lethal White" by Robert Galbraith
 3. "Anne of Green Gables" by L.M. Montgomery
 4. "Heart-Shaped Box" by Joe Hill
 5. "Revival" by Stephen King — Casey A., *Round Lake*
- Casey clearly likes books with some tension in them. Luckily, Tana French has a new one that starts a bit slow but sneaks up on you from a direction you're not expecting. It's called "The Witch Elm."

1. "Don't Let Go" by Harlan Coben
 2. "Column of Fire" by Ken Follett
 3. "The Woman in the Window" by A.J. Finn
 4. "A Stranger in the House" by Shari Lapena
 5. "The Night Watch" by Sarah Waters — Kim H., *Bolingbrook*
- Harry Dolan's David Logan novels are good fun with solid mysteries and surprising turns. "Bad Things Happen" is the first in the series.

1. "Rocket Men: The Daring Odyssey of Apollo 8 and the Astronauts Who Made Man's First Journey to the Moon" by Robert Kurson
 2. "Transcription" by Kate Atkinson
 3. "Unsheltered" by Barbara Kingsolver
 4. "Still Life With Monkey" by Katharine Weber
 5. "The Monogram Murders" by Sophie Hannah — Kathleen R., *Lake Zurich*
- "Waiting for Eden" by Elliot Ackerman can be read in the span of a few hours, but you're unlikely to forget it so quickly.

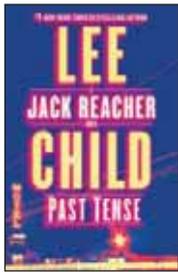
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Note to readers: The best-seller lists will not appear next week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Starting Dec. 1, they will move to the Saturday A&E section.

NATIONAL BEST-SELLERS

HARDCOVER FICTION



1. **"Past Tense: A Jack Reacher Novel"** by Lee Child (Delacorte, \$28.99) *Last week: —*

2. **"The Reckoning: A Novel"** by John Grisham (Doubleday, \$29.95) *Last week: 1*

3. **"Nine Perfect Strangers"** by Liane Moriarty (Flatiron, \$28.99) *Last week: —*

4. **"Every Breath"** by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central, \$28) *Last week: 4*

5. **"Dark Sacred Night: A Ballard and Bosch Novel"** by Michael Connelly (Little, Brown, \$29) *Last week: 3*

6. **"Elevation"** by Stephen King (Scribner, \$19.95) *Last week: 2*

7. **"The Next Person You Meet in Heaven: A Novel"** by Mitch Albom (Harper, \$23.99) *Last week: 5*

8. **"The Noel Stranger: The Noel Collection"** by Richard Paul Evans (Simon & Schuster, \$19.99) *Last week: —*

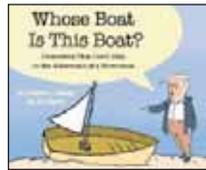
9. **"You Don't Own Me: An Under Suspicion Novel"** by Mary Higgins Clark and Alafair Burke (Simon & Schuster, \$26.99) *Last week: —*

10. **"Sea of Greed: A Novel From the NUMA Files"** by Clive Cussler and Graham Brown (Putnam, \$29) *Last week: —*

For the week ended Nov. 10, compiled from data from independent and chain bookstores, book wholesalers and independent distributors nationwide.

— Publishers Weekly

NONFICTION



1. **"Whose Boat Is This Boat? Comments That Don't Help in the Aftermath of a Hurricane"** by the Staff of "The Late Show" with

Stephen Colbert (Simon & Schuster, \$14.99) *Last week: —*

2. **"Homebody: A Guide to Creating Spaces You Never Want to Leave"** by Joanna Gaines (Harper Design, \$40) *Last week: —*

3. **"Girl, Wash Your Face: Stop Believing the Lies About Who You Are"** by Rachel Hollis (Nelson, \$22.99) *Last week: 2*

4. **"Cook Like a Pro: Recipes and Tips for Home Cooks"** by Ina Garten (Clarkson Potter, \$35) *Last week: 3*

5. **"Killing the SS: The Hunt for the Worst War Criminals in History"** by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard (Henry Holt, \$30) *Last week: 5*

6. **"Magnolia Table: A Collection of Recipes for Gathering"** by Joanna Gaines (William Morrow, \$29.99) *Last week: 10*

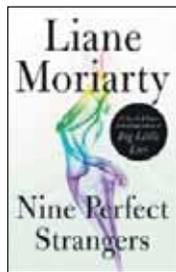
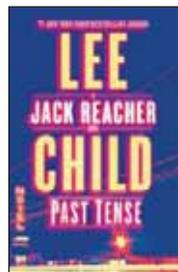
7. **"Ship of Fools: How a Selfish Ruling Class Is Bringing America to the Brink of Revolution"** by Tucker Carlson (Free Press, \$28) *Last week: 7*

8. **"Dare to Lead: Brave Work. Tough Conversations. Whole Hearts."** by Brené Brown (Random House, \$28) *Last week: 8*

9. **"Medical Medium Liver Rescue"** by Anthony William (Hay House, \$34.99) *Last week: 1*

10. **"Beastie Boys Book"** by Michael Diamond and Adam Horovitz (Spiegel & Grau, \$50) *Last week: 4*

CHICAGOLAND BEST-SELLERS



1. **"Cook Like a Pro: Recipes and Tips for Home Cooks"** by Ina Garten (Clarkson Potter, \$35)

2. **"Past Tense: A Jack Reacher Novel"** by Lee Child (Delacorte, \$28.99)

3. **"Nine Perfect Strangers"** by Liane Moriarty (Flatiron, \$28.99)

4. **"Unsheltered: A Novel"** by Barbara Kingsolver (Harper, \$29.99)

5. **"Gmorning, Gnight!: Little Pep Talks for Me & You"** by Lin-Manuel Miranda (Random House, \$22)

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In praise of canned pumpkin

BY AMY SCATTERGOOD
Los Angeles Times

In a time when we know that we're supposed to start with whole ingredients as a matter of culinary correctness, Thanksgiving presents challenges. Turkeys come pre-brined with pop-up thermometers; cranberry sauce is sometimes just disgorged from the can and sliced; the desiccated stuff in the Stove Top box is, for many, the definitive flavor of stuffing. Over the years, I have overcome and cooked my way around all these classic cheats. But canned pumpkin? I won't face the holiday without it.

Knowing this might raise an eyebrow during the season when Cinderella pumpkins look so fetching at the market, I searched for sympathy and solidarity for my approach among the world's baking elite.

"A can of pumpkin puree is consistent," says best-selling author and dessert specialist Dorie Greenspan. "Puree is not watery — it's often hard to dehydrate fresh pumpkin — and it's not stringy. While it's been 100 years since I stopped making a Thanksgiving casserole with frozen string beans, I'm holding on to the tradi-

tional canned pumpkin for the pie." I'm with Dorie.

Alice Medrich, another dessert deity, also favors canned pumpkin and uses not only the contents of a Libby's can but the recipe on that can as well — because her mother did. Medrich's mother liked the custard so much that she didn't even bother to make a crust. "Sometime in the '70s maybe, my mom started simply making the pumpkin mixture in a baking dish, without any crust at all," Medrich says. "This because pumpkin pie crust is usually soggy, and because her prized pies — double crust — were apple pies and, I think, because everyone is so full on Thanksgiving that no one needed to eat more crust, especially soggy crust."

And as much as I admire Medrich's pumpkin pudding solution, my favorite part about any pie is the crust. Which means that, for me, the practical joy of a can of pumpkin is that I can use the time it saves me to make an excellent pate brisée.

Canned pumpkin is what so many relatives and other things on Thanksgiving aren't: reliable. You do not want your pumpkin pie watery, or difficult, or anything other than what

you will it to be with the cocktail of spices you spike it with. The pie is not fundamentally about mashed squash but that flavor combination that has launched a billion regrettable lattes — cardamom, ginger, cinnamon, black pepper, maybe a pour of Armagnac? With canned pumpkin you can focus on taking pumpkin to places Starbucks cannot, instead of wrestling a wheelbarrow of hard gourds into submission.

As for what brand of pumpkin puree, the overwhelming consensus is that Libby's is the preferred can, which is fine by me. I always buy Trader Joe's, but that's more because I enjoy filling my cart with cinnamon brooms and cheap bars of Toblerone than because I can tell the difference between brands of puree.

Giving thanks can take many forms and, for me, there is often a murmur of it when I get out the can opener and shave the hours of selecting and roasting and pureeing and inevitably splattering that goes into sublimating a pumpkin from the wild. The consistency of the custard in your pumpkin pie is not a challenge to add to all the others the day can bring.

Get your Thanksgiving guests buzzed, not drunk

BY MARISSA CONRAD
Chicago Tribune

"It's a great alternative to gin and tonic," says Beatriz Machado, wine director at the Yeatman Hotel in Gaia, Portugal, of the porto tonico (in English, port and tonic).

The cocktail, tall and chilled, made with a crisp white port rather than the raisin-y red stuff, is a staple up and down the Portuguese coast; after four days exploring Gaia and the cobblestoned hills of Porto, directly across the river, I've lost count of how many porto tonicos I've had. Machado, when asked how many she serves a day, responds emphatically: "Hundreds!"

Back in the U.S., the drink is harder to find. 2018 brought the summer of the "sessionable" cocktail (a mixed drink made with lower-alcohol spirits, so you can have a few without getting sloppy), and bargoers saw a surge of options starring vermouth, sherry and red port, all hovering around 20 percent alcohol by volume. But white port, the more mellow, fresh-fruit-forward cousin to red, has taken longer to catch on. This fall, some progress: In September, Taylor, one of the largest port houses, allocated about 500 cases of its signature white port, Chip Dry, to the U.S. for the first time since the 1990s, due to growing demand. The wine, first made in 1934, is a classic, fermented for longer than a typical white port to give it a dry finish, and aged in oak to temper the sweetness of the grapes.

While you can make a port and tonic with a sweet white port, I prefer a dry. It's still bursting with fruit, but the crisp finish is the perfect partner to a bitter,

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Porto tonico

Prep: 5 minutes

Makes: 1 cocktail

Recipe from Beatriz Machado, wine director at the Yeatman Hotel in Gaia, Portugal.

3 ounces dry white port (such as Chip Dry)

2 ounces tonic water (such as 1724 brand)

1 slice orange zest

Fill a highball glass to the top with ice. Add the port first, then the tonic. Drop in the orange zest and stir with a spoon.

bubbly tonic. The flavors harmonize, and you get something that's easy to drink, but not poundable. Refreshing, but not cloying.

As Thanksgiving gets closer, I'm thinking as much about the ritual of the porto tonico as the

taste. In Portugal, the drink is served before nearly every big meal, alongside snacks like Marcona almonds and slippery sardines, as something not-too-boozy to sip before the main event. It's a smart start, especially if your friends and family show up before you're even close to done cooking. You don't even have to do the work. Set up a station, and let guests pour their own.

At Pharmacia, a popular bar in Lisbon, bartenders garnish their port and tonics with mint. Machado prefers orange zest. Both are great options. The only rule you have to follow: Use quality tonic and port. To make it even more fun, line up a few different bottles of each and have a taste test. It'll give you something to argue about that's not politics.

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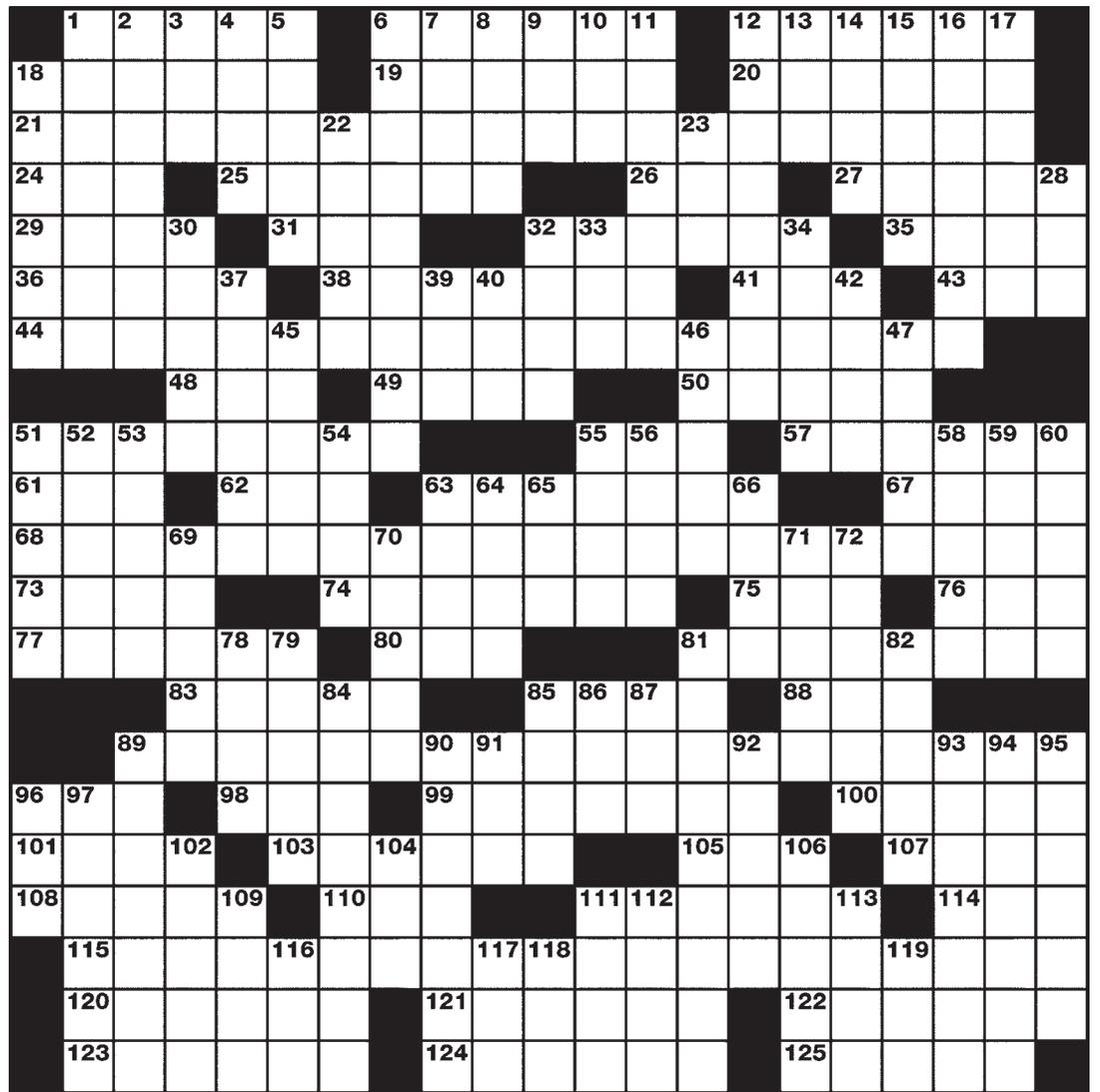
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2. Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
3. When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

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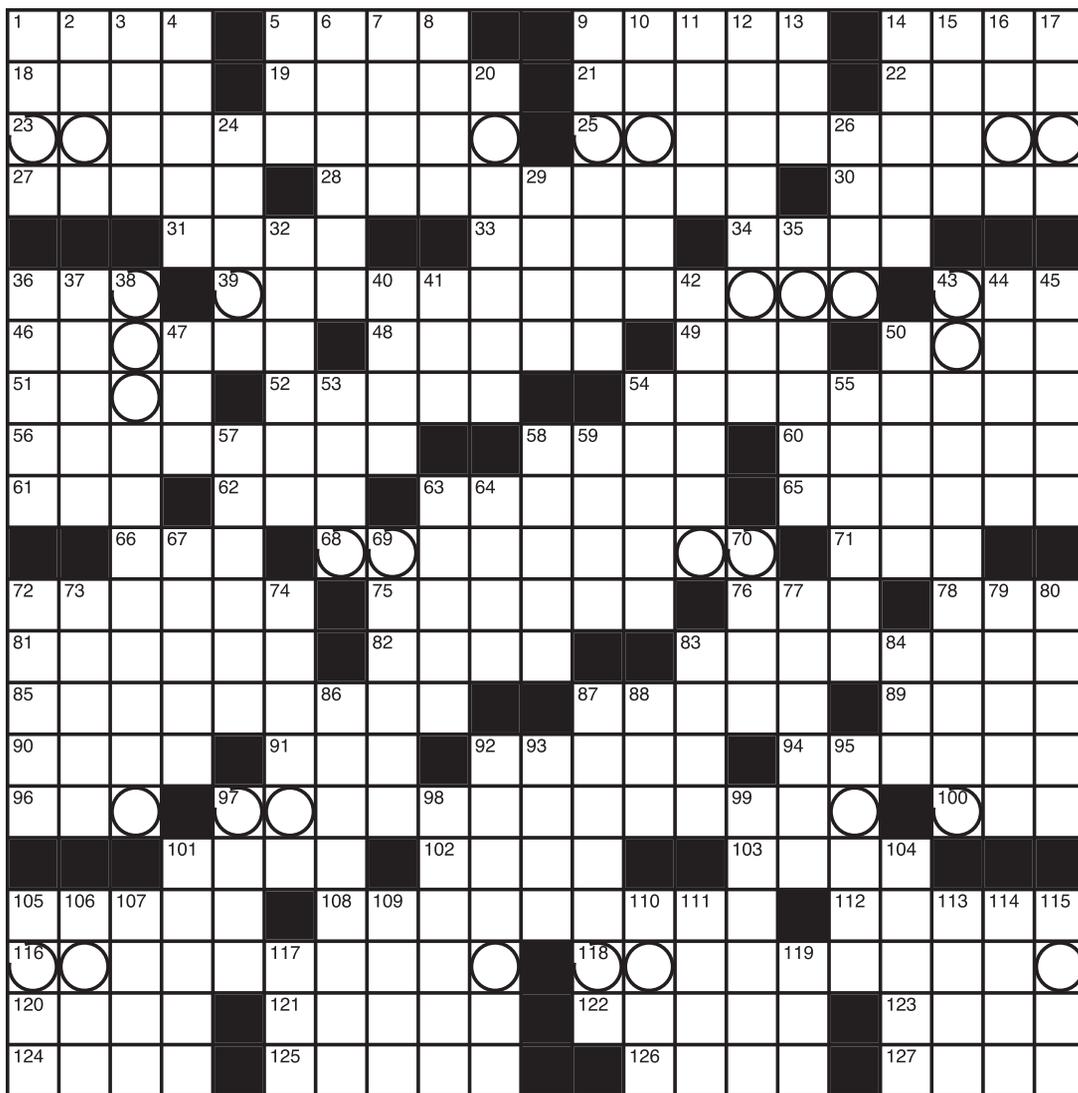
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 5 "What a surprise to run into you!"
 9 Fraternity letter
 14 Out of juice
 18 "It's my turn!"
 19 Quick looks
 21 Used at the table
 22 Actress Swenson
 23 Corporate criminal's undoing
 25 Orbit, e.g.
 27 Public row
 28 Sign at a takeout window
 30 Ethereal glows
 31 "Basket of Bread" painter
 33 Finish off
 34 Decline the invite, perhaps
 36 Benchmark: Abbr.
 39 Sparty's school
 43 Game show hosts
 46 Most faithful
 48 Glass work
 49 Old cereal box no.
 50 Traditional Indian wedding garment
 51 Support person
 52 Cantina hors d'oeuvres
 54 Elle Girl rival
 56 Scandalous biographies
 58 "Dude, you with me?"
 60 Cease
 61 K.C. to New Orleans dir.
 62 "Get my point?"
 63 Corporate deal
 65 Facial hair, for short
 66 RB's gains
 68 Football helmet part
 71 Strange
 72 Personal account
 75 82-Across' powerful patients
 76 Glorifying tribute
 78 Bit of sunshine
 81 Plaza Hotel girl
 82 75-Across' docs
 83 Place for slanted columns
 85 Gets rid of
 87 Big name in winter boots
 89 Double-curved arch
 90 Fish voiced by Ellen DeGeneres
 91 Corp. bigwig
 92 Tamiflu producer

