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Julie Koors, left, and her daughter Abby volunteer Wednesday at a food packing event in Downers Grove for Feed My Starving Children.

To raise generous kids, ask what they are thankful for

Parents should model gratitude, talk about the topic year-round, experts say

BY KATE THAYER | Chicago Tribune

While Thanksgiving dinner often prompts parents to ask their children what they're thankful for, experts say making that inquiry year-round and modeling gratitude could be the keys to raising generous kids.

"Children just need adults in their lives to talk to them about what they're thankful for," said Lan Nguyen Chaplin, an associate marketing professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago, who was part of a team of

researchers who studied adolescents, gratitude and materialism. And being aware of their own good fortune helps.

Chaplin and her team found that adolescents who kept a daily gratitude journal were more

likely to donate money. Participants in the study, published in August in *The Journal of Positive Psychology*, were divided into two groups. One group of adolescents kept a daily journal and recorded what they were thankful for, while another group wrote about their daily activities. Researchers then gave all the adolescents \$10 in dollar bills and told them they could keep the money, or donate part or all of it.

The researchers found that the adolescents who kept a gratitude journal were more generous than the control group, donating more than two thirds of

their money, while those in the control group donated less than half.

Chaplin said the broader conclusion of the study is that when adolescents identify what they are thankful for, they're more aware of their good fortune and more likely to be generous. And while keeping a journal is one way for children to think about and express gratitude, it's not the only way.

"The big takeaway is, it's not even so much that it's the journaling, but that kids are ready to tell you who and what

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Report: Girl was choked at hospital

DCFS probes claim child hurt by staff at Chicago Lakeshore

BY CHRISTY GUTOWSKI
 Chicago Tribune

More troubling reports emerged this week concerning the safety of young patients at an Uptown psychiatric facility even as child welfare officials scramble to find new placements for children in state care who remain hospitalized there.

On Monday, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services launched its 19th hotline investigation this year involving Chicago Lakeshore Hospital — and its third in recent days — after a 9-year-old child reported that a staff member had choked her.

The incident allegedly happened Thursday while the staff member restrained the girl, who was said to be provoking other patients, according to DCFS. The foster child was admitted to the hospital Sept. 25 and was due to be discharged about two weeks ago but remained stuck there without another appropriate placement, records reviewed by the Tribune show.

DCFS officials said they spoke to the girl Friday during one of the agency's regular visits, but she did not disclose any issues and had no bruises or other visible injuries.

In addition, a 17-year-old boy was still missing Wednesday after he ran away from child welfare staff Monday in an alleyway outside the hospital, DCFS officials said. The agency was planning to take him to a downstate residential treatment center.

Admitted to the hospital

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Comics' laughter, love great medicine

Second City leaders facing daughter's cancer with help



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

At first, Nora Leonard, 16, called her cancer "Jim."
 "When we found out it was cancer, it hadn't really hit me yet," she said. "But I knew I didn't like that word. So I said, 'Can we call it Jim?'"

It was the end of August, shortly before the start of Nora's sophomore year at the Chicago Waldorf School. She was experiencing severe back pain.



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Nora Leonard, 16, second from left, was diagnosed with cancer in August. Her parents, Anne Libera and Kelly Leonard, and brother, Nick, hope to spend Thanksgiving together.

Her doctor thought she might have pulled a muscle playing volleyball.

She and her family went on vacation. The pain continued. Regular bouts of nausea started to set in. She and her family returned home. The pain continued.

"I was about to head out of town to give an interactive keynote, ironically, around improvisation for

caregivers at the Cleveland Clinic," said Kelly Leonard, Nora's dad. "And I get a call from Nora. She's just in tears. 'I can't take the pain anymore.'"

Doctors at Illinois Masonic Medical Center determined that Nora's liver was enlarged and sent her to Lurie Children's Hospital. She was diagnosed with liver cancer, which had started to

spread to her lungs. She spent the next 25 days in the hospital.

Leonard and his wife, Anne Libera, Nora's mom, are longtime creative executives at The Second City, Chicago's improv comedy club and training ground. Leonard is currently the executive director of insights and applied

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Soldier Field starts to win turf war over sod

Complaints over playing surface fade after a switch

BY PATRICK M. O'CONNELL
 Chicago Tribune

Weather and field conditions for the Bears' Thanksgiving game with the Lions on Thursday morning are pre-determined: The game will be played on artificial turf within the climate-controlled confines of Ford Field, a domed stadium in downtown Detroit.