- 94 Rockies range
 96 Barnyard mom
 97 1898 battle site
 100 High degree
 101 Tune for two
 102 One writing birthday wishes, at times
 103 Food-inspection org.
 105 Thrash
 108 Is pure perfection, scorewise
 112 Sundance flick
 116 "Miracle on Ice" setting
 118 Bit of thrill-seeking equipment
 120 Fail to include
 121 Tavern sign abbr.
 122 Didn't take well?
 123 Sweet place?
 124 Brutal reviews
 125 Straight from the mint
 126 Manipulative type
 127 Mideast sultanate

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- 1 Carmex targets
 2 Apple variety
 3 Deceive
 4 Lay out
 5 Make a call
 6 Like a super saver?
 7 Get the news
 8 "Just joshing"
 9 Pueblo spirit being
 10 Rival of Sparta
 11 Equal
 12 Sports drink brand
 13 Darth's childhood nickname
 14 Bring to light
 15 Many an MIT alum
 16 Isla surrounder
 17 They may make lakes
 20 Heavy hammers
 24 OfficeMax purchase quantities
 26 Basिला section
 29 Sound from a happy crowd
 32 Pint-size
 35 Place to see fans
 36 Color commentator's data
 37 Puts to the test, as patience
 38 "10" co-star
 40 See 41-Down
 41 Beverage made with 40-Down

- 42 Starbucks size after Venti
 43 Puff, e.g.
 44 Trounce
 45 Lucky roll in el casino
 47 Sargasso Sea spawner
 50 "What a shame"
 53 Guinness of "Doctor Zhivago"
 54 City on the Loire
 55 Nixed
 57 Birthplace of St. Francis
 58 Minor surgery targets
 59 Longest-serving Dodger coach
 63 They may be stationary
 64 Body of soldiers
 67 Lacy place mat
 69 Wear
 70 Issuer of bulls
 72 Victor at Gettysburg
 73 Jostling joint
 74 Get out of a jam
 77 Mouth features
 79 Hollywood role
 80 "Aw, man!"
 83 Apt name for a tuxedo cat
 84 Flower holder
 86 Hot weather woe
 87 Insects in hieroglyphic
 88 Omega, in physics
 92 Zoomed past
 93 Stack in a till
 95 Steve's singing partner
 97 [This is gonna be bad]
 98 Venetian old master
 99 Mess up
 101 Plans often ignored around holidays
 104 Dried poblano chili
 105 Playwright's worst nightmare
 106 Priest of the East
 107 Similar
 109 Follower of a rising curtain
 110 Ballerina attire
 111 Nephew of Abel
 113 Destine for failure
 114 Hogwarts librarian — Pince
 115 Early sinning site
 117 Brown of jazz
 119 Eternally, in poetry

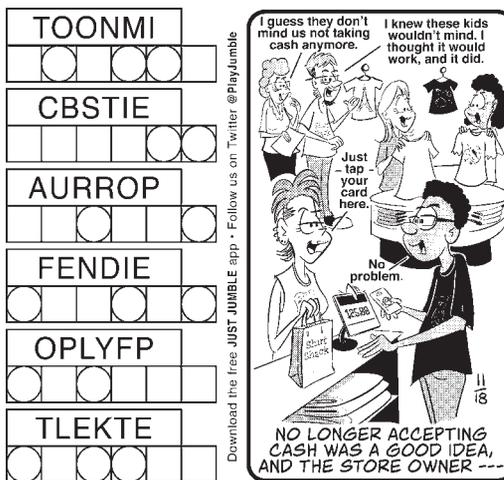


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Jumble

Unscramble the six Jumbles, one letter per square, to form six words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



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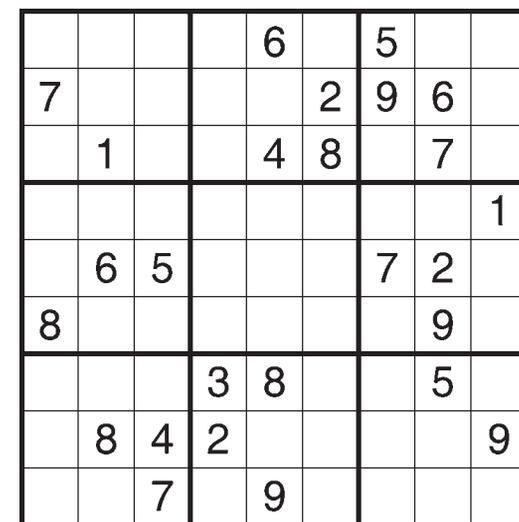
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Sudoku

11/18

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Level: **1 2 3 4**



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Horoscopes

Today's birthday (Nov. 18): Take charge for a personal cause this year. With discipline and focus, realize an artistic vision. Unusual allies develop. Winter creative inspiration leads to a shift in career perspectives. Summer wanderings reveal hidden treasure before an intellectual puzzle engages. Find your way, and pursue it whole-heartedly.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. You're getting stronger today and tomorrow. Your past work speaks well for you. Slow down to navigate technical or mechanical breakdowns. Resolve practical details.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 6. File and organize for what's next. Things work out, although structural problems could cause delays. You can get what you need. Relax and recharge.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Together, you're a powerful force. Coordinate actions with your team. Friends make good coaches. Support each other, and keep your sense of humor.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. The next two days are good for professional decisions. Stay patient with delays or breakdowns.

Steadily push a project toward completion. A golden opportunity tempts.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Expand your horizons today and tomorrow. Double-check reservations before traveling to minimize delays or error. Keep your deadlines and promises. Stay in communication.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Handle financial responsibilities through tomorrow. Collaborate with your team. Review data carefully. Monitor the numbers to catch mistakes early. Get expert assistance if needed.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. A partner is a big help for the next few days. Consistent effort wins over in the long run. Misunderstandings or delays could frustrate things. Keep your patience.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. All that practice is paying off. Put in extra effort to prepare for a performance or event. Draw upon hidden resources. Nurture your health. Strengthen foundations.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. You're especially charming and attractive. Remain open to shifting circumstances

with a romantic possibility. Humor can diffuse a tense situation. Your heart grows with another's attention.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Family comes first today and tomorrow. Have patience and compassion with someone short-tempered (it could be you). Polish treasures, and organize your rooms. Count your blessings.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Review structural problems in a communications project over the next few days. Edit, revise and tighten your words. Clear up misunderstandings immediately.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Focus energy on growing your income. Your ideas are attracting attention. Another source of revenue becomes available. Avoid stepping on anyone's toes. Learn from an elder.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

Word Game

This game challenges you to find as many words as you can, as quickly as you can, in one master word.

UNIONIZED (YOON-yuh-nized): Organized into a labor union.

Can you find 21 or more words in UNIONIZED?

Average mark: 15 words
Time limit: 30 minutes

Here are the rules:

1. Words must be four or more letters. 2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of an "s," such as "bats" and "cats," are not used. 3. Use only one form of a verb — either "pose" or "posed," not both. 4. Proper nouns and slang terms are not used.

Answers to the word game:

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:əʊzop :əʊzop :əʊp :əʊp
:ɪnuə :əʊz :ɪz :əʊz :ɪz
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— Kathleen Saxe,
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Last week's crosswords

"WE CAN'T HEAR YOU"

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"Hunger Games"

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Last week's Quote-Acrostic

(Michael) CRICHTON: MATTER OF FAITH: The belief that there are other life forms is a matter of faith. There is not a single shred of evidence, and in years of searching none has been discovered. There is no reason to maintain this belief.

Last week's Sudoku

2	7	5	3	4	1	9	6	8
3	4	8	6	2	9	1	5	7
9	6	1	8	7	5	3	2	4
8	5	9	7	3	4	6	1	2
4	2	3	9	1	6	8	7	5
6	1	7	5	8	2	4	9	3
5	8	4	1	9	7	2	3	6
1	3	6	2	5	8	7	4	9
7	9	2	4	6	3	5	8	1

This week's Jumble

MOTION UPROAR FLOPPY
BISECT DEFINE KETTLE

No longer accepting cash was a good idea, and the store owner —

TOOK CREDIT
FOR IT

Bridge

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K ♥ K 8 4 ♦ A Q 8 4 2 ♣ K 9 5 2

As dealer, what call would you make?

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K 10 5 4 ♥ 9 ♦ J 10 3 ♣ Q 9 8 4 2

Partner opens 1H and right-hand opponent bids 2D. What call would you make?

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A 10 5 ♥ K 5 4 ♦ K 6 5 ♣ A 10 4 2

Right-hand opponent opens 4H. What call would you make?

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A 4 2 ♥ K Q 10 8 2 ♦ Q ♣ A J 5 2

South **West** **North** **East**

1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass

2♣ Pass 2♥ Pass

?

What call would you make?

Answers in Monday's comics pages.

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WASHINGTON POST

"The boundaries between left and right are getting harder to penetrate. We are self-segregating, and that's terrible," said Joan Blades, co-founder of MoveOn.org.

How to bridge a great divide

BY CINDY DAMPIER
Chicago Tribune

Holidays could mean spillover of ideological tension at Americans' dinner tables; if you're ready to have difficult conversations, here's how

If you knew Joan Blades, committed progressive, passionate climate change advocate, Berkeley, Calif., resident, you might think she would be feeling a little bit heartened by the results of the midterm elections. Then again, maybe not: "The horrible thing about this election," says Blades, co-founder of MoveOn.org, "is that I'm really happy about some of the progress

we made for progressive causes, but it really doesn't change the dynamics of this fight we're having with each other."

It's been two years since the Great American Schism of 2016's election season, but time does not heal all wounds. Maps showing precincts that voted blue

(Democrats) or red (Republican) illustrate that you could cross a boundary — maybe even a street — and find yourself in a neighborhood that voted differently from your own.

With Thanksgiving looming, you might be wondering (yet again) how you can talk to your own

family. Research has shown that, when people need to cross ideological lines to gather with family, Thanksgiving gets cut short by an average of 20 to 30 minutes.

It would be easy to blame the chasms that have opened up in American society on the divisiveness of recent politics. But in

reality, says Columbia University social psychologist Peter T. Coleman, the divide has been growing for decades. "The current polarization at the top in politics," he says, "has been building since about 1980. There's the long-term trajectory where Democrats and Republicans

stopped crossing the aisle. And now they have reached a point where there is no cooperation, no functional problem-solving there."

The causes of the larger societal divide, he says, are complex, including an economy that has created wealth imbalance and a news media that typically frames ideological issues to highlight difference rather than nuance. Politics — including the rhetoric of the Trump administration — "is more a symptom than

the cause. Support for Trump is a symptom of the divisiveness on the ground." Over the past 50 years, he points out, party affiliation has remained somewhat stable in the U.S. What has changed is the level of nuance within the views of people in those camps — these days, there is none. "People are vastly oversimplifying what has become an ever more complex society," Coleman says. "And they have less knowledge on issues like health care, or immigration."

"The boundaries between left and right are getting harder to penetrate," Blades says. "We are self-segregating, and that's terrible." Blades decided in 2010 that she had to start doing something to break through to the other side — and not just to convince them that she's right and they are wrong. "It's so difficult," she says, "that a lot of people are saying, 'I don't want to talk to those people.' But for another subset of people, they're saying, 'Oh, we better start talking to each other,' and I am so thankful for those people. When people sit down and they experience each other, things change."

Blades founded Living Room Conversations as a way to promote small-scale gatherings among people of different viewpoints, and the organization now provides DIY guides to conducting these discussions in your own home, without a need for a facilitator. Over time, she says, the project's importance and urgency have only increased. "I used to talk about it as something we were doing because we needed to promote collaborative problem-solving," she says. "Now I talk about it as a domestic peace initiative. Because that's what it is."

Coleman also has studied the dynamics of open discussion among people of different viewpoints, at Columbia's Difficult Conversations Laboratory.

There, research subjects are paired with a person who opposes them on a key issue, and the two are asked to come up with a statement together that each can agree to. Some of the conversations go badly. But many result in a more complex understanding of another point of view, and a bag of mixed emotions. Which might be all we can hope for when we undertake these conversations, Coleman says.

So, should you try to break down the wall that divides you and your par-

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ents or your neighbor and start a conversation about immigration or abortion rights? There's no easy answer, Coleman says. But he has come up with pointers for having difficult conversations, based on his years of study.

Know your own agenda. Before opening a difficult conversation, "some self-reflection is in order," Coleman says. "You need to understand what you're trying to get out of this conversation." Try to be aware of your own biases — looking for information that confirms our point of view while ignoring other information is a basic mechanism of human

psychology. Digging deep can have big benefits: Admitting to your own contradictory nature makes you more likely to be tolerant of others.

Consider your existing relationship. "If you are close to your brother and you have a lot of great memories together that keep you close," Coleman says, "you might be able to talk about really tough issues and have a great discussion. If, on the other hand, you have always had a lot of hostility with your siblings, this is probably only going to feed it and make it worse."

Give up on persuasion. If you are truly willing to simply listen to and understand another person's point of view, the conversation is more likely to go well. If what you really want is to change their minds, you've got a bigger hill to climb — one that might require many conversations over time, or might not be worth having until you can let go of your focus on a specific result. Coleman points out that bringing facts and statistics into such a discussion is unhelpful, since issues that are divisive are also emotional. What's important is establishing a tone of positivity, from the start of the talk. "How we frame these conversations informs people's behavior," he says.

That positivity, Blades says, allows difficult conversations to become incredibly constructive. "What I know now," she says, "is that there are a lot of good people out there who disagree with me completely. And that's important to know. To solve these big problems, we need to have everybody's best ideas in the room. When you're in this adversarial stance with each other, there's no flexibility. I would say we're stuck because we're not treating each other well."

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In an ill-tempered world, the science of being kind

BY STEVEN PETROW

The Washington Post

Recently I've been on a mission to both find and create more kindness in my world, if only because the news headlines — even personal encounters — are too frequently mean and mean-spirited. I'm thinking of teenage and grown-up bullies, the use of slurs and other hateful language. I'm thinking of the driver who rushed into a parking spot I was backing into — and then flipped me the bird.

But life's not all about sourpusses and sour grapes. Not long ago, I was waiting in a long line at my favorite bakery, which makes amazing scones. The delicious pile in the glass case dwindled quickly as those in the long line ahead of me snapped them up, until there was just one perfect beauty remaining — and one woman ahead of me. To my everlasting joy, she chose a croissant, so when I got to the counter I pointed to the last scone and declared, "I'll take that." No sooner had I spoken than the fellow behind me cried out: "Hey, that's my scone! I've been waiting in line for 20 minutes!" Which he had been — behind me.

I surprised both of us when I didn't respond with, "Sorry, it's mine!" Instead, I countered: "Would you like half?" After a moment of shocked silence, he accepted my offer and one-upped my spontaneous act of generosity. "Why don't I buy another pastry and we can share both?" We then sat down on a nearby bench to break bread. While it turned out we had almost nothing in common — from our jobs, ages, political views or marital status — we'd shared a moment of connection and a simple kindness. I felt happy and,



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frankly, wanted more of that feeling.

I probably experienced a "helper's high," which is what Melanie Rudd, an assistant professor of marketing at the University of Houston, calls the boost we get from being kind. Much of Rudd's research into understanding what makes us happy has focused on this aspect of giving, which she calls "impure altruism." The "act of helping others and seeing others happy ... gives us this warm glow," she says, which benefits us.

Seen from this vantage point, "it's hard to do something truly altruistic because we always feel good about it ourselves after we've performed the act of kindness," she says. Not surprisingly, she told me, we want more of that feeling, which comes from behaving in a kind or generous manner. Even people who spend money on others — rather than themselves — experience greater feelings of happiness.

I'd really never thought that someone else's good behavior might rub off on me. Then I recalled recently waiting to buy a coffee a week before my scone-sharing interaction when a customer in front of me, whom I didn't know and hadn't even talked to, told the barista that he'd pay for my beverage. He said he just did that "from time to time. It makes me

feel good." I thanked him profusely, feeling as if I'd been given a gift much more expensive than one that had cost \$2.64. I wondered: Was my willingness to share a scone some days later somehow related to this gift of coffee?

Possibly. Jamil Zaki, an assistant professor of psychology at Stanford University, has spent years studying how kindness can be transmitted. "We find that people imitate not only the particulars of positive actions, but also the spirit underlying them," according to his 2016 article in *Scientific American*. "This implies that ... kindness itself is contagious, and that ... it can cascade across people, taking on new forms along the way." For instance, he found that people made larger charitable gifts when they believed others were generous "than when they thought people around them were stingy."

Even more interesting, Zaki learned that when people cannot afford to donate, "an individual's kindness can nonetheless trigger people to spread positivity in other ways."

So for the next month, I'm going to smile more often at my friends to see whether they return the smile. If Zaki is correct, people are going to try to conform to my behavior. Call it my own mini "kindness contagion."

SOCIAL GRACES

How to get your landlord to do apartment repairs

BY CHRISTEN A. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Q: How do you approach your landlord about fixes he said he would make, but which have gone untended well past a reasonable time?

A: If you have an issue with your rental unit, determine whether it's an emergency — the house is on fire, a pipe burst — or whether it's just inconvenient, like an

appliance breaking or the toilet being clogged.

If it's an emergency, notify the landlord immediately. If you haven't heard back within 12 hours, contact him again, especially if your home is unlivable.

If the situation is irritating but not life-threatening, and the landlord set a timeline for the repair process, check back once the promised date has passed. Find out what the new timetable is.

Keep checking back, being professional at all times. Yelling won't make the landlord fix your unit faster; it might just put you at the bottom of the pile.

Landlords, take note: Unhappy tenants can contact local government agencies if you don't eventually make repairs.

— Ilyce Glink, syndicated real estate writer

A: Many believe a landlord's failure to address

repairs is malevolent. Most of the time, it's simply the landlord's forgetfulness. To get those repairs, here are three suggestions:

1. "The squeaky wheel gets the grease" definitely applies. Remind the landlord often and ask for a "completed" date.

2. Put the problem in writing. Nothing scares a landlord more than potential legal action. Sending a certified letter can often re-prioritize the repair in

his mind.

3. If the first two options don't work, some states allow you to get the repair done and either withhold rent or bill the landlord. I would only recommend this if your state has a provision and you've exhausted the first two options.

Remember: There is a good chance your landlord isn't intentionally trying to ignore you; he's just a person who makes mistakes.



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— Brandon Turner, author of "The Book on Rental Property Investing"

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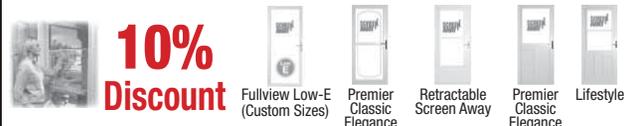
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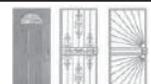
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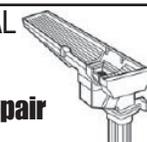
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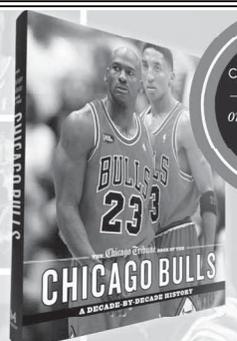
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Watering plants, trees still on this season's to-do list

BY PATTI MACMILLAN
Chicago Tribune

As the weather cools and trees and shrubs move into a dormant stage, homeowners may think that watering is no longer on their list of outdoor tasks. But until the ground freezes, trees, shrubs and perennials planted within the last couple of years still require weekly watering sessions.

Before these plants pause for the winter, they collect water as well as crucial starches in their root systems. These nutrients enable the plants to regrow roots once the growing season begins again in spring.

"When plants are transplanted, they lose a significant portion of their root systems, and the process that plants undergo to put out additional roots takes a year or longer," said Sharon Yiesla, plant knowledge specialist in the Plant Clinic at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle. The same issue does not pertain to more established trees, shrubs and perennials as their root systems are further developed and can more effectively and efficiently pull the moisture they need from the soil.

It's not only newly transplanted trees and shrubs that need regular dousing with a gardening hose, but evergreens as well.

"It's important to water evergreens before the ground freezes because these trees retain their leaves, which store water, all winter," Yiesla said. Even in colder months, evergreens conduct photosynthesis, the process by which plants make food and create energy. Water is key for this process.

Water is particularly critical for evergreens with



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Don't stop watering yet. Move aside evergreens' dense foliage, and place the hose on the ground under the branches to ensure water is reaching all the roots.

broad leaves, such as boxwoods, rhododendrons, hollies and Oregon grape holly, although evergreens with needles require water as well.

Yiesla offers a few tips for the most effective watering.

Think about location. Put the hose directly at the base of smaller plants. If the tree or shrub is larger, the hose can be placed under the branches. Move aside evergreens' dense foliage, and place the hose on the ground under the branches to ensure water is reaching all the roots.

Water deeply. Turn the faucet on to a slow dribble, and let it run for a long time. You want the water to seep into the soil about 8 inches deep, Yiesla says. For larger trees, run the hose for 20 minutes in three or four locations under the branches of the tree. When using soaker hoses, you may need to let them run for two to three

hours, as this type of hose delivers water more slowly.

Don't count on a sprinkler or rain. Water can slip off an evergreen's branches like rain from an umbrella, falling to the ground in areas where it may not reach the tree's roots. For this reason, don't rely on methods other than a strategically placed hose.

Use irrigation bags. If you have been using an irrigation bag for a newly planted tree this summer, continue to use it for weekly watering. Be sure to remove it before winter so that snow and rain do not freeze between the bag and the tree's trunk.

For tree and plant advice, contact the Arboretum's Plant Clinic (630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org).

Patti MacMillan is a staff writer at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle (www.mortonarb.org).

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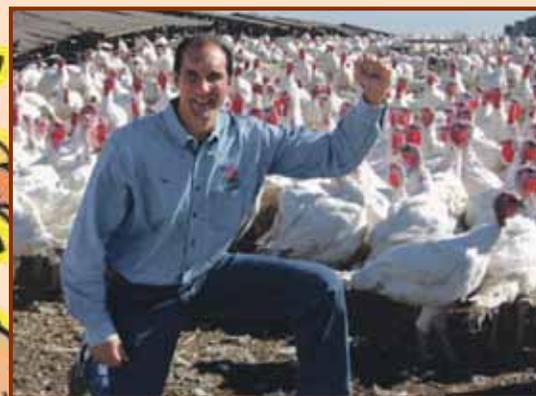
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Winter's floral trend in home and fashion design

BY JESSICA MOAZAMI
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Jessica Moazami is a freelance stylist.

Is there an expiration date on long hair?



ELLEN WARREN
Answer Angel

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I've always had long hair, 5 or 6 inches below my chin, and a well-meaning friend has suggested that I'm getting too old for this look. (I'm 55.) Lately I've been wearing it in very loose curls (I use a big roller curling iron). It is a style I've seen on Kathie Lee Gifford on the "Today" show, and I think it's flattering on her — and me. Should I cut my hair or ignore my friend? My husband is indifferent and says the whole issue is my call.

— Liz A.

Dear Betty: Well it certainly IS your call on what you do with your hair! But since you asked for my advice, I would suggest you take a really hard look in the mirror — on both a good hair day and one not so good — and ask yourself if you think you're using your longish hair to make yourself look younger. If the answer is yes, I'd say your friend could be right. Kathie Lee is 65 and has the luxury of the best hair stylists New York has to offer. I think she'd look better (and maybe more youthful, if that's her goal in this ageist world) if she had shorter hair. Let me give you another example: I was binge-watching the new season of "House of Cards" and found myself scrutinizing actress Patricia Clarkson, who brilliantly plays diabolical Jane Davis, President Claire Hale Underwood's White House roomie. Jane's flowing blond hair is a distraction, I think, and gives the impression of someone trying for a more youthful look that isn't flattering. (BTW, Clarkson turns 59 in December.) I get more hate mail about my hair than anything I've written, so consider that when deciding if I'm the right person to give advice on your hair choices.



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Patricia Clarkson, at the October premiere of "House of Cards," is one example of a woman in her 50s who is sticking with her long hair. Is the style right for you? That depends on whether you are using your long hair to make you look younger.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I'm going through interviews for med school, and I don't know what to wear or where to shop. Any suggestions?

— Meredith L.

Dear Meredith: I put your question to a female doctor who interviews med school applicants. Here's what she told me, which, I think, applies to any woman applying for a professional job. "Wear something that is not a black, blue or gray suit with a neutral blouse and pearls! I interview a dozen women in a row, and a bright blouse or a memorable necklace will help you stand out." As for where to shop, try Express, Ann Taylor or Nordstrom for the best selections I've found of moderately priced interview separates and jewelry that is not crazy but not just a string of pearls. Also popular although a little pricier: J. Crew

and Banana Republic.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: On my Facebook feed, I keep getting these ads that say, "The ONLY sweater you'll need this year ... The Cashmere Fisherman Sweater." OK, I bit and went to the site. It's a nice-looking sweater, but \$395! (Or a handy four payments of \$98.75). My question is who pays \$400 for a sweater? Not me! Could it possibly be worth that much?

— Frugal Shopper

Dear Frugal: I checked out the photo, and that is a good-looking sweater. But I'd prefer four sweaters at \$100 apiece, wouldn't you? Or better yet, eight at \$50 apiece. The \$400 sweater in the photo looks like a warm heavy knit, but I bought a similar cashmere one for \$60 at a consignment shop. To answer your question, the women buying the \$400

sweater are, perhaps, the same women who might buy a \$5,000 Chanel purse.

This question keeps coming up ...

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I have been to a few weddings this year and have noticed that the younger women do not wear pantyhose with their dresses. I don't know if I should or shouldn't be wearing them! Please help!

— Bev K.

Dear Bev: Do what makes you most comfortable. Hosiery is not a must, but many women, young and old, don't like the feel of their shoes on bare feet or the look of their bare legs.

Angelic Readers 1

In a recent column, reader Kathleen R. wrote of donating

her late husband's unused cancer meds to Doctors Without Borders. But an email from that charity says, "We don't accept in-kind gifts like medical equipment, drugs, food, or other materials for our operations. Here's why: A huge part of what makes Doctors Without Borders so effective at saving lives is our ability to respond rapidly. After decades of experience, we've developed specialized, pre-packaged kits that are ready to go at a moment's notice. These tried-and-true materials can get into the hands of our teams much more efficiently than if we had to manage screening, sorting, and packing different types of supplies."

Angelic Readers 2

Susan D-P. writes, "In your column, Maria P. lamented that most of the young girl bras at Target had padding. I hope that she'll look at this another way. I also bought my daughter her first bras recently at Target. They all had thin, removable padding. My daughter sees this benefit of the padding: not to enhance her breasts, but to prevent nipple show-through. To her, nothing is more embarrassing than having boys in school remark about that. The padding in the Hanes bras is quite thin, and achieves the desired effect without a lot of enhancing."

Reader Rant

In case you doubted that people have strong opinions about women's hairstyles, Diane P. writes, "There is not a face in the world that looks good with hair in a center part! Please tell women to just move the part by even 1/4 of an inch and their face will change dramatically! Diane Keaton in 'The Book Club' is a perfect example of a bad center part!"

Now it's your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangel@tribune.com



Mansur Gavriel's knee-length, millennial-pink faux fur coat.



Stella McCartney's shaggy, chestnut-brown faux fur coat.



Givenchy's rust-colored, oversized faux fur coat.



Anna Sui's two-toned faux fur coat. GETTY IMAGES



Givenchy's belted, long faux fur coat.



Max Mara's pink, one-button faux fur coat.



Dries Van Noten's faux fur coat with pops of bold color.



Anna Sui's multicolored, floral faux fur coat.

GO FAUX

Give yourself an instant winter coat upgrade with fierce new trend

BY CHRISTEN A. JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

When the frigid fall and winter winds blow, don't even think about rocking a stylish outfit — no one will be able to see it because of the coat you'll have on (and in Chicago, you'll likely be wearing the thing for the next six months).

Lucky for us, the season brings a fierce new coat trend: faux fur.

Stella McCartney was one of the first designers to embrace faux fur, and this season, fashion houses from dries Van Noten to Givenchy to Zara have created some of the season's coolest (and warmest) faux fur coats.

Clare Waight Keller at Givenchy created glorious belted fur coats that are virtually impossible to tell from the real thing, while other designers embraced more obviously faux looks that have a conscious coolness about them.

Whether edgy, glamorous or vintage, a faux fur coat will make a statement to fit any style this season. Here are our favorites from the runways that will show you how to slay the look.

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COMMENTARY

The scary politics of fashionistas

BY HEATHER WILHELM
National Review Online

One Saturday morning years ago, back when certain sectors of our culture were at least a teensy bit less preachy and tiresome and insufferable than they are now, I sat at my kitchen table, idling through a fashion magazine. As a salty veteran of years of fashion magazine consumption, I knew exactly what to expect: pages upon pages of uber-thin women towering on impossibly reedy legs, imperiously clutching things like massive diamonds and random cheetahs while posing in weird giant moon boots against carefully composed, super-serious artistic backdrops.

On that morning, however, fresher, less jaded eyes could perceive a deeper truth. “Ooh, look, Mommy!” my then-3-year-old hollered in delight, peering over my shoulder at the scary-eyed women looking strangely disappointed in their \$8,000 coats. “Witches! Ooh! Witches!”

I laughed back then, but those were more innocent times. In hindsight, this was a mistake. This is not just because we live in an increasingly humorless age; it is also because my son was eerily prophetic. As I write, the home page of the website of *W* magazine — which I used to consider the “serious” fashion magazine, the one that did not mess around with a lot of non-fashiony things — has an actual story instructing readers on how to become a witch.

“Witchcraft and covens have also proven to be a source of solace and solidarity for some in the #MeToo era,” *W* informs us, “following an increasing association between witches and feminism.” Along with its helpful



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guide on how to climb on board with “paganism” and “all things occult,” *W* also offers instructions on “How to Throw a Seance at Home.”

Not so long ago, readers like me could hope that the year would bring just a few stray and annoying puff pieces profiling random Planned Parenthood executives or Hillary “I shall never leave” Clinton. In 2018, however — like so much else in American culture — fashion magazines have morphed into a relentless and insufferable leftist acquaintance you’d quite frankly rather avoid.

Visit the website of any major fashion magazine today and a bizarre form of whiplash awaits, with headlines shifting from frivolity to ponderous lecturing to sheer unhinged panic at the blink of an eye. Here, for instance, is a sampling of recent offerings from Marie Claire: “Meghan Markle and Prince Harry Looked More in Love Than Ever on Their Royal Tour.” (Ooh!) “This is How Real-Life Resistance Witches Say They’re Taking Down the Patriarchy.” (Witches! Again!) “I Didn’t Plan on Buying a New Scarf, But Then I Saw These!” (BOR-ING.) “Scary Things That Could Happen If You Don’t Vote,” which includes the

helpful subhead, “The Future of Earth Could Get More Bleak.” (Yikes!)

Finally, there’s my personal favorite, from the lead of a piece on abortion and the midterm elections: “Is it just me, or has everyone been experiencing this weird feeling in the pit of your stomach, just lurking there in the dark? Just me? I’m the only one screaming into the void constantly?” (Here, what can one really say?)

Let’s trot over to *Vogue*, where, next to a piece on a “New Soho Lipstick Bar,” one can watch as the actress/model Olivia Munn “Explains I.C.E.,” Unfortunately, ICE refers to Immigration and Customs Enforcement, not that massive diamond next to the random cheetah I mentioned before. It’s rather jarring, is it not?

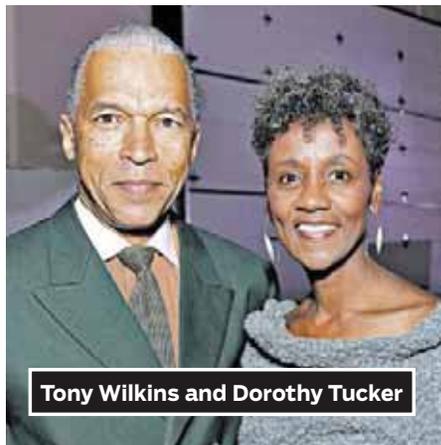
“Well, I don’t know,” you might be thinking. “Isn’t it good that fashion magazines are trying to educate their readers, even though they seem to treat those readers suspiciously like easily swayed airheads who probably shouldn’t vote at all if they actually are that uninformed?”

No, it is not good.

Heather Wilhelm is a National Review Online columnist.



Tiosha Bailey, executive director of Susan G. Komen Chicago



Tony Wilkins and Dorothy Tucker



Cassie Liveris, from left, bearded lady Kimberly Brady and Kirstin Chernawsky

Candid Candace

BY CANDACE JORDAN
Chicago Tribune



Komen Chicago boosts fight with \$600K raised

Komen Chicago hosted The Greatest Show Under the Big Pink Top on Oct. 27 with more than 550 supporters in attendance. The star-studded event at Cine-space Chicago Film Studios celebrated over \$600,000 raised throughout October in the fight to end breast cancer and fund research.

The vintage circus-inspired spectacle enveloped attendees in the cavernous Stage 21 space where trapeze artists, magicians, bearded ladies, stilt walkers, flame-throwing contortionists and even a pink inflatable elephant were on full display.

Dramatic pink lighting swirled around the space as Komen Chicago Executive Director Tiosha Bailey and gala chair Lauran Bromley took the stage and welcomed the crowd.

Bailey spoke about how cancer has touched her life: Both her mother and maternal grandmother died of the disease, and she has two cousins in the fight. She described Komen Chicago's 2.0 initiative, which involves funding mammography screenings, navigation and biopsies, as well as collaborating with corporate, government and health care partners to save more lives and cut health care costs.

Theatrical tableside dessert presentations, created by STK Chicago restaurant, were followed by the introduction of the evening's honorees by masters of ceremonies Roz Varon, ABC-7 anchor and a cancer survivor, and Dr. Suzet McKinney, Komen Chicago board president/CEO and executive director at the Illinois Medical District.

The Civic Award was presented to patient/doctor team Patti Beyer and Dr. Georgia Giakoumis Spear, radiologist and chief of the Breast Imaging Center at NorthShore University HealthSystem. Dr. Kent Hoskins, associate professor of medicine at the University of Illinois at Chicago, received the Medical Award, and Corporate Award winners included Jewel-Osco and Rivers Casino.

Freelance writer Candace Jordan is involved in many organizations, including some whose events she covers.

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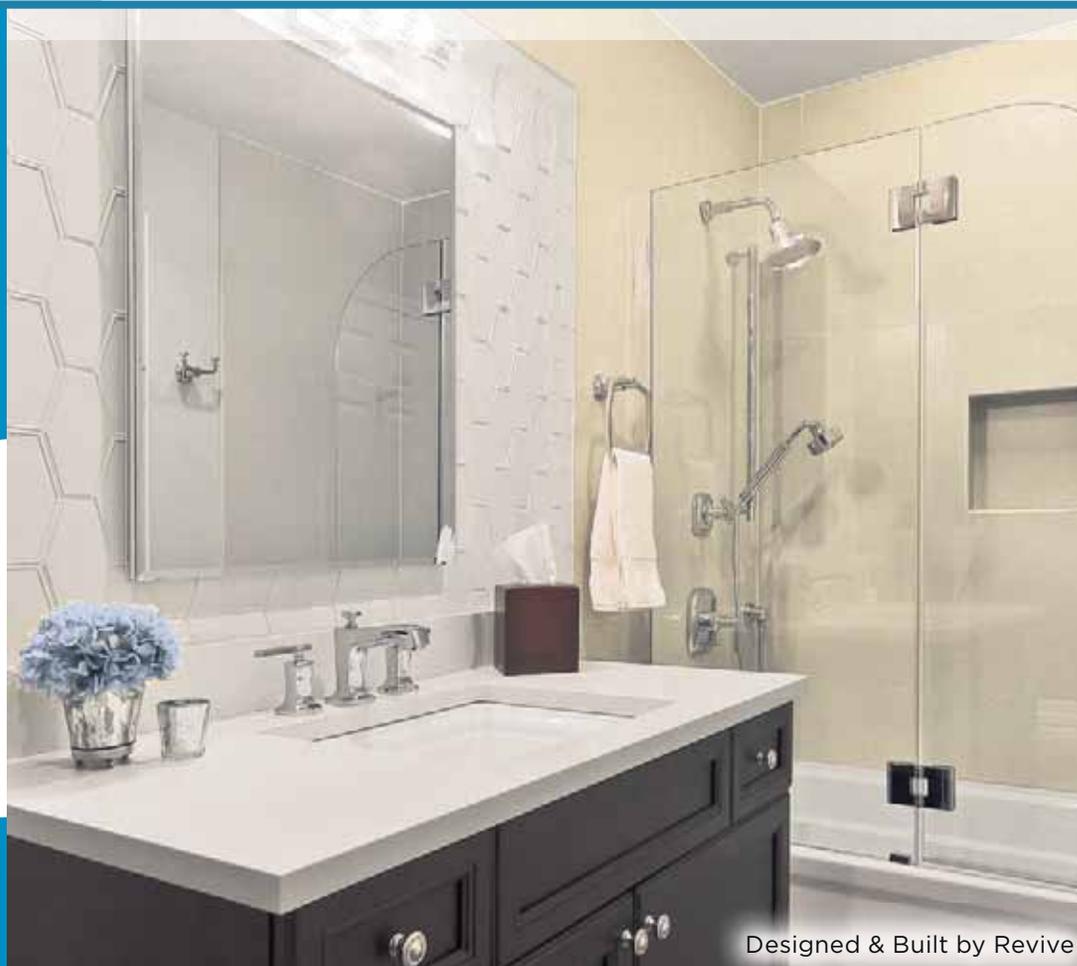
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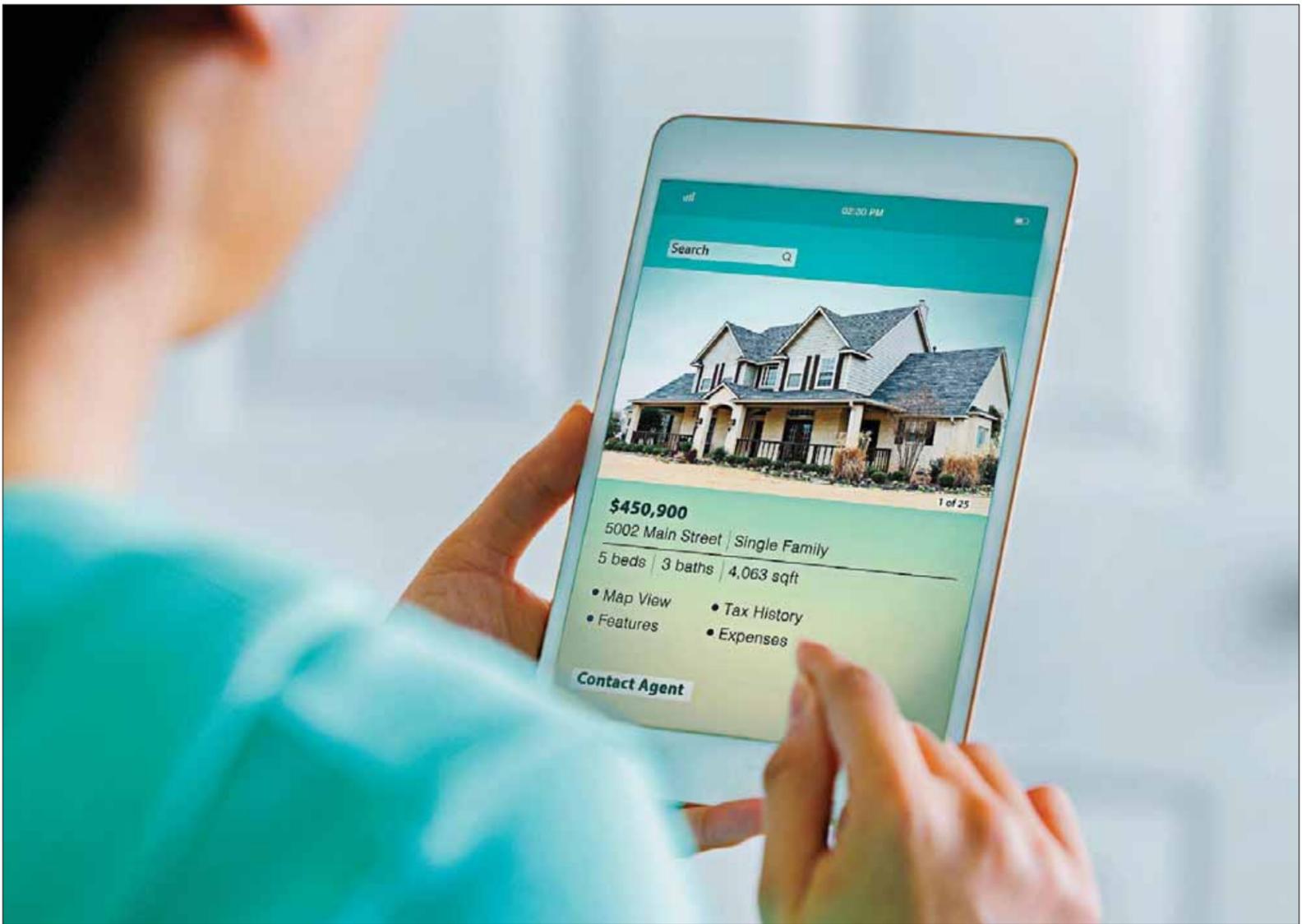
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Apps don't give homebuyers access to all the information they need