Back in Chicago, where complaints about the Soldier Field grass have at times rivaled bellyaching about quarterback play, the state of the sod appears to be improving along with the

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The Bears listed QB Mitch Trubisky

as doubtful, but haven't ruled him out officially. Chase Daniel is preparing to make his first start in nearly four years. **Chicago Sports**

team that plays on it. Through six home games this season, the Bears have a 5-1 record on a Kentucky bluegrass surface that has been devoid of the much-ballyhooed problems of the past.

Six years ago, after the Bears lost to the Houston

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Chief justice rebukes president

Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts defended the federal judiciary in the wake of President Donald Trump's criticism of an "Obama judge." **Nation & World**, Page 13

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Mr. Thanksgiving Advice Man says jellied cranberry sauce is merely Jell-O.



JOHN KASS

Tips: How to prepare a turkey with your tongue

Mr. Thanksgiving Advice Man is here ready to help with sage advice for all your Thanksgiving needs.

Mr. Thanksgiving Advice Man, if you were hosting Thanksgiving dinner and invited President Donald Trump, CNN's Jim Acosta and Mayor Rahm Emanuel, would you seat them all together or put them at the kiddie table? — Tom Palmen

I'd sit the politicians outside, on the back stoop, and tell them to keep their dang thumbs out of the delicious Mrs. Grass onion-soup dip. But never invite journalists. They'll drink all the booze.

Is it OK to get half in the bag before your lazy-ass relatives show up, just so the day goes by easier? — Bob Traz

No half-measures on Thanksgiving. Go full bag.

How long should one microwave a 20-pound turkey to kill the salmonella? — Debra Kruger

About 20 seconds sounds right. Then remove the turkey from the microwave, place it on a platter and lick it dry. Yes, the whole turkey, with your tongue.

What method do you use to candy your yams? — Lisa Podraza-Rodriguez

Betty tells me I should not even try answering this one.

At what point during the turkey meal do we begin discussing politics, mindful of the fact that I wish to stay long enough for dessert? — Donna Stith Slocumb

Immediately. Before removing your coat, loudly demand your host/hostess provide you with a big glass of fine whiskey. Gulp it down. Then another. Then ask in a loud voice if we should get rid of the "Electoral College" to "make things fair." Enjoy.

When my uncle shows up with his prosthetic eye that says "Make America Great Again" (where the pupil should be) and flashes it at my liberal stepsister, do I ask him to put his eye patch back on or do I tell her not to discuss politics? — Tim Perry

Don't you dare censor your guests.

You're not Twitter or Facebook, Tim Perry! Instead, once the turkey is sliced, hold your razor-sharp carving knife and announce that it is now "the Jim Acosta talking stick." Then drop it on the table. Let God decide.

I agree with throwing the Jell-O out, but my husband loves it! Should Jell-O be thrown in the garbage or at the first relative who starts discussing politics at the Thanksgiving table? — Sara Greco

When offered a serving of Jell-O, the proper response is, "This crap is made of dead animal hides and bones!" Then throw it at the person who made that horrid stuff. Make sure to get some in their hair.

Is the pea catapult or the individual pea slingshot a more effective Thanksgiving Day weapon? — Joseph J. Hantsch

We've tested these in our Mr. Thanksgiving Advice Man Test Kitchen™. The individual pea slingshot (a large rubber band) offers the best odds of pea "splattage," or "boinkage," on your in-laws' foreheads (depending on firmness of pea). You might also try the sweet potato medieval trebuchet. But beware lest you strike your hostess.

Mr. Thanksgiving Advice Man, cranberry sauce: jellied or whole (cranberries)? The savages I have at Thanksgiving always clamor for the canned jelly kind with the unmarred ridges. — Jennifer Baty

It's Jell-O. Tell the savages to shut up.

Separate kids table, yes or no? — Bob Boren

Are the children part of the family, or are they mere accessories for photos? If possible, one big table. If not, then everybody gathers together for pie and coffee to tell old family stories so the kids will hear. And turn off the TV. Deal?

How do I tell my wife I hate when she uses the cooking bags because the meat is usually dry? Can I suggest a brine? She's been doing this for 38 years, so I'm a little nervous. — Raymond Morgan

You've said nothing for 38 years? It's too late now, Ray. Too late.

Green bean casserole, or frozen beans? — Jeanne Volmer

If you must ask, go frozen, but really frozen. Saw frozen packages of beans into chunks, and let them gnaw the frozen chunks. Call it "Jeanne's Green Bean Sorbet." Drizzle with lemon and extra virgin olive oil.

Mr. Thanksgiving Advice Man, is using a samurai katana too much or should I use my Marine K-Bar to carve the bird? — David Addison

If it can lop heads, it can cut turkey.