By JOANNE CLEAVER | Chicago Tribune

David Dahmer has been house hunting in the western suburbs for months. Online listings are his best friend and his worst enemy.

The warehouse manager wants a garage, and the descriptions of garages are scant, at best. Houses are listed as available but actually are already sold, and vice versa. Sometimes the properties are sited in the wrong municipality — a mistake that affects property taxes and fees as well as the actual address.

"I think, in general, they're not taking the time to be accurate," Dahmer, 42, said of the real estate listing sites he trawls daily. "From a buyer's

standpoint, I want accurate information, so I can make decisions."

Online listing sites such as Zillow, Trulia (which is owned by Zillow),

Realtor.com and portals operated by local brokerages draw nearly all of their property listings from one source: the 600-some multiple listing services, or MLSes, owned and operated by local alliances of realty agents around the country.

Beneath the beautifully designed mobile apps and maps that serve as the public face of the listing portals lies a creaky patchwork of local databases — like a shiny new faucet drawing water through rusty pipes. National listing services can only offer the information they get from local MLSes, which rely on the prompt and thorough cooperation of their member agents.

Details about any property are only as accurate as the data entered

by the local listing agent. Some are more diligent than others in confirming accuracy and in updating the listing as a house moves from available to under contract to sold, according to MLS executives.

All of that explains why house hunters like Dahmer may or may not be able to find accurate data to make smart decisions. It is up to both sellers and buyers to come up with their own strategies for making the most of the data that the listing services offer, and fill in the gaps as best they can.

"If consumers are trying to do the work through a consumer portal, they're going to get 90 percent of the information but not all of it," said

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Cooling housing market could bode well for buyers



KENNETH R. HARNEY
The Nation's Housing

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that is showing impressive growth, has the lowest unemployment rate in years and the highest home-equity levels on record.

Anyone thinking of selling or buying a home shouldn't ignore it. Doing so could cost you money, time and maybe a great opportunity.

Call it a re-balancing. For years since the end of the financial crisis, prices in most markets have increased steadily — by single digits annually in most places, double digits in cities like Seattle, San Francisco, Denver

and others that have vibrant employment growth plus persistent and deep shortages of homes for sale. Sellers were in the saddle.

That was then. This is now: ■ Sales of existing and new homes have been sagging for half a year. According to data from the National Association of Realtors, resales have been dropping since the spring compared with year-earlier levels. At the end of the third quarter, resales were 2.4 percent below their level at the end of the same quarter in 2017.

That's despite growing inventories of homes available for sale in some areas, reversing the boom-time pattern of bidding wars that pushed prices to record levels and drove buyers batty.

■ Mortgage rates hit their highest level in nearly eight years in early November — 5.15 percent for a conventional 30-year fixed-rate loan — according to the Mortgage Bankers Association. Lending Tree, an online network that pairs mortgage applicants with lenders, reported last week that the average annual percent-

age rate quoted to shoppers was 5.27 percent. Buyers with good scores between 680 and 719 were quoted 5.42 percent.

Though rates in the 5s may sound reasonable to people who purchased or refinanced a home a decade ago, they are disturbingly high to millennials and other young buyers and magnify the affordability challenges they already face. Higher rates are also daunting to the millions of owners who have mortgages with

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Bucktown home with roof deck: \$1.6M

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 Listed on Nov. 5, 2018

This home has five bedrooms plus a third-floor bonus den with a wet bar and a roof deck. The master suite includes a professionally organized walk-in closet and a master bathroom with a high-end, porcelain steam shower, separate tub, heated floors, two vanities and a dressing table. The expansive kitchen has professional-grade Thermador appliances, an island with waterfall quartz counters, a built-in desk and a butler's pantry with a sink and wine refrigerator. The lower level boasts a recreation room, two bedrooms and a wet bar. Outdoor space includes an all-brick patio, fireplace and large deck above the heated two-car garage.

Agent: Nancy Tassone of Jameson Sotheby's Intl Realty, 312-215-9701

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This new construction Lincoln Park home offers a gorgeous vintage facade with an incredible, modern interior. Wide and gracious living spaces feature White Oak flooring and contemporary lighting. The completely custom kitchen features Calcutta marble countertops and backsplash, sleek cabinetry, a butler's pantry and a large island with seating for 6. An addition to the home makes for a great room off of the kitchen with access to a private deck. Three beds on second level. Top floor master suite features a spa-quality bath, great closets, coffee station and private deck w/ city views. Finished lower level rec space, guest suite & laundry. This home is spectacular!



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Beautiful brick and limestone home with a great transitional feel, right across from Jonquil Park. Amazing south light pours into the living and dining space. The white eat-in chef's kitchen and adjacent great room offer direct access to the great outdoor decks and yard. An awesome atrium like staircase with big skylights brings sun throughout the home. 5,200sf of high quality finishes and fabulous layout, including separate baths for all second floor bedrooms. The spacious master offers dual closets & a huge spa bath. Two top level bedrooms/offices, full bath & two private decks. Two car garage!

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Handle owners' info with great care



PAMELA DITTMER MCKUEN
Community Living

The issue of privacy is getting a lot of exposure these days. Widespread incidents of identity thieves, data breaches and other invasions have everyone feeling self-protective. That sentiment has ignited concerns about how community associations handle the personal information of their owners.

For many, the fuel is the amended Section 19 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act, which covers books and records. The statute previously required associations to provide owner names, addresses and percentages of ownership to owners who stated a proper purpose for requesting the information. The amendments, which became effective Jan. 1, add email addresses and telephone numbers to the list. In addition, owners no longer need a proper purpose, but they cannot use the information commercially.

Chicago lawmakers this spring passed a privacy ordinance that overrides the portion of Section 19 that allows dissemination of owner information unless two-thirds of the membership votes to abide by it. Any owner information should be handled with caution to ensure it does not fall into the wrong hands or incur liability for the association.

Here are some best practices to follow:



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Condominium associations should make sure any owner information they have does not fall into the wrong hands.

Reduce the amount of data collected.

Associations need a certain amount of information about owners and their homes to maintain the property, collect assessments and enforce rules. Keep it to a minimum, said Brian Butler, vice president of property management at FirstService Residential in Chicago.

For example, use a third party such as a bank lockbox to accept assessment payments rather than allow residents to drop off checks in someone's office or mailbox. "The less we can touch the actual check and the information on it, the safer the data is and the lower the risk is for associations and for us," he said.

An association without any intention of exercising its right of first refusal has no need to require prospective buyers to provide credit or income information, said association attorney Charles VanderVennet of Arlington Heights.

If the association is undecided, it cannot use a prospective buyer's credit and income information to evaluate whether to exercise its right of first refusal.

Keep an eye on surveillance.

Cameras and drones are fine investigative tools, but they need to stay in the common areas, and owners should be made aware of their existence.

"Contractors who use drones should have permits to do so, and they should be using them only for the specific purposes for which they were hired,"

said Kara Cermak, senior vice president of learning and development and senior off-site community manager at RealManage LLC in Elgin.

If owners want to install their own surveillance cameras, work with your attorney to draft appropriate rules so as not to infringe on others, she said.

Don't ask and don't talk about health.

When owners in non-pet associations request comfort animals for medical reasons, associations can ask only for documentation from a verifiable medical practitioner that the animal is beneficial, VanderVennet said.

Associations that have knowledge about residents' medical conditions should refrain from providing assistance for or making wellness checks on those who are ill or frail.

"If the association doesn't do its daily check and someone is seriously injured in a fall or has died, you know the association will be on the other end of that lawsuit," he said.

Uphold your fiduciary duty.

Boards should adhere to their governing documents and follow the business judgment rules, said association attorney David Hartwell at Keough & Moody in Naperville and Chicago.

"They don't have to make the perfect decision all the time, but they have to engage the processes and thoughts a businessperson would," he said.

More on property size, surveys and home sales

BY ILYCE GLINK AND SAMUEL J. TAMKIN
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A few weeks ago, a reader asked if he was entitled to extra compensation from a seller because the reader found out that the seller had sold a piece of the property to the city without telling the buyer. The seller sold a lot that was actually half an acre instead of 0.6 of an acre. The city used the slice of property to lay water mains, and then replaced the dirt and sod. In effect, the property looked whole, but in fact was not.

In our answer, we wondered what the buyer had actually bought. Was the property advertised as 0.6 of an acre or a half acre, or was the size of the land never discussed? Had there been a survey? (We guessed not.)

We received a number of responses. The first is from a retired patent attorney researching land records back to the 1850s for a case he is fighting.

"This is in regard to your recent article titled 'Does seller owe buyer for part of land sold to city?' I think he does, although it may be possible to escape responsibility if the sale of the land was properly recorded in the County Recorder of Deeds (also called the County Recorder's Office).

"It is well-established that ownership of real estate is to be established by documents recorded in the Recorder's Office. This often must include the recording of a survey tract, which shows the land involved and even who owns it. ... I have found that individuals can make those searches themselves if they go to the Recorder's Office with a clear description of the land they are interested in. This may provide enough information for the customer to decide if he



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If land size is important to you, a survey will show the outline of the property you are looking to buy.

should buy or not?"

The whole point of recording a sale — even for a tiny strip of land — is to put the world on notice that ownership has changed. Buyers typically go through that process during the purchase of the property if they are buying title insurance for themselves (an owner's policy) or the lender (a lender's policy). It was unclear from the letter we received whether either type of title policy was purchased or if the sale to the city had come up.

We also received another question from a reader.

Q: Why don't you mention checking the survey, which should have been obtained by the buyer when he closed, if not before, to ascertain the legal description for the property he bought? Also wouldn't the title insurance indicate what he purchased?

Another thought is that the seller may have granted an easement to the city.

A: In the letter, it was not clear whether the buyer had obtained title

insurance or a survey for his purchase. In some states, buyers routinely don't get surveys. In these situations, buyers may not see what they are getting when closing on the purchase. The only effective way for this buyer to have known what was included was to look at a survey before closing to see the outline of the property.

From a title insurance point of view, the title company will only insure the legal description given to it. So, if the owner gives the title insurance company the legal description of the parcel without the land given to the city, the new owner only has a right to make a claim against the title company on the land shown on the policy.

As we stated in our previous answer, if you are buying a property and the dimensions of the land are important to you, you better make sure you make that facet part of the purchase and sale agreement.

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Can I prepay my mortgage?

With mortgages being the longest-lasting debt for most Americans, paying that obligation off early is tempting. And if you consistently have money left over after paying bills each month, investing some of that surplus in your mortgage can indeed be a smart move.

But whether it's wise given your particular situation has to start with whether your mortgage allows it. Penalties for prepaying your mortgage were fairly common in the 1990s and early 2000s. They've since fallen mostly out of favor, but some lenders still impose them, especially for subprime mortgages.

So your first smart move before paying anything beyond your monthly obligation is to check your closing documentation or call your lender to find out if any type of prepayment penalty is stipulated. This is also a good question to ask if you're currently considering a new mortgage.

Once you've held a mortgage five years, the chances are high that you're safe from prepayment ramifications. That's because the bulk of prepayment penalties target payoffs during the first two to five years of the loan. Paying off the debt in those early years by selling the home or refinancing can trigger the penalty.

But if you're beyond the five-year marker, or are your using a lump-sum inheritance or other windfall to pay off some, but not all, of your mortgage, most lenders will take no issue with this prepayment. Similarly, adding a little extra to your payment every month or making 13 mortgage payments a year instead of 12 also typically doesn't incur any penalties.

Whether mortgage prepayment makes sense for you depends on a variety of factors we'll address in a future article. But no matter that conclusion, understanding the rules in place on your current mortgage — or a new one you're considering — is a critical move.

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Sales of existing and new homes have been sagging for half a year. Buyers and sellers should not ignore the trend.

Today's market is friendly for buyers

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rates in the mid-3-percent to 4-percent range. Rather than pursuing a move-up or downsizing purchase — requiring a new mortgage at today's rates — many of them prefer to hunker down on the sidelines, further reducing sales activity.

■ Sellers are cutting their list prices. According to research by realty brokerage Redfin, 28.7 percent of prices of homes listed for sale in major markets during the month ending Oct. 14 saw reductions. That's the highest share of homes with price drops recorded since Redfin began tracking this metric in 2010. One of the key reasons for the cuts: Demand by shoppers is down by more than 10 percent compared with a year earlier. Consumer psychology is shifting as well: A national survey by Fannie Mae released last week found that the net share of Americans who believe it's a good time to buy has fallen to just 21 percent, while the net share who say it's a good time to sell is 35 percent.

There are other signs of cooling underway that could be cited, but you get the point. The cycle has moved from seller-advantage to at least mildly pur-

chaser-advantage in many parts of the U.S. Bear in mind, of course, that the cooling trend nationwide may not mean the same things are happening in your neighborhood. In fact, some cities with moderate housing costs are seeing price increases, homes selling above list and tightening inventories. According to Redfin, nearly 40 percent of homes in Buffalo, N.Y., are selling above list at median prices 8.5 percent higher than last year's. In Richmond, Va., 29 percent of homes are selling above list; in Akron, Ohio, 22 percent are selling for more than the original asking price, as are 23.2 percent in Greensboro, N.C.

So what does this mean to you as a potential seller or buyer?

Top of the list: Speak to multiple realty professionals to get a good handle on where your local market is relative to the national cooldown.

If you're a seller, the key to your transaction will be getting your list pricing right. If you're a buyer, take your time but keep in mind: If you shop diligently, this fall could be a smart time to catch a deal — a marked-down price on the house you really want.

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ELITE STREET

Billionaire Ryan pays \$4.4M for condo

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH
Chicago Tribune

Billionaire philanthropist and insurance magnate Patrick G. Ryan, who founded and is the retired chairman of Aon Corp., and his wife, Shirley, on Oct. 31 paid the full \$4.4 million asking price for a three-bedroom, 4,100-square-foot condominium unit on the 62nd floor of the Four Seasons Hotel building on North Michigan Avenue.

Ryan now is chairman and CEO of the insurance holding company that he founded in 2010, Ryan Specialty Group, and he continues to have major influence through his long-time role on the board of trustees of his alma mater, Northwestern University, where both the basketball and football playing fields, Welsh-Ryan Arena and Ryan Field, are named for him.

Longtime residents of a 10-bedroom, 15,166-square-foot mansion in Winnetka, the Ryans now own the Four Seasons condo, which had been listed in September by the estate of Judith Neisser, an art collector and philanthropist who died July 11. Neisser paid \$1.853 million for the condo in 1994 and subsequently undertook a major redesign of the unit, hiring architects Stanley Tigerman and Margaret McCurry. The redesign was showcased in Architectural Digest magazine in 1997.

Features in the unit include 3½ baths, a den, Portuguese limestone floors, ceilings as high as 12 feet tall, and a white and stainless steel eat-in kitchen with Gaggenau, Sub-Zero and Bosch appliances.

Pamela Miles of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices KoenigRubloff, who represented the Ryans, confirmed their purchase but declined to comment further on the transaction.



Patrick Ryan and his wife paid \$4.4 million for a condo on the 62nd floor of the Four Seasons Hotel building.



A six-bedroom vintage house in Hinsdale may be headed for the wrecking ball after selling for \$2.15 million.

The Ryans long have owned another unit on the same floor. Records show that they paid \$1.9 million in 1989 for that unit.

Vintage Colonial revival home in Hinsdale sells for \$2.15 million — and may get torn down: A six-bedroom, 4,357-square-foot vintage Colonial Re-

vival-style house in Hinsdale finally may be headed for the wrecking ball after selling Oct. 5 for \$2.15 million.

Built in 1922, the 13-room house, which is on nearly an acre in southeast Hinsdale, was marketed as a teardown and in the listing agent's remarks was billed as "unsafe to enter."



A six-bedroom Wilmette house was sold by former Landmarks Illinois President Judith Paine McBrien for \$1.1 million.

The house has four full baths and two half-baths.

The house has changed hands numerous times in the past few years, selling for \$2.2 million in 2015 to a limited liability company. It then sold for \$2.1 million in early 2017 to builder Marcin Kawa, who sold it for the same price in early 2018 to a couple.

Now that couple, Bruce and Karen Larson, have sold the house to a land trust, whose beneficiary could not be determined, for \$2.15 million.