I am feeding four adults and three teens; will 3 quarts of homemade gravy be enough? — Melinda Abney Kaiser

Is this a philosophical question, Melinda? There is never enough gravy. Never.

Stuffing, in the bird or out or both? I was invited to a Scottish house and they added oats. — Marty Lippeth

The Scots are fine people. But only a wacko would eat "in-bird" stuffing. Would you lick raw turkey to cleanse it of salmonella? C'mon, Marty.

How do you feel about folks who buy "lesser name" liquor but present them in "top-shelf" bottles for guests? Should they be given automatic entry into the Chicago mayoral race, or should they be drawn and quartered in Millennium Park? — Brian Kuhn

Drawn and quartered. Then let them run for mayor.

I have a question. Do you make a plate for Zeus? — Brian K. Newhouse

I love Zeus the Wonder Dog. But holiday food is too rich for his tastes. He prefers freshly killed rabbit, raw.

Finally, Mr. Thanksgiving Advice Man asks that you don't stab one another with the "Jim Acosta Talking Stick." Happy Thanksgiving.

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Being thankful for a missed sister

On this day, memories of family are what's filling

When I was a little girl, I always looked forward to Thanksgiving because it meant that my older sister would come home and bring her college friends.

I didn't know Patricia all that well when I was growing up. Three years after I was born, Tricia, as my little brother and I called her, went off to Fort Valley State College, a historically black school set among the peach orchards in the heart of Georgia, 85 miles away. As adults, though, we became close friends.

She was the eldest of Annie Ruth and Isaac Glanton's four children, and the first in our large, extended family in Hogansville, Ga., to attend a four-year college. She started what for the rest of us eventually became the norm.

For much of my childhood, Tricia was a mysterious figure who drifted into our lives during the summer and on holidays, and left again. A French major, she taught my brother and me to say *bonjour* and *au revoir* almost as soon as we could talk and to sing "Frere Jacques," which my mother often commanded us to perform in front of guests.

By the time I reached first grade, I was living vicariously through her college yearbooks, dreaming of someday being crowned peach blossom queen as she had and having lots of stylish friends like hers.

I would spend hours looking at those yearbooks and memorizing names and faces. When she brought friends home, I would already know almost everything there was to know about their college lives — the clubs they were in, whether they had been on the homecoming court and the year they would graduate. The yearbooks revealed it all.

As a youngster who had never traveled much farther than my aunt's house in Atlanta, I was in awe of these young women. I adored their perfectly coiffed hair, their red lipstick, their white gloves and their store-bought dresses.

I don't know what 20-year-old college women talked about in the early 1960s. My guess is that much of it was about parties and dating — things that were foreign to a little girl like me. But I would sit at their feet, taking in every word.

When they left the house, I'd ramble through their suitcases, spreading their jewelry, blouses and nylons onto the bedroom floor. I'd walk around the house in their high-heeled shoes. And once I took a



DAHLEEN GLANTON

brooch.

I knew it was wrong, but it had just been so tempting lying there among so many beautiful things that belonged to my sister's friend. It was mine for only a short time — until my mother discovered it and made me put it back.

At the time, there were only two bedrooms in our small home. I have no idea where everyone slept when the entire family was there, much less when there was company. What I remember, though, is my mother's excitement, which nearly rivaled mine. My mother loved when company came to visit. This was her moment to shine.

The preparation for their visit began days before my father got off work at the Uniroyal factory the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and drove three hours in his used Chevrolet Bel Air to Peach County, Ga., to pick them up.

My mother learned everything she knew about entertaining from Mrs. Broom, the wealthy white lady she once worked for uptown. Mrs. Broom taught her how to properly set a table and how to prepare dainty dishes that seemed too pretty to eat.

My mother was an excellent cook, but she had trouble with her cornbread dressing on Thanksgiving. It seemed perfect to us at the time, but it was, in fact, dry and much too salty. Her sister-in-law, my Aunt Louisa, held the prize for the family's best dressing. It was creamy and flavorful, but she died without passing along the recipes.

My cousins have been competing with each other for years to replicate her dressing, but so far no one has succeeded.

Nobody, though, could match my mother's layered lemon cheesecake, chocolate poundcake and peppermint ice. Those desserts were reserved for special occasions — Thanksgiving, Christmas and when the pastor came to dinner — and were served on her finest dishes.

A few days before Thanksgiving, she would take the mahogany chest holding her sterling silverware down from atop the refrigerator where it had sat gathering dust since the year before. Using a white rag, vinegar and baking soda, she'd meticulously shine each piece until it glistened.