Hinsdale officials do not yet have a demolition permit on file for the house.

Bryan Bomba, who represented the buyer, did not respond to a request for

comment. Dawn McKenna, who represented the sellers, declined to comment on the identity of the buyers. She labeled the property "one of the most beautiful pieces of property in town."

"It's an amazing piece of property on an amazing street," she said.

"Pocket Guide to Chicago Architecture" author sells Wilmette home for \$1.1 million: A six-bedroom vintage house in East Wilmette was sold Nov. 8 by architectural historian and former Landmarks Illinois President Judith Paine McBrien and her husband, Vincent, for \$1.1 million.

Judith Paine McBrien is known for co-authoring the W.W. Norton book "Pocket Guide to Chicago Architecture."

Built in 1900, the 2,697-square-foot brick house has 3½ baths, a three-season porch, a grand foyer with glass bi-fold doors, a family room with a fireplace, an eat-in kitchen with stainless steel appliances and granite countertops, a master bedroom with wraparound windows, a large basement, a redwood deck and a two-car garage.

"It was in a great location with a great lot size. The space was incredible," listing agent Frank Capitanini told Elite Street. "It's on a great block in East Wilmette, and it's a lovely local family that has moved in."

Capitanini said the sellers sold the house to downsize.

The house first was listed in July 2017 for \$1.315 million and was reduced to \$1.26 million in May and \$1.185 million in June.

Public records do not yet identify the buyers.

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MLS listings not always a full picture

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Denee Evans, CEO of the Council of Multiple Listing Services, based in Henderson, Nev. She promises a series of upgrades to various MLSes that will boost consumer experience to the next level.

Despite their best efforts to present identical information to everybody all the time, the national portals and local MLS systems acknowledge there are discrepancies.

The MLS systems deliberately hold back some data — mainly data that is intended for agents' use only, such as how to handle a seller's pet during showings, MLS officials say. They also say local brokerages offer listings first, deliberately creating a gap between the time when a listing is technically available and the time that all the data are available nationally.

Because multiple listing services are owned by alliances of local agents, they must try to offer some tools unique to agents, said Rebecca Jensen, CEO of Lisle-based Midwest Real Estate Data (MRED), the MLS system that covers much of northern Illinois. For instance, a new "coming soon" listing signals a house that will soon be formally listed — unless it's sold before it hits the market — and, said Jensen, often is available only through member realty agencies. "There are reasons why homeowners might not want their listing on Zillow or Realtor.com," she said. "Privacy is important to sellers, especially if they're in a luxury segment."

But a spokesperson for Zillow, which offers home valuation estimates along with sale histories and other publicly available data, said that MLSes are required to feed their data immediately to its portals. "We make sure our average refresh time is under 10 minutes, and our average is under five minutes," she said.

And, not to be outdone, the MLSes are working on their own apps and interfaces in an attempt to win back consumer loyalty.

MRED is collaborating with 10 other MLS systems to create a new standard platform. "Consumers will start seeing more competitive applications," Jensen said.

One of those is Homesnap, a Bethesda, Md.-based national portal that "gives brokers and the MLSes a national brand," explains CEO Steve Barnes. Homesnap already includes about 80 percent of the country's listings and gets them from 170 MLSes.

"The national portals are eye candy that have a lot of information, but if you are serious (in your house hunting or selling), you need to be connected with an MLS source that lets you connect in real time with your agent," Barnes said. One feature that will be unique to Homesnap: "before" photos that show how the property looked



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When buying a home, don't rely solely on photos. Ask to see the actual MLS listing sheet, which should provide detailed data.

years ago, making it easier to evaluate improvements and maintenance.

New York entrepreneur Stephen King doesn't think sellers get much for the 5 to 6 percent they pay in realty commissions, which includes marketing their properties through their agent's MLS. He designed a direct-selling model that pivots on blockchain using verified information that speeds transactions and streamlines record-keeping.

MLS officials were skeptical at first, King said, but now seem to be coming around. His success with using his system, IMBEX, to support the sale of new houses from builders to homeowners seems to have turned the tide, he said.

"Now the MLSes are coming back around, and we're talking about how we can apply IMBEX to what they're doing," King said.

How sellers can get key information to buyers

■ The MLS listing form that sellers complete is not necessarily replicated verbatim in the MLS system and, subsequently, on national listing portals. In other words, the data you submit are not necessarily the data that buyers will see. To be sure that buyers

have access to details you think are important — room dimensions, alternative power sources, property amenities, etc. — insist that they are included in the comments section.

■ Most listing platforms showcase photos first and foremost. Pay for professional photos, taken with different lighting conditions and from a variety of angles. You can refresh the listing from this portfolio of photos without paying for a new set of photos. Only include close-up photos if they help tell the story of the heritage or quality of the house; for instance, include close-ups of fine antique woodwork but not of new light fixtures.

■ Double-check survey and technical information so the property's legal status is accurate.

■ Proof the listing carefully before you approve it for publication. Proof again once the listing is posted.

■ Offer buyers a printout with additional detail, such as room dimensions, neighborhood amenities and the current tax assessment. This is information they need to make an informed and fair offer.

■ "More information is better," said Tommy Choi, president of the Chicago Association of Realtors. He recommends reviewing the standard listing sheet in advance to zero in on details that might not

be automatically mentioned. Make the most of the description to point out improvements and to explain benefits that are not visible in photos, such as the layout or quality of materials.

How buyers can read between the lines

■ Enlist a "buyer's agent" who is committed to representing your interests. Unless an agent is specifically contracted to represent you, he or she actually represents the seller's best interests. Contact the National Association of Exclusive Buyer's Agents for more information.

■ Don't rely only on photos, and don't rely on the listings to flag negative information. Ask to see the actual MLS listing sheet (and read the fine print), which is supposed to include nitty-gritty data that can put sunny photos in perspective.

■ Compare the scope and quality of data offered by national portals and local brokerages to detect the one that seems to deliver the information you most need.

■ If you are very interested in buying in a particular town, sign up for news alerts, so you can learn about municipal projects and taxes that might affect the property tax rates and bills for residents.

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It may look like a turtle, but this compact crossover packs a very capable engine. **Page 3**



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Kia transformation

Company known for quirky crossovers tries to morph into premium automaker

BY CASEY WILLIAMS
Chicago Tribune

Kia is known for value-priced cars and quirky crossovers. But the South Korean brand has more luxurious aspirations. Walk into a Kia showroom, and experience the K900 full-size luxury sedan hawked by LeBron James and marketed as “fit for a king”; or check out the surprising Stinger performance sedan aiming to unseat German sport sedan benchmarks; coming soon is the eight-seat Telluride crossover.

This expansion into the realm of premium brands such as Acura, Lincoln and Genesis is a risk worth taking, in Kia’s mind.

“We see this as an opportunity as much as a challenge,” said Michael Cole, chief operating officer at Kia Motors America. “We have demonstrated, particularly with Stinger, that Kia can successfully compete in these higher-end segments by attracting customers from established premium brands.”

Kia’s upward push began with the last-generation Optima, recognized for its smooth design and crafted under former Audi designer Peter Schreyer. It looked very European. The larger front-drive Cadenza faced off with the Toyota Avalon and Buick LaCrosse while preparing the market for even loftier Kias.

But the market might not agree with Kia’s aspirations.

“It is not going to work,” said Laura Ries, president of global branding firm Ries & Ries. “Kia won’t be able to sell very many luxury cars. But even more important, the luxury cars on the showroom floor will hurt the sales of Kia’s inexpensive vehicles.”

Kia has not sold very many luxury cars. According to Automotive News, Kia sold only 12,999 Stingers and 260 K900 sedans through the third quarter of this year. By comparison, Mercedes sold 32,103 E-Class and 10,334 S-Class models, while BMW moved 31,181 5-Series and 6,126 7-Series. Fiat Chrysler sold 59,308 Chargers, a close competitor to the Stinger.

There must be a better plan. Sister company Hyundai provides the perfect case study.

“Kia should look at the history of Hyundai in the American market,” Ries said. “In 1998, Hyundai sold 90,217 vehicles in America. In 2011, Hyundai sold 645,691 vehicles, an increase of 616 percent. If you compare Hyundai annual sales with the overall industry’s annual sales, you will find that Hyundai outperformed the overall



With the 2015 K900, Kia entered the full-size luxury sedan market in the United States. An all-new second generation K900 debuts this fall.



The 2018 Kia Stinger is a performance sportback sedan powered by a 365-horsepower 3.3-L twin turbo V-6 engine and eight-speed transmission in top-of-the-line GT2 trim.

industry in 1999 by 73.3 percent and in every year since then until 2012.”

That’s when Hyundai began introducing the expensive Genesis and Equus models. Except for 2016, Hyundai fell behind the overall industry every year, and even in 2016, Hyundai posted sales only 0.5 percent better than the industry. Hyundai turned its Genesis models into a luxury brand to better differentiate its mainstream models from luxury vehicles.

“It’s a much better strategy,” Ries said. “The most successful brands are the ones that focus on a singular idea. The ultimate driving machine, for example, made BMW the largest selling luxury-vehicle

brand in America. Then they changed their marketing approach to ‘joy’ and lost their leadership to Mercedes. Subaru focused on ‘four-wheel drive’ in 1993, a year they were the 23rd largest-selling brand with 104,179 vehicles in America. Last year, Subaru was the eighth largest-selling brand with 647,956 vehicles.”

Volkswagen offers another apt comparison. The German automaker spared little expense in developing the Phaeton sedan — built a glass showcase factory, shared architecture with Bentley, installed 12-cylinder engines and offered it from about \$70,000. VW sold a scant 2,553 in 2004-05 before pulling it from the U.S. A world-class auto-

mobile failed not because of the machine, but because of its brand.

“Marketing is illogical,” Ries said. “Logic suggests that expanding a line will increase sales. Not so. Expanding a line will cause sales to decline because the brand’s position in the mind will be weakened. But it won’t happen overnight. It takes time to undermine a brand.”

If Kia fails to sell upscale drivers, don’t blame the vehicles. The K900 and Stinger are based on proven Genesis architecture. They can compete without the prestige upcharge associated with luxury brands.

A Porsche Panamera for the working class, the Stinger was designed in Kia’s Frankfurt, Germany,

probably the brand’s new midsize crossover. “This new eight-passenger CUV maintains very close ties to the original concept vehicle from 2016,” Cole said. “Including the Stinger and K900, the Telluride will be a perfect expansion of Kia’s premium line of vehicles.”

Telluride will come standard with advanced driver assistance systems, such as forward crash mitigation, lane keeping, blind spot and rear cross-traffic warning systems. It will also offer an auto load leveling rear suspension, head-up display, 10.25-inch infotainment screen, Nappa leather seats, and heated/ventilated second row seats.

Kia is trying to change the perception that it only builds cheap cars by offering expensive ones. That is quite a stretch in consumers’ minds. But maybe a car like the Stinger could succeed. Then, perhaps the Telluride sells in strong numbers. And, little by little, Kia’s image shifts, the brand is stretched and margins rise.

If Kia achieves that, it will be worth the effort. If not, Kia will become another cautionary tale.

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Study: Driverless cars will spur rolling love dens

BY DANIELLE PAQUETTE
The Washington Post

The rise of driverless cars is expected to displace workers, slash cab fares and give people a new place to have sex. Possibly for money.

That’s according to a new study from the Annals of Tourism Research with the deceptively dry title: “Autonomous vehicles and the future of urban tourism.”

Researchers who study hospitality and technology

in the United Kingdom teamed up this year to explore how advances in automated transportation could reshape tourism around the world.

Co-authors Scott Cohen, a tourism professor at the University of Surrey, and Debbie Hopkins, a transport studies lecturer at the University of Oxford, found that autonomous vehicles have the potential to unleash far more than robot-guided Uber rides.

“It’s only a natural conclusion that sex in auto-

nous vehicles will become a phenomenon,” Cohen told The Washington Post, citing convenience and the lack of front-seat chaperones.

The academics pored over about 150 studies on the future of cars and tried to imagine the technology’s impact on tourism in marquee cities.

Once driverless cars flood the roads — Silicon Valley analysts estimate that day is less than a decade away — futurists predict that traditional taxis

will phase out.

Free of driver costs, companies could invest more in the customer experience.

Interiors may become more spacious. Cabs could come with bedding or perhaps a massage chair, analysts forecast. Passengers might tap an iPad to hear Marvin Gaye.

Enter “hotels-by-the-hour” on wheels, Cohen said — a fleet of rolling love dens.

“It is just a small leap to imagine Amsterdam’s Red



CAITLIN O'HARA/BLOOMBERG

The rise of driverless cars is expected to give people a new place to have sex, according to a new study.

Light District ‘on the move,’” Cohen and Hopkins wrote in their study, to be published in January.

Of course, prostitution — mobile or otherwise — is

illegal everywhere in the United States but a handful of counties in Nevada. Motivated lawbreakers will probably find a way around that, the authors predict.

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The 2019 BMW X4 M40i has the same powertrain as the 2018 X3, but it costs more.

Middle of crossover lineup

BY ROBERT DUFFER
Chicago Tribune

The BMW X4 M40i is a performance crossover that looks like a turtle. At least that's how one prospective customer described the compact crossover. We'll call it dome-shaped. Some people, like the prospective customer, prefer the turtle style. We'll take a proper hatch like the X3 any day.

With the forthcoming X7 three-row crossover, the largest Bimmer, there will be seven BMW crossovers, which is more than any other single automaker, by our count.

And the redesigned 2019 BMW X4 is smack dab in the middle of the lineup. Here's a memory aid: The even-numbered X models are fastbacks (fatback might be better), and the odd-numbered X models have a proper squared off hatch.

The X4 is a good luxury compact crossover, and good is about as good as it gets. The crossover is, by nature, a compromise. The Bavarians do very well at masking that compromise by providing a spacious interior powered by a very capable 360-horsepower inline six-cylinder engine.

The compromise is really only noticeable on a track.

In back-to-back laps in a controlled lead-follow

2019 BMW X4 M40i

Luxury compact crossover

Base price:

\$60,450

As tested: \$68,175 (excluding \$995 destination)

Mpg: 20 city, 27 highway, 23 comb.

Engine: 360-horsepower 3-liter turbo inline six-cylinder

Transmission: 8-speed Steptronic automatic

Competitive rank:

Porsche Macan, Mercedes-AMG GLC43, BMW X3, Alfa Romeo Stelvio, Jaguar E-Pace, **BMW X4**, Audi SQ5.

format, the Alfa Romeo Stelvio Quadrifoglio handled much more like a performance vehicle than the X4 M40i. But the Alfa will likely come with repair bills associated with performance vehicles. Even though the X4 has smoother proportions — it is a tad lower than its first-generation predecessor, as well as 1 1/2 inches wider and 3 inches longer — it still carries on its domed back the burden of the crossover compromise: body roll caused by a higher ride height, regardless of the adaptive suspension.

Most X4 shoppers won't

be tracking the vehicle. But they will be pleased when hammering the throttle. Acceleration out of the 3-liter turbo six gets to 62 mph in just 4.8 seconds, according to BMW. The tester with the M40i performance upgrades, including 20-inch wheels (\$950), never lagged and always responded to throttle punches with an enthusiastic if not artificial growl. Around town, it was very quiet and well behaved, and we did a bit better than the EPA-estimated 23 mpg combined.

The powertrain is the same as in the redesigned 2018 X3 with the same eight-speed automatic transmission. So much is the same that it might be better to compare it to the X3 than to the quicker Porsche Macan or the better-equipped Mercedes-AMG GLC 43.

The X4 M40i is \$5,800 more than the similarly equipped X3. And you get less, in terms of space. X4 is a couple of inches shorter, though it's a bit wider and longer. There is less passenger volume, mostly in the rear seats, and cargo volume drops from 28.7 cubic feet to 18.5 cubic feet. You're paying more for less, so you really should have a strong preference for the design. We don't.

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If high-octane gas doesn't fix spark knock, what will?



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Q: I have a 2015 Chevy Colorado 3.6-liter V-6 with 45,000 miles that is serviced regularly and uses strictly Top Tier regular gas. When accelerating through second and third gears I regularly experience "plug knock," which is very annoying. Recommendations from service professionals of adding octane booster or switching to premium gas have provided no resolution. No system warning lights appear to indicate any operating malfunctions. I could use your expertise and knowledge to help resolve this mystery.

— C.B., Glenview, Ill.

A: What you refer to as plug knock is more accurately called spark knock or ping. It can be due to higher compression than the fuel is designed for. Choosing a higher-octane gasoline often helps. Since you have tried that, we must consider other causes. Carbon buildup on the pistons or cylinder heads is often the cause. Ignition timing that is excessively advanced used to be an issue, but it is now controlled by the engine control module and can't be adjusted. Piston rod knock may cause the noise, but usually not during a given gear change. However, you can disable the spark plugs one by one and if the noise goes away, it is rod knock.

Q: I enjoy your column and tips but have to correct your mention that the air we breathe is "nearly 70 percent nitro-

gen"; actually it is about 78 percent nitrogen, 20.9 percent oxygen, 1 percent argon and the rest carbon dioxide, neon, methane, other inert gases. Again, thanks for the column.

— J.G., Cedar Rapids, Iowa

A: Would you believe that it was simply a typo? I tried to type 80 percent, but I have always had trouble with the number keys. To be even more precise, air contains 78.09 percent nitrogen, 20.95 percent oxygen and traces of other gases like argon and carbon dioxide. Thanks for keeping us honest.

Q: I've got a 2004 Ford Expedition, and recently when I turned the windshield wipers on they flickered then just stopped. I replaced the switch on the column, but still, nothing. Here's where it gets weird: If I push the washer fluid button in while simultaneously pushing the rear windshield wiper button for a second at a time, the wipers will inch forward with each push of the rear wiper. What's wrong?

— M.D., Spencer, Mass.

A: Did somebody put the rear wipers on the front? (Sorry, I couldn't resist.) It sounds like an electrical problem and could be a bad ground somewhere. Activating the rear wipers may allow the electrical current to find a weak ground through the

rear circuit. This will be a fun challenge for a professional tech.

Q: I have a 2015 Dodge Challenger RT with a 5.7-liter Hemi and a six-speed manual transmission. It has not been started in 11 months. I want to know if there is any way to crank the engine to get the oil circulating to the bearings without it starting. Back in the old days you could just pull the coil wire and crank but not sure about now.

— L.M., Mundelein, Ill.

A: Chances are, your engine is fine. When it was shut down, all of the passages and galleys had oil in them. You could simply start the engine. Avoid revving it, though. The perfect alternative is to obtain an engine pre-lube tank and follow the manufacturer's instructions. One word of warning: You will be introducing oil into the engine, so make sure the same amount has been previously drained. Better yet, drain and replace half of the oil and let the pre-luber fill the rest.

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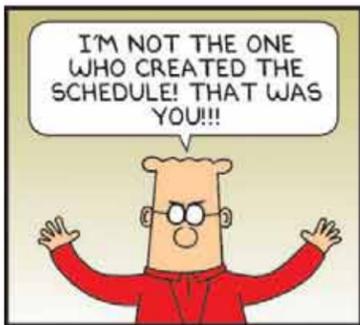
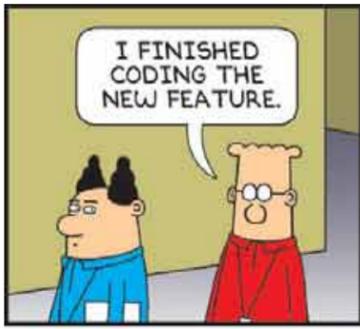
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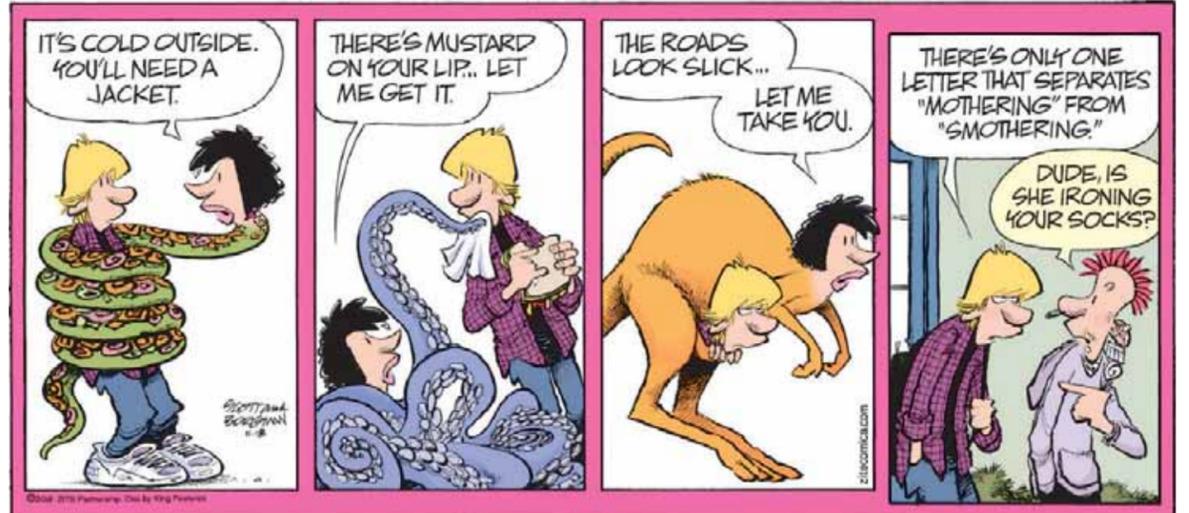
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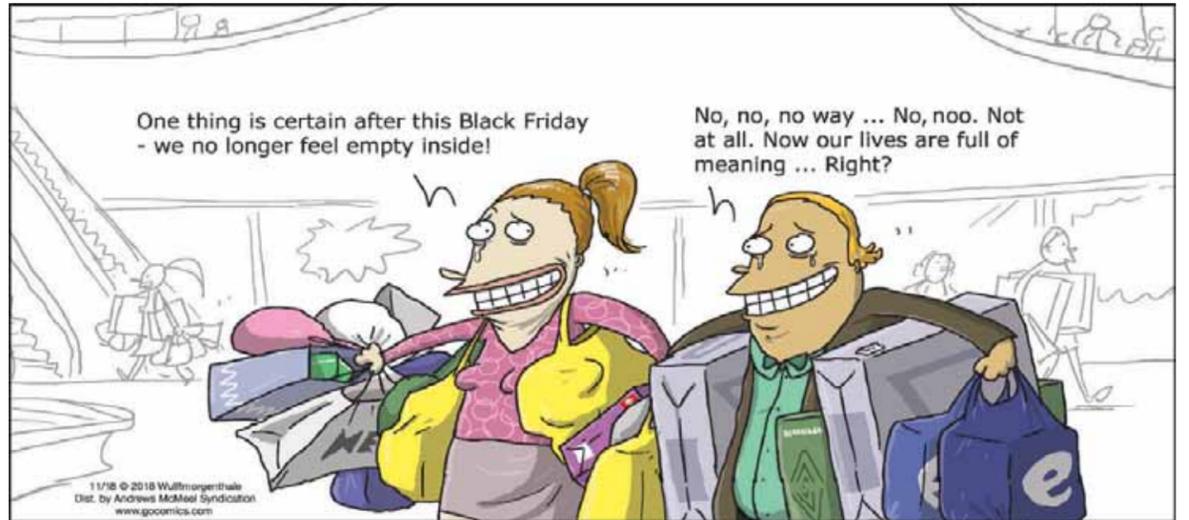
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Week 11: Axe to Grind



FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

By Lynn Johnston

Elizabeth, what are you doing with all that cereal?

These boxes only got a little tiny bit in them...

SO, I'M PUTTING EVERYTHING THAT'S LEFT INTO ONE BOX!

WELL, IT'S A GREAT IDEA, EXCEPT FOR ONE THING...

YEAH... WHO WOULD EVER EAT THIS MESS?

GRUNCH...

SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE

MISTER BOFFO

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NON SEQUITUR

by Wiley

Take It From the Tinkersons

By Bill Bettwy

THAT THANKSGIVING DINNER WAS AWESOME.

YEAH IT WAS!

AND NOW IT'S TIME FOR SOME FOOTBALL!

WHO'S PLAYING?

I'M NOT SURE.

ISN'T IT KINDA BORING IF IT ISN'T YOUR TEAM PLAYING?

OR IS THAT THE POINT?

ZZZZ

Nebbish

THE POWER OF SUGGESTION HAS BEEN REVEALED. A MYSTERIOUS YOUNG WOMAN, GENJI, MANIPULATES THE POWER OF THE INNOCENT MUTE SERVANT TO ESCAPE DOOK MANOR, KNOWING HIS GIFT WOULD BE USED FOR EVIL BY UNSCRUPULOUS MEN IN POWER

FOCUS, SILENT ONE... WE CAN'T LET THEM CATCH YOU

BUT THE MAGICAL MANIFESTATIONS ONLY LAST AS LONG AS HIS ATTENTION SPAN

REMEMBER YOUR LESSONS... FOCUS... BE PRESENT

GENJI

THEY'RE HERE... BE STILL... JUST BE...

NOT WHAT I MEANT, BUT IT'LL DO

NEXT WEEK: A COLD COMFORT ESCAPE

FoxTrot

By Bill Amend

DAD SAYS I CAN HAVE A DRUMSTICK ON THANKSGIVING.

OKAY.

DAD SAYS I CAN HAVE A DRUMSTICK ON THANKSGIVING.

FINE BY ME.

DAD SAYS I CAN HAVE A DRUMSTICK ON THANKSGIVING.

UM...

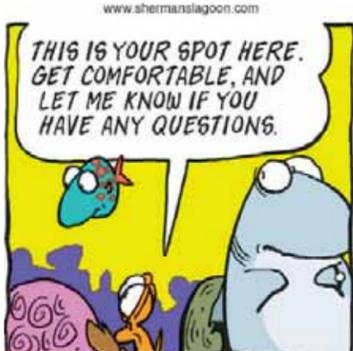
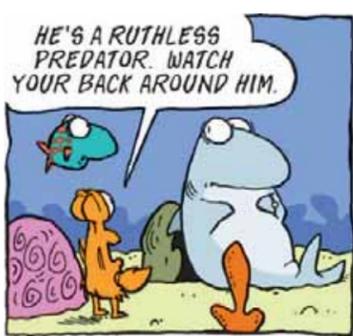
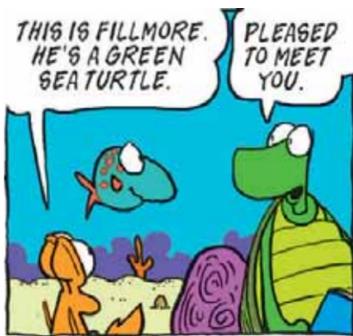
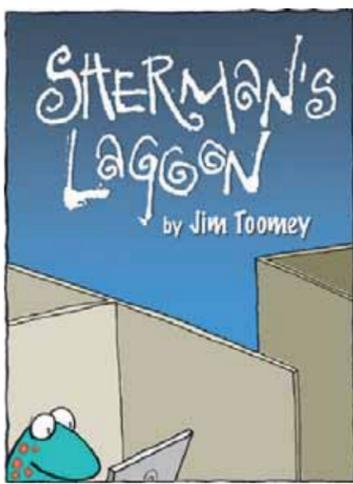
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I'LL EAT ANY LEFT-OVERS! I PROMISE!

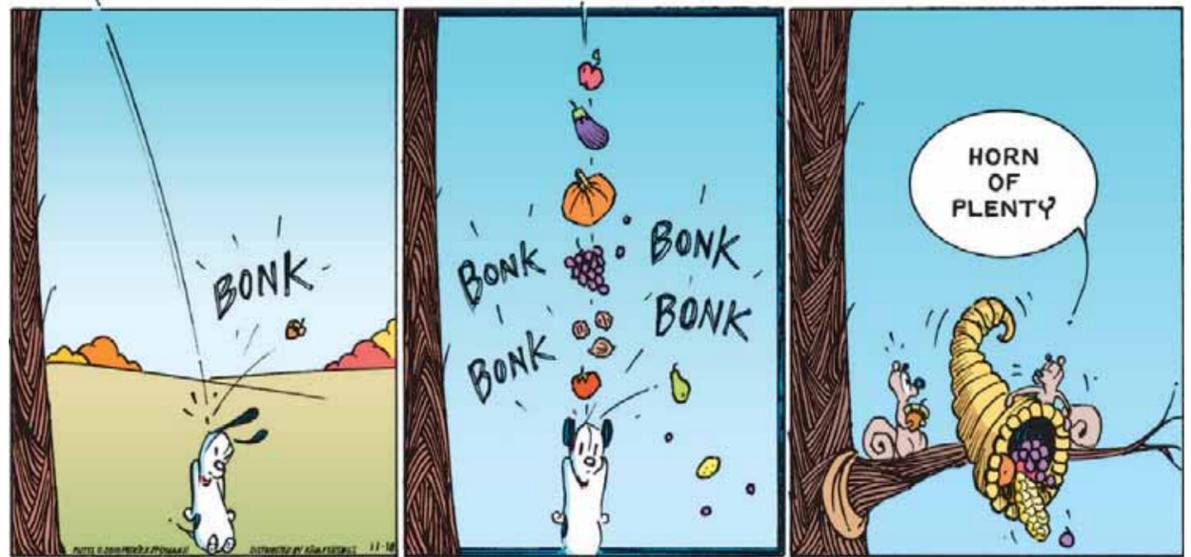
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By Mick and Mason Mastroianni

HEY! HOW 'BOUT I TAKE YOU TO DINNER?



Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



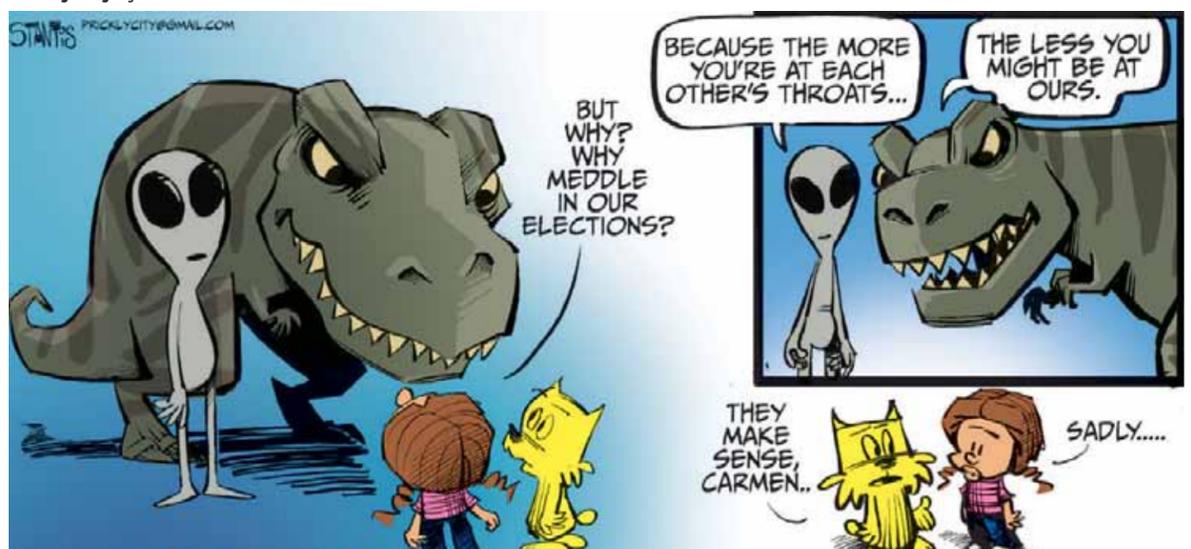
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**DAMON
WAYANS
JR. STEPS
OUT OF HIS
FATHER'S
SHADOW**

Wayans Jr. steps out of his father's shadow

BY YVONNE VILLARREAL
Los Angeles Times

As a young stand-up performer starting out, Damon Wayans Jr. used a stage name — Kyle Green — in an attempt to carve out an identity all his own from under the shadow of his funnyman father, Damon Sr. — not to mention his uncles (Keenen Ivory, Shawn, Marlon) and aunt (Kim).

Or course, his resemblance gave him away — more about that later — but Wayans Jr., now 35, is standing on his own just fine these days.

For the second year in a row, the “Happy Endings” and “New Girl” alum topped The Hollywood Reporter’s list of most in-demand pilot season actors.

He currently stars in the CBS multicamera comedy “Happy Together.” The sitcom, which premiered in October, revolves around a pop star (Felix Mallard, “Neighbours”) who seeks refuge from the trappings of fame by moving in with his accountant, Jake, played by Wayans Jr., and Jake’s wife, Claire, played by “The Carmichael Show’s” Amber Stevens West. The series is loosely based on the time One Direction’s Harry Styles lived with “The Late Late Show With James Corden” executive producer Ben Winston. (Winston also serves as an executive

producer on “Happy Together.”)

The following is an edited transcript of the conversation.

Q: You’ve been the most in-demand actor during TV pilot season in recent years. What do you think when you hear that?

A: I think it’s ridiculous, in a good way. I’m thankful. I know this is a hard grind, so I’m just appreciative of whatever opportunities are put in front of me. I started realizing the demand when I started getting sent a bunch of scripts that were like, “You say yes to this, it’s a go.” Or, “This is a go anyways.” So, yeah, that was really cool, I got to read a lot of scripts.

(“Happy Together”) is my first multicam. I’ve never acted in front of a live audience.

Q: What’s been your experience with heckling during your stand-up days?

A: I used to go onstage under the name Kyle Green because I wanted to stand on my own, especially since I have the same name as my dad. I wanted to get my own footing, I wanted to feel good doing stand-up ... but because I looked so much like him, people would just yell in the middle of my act, “You Damon Wayan’s son!” I’d be like, “Oh my goodness.” “You look just like Damon



After regular roles in “Happy Endings” and “New Girl,” Damon Wayans Jr. now stars in the CBS comedy “Happy Together.”

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Wayans.” Another time, when my dad started taking me on the road with him — I would open for him — we were in Boston and I was walking to the mike and the minute I grabbed it, I heard someone go, “You better be funny.” And there were thousands of people there. It was intimidating.

Q: Was joining the family business of comedy something you felt destined to do?

A: I wanted to be an animator growing up. I’ve been drawing since I was 2. I went to art college for a year and dropped out be-

cause it was too many academics. There were 18 units and barely any of that was art. I love anime. I love cartoons like “Looney Tunes” and Tex Avery, everything. I love animation, but I wound up falling in love with writing. I remember my first gig in the industry as a writer was punch-up writing, where you stay on the sidelines on a sitcom and, between scenes, you pitch alternate jokes. “My Wife and Kids” was my first punch-up gig and I was really good at it. And that just got the wheels turning. I started writing and I started doing stand-up.

Q: As a kid, did you feel like your family was different? Do you remember being on the set of “In Living Color” and knowing this wasn’t where other kids went when they went to see their parents at work?

A: When we went to Disneyland, that’s when we knew like, “Oh, man, this dude.” We’d forget how famous he was at the time until we got to places and then the fans would swarm. And that was back when there were autographs and stuff, so he’d be signing random napkins and stuff. So we knew he was famous, that was just our life so we

didn’t know any different. And all the brothers and my aunt Kim were famous too, so it was just normal.

I was maybe 8 when “In Living Color” started. I would go sometimes to the set. I remember being in love with the Fly Girls. I remember going in their room and being shy. I remember Jennifer Lopez, this girl named Lisa (Marie Todd) and Rosie Perez. She used to watch me when I was over there. I used to hang out with her all the time. And Jim Carrey used to always be at my house. Him and my dad were close, they did stand-up together.

How to pack light and love it



ELLEN WARREN

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: I'm going on a long-planned three-week vacation trip abroad, and I am not a good packer. I always haul around a huge suitcase and regret it. This time I am *determined* to pack only what will fit in a suitcase I can carry on and stow on the plane.

I'm tired of worrying how I'm going to manage my luggage at the airport and even more tired of worrying that the airline will lose my suitcase. Since I'm going to five different countries, if the suitcase doesn't make it to my destination, I know it will never catch up with me, which will wreck my holiday as I scramble to buy the basics and fight with the airline about paying for them.

If you think I am paranoid, I'm not. Too many times, a trip has been ruined by the airline losing my luggage.

— *Never Again*

Dear Never Again:

Hooray for your determination to change the way you pack. I know from experience that it's not easy to pare down to the basics, but it sure makes travel easier.

At the recommendation of a frequent traveler friend, I recently bought some packing cubes, and they've made a huge difference. These are pliable cloth (and often mesh) zip bags that help you organize your belongings and eliminate the need to paw through your entire suitcase when looking for that other sock.



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Traveling light takes organization but will help you lose your fear that an airline will lose your luggage.

They also let you squish down your belongings and more easily find empty spaces to stow more stuff. I bought Amazon Basics cubes (amazon.com, set of four \$19.99 and up). I've found the most useful are the medium and large. (Buy one cube just for your dirty laundry.)

Beware that non-U.S. airlines have a wide array of maximum size and weight carry-on rules, and you could wind up having to check your suitcase anyhow.

But there's some good news on the lost luggage front. I'll grant you that it is maddening to pay money to check your luggage and then have the airline lose it.

But U.S. Transportation Department statistics show a steady decline of lost baggage over the past 10 years from 4.32 reports of lost luggage per 1,000 passengers in 2007 to 2.8 per 1,000 passengers in 2017. Happy travels!

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: I feel as if the only pants I wear are my black jeans. Is it OK to wear just one pair of pants? And, if not, any suggestions on what I should be wearing?

— *Derek C.*

Dear Derek: If those jeans are working for you, stick with a winner and keep wearing them — although I'd urge you to buy a second

pair of the same pants, so you can rotate them. Maybe buy two more pairs, since it's been my experience that once you find something you really love, it's discontinued.

As to the question you didn't ask: Are people talking behind your back, as in, "Derek wears the same pants every day! Do you think he ever washes them?" The answer is no, they're not. A while back, as a test for a column I was writing, I wore the same pair of gray pants to work for 10 straight days, and nobody noticed. Nobody. If you do what I did — change what I wore on top — nobody will be the wiser about those pants.

Dear Answer Angel: I don't like to iron. And one reason is that I cannot get the ironing board to close, so I just leave it up as an eyesore in my small apartment. The cheap, cheesy metal closing lever is frustrating and never seems to work. Why are we still using 1890s "technology" on ironing boards anyhow? Doesn't anyone make a decent ironing board that collapses easily? It's clear I have lots of company with this complaint. There are hundreds of people online who are looking for an alternative to throwing their new boards away. Why is this industry still in the dark ages?

— *Peeved Paula S.*

Dear Paula: Boy do I agree. Ironing boards typically are made so cheaply that the levers bend, fall out or freeze up. There are at least 10 YouTube videos on how to fix this problem, but they're nearly impossible to follow.