We didn't have a formal dining room, so the kitchen table that we ate at everyday underwent a transformation. It was covered with a handed-down white linen tablecloth, which offset the china plates she had purchased with S&H Green



FAMILY PHOTO

Patricia Glanton, seen during a visit home in the 1960s, made an impression on her sibling.

Stamps and the frosted glasses with gold rims and matching chipped water pitcher Mrs. Broom had given to her rather than throw away.

I have the tablecloth, the chest and silverware, as well as the china and crystal glasses now. They are packed away in boxes and stored in my building's basement. "One day," I always say to myself, "I'm going to pull them out and set my own table." But I never do.

I also have my mother's old cookbooks, but not the ones with the desserts I loved as a child. I suspect that she never wrote the recipes down. Perhaps she even made them up as she went along.

I didn't inherit my mother's zeal for cooking or her knack for entertaining. But every year around this time, I think about how Thanksgiving used to bring her so much joy before she developed Alzheimer's. She died in 2003 at the age of 84.

This time of year, I think about our Thanksgiving guests, my father's old Chevy and that brooch I tried to steal. And I remember my sister, who died too soon in 1995.

And on Thanksgiving Day, I thank them for the wonderful memories.

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Mercy Hospital gunman fired 40 shots

Juan Lopez carried 'multiple magazines' for his handgun

BY JEREMY GORNER
Chicago Tribune

The gunman who killed a Chicago police officer, an emergency room doctor and a pharmacist during this week's shooting at Mercy Hospital & Medical Center fired about 40 shots before dying in a shootout with a SWAT officer, authorities disclosed Wednesday.

Juan Lopez was carrying "multiple magazines" for his 9 mm Glock 17 handgun during the Monday afternoon shooting, said police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi. He first killed his ex-fiancee, Dr. Tamara O'Neal, outside the hospital before going into the building where he fatally shot pharmacist Dayna Less and police Officer Samuel Jimenez, who had less than two years on the job.

The only gunfire from police during the roughly 20-minute confrontation came from an officer on a responding SWAT team, who fired four or five shots with a carbine rifle, striking Lopez in the abdomen, Guglielmi said. Lopez, 32, was hit by the officer's gunfire, then shot himself in the head, officials said.

About 40 bullet casings from Lopez's Glock were scattered throughout the crime scene, Guglielmi said.

The shooting spurred a massive response from police and dispatchers to the chaotic scene. For a time, police did not know how many shooters there were or whether a gunman had fled. The SWAT officer's team arrived to the hospital within two or three minutes of the shooting because they were already in the area, Guglielmi said.

"They were swift. They were precise. Unfortunately, we wish we could have



Chicago police hold candles during a vigil in Chicago on Wednesday in memory of victims of the attack at Mercy Hospital.

saved everybody's life," he said of the Police Department's efforts. "But we feel that having those officers there and their training really helped."

Shortly before Monday afternoon's shooting Jimenez was with his partner doing a relatively routine errand: going on a mail run to another police station, Guglielmi said.

But when they first saw numerous police vehicles heading to the Near South Side hospital, they followed despite not initially knowing what the emergency call was about. That's because of the officers, assigned to the Wentworth patrol district, were tuned to a radio frequency that made no mention of the shooting at Mercy, Guglielmi said.

Lopez ran into the hospi-

tal, where Less and another person were getting off an elevator. The gunman shot and killed Less, 24.

Lopez then left the hospital but went back inside as officers, including Jimenez, gave chase, Guglielmi said. Inside the hospital, Lopez was at one end of a hallway and police at the other end. Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson has described Lopez as "kind of playing peekaboo with the officers, firing the gun in the hallway."

Jimenez was then shot in the neck by Lopez before the SWAT officer shot him in the abdomen. Authorities said Lopez legally purchased the Glock 17 handgun in 2012 at Shore Galleries, a gun shop in north suburban Lincol-

nwood. Lopez, who held a valid firearm owner's identification card and concealed carry license, had also made lawful purchases on about three or four other guns.

Lopez had threatened to shoot up the Chicago Fire Department academy nearly five years ago around the time he was fired for "improper conduct" toward women there, authorities said. In addition, his ex-wife in 2014 obtained a temporary order of protection against him, alleging that he slept with a pistol under his pillow and had pointed a gun at someone.

Nonetheless, police said, Lopez was licensed to carry a concealed weapon when he terrorized the hospital in the Bronzeville neighbor-

hood. It remains unclear whether Lopez's alleged past conduct led to any review by authorities or temporary revocation of his permission to own or carry a gun.

On Wednesday evening, about 100 people gathered in Federal Plaza to remember O'Neal, Less and Jimenez. Volunteers strung orange yarn on trees, a color meant to symbolize gun violence prevention. Mourners held candles and bowed their heads in a moment of silence.