One of them is hysterical, as Mr. Fixit, Darwin Reyes, actually cuts his pinkie finger and bleeds on the board as his wife or female partner laughs off camera and points out the blood for the video audience. After a few false starts, Darwin finally gets it closed. "So we just leave it closed now," the wife sagely concludes.

So, is there a better ironing board? Does anyone have experience with a well-constructed board? I've tried the mini ones that you set up on a table or kitchen counter, but they are too small for my needs. Maybe the magnetic pad you put atop your washer-dryer is the answer?

Thewirecutter.com does extensive testing and is usually reliable for choosing your best options. Its top choices: Brabantia B (amazon.com, about \$185, user comment says it's easy to open and close); Minky Hot Spot, (amazon.com, \$51.42, one buyer complained about the open-close mechanism); Homz Durabilt Premium Steel Top (walmart.com, \$77.25, advertises that "a large release lever and whisper-glide technology make opening and closing the board a breeze," but one user complained of it sticking in the open position). Hey readers, as a public service, tell me if you've found the ideal board that doesn't cost a fortune.

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answer angelellen@gmail.com.

Some great alternatives to straws

BY DEBBIE CARLSON
Chicago Tribune

Using a disposable plastic straw these days is about as cool as choosing a BlackBerry for your smartphone. You just wouldn't do it.

Drinking from a disposable plastic straw is becoming so last century as people realize these mini tubes are harming ocean life and clogging up our waterways.

According to Chicago's Shedd Aquarium, which is pushing to reduce straw use with its #SheddTheStraw campaign, straws don't biodegrade and are nearly impossible to recycle, so it's likely every straw ever used still exists. Nearly 19 billion pounds of plastic end up in the ocean annually. Each day Americans, alone, use and toss 500 million straws — roughly the same weight as 1,000 cars.

Many restaurants and cities have pushed to ban straws. Starbucks recently committed to going nearly straw-free by 2020 and now uses sippy cup-type lids.

The cities of Malibu, Calif., and Seattle banned plastic straw use. New York City and Hawaii are considering ditching the disposable straw too. It's not just a U.S. thing, either. Vancouver no longer allows straw use, and Europe is considering forgoing disposable plastic straws.

Plastic straw alternatives range from make-at-home ice straws to Swzle, which makes an eco-friendly straw with its own carrying case, to Tiffany & Co., which has reimagined the flexible straw in sterling silver for its Everyday Objects collection.

If you're looking for ways to be a smarter sipper, we've rounded up the best plastic straw alternatives.

Debbie Carlson is a freelance writer.



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The natural choice: Looking to switch to reusable straws? This bamboo starter pack has two 8-inch, two 10-inch, two wide boba straws for bubble tea, two 6-inch cocktail straws and a cleaning brush, all made of bamboo. Volunteers with the group StrawFree make the straws in Southern California from organic bamboo plants. StrawFree says proceeds go to education and outreach about the impact of plastic pollution. Set of eight straws, \$20. strawfree.org

Have straw, will travel: Swzle is a reusable, stainless-steel, BPA-free and dishwasher-safe straw that comes with a cleaning brush and carrying case. Each case has a magnetic closure and holds two straws and a cleaner. Set of two, \$19.99, swzle.com



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Go wild: Fun for kids (or the kid in all of us), these safari-themed paper straws might remind you why you're trying to go green anyway. Best for cold drinks. Four different animal themes in a set of 12, \$3.99, kikkerland.com

High meets low: Tiffany's Everyday Objects crazy straw in sterling silver, \$250, and Everyday Objects paper cup in bone china, \$95 for a set of two. tiffany.com



TIFFANY & CO.

Chill out: Have your straw perform double-duty with these ice straws from Barbuzzo. The set comes with six reusable straw molds and a specially designed ice tray. Just add water and freeze. \$8.46, amazon.com

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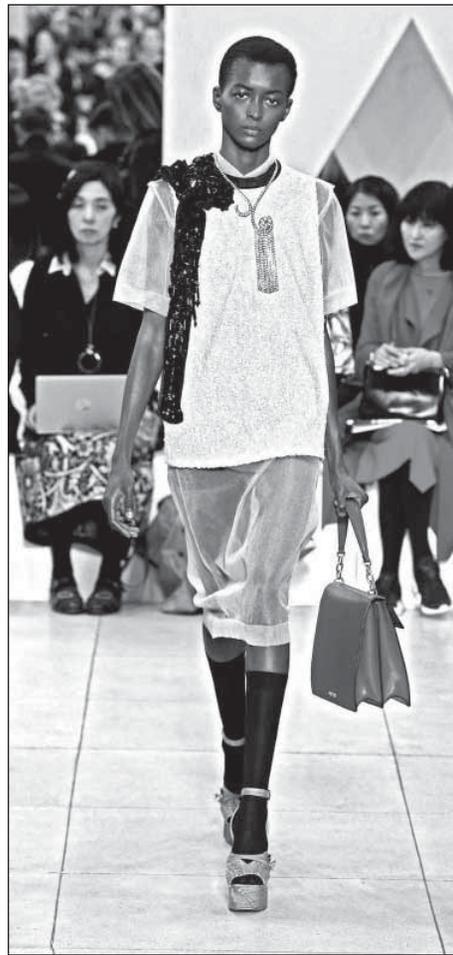


HUMMINGBIRD STRAWS

See what you sip: Hummingbird Straws makes several varieties of glass straws, including these, adorned with colorful dots at the bend. The straws are made of shatter-resistant borosilicate glass and can be used with very cold or very hot drinks. Nine inches tall, they come with a cleaning brush. Dishwasher safe. Set of four, \$25, hummingbirdstraws.com



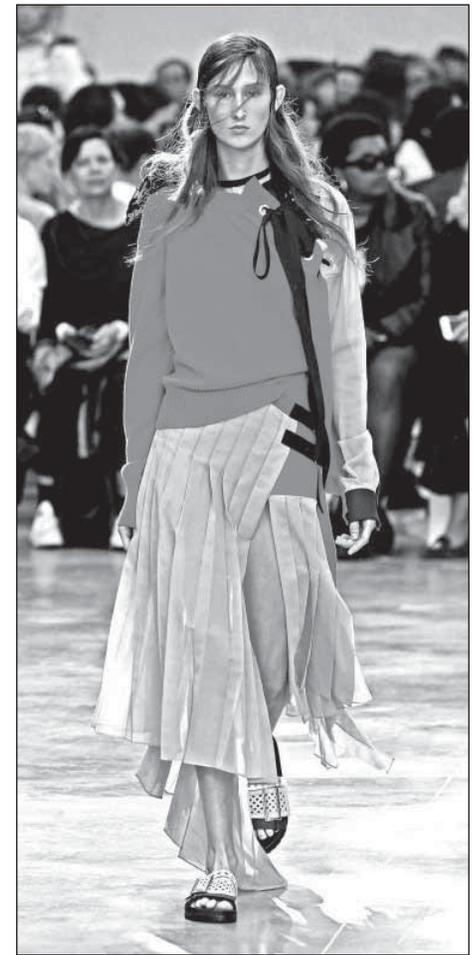
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Wanted: Designers who respect women

BY ROBIN GIVHAN

The Washington Post

A single brand captivated the fashion industry during the spring 2019 runway shows. The frustrated and angry argument was ostensibly about clothes. But in truth, it was sparked by the same triggers that have consumed the broader culture.

On the surface, the story of Celine centered on the brand's transformation under a new male designer from sophisticated, thoughtful restraint to louche, puerile ostentation. But dig for a bit and you see the fashion world debating women's power and agency versus that of the men who would define them.

By the time the shows came to a close, most every collection had been viewed with a few key questions in mind: Are these clothes in service to women? Do these frocks make sense in the life of a woman — not a girl, not an adolescent, but a woman with responsibilities and daily demands? Do these clothes elevate her, or do they

threaten to make her look foolish?

This season, there's little willingness on the part of casual observers or passionate fans to forgive designers who get lost in their own imagination. There's no patience for trussed or hobbling clothes. No patience for shows that send a homogenous parade of wasted-youth models down the runway.

What have designers got for a woman who takes her style seriously but also has work to do and a life to live?

For spring 2019, women can turn to Valentino's Pierpaolo Piccioli for elegant sportswear and eveningwear that will take their breath away. Dries van Noten cast an artful eye on sportswear; Hermes exudes straightforward luxury, and Sacai's Chitose Abe is ever more avant-garde in her trompe l'oeil approach to design.

For those with a more fanciful nature, consider the bedazzled tops and denim skirts at Miu Miu. Imagine wearing Miuccia Prada sheer skirts — but with a lining.

The fashion industry deserves women's anger. But fortunately, all is not lost.

The much-discussed Celine was founded in 1945, but the industry paid it scant attention until designer Phoebe Philo arrived in 2008. She transformed it into a minimalist brand of easy but sophisticated sportswear that captured the loyalty of women who believed that Philo alone communicated with them in a manner that wasn't condescending or bullying.

Last week, Philo's successor Hedi Slimane debuted with a collection that celebrated youth, night prowling, puffy babydoll dresses and debauchery. There was beautiful tailoring in his collection too. But it was overshadowed by the cloud of rage emanating from scorned lovers of Philo's Celine.

There has never been this kind of mourning over a design house's change of creative directors. The closest was, perhaps, when Alber Elbaz was dismissed from Lanvin. Both Elbaz and Philo were acclaimed for their focus on clothes that overtly celebrated the modern woman in all of her facets. It didn't matter if one was

drawn to their aesthetics or if one could afford it. It was their mission statement that mattered. They were there to help, to serve, to uplift.

Their aesthetic trickled down to a mass audience. Elbaz bequeathed the hoi polloi the revived glory of costume jewelry. Big chunky faux jewels that tied around the neck with a grosgrain ribbon can be found everywhere from J. Crew to a Saturday street market. And Philo? Her clean, refined lines can be seen at more affordable brands such as Everlane and COS.

The designers who show their collections on the runway work in a rarefied environment and serve a niche market. But what they do dictates the direction in which the industry will go.

The anger that sprang up in fashion this season was sparked by something relatively trivial. Designers move on. Brands evolve. But it spoke to a much bigger issue, which is that women will be heard. The question going forward is how many designers are ready and willing to listen.

Living with your first credit card's limit

BY CLAIRE TSOSIE
NerdWallet

The thrill of getting approved for your first credit card might wear off — at least a little — when you see the news punctuating that congratulatory message: Your new credit limit is lower than you expected.

So the mental math begins. Can you shop for groceries for a full month without flying too close to your limit of, say, \$500? Is it even possible to pay for a plane ticket? If the answer is a resounding “no,” it’s time to hash out a new game plan.

Instead of trying to use your credit card for everyday purchases, focus on establishing a history of on-time payments and responsible borrowing. The positive history you build now could pay off in the years ahead.

Pay on time and in full

As a first-time credit card applicant, your credit history up until now might be a whole lot of nothing. So it’s not surprising that issuers might start you out with a low limit.

Banks are “just being careful because they don’t know who you are,” says Naeem Siddiqi, an author of books on credit scoring and the director of credit scoring and decisioning at SAS, a company that provides major banks with analytics software for making credit decisions.

The remedy: Use your credit card to build a positive credit history by making it a priority to pay every credit card bill on time and in full.

That could improve your chances of getting an automatic limit increase later on. Banks typically re-evaluate your account every nine to 12 months, looking at factors such as scores, payments, the percentage of available credit you’re using and how long you’ve been a customer, and may increase your limit at that point, Siddiqi says.

Missing payments or paying only the minimum, meanwhile, could thwart your progress



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Missing credit card payments or paying only the minimum could thwart your progress toward establishing a positive credit history.

toward establishing a positive credit history — and cause you to rack up interest charges and penalty fees.

“Typically, banks would be hesitant to give you a limit increase if all you’re doing is paying the minimum and missing payments — especially if your balance is near your limit,” Siddiqi says.

Keep balances low

For some, getting a low limit is a rude surprise, like finding out you got a C on a test you thought you aced. For others, it’s expected.

Say, for example, you applied for a secured credit card, or a card backed by a security deposit. With such cards, your limit is typically equal to the deposit. If

you put down a \$200 deposit, for example, you would get a \$200 limit.

No matter how you got a low credit limit, it’s now up to you to manage it. In part, that means keeping your balances low. Using too much of your available credit — which is easy to do with a low limit — can drive up your credit utilization ratio, or the percentage of available credit you’re using, and sink your credit scores in a hurry.

To keep your scores healthy, a rule of thumb is to use no more than 30 percent of your credit card’s limit at all times. On a card with a \$200 limit, for example, that would mean keeping your balance below \$60. The less of your limit you use, the better. Here’s how you can keep your balance low:

Make multiple payments each month. Your credit utilization ratio is based on what your balances are when your issuer reports them to the credit bureaus each month. Suppose you spend \$80 on groceries on your card, putting you closer to your \$200 limit. If you pay that card off right after you make the purchase, instead of waiting for the bill, you could lower your balance before your issuer reports to the bureaus.

Borrow sparingly. Keep in mind that you can build a good credit history simply by charging a pack of gum or cup of coffee each month to your credit card and paying it off in full and on time.

Don’t be afraid to ask

A low credit limit isn’t a life

sentence. If your limit hasn’t been automatically increased after several months of responsible borrowing, try a more direct approach: Ask for a higher limit.

“It’s just like going to your boss and asking for a raise. If you’ve not been doing well, your boss is going to say no,” Siddiqi says. But if you’ve been paying on time and borrowing responsibly for months, or if your income recently increased, your chances of getting approved for an increase are better.

Requesting a limit increase, which can trigger a hard pull on your credit report, may cause your credit scores to drop by a few points in the short term. But if it helps you unlock a higher limit — and all the flexibility and benefits related — it could be worthwhile.

Musician creates music on the road

BY JAE-HA KIM
Tribune Content Agency

Musician/producer Lay is celebrating his recent 27th birthday with the release of his latest solo album, "NAMANANA." Born Yixing Zhang in Hunan, China, the EXO star recorded each song, including his self-produced single, "Give Me a Chance" — in both English and Mandarin. A workaholic who says he's happiest when he's busy, he made his solo United States festival debut this past summer at Lollapalooza. "I'm like a machine (that) never rests," says Lay, who collaborated with artists such as Bazzi on his album. "Even in my free time, I am pretty much always making music, composing and producing ... and maybe enjoying some food. It sounds a bit boring, but I hope to make the most of my time to improve, enhance my skills and achieve higher success."

An edited version of our conversation follows.

Q: Out of all the U.S. cities, how did you end up choosing Chicago?

A: It was Alan Walker who invited me to Lollapalooza. I got the chance to perform (my) song "Sheep" with him. Chicago was very impressive. I got to try deep-dish pizza. It had a lot of cheese and I love cheese. I thought it was delicious.

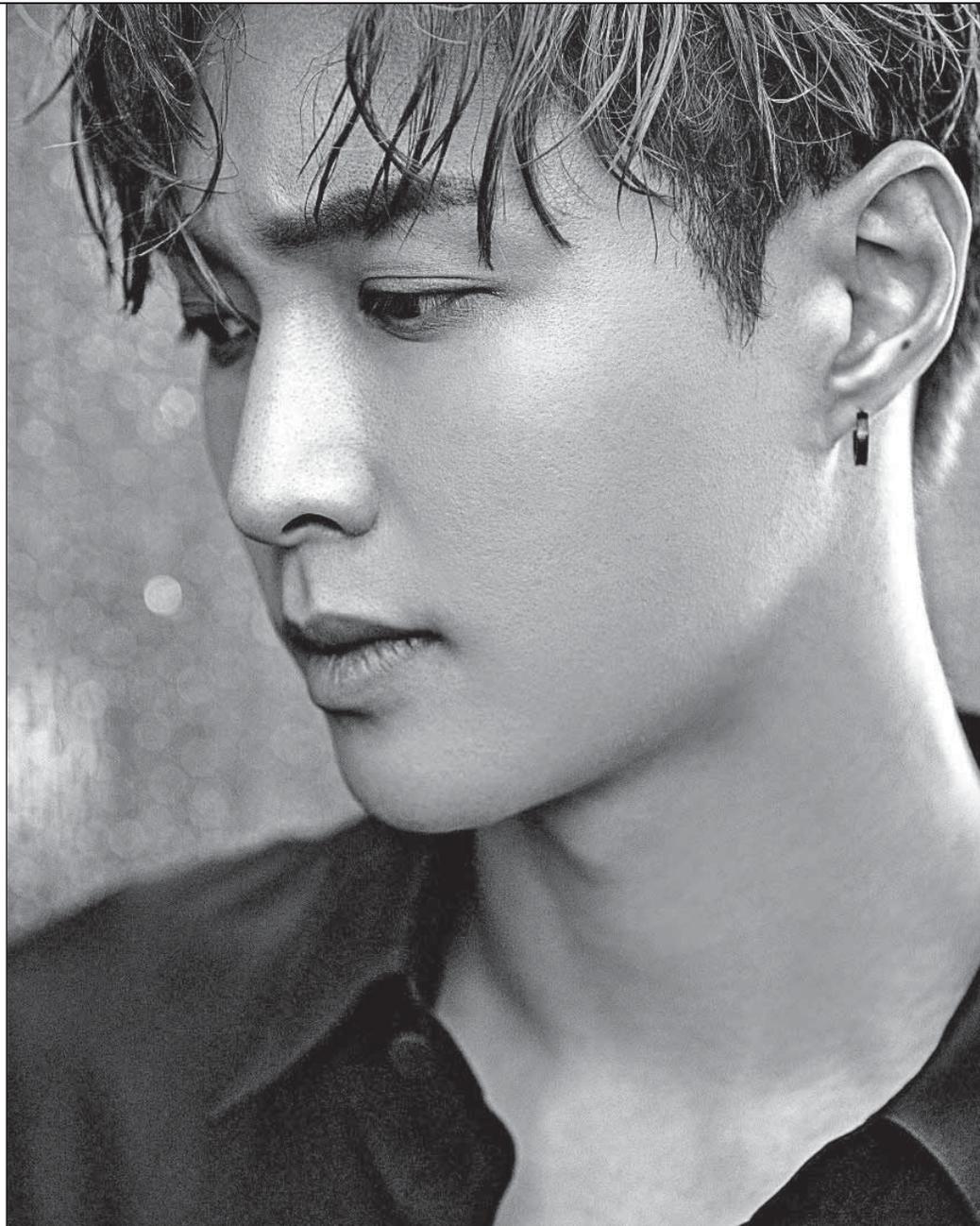
Q: How comfortable are you creating new music when you're on the road?

A: "NAMANANA" was made in hotels. For me, I can't really make a trip that's mainly for tourist purposes, as I usually have a very tight work schedule. So the way I gather inspiration when I produce music is that I will sit in a studio and then make a lot of beats.

Q: What do you remember about the first trip you took as a child?

A: I don't remember where I went for my first trip, but I remember I felt excited and nervous about the flight. I felt a bit worried about the turbulence and it made me feel dizzy. I remember convincing myself that without technology, or without those developed transportation means, we would not be able to travel. So the plane must be designed very safe for people to travel. I had to just keep reminding myself of that!

Q: Many Americans have traveled to Beijing, but they don't know about provinces like Hunan. What are some things people should know about



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Life in Hunan is more relaxed compared to other parts in China. People don't have that much stress.

Hunan?

A: Hunan is a beautiful place. It's my hometown. I have some American friends studying there. It's a great place with delicious and traditional foods. Life in Hunan is more relaxed compared to other parts in China. People don't have that much stress.