Advocates called on lawmakers to prioritize funding for domestic violence shelters and prevention services, as well as mental health treatment. Some shared their own stories of surviving domestic abuse.

"I thought I was going to get the call Dr. O'Neal's family got," said Sameena Mustafa, a political activist who spoke tearfully about the challenge of helping a relative survive an abusive relationship.

Milana Golich, 24, stood alone in the plaza before the vigil clutching a candle. She said she grew up with Less and attended Purdue with her.

"You hear about shootings all the time," she said. "It's not until it affects you that it really hits home."

Also on Wednesday, funeral information for Officer Jimenez were announced. Visitation will be from 3 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Oehler Funeral Home, 2099 Miner St. in Des Plaines. A funeral Mass will be said at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph's Chapel in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine at Maryville Academy, 1170 N. River Road, also in Des Plaines. Burial will be private.

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Cook Co. correctional officer owns Manny's

Bar where security guard fatally shot by Midlothian cop

BY ZAK KOESKE
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Daily Southtown

A Cook County correctional officer owns the Robbins bar where security guard Gemel Roberson was fatally shot by a Midlothian police officer on Nov. 11, officials said.

Manny's Blue Room Lounge, which does not have a valid state liquor license and had its business license suspended by the village Tuesday, is owned and operated by Nakeea Smith, her lawyer said.

Smith, who also has used the last name Buchanan-Smith and Buchanan, has been a sheriff's office employee since 2003, sheriff's officials said.

Sheriff's officials declined to discuss Smith's status with the department, saying she is the subject of an open internal investigation.

Smith declined to answer questions at the bar's administrative hearing Tuesday night.

Her attorney Robert McLaughlin also declined comment Tuesday and did not immediately respond to a request for comment Wednesday.

It wasn't immediately clear when Smith took over control of the bar, which for years had been owned and operated by Emanuel Williams.

Williams' company, The New Blue Room Corp., last held a valid local business license to operate Manny's in April 2016, village officials said.



Manny's Blue Room Lounge owner Nakeea Smith speaks with her lawyer Robert McLaughlin on Tuesday.

In July, Robbins issued Luxury US a business license and local liquor license to operate Manny's, 2911 S. Claire Blvd., according to village officials.

Nakeea Buchanan-Smith is the president of Luxury US, according to articles of incorporation filed with the secretary of state. Robbins also identified her as the owner of Manny's and the operator of Manny's in a business license revocation petition.

Village trustees voted Tuesday to conditionally suspend Manny's business license, rather than revoke it, following an administrative hearing.

In order for Manny's to reopen, the bar's owners must provide the village with all necessary ownership documents; obtain a valid state liquor license; and develop security and operational plans to be reviewed and approved by the Robbins police chief, the board agreed.

The bar does not have a valid state liquor license, which is necessary to serve alcohol, records show. The state liquor license held by the bar's former owners expired on Sept. 30, according to the Illinois Liquor Control Commission.

The Nov. 11 incident that began with shots fired inside the bar and ended with a Midlothian officer shooting Roberson in the bar parking lot was not the first

disturbance under the new ownership, records show.

Police responded to a call for reckless discharge of a firearm and a fight in progress on Aug. 12, and to the battery of bar patrons on Oct. 28 and Oct. 30, according to police reports.

The Aug. 12 incident report refers to a bar manager who presented responding officers with a business license showing that Luxury US was "authorized for lounge activity."

According to that report, the manager told officers seeking footage of the incident that surveillance cameras had been taken down during recent bar remodeling and had not been reconnected. Officers, however, ended up finding a camera above the bar's sign that faces the entrance of the parking lot, the report states. It is not clear, however, whether any footage of the incident was recovered.

Despite the recent police incidents, Manny's has not been cited, fined or reprimanded by the village, McLaughlin argued Tuesday. Robbins officials did not immediately confirm the claim, but also did not rebut it during Tuesday's hearing.

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Preckwinkle's office sends out harassment survey to staff

Circulates soon after controversy in her office

BY LISA DONOVAN
Chicago Tribune

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle's office circulated a "Culture of Reporting Harassment" survey among staff less than two weeks after a Chicago Tribune story raised questions about her handling of harassment allegations involving a top aide.

A spokeswoman for Preckwinkle said the survey sent out Monday is "a follow up to the mandated sexual harassment training that all employees are required to take."

As she enters a crowded race for Chicago mayor, opponents have criticized Preckwinkle for how she handled the initial allegations of sexual misconduct against former Chief of Staff John Keller, who she fired just two days before announcing her candidacy.

Preckwinkle spokeswoman Becky Schlikerman said the survey was sent to offices under the president's authority, something many workplaces are doing in the age of #MeToo.

"Organizations across all sectors are dealing with the very questions we are regarding harassment. President Preckwinkle wants Cook County to be a leader," Schlikerman wrote in an email.

An email that went out with the survey states that it "aims to identify the culture of reporting harassment within the Offices Under the President of the Cook County Board. Participating in this survey will help President Preckwinkle, the President's Office and the

Bureau of Human Resources ensure Cook County is a respectful and safe workplace for all employees."

Preckwinkle announced on Sept. 19 she had fired Keller for "inappropriate behavior." A day later — as she fielded questions from reporters after announcing her candidacy for mayor — she twice said "no" when asked by reporters if she knew about any harassment allegations involving her top aide before mid-September.

Scott Cisek, a key political adviser, said he told Preckwinkle days after the March 20 primary election that he'd "heard some very disturbing rumors" that Keller "had been behaving badly towards women." And he warned Preckwinkle that someday "one of these women is going to come forward."

A political consultant, Emily Miller, told the Tribune she brought the Keller allegations to Cisek back in March and followed up with Preckwinkle last month to tell her she was concerned about the way the matter was handled.

When the Tribune asked her about Keller weeks after his firing, Preckwinkle said that at the time she believed Keller's denial and thought that his offer to resign was "a way of protecting me." Asked why she denied at the news conference that she knew about the Keller allegations earlier, Preckwinkle said she "struggled with what to put out there."

"Because there was nothing that I had any evidence for. And I'm not just going to go out there with things that I have no evidence, no

substantiation, no corroboration for," she said.

She stressed that she asked Cisek to try to get a victim or a witness to make a formal complaint in March, but no one came forward.

One of the allegations that led to Keller's ouster happened Nov. 8, 2016, the night Hillary Clinton, the first woman to be nominated for president by a major party, was unexpectedly defeated by Donald Trump.

Keller, just weeks away from being promoted to Preckwinkle's chief of staff at the time, exited a River

North bar full of pro-Clinton operatives and piled into a cab with a group of at least five people to head to a nearby tavern. A woman sitting in the crowded back seat said Keller touched her inappropriately.

Keller told the Tribune that he never intentionally touched the woman inappropriately.

"I apologize if I made her uncomfortable, but I never heard about this until it was brought to Toni," Keller said. "I am, at the end of the day, very sorry about this. This is not who I am, day in and day out."

Preckwinkle has referred the Keller matter to the Cook County inspector general for a full investigation. She did so after Miller documented in an email to Preckwinkle's chief of staff last month her concerns about the way the allegations were handled.

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Homeowner makes prehistoric find

Bones between 800 and 1,000 years old unearthed during landscaping project

BY FRANK
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News-Sun

Between 800 and 1,000 years ago, a young Native American man died in what is now Antioch Township near Fox Lake, and after all those years, a homeowner inadvertently dug up the bones while working on a landscaping project last September, opening a window into the past.

"It was something else. It was scary, funny and exciting all at once," said the homeowner, 58, who said she didn't want her name used.

She had been digging to build a terrace on an eroding hill on her property, and while shoveling about a foot down she came across what she thought were probably animal bones. Then she found a jawbone.

"There were no fangs. This looked human," she said, so she called the Lake County Sheriff's office, which in turn called Lake County Coroner Dr. Howard Cooper, who still remembers the text message.

"It was Sept. 17 around 7 p.m., and I got a text from a sheriff's deputy asking if this jawbone was human," said Cooper, who also is a forensic dentist.

"My answer was, 'Yes, it is,'" Cooper said.

The first thing investigators did was send Chief Deputy Coroner Jason Patt and Bones, a 1-year-old Belgian Malinois trained as a cadaver dog, out to the scene, which is near where Fox Lake and Petite Lake are connected.

"Bones searched the entire area, but in one area, he indicated multiple times and started digging and found two bones," Cooper said. "At that point, everything stopped, and the sheriff's deputies secured the scene."

Cooper began to make calls for a grave-recovery operation, and he linked up with the U.S. Navy's Jason Keller with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service because Cooper knew he had a trailer with all the right equipment. Cooper also called anthropologist Erin Waxenbaum from Northwestern University.

"Then we did an archaeological dig — all the soil was sifted and looked at to determine what bones were present. It was really impressive," Cooper said. They recovered about 75 percent of the body, which did not include the upper portion of the skull.

The anthropologist cleaned the bones and determined that they were from a Native American male between the ages of 17 and 27, and there were no signs of foul play.