Q: When was the first time you traveled to the United States?

A: Before visiting the U.S., I always thought it was very big and it turned out to be quite what I imagined. I visited the U.S. for the first time when I was 21 years old. It's beautiful and peaceful.

Q: Many of your fans travel to different cities and countries to watch you perform. If you had the time to go anywhere, who would you want to see perform in concert?

A: I feel grateful for those who travel far to see me perform live and give me support. That makes me feel very warm. I really hope I get to see some top musicians' concerts like Justin Timberlake, Beyonce and The Weeknd. I have heard they all put on great performances.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

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- 23. Baseball Hall of Famer
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- 29. Tokyo shopping district
- 32. Adorable
- 33. Fine violins
- 34. Annapolis grad
- 35. Queen of Olympus
- 36. Human visceral organ: prefix
- 37. Service club member
- 38. French sculptor
- 39. Math subj.
- 40. Clay, now
- 41. Edible grain
- 42. Congratulatory cries
- 43. West London area
- 45. French marshal
- 46. Scarf
- 47. Palm tree
- 48. Blunder
- 49. King Priam's city
- 50. Hawaiian food
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- 3. New York musicians' hangout
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- 25. Descend
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- 27. Relating to the heart chamber
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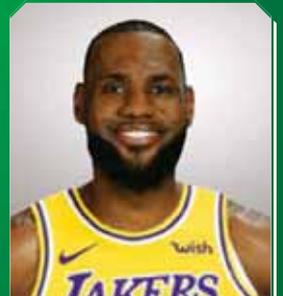
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BACK IN THE RING

Oscar-winning **Sylvester Stallone**, 72, returns in the iconic role of Rocky Balboa in *Creed II* (Nov. 21). Rocky trains newly crowned champion Adonis Creed (**Michael B. Jordan**) to get into the ring with Viktor Drago (Florian Munteanu), the son of Rocky's archrival Ivan Drago (Dolph Lundgren). Here are five facts about the native New Yorker who, in junior high, was voted "most likely to end up in the electric chair."



1 Stallone was so broke before *Rocky*, he appeared in the softcore porn feature *The Party at Kitty and Stud's*, which was later released as *Italian Stallion*.

He became the third man in history to receive Oscar nominations for Best Original Screenplay and Best Actor for the same movie (*Rocky*), after **Charlie Chaplin** and **Orson Welles**.



3 He turned down the part of John McClane in *Die Hard*, which went to **Bruce Willis**.



4 Stallone did all of his own singing in *Rhinestone*, which he starred in with **Dolly Parton** in 1984.

Stallone oil paints and considers Leonardo da Vinci to be his hero. His first exhibition was held in Switzerland in 2011.



Riding With Viggo

Viggo Mortensen is getting Oscar buzz for his role as a chauffeur hired to drive an acclaimed black pianist (**Mahershala Ali**) on a concert tour through the Deep South in the movie *Green Book* (in theaters now). The film takes its title from the '60s travel guide to safe motoring for African-Americans during the Jim Crow era. "Road movies give you an opportunity to put characters together that normally wouldn't [be]," says Mortensen, 60. "Interesting things can and will happen."



Little Drummer Girl Drums Up Intrigue

Big Little Lies actor **Alexander Skarsgård**, 42, plays Becker, a mysterious stranger who meets aspiring actress Charlie (**Florence Pugh**) in Greece and draws her into a web of espionage in *The Little Drummer Girl*, the new AMC miniseries (Nov. 19). "Working with Alex was a dream," says Pugh, 22. "It was cool to have someone of that caliber who wanted to be just as silly and as goofy as me."



Walter Scott Asks

Kurt Russell

The *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2*, *Overboard* and *Hateful Eight* star, 67, plays Santa Claus in the Netflix holiday adventure *The Christmas Chronicles* (Nov. 22). It's the story of siblings whose Christmas Eve plan to catch St. Nick on camera takes a surprising turn.

What makes Santa special? He's a great character. He's 1,700 years old and still in the zeitgeist. This is not just a movie for kids any more than *Harry Potter* was.

Is this a modern take on Santa? I'm not playing him as a jolly old elf. He's a real person. If you're not in bed when Santa comes around, that's not a good thing. You've got a 14-year-old kid that's gone past the point of believing in Santa Claus. He's in a very rough period in his life. His father has died, and he is suddenly faced with the reality that this man is not a myth—he exists.



What are your Christmas traditions with partner Goldie Hawn? The night before Christmas, we generally are in Colorado on a ranch. All the kids are there; it's a family moment. We get the tree trimmed, we have Christmas dinner, we have a fire in the fireplace, and then we pick someone new each year to read "'Twas the Night Before Christmas."

How proud are you of your kids? I'm really proud. I have one son [Boston Russell] who's in the process of getting his therapist license. Then Kate Hudson, Oliver Hudson and Wyatt Russell are all actors and doing very well, and Kate has businesses outside of that now as well.

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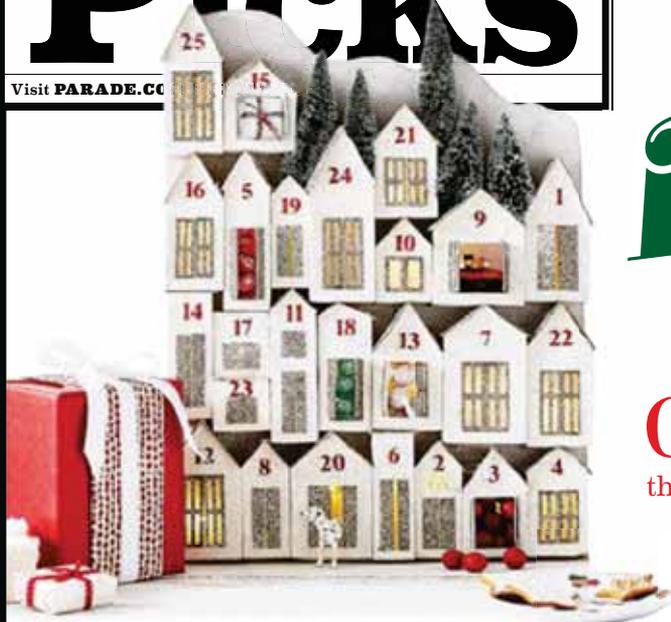


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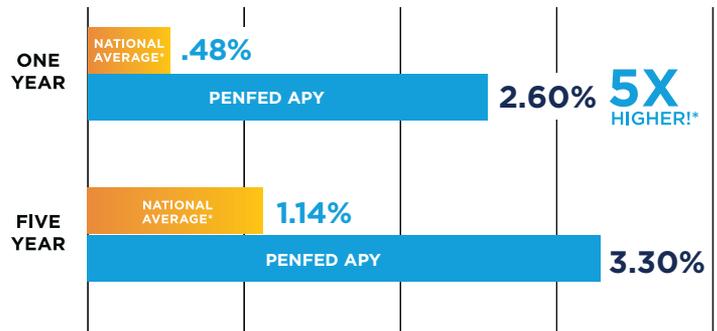
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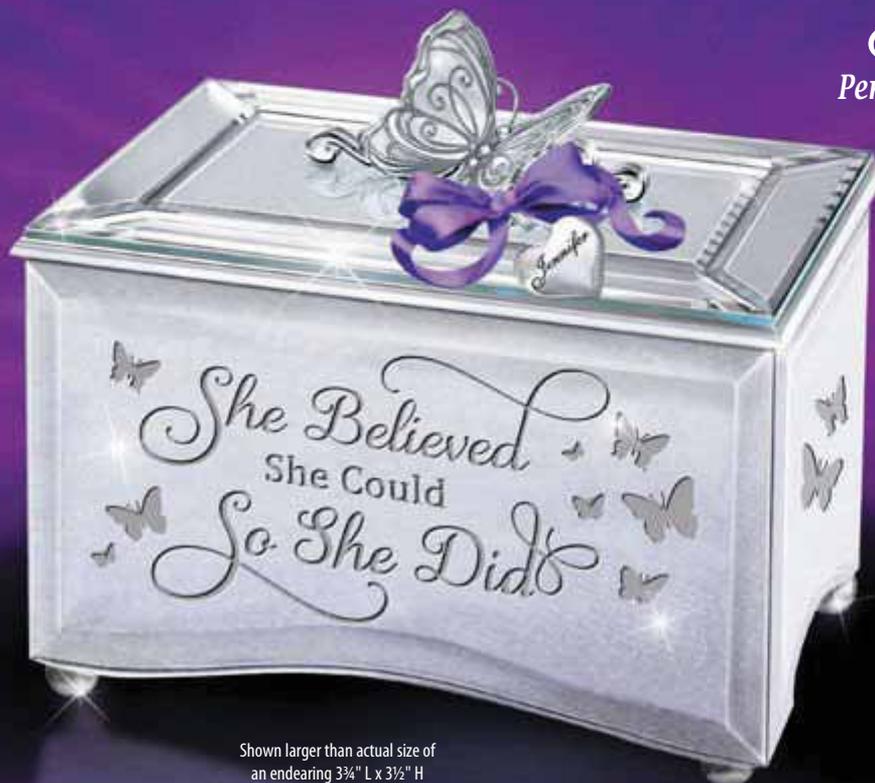
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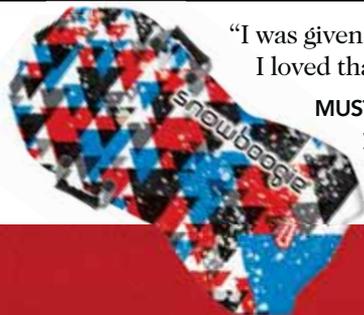


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—Bill Pullman, 64, *The Sinner*



MUST-HAVE: Shred the snow-covered slopes of your backyard winter wonderland perched atop the **Snowboogie Snow Slider**, a durable foam sled with handle. For ages 6+. **\$50, wham-o.com**



“When I was a kid I really loved Rajah, the stuffed tiger from *Aladdin*.”

—Constance Wu, 36, *Crazy Rich Asians*

“My aunt got me a giant stuffed ape (bigger than me!) called Isabella. She was so big she had to ride home in the front seat for eight hours.”

—Iain Armitage, 10, *Young Sheldon and Big Little Lies*



“My favorite gift? A Tony the Tiger drum set. I still have the bass drum; it’s in my music room.”

—John Stamos, 55, *Fuller House and sometime player with the Beach Boys*



MUST-HAVE: Blast the tunes like Uncle Jesse. The **Victrola 2-Speed Record Player With Bluetooth Speakers** will keep the music moving in 21st-century style. Have mercy! **\$90, bedbathandbeyond.com**



“I got a bright blue Toot-a-Loop radio (that you could wear as a bracelet). They were very popular in the ’70s. They were big and clunky and really fun.”

—Laura Linney, 54, *Ozark*

MUST-HAVES: Blast your tunes from your wrist (or purse or backpack) with the compact **JBL Clip 3 Bluetooth speaker**. Waterproof, on a carabiner and in colors to die for. **\$60, jbl.com**. Or, have charge will travel (your phone battery need never die again!) with the pretty metallic **Mark & Graham Charging Bracelet. \$149, markandgraham.com**



“Walt Disney used to send these huge, monster boxes every Christmas, filled with every Disney toy. You’d go into a kind of coma because it was just such a joyous thing to open all of the stuff.”

—Candice Bergen, 72, *Murphy Brown*

MUST-HAVE: Kick it with Mickey in the happiest shoes on Earth. New **Disney x Vans Sneakers** were created to celebrate the mighty mouse’s 90th birthday on Nov. 18. **\$70, vans.com**



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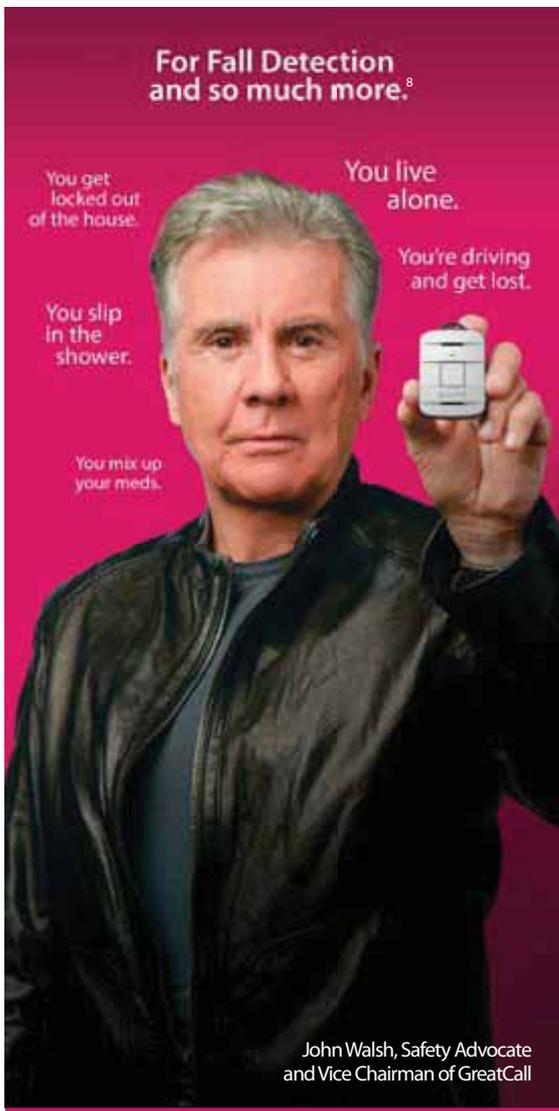
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"My bicycle. If you had a bike, you had some freedom."

—Nancy McKeon, 52, Dancing With the Stars

MUST-HAVE: Spin class devotees and exercise fanatics will love the convenient—albeit pricey—**Flywheel Fly On Demand** stationary bicycle, which was created by a co-founder of SoulCycle, Ruth Zukerman, to bring favorite workout classes into your home via streaming. **\$1,699 plus \$39/month subscription, flywheelsports.com**



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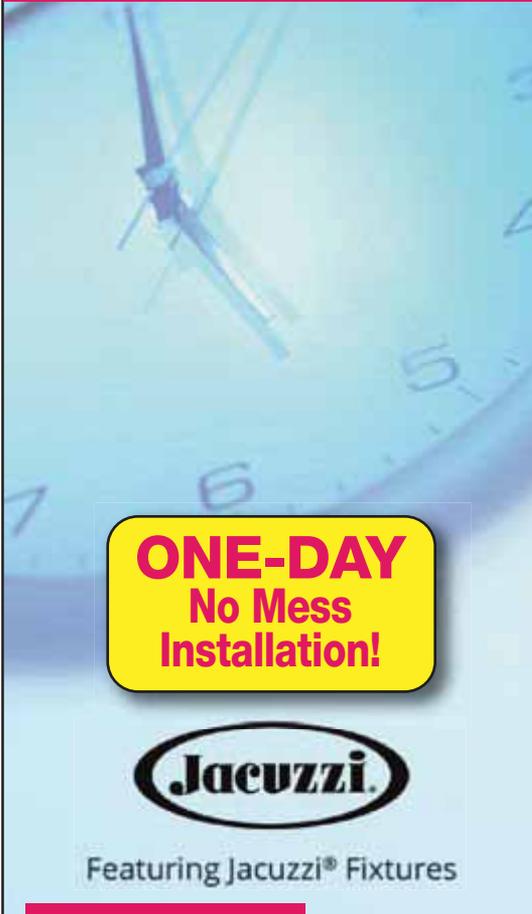


MUST-HAVES: Already have a beloved canine? Make sure he looks the part this holiday season with a **Merry & Bright Holiday Plaid Tie Collar Slide**. **\$5, petsmart.com**. Not ready for the real deal? **Zoomer Playful Pup** walks, shakes and performs tricks—all to the tune of your (or your kid's) familiar voice. **\$100, barnesandnoble.com**



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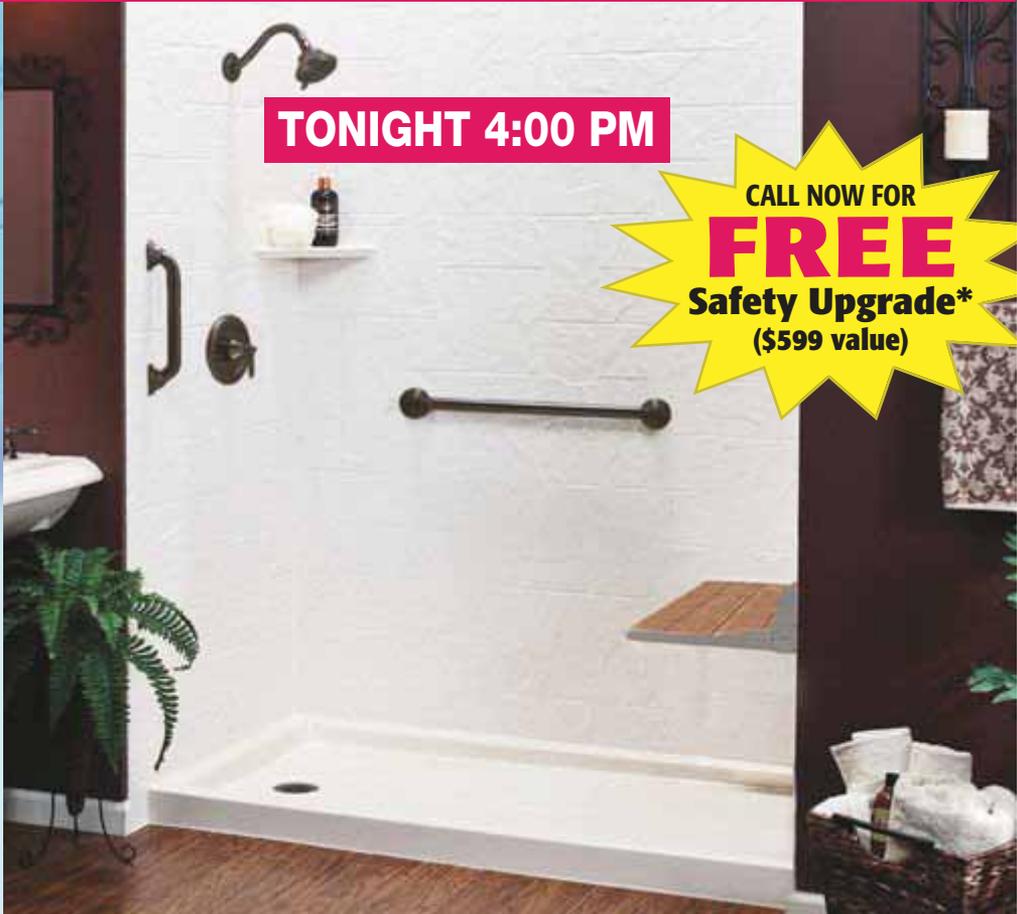
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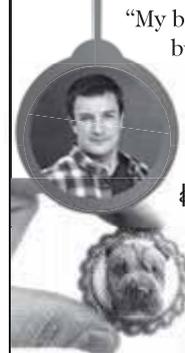
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—Nathan Fillion, 47, The Rookie

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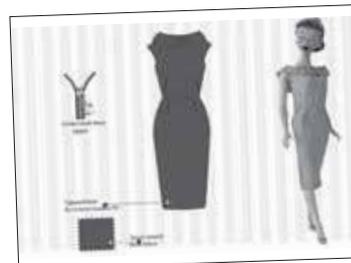
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—Ellie Kemper, 38, The Office,

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