Many of the bones were broken, and some had marks on them. According to Cooper, the experts explained the ground pressure will often break bones over long periods of time.

Cooper said investigators then sent the remains to



Lake County Coroner Dr. Howard Cooper sits at his desk with a picture of the Native American bones found near the Chain O' Lakes.



The jawbone grabbed the attention because it didn't have fangs and looked to be human.



After an archaeological dig, 75 percent of the Native American man's bones were recovered.

Dawn Cobb at the Illinois State Museum Research and Collection Center in Springfield. She also dated the bones as being from 800 to 1,000 years ago, and her age range for the unknown man was 20 to 30 years old.

The markings on the bones were "root marking" produced by plants growing

in the soil and were used to help determine the age. She also noted some animal marks on the bones.

Cooper said Cobb, an archaeologist, searched their records and found they had documented a burial ground in the same area back in 1919.

"It was pretty exciting,"

Cooper said. "It's fascinating how old the skeleton is, and the condition we found it in was amazing. Here you are touching something that is between 800 and 1,000 years old. 'A prehistoric Native American' is what she called him.

"Then of course one starts thinking about the

back story," Cooper said. "What was his life like? How did he live?"

Bill Brown, a Native American who runs the Potawatomi Trails Pow Wow in Zion, said that in the time frame provided by the investigators, he would expect the body to be from either the Ho-chunk or Miami tribes.

Since there were no funerary objects with the bones, Brown added, it's possible the man died during a hunting accident or some other way where he died alone.

"But anything he had with him, leather or wood, would have broken down and is gone. So you don't really know," said Brown, adding that Native Americans at that time in the Chain O' Lakes area would have hunted small game birds and animals and fished.

The region's early residents lived in wigwams, which are shaped like an upside-down cup. There is an example of one at the Bess Bower Dunn Museum of Lake County in Libertyville. The museum, run by the Lake County Forest Preserves, recently repatriated Native American bones it had in its collection.

A skull and a stone arrow or spear head were returned this year, bringing the total number to 46 individuals and funerary objects from the Lake County museum collection repatriated to Native American tribes.

Brown said the repatriation is important, because when Native Americans buried their dead, "it was like putting a child down to go to sleep. You leave to rest and don't disturb them."

Dennis Downes, an Antioch resident and artist, has been studying Native American trail-marker trees in Lake County and across the country. The trees are bent to show the way for the trail, fresh water or tool making sites. He dedicated a bronze trail-marker tree in a

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— Lake County Coroner Dr. Howard Cooper

small park in downtown Antioch last year.

He said there used to be two trail-marker trees in the Chain O' Lakes on either side of sandbar between Channel Lake and Lake Marie, pointing out a shortcut. The sandbar is known to 21st-century boaters as a place to party and hang out, and it is just a few miles north of the recent bone discovery.

During a 2017 talk in Waukegan, Downes said the Chain O' Lakes area would have been a rich environment for people living off the land in prehistoric times, describing it as "a paradise" with trees for fire and plenty of food and water sources.

The Illinois State Museum could not be reached for comment on what will happen to the bones found in Antioch Township, but Brown believes they would have to be repatriated to a tribe.

Cooper said the whole experience has been fascinating, and he praised the teamwork between his office, the sheriff's investigators and the NCIS team from Naval Station Great Lakes.

"It was awesome to pull all these resources together. Everyone worked well together. During the dig, it was raining, but it didn't matter," he said. "It was a neat, neat case."

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Naperville park to get 'Laughing Lincoln'

New sculpture of 16th president will be unveiled Dec. 2

BY DAVID SHAROS
Naperville Sun

The late Don Wehrli had a vision when it came to Naperville's Central Park, and thanks to the efforts of the Century Walk Naperville Public Art Program, it will be realized.

"Don always was a champion for Central Park and that it remain a people's park. It was his idea before he passed that we have some kind of statue of President Lincoln since throughout history he has been one of the most written about presidents but also one of the most artistic," said Brand Bobosky, president of the Century Walk group. "We wanted to get a sculpture of Lincoln that revealed other things about his character. He was

a great storyteller and had a great sense of humor among his other talents."

On Dec. 2, the day before the state of Illinois celebrates its bicentennial, a new sculpture of the 16th president will be unveiled at Central Park. It depicts the president as a laughing young man sitting on a replicated portion of the cornerstone from the original DuPage County courthouse, which had been located on the Central Park site until the county seat was moved to Wheaton.

Bobosky said the artwork also has a Naperville connection in that Lincoln and city founder Joe Naper served in the state Legislature at the same time.

"We wanted to portray Lincoln around 1839, when he 30 years old, as this was the time DuPage County was being carved out with Lincoln's help while Joe Naper helped Lincoln get the votes needed to move the state

capital to Springfield," he said. "Unfortunately, there aren't any pictures of Lincoln from that time."

Bobosky said he and others from Century Walk love the alliteration of "Laughing Lincoln" as the sculpture's name. It features a beardless Lincoln leaning back into a laugh and appearing to slap his knee.

"The Lincoln thing really started with him (Wehrli) and we worked on this about 18 months, including sending out a (request for proposals) and we received four proposals back," Bobosky said. "We wanted a Lincoln that was laughing rather than image of the older president with a beard and the gravity of the Civil War on his back. We eventually settled on sculptor David Allan Clark of Wyoming, who is still working on the sculpture and plans to have it delivered here the last day of November or the first day in December."

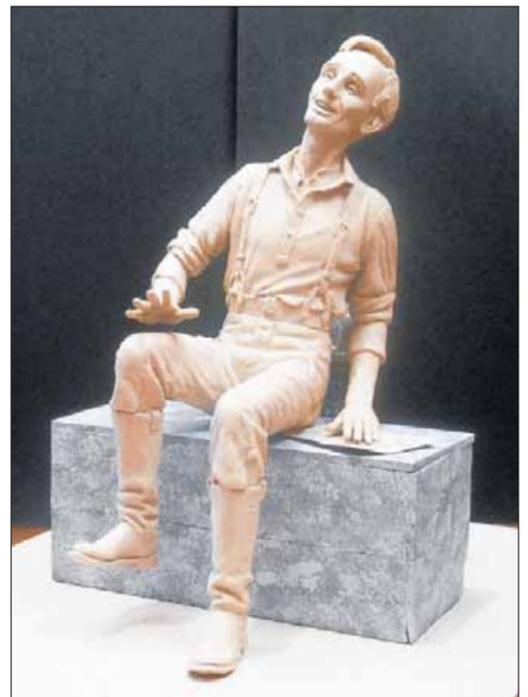
The cost of the statue was \$73,000. Including the cost for landscaping, limestone and installation, the final price tag will be about \$105,000, Bobosky said.

"We received \$48,500 from the city of Naperville through SECA funds, the Special Events Cultural Amenities," he said. "We're holding a Bicentennial Birthday Bash on Dec. 2 right after the public dedication to help raise funds for the rest of the project."

The public dedication at Central Park, 104 E. Benton St., begins at 2 p.m., followed by the fundraiser at nearby North Central College's Wentz Hall, 171 E. Chicago Ave.

Tickets to the event, which includes food and beverages, are \$100 per person and available at www.cherryfish.com.

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This 18-inch model of the "Laughing Lincoln" statue was used to make the sculpture that will be unveiled Dec. 2.

Lake County sheriff ousted after final election tally

Dems also pick up another seat on the county board

BY FRANK
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News-Sun

The blue wave washing over Lake County became complete Tuesday evening as Democratic Lake County sheriff candidate John Idleburg edged out Republican incumbent Mark Curran with returns that included the final tally of provisional and late-arriving mail-in ballots.

Also following the addition of those final ballots, Democrats picked up one more seat on the Lake County Board, where Democrats had already won enough seats on Nov. 6 to earn a majority on the board for the first time ever.

The final tally in the sheriff's race was Idleburg's 50.03 percent to Curran's 49.97 percent out of 245,633 votes tallied, a difference of 137 votes. Curran had been leading at the end of election night by just over 750 votes.

Curran's loss means that the three countywide offices open this election cycle — sheriff, treasurer and clerk — all had incumbent Republicans unseated.

According to the Lake County clerk's office's website, the mail-in and provisional votes added 6,166 votes, for a total of 254,217 votes, or 56.7 percent of the county's 448,295 registered voters.

"I want to say to the voters of Lake County,

"To the men and women in blue, we begin a new chapter centered on law enforcement, and I am looking forward to working with you over the coming years."

— Democratic Lake County sheriff candidate John Idleburg, who edged out Republican incumbent Mark Curran

thank you for your trust and faith in me. I'm honored to be your Lake County sheriff," Idleburg said Tuesday night after the last batch was added.

"To the men and women in blue, we begin a new chapter centered on law enforcement, and I am looking forward to working with you over the coming years," he added.

"Thank you for all the hard work. I share this victory with you. I want to wish Mark Curran the best of luck in his future endeavors."

Curran said Tuesday night from Florida that the chairman of the Lake County Republicans, Mark Shaw, has advised him to ask for a discovery recount and he will "probably" go forward with that plan.

Lake County Clerk Carla Wyckoff said that a candidate can petition her office for a discovery recount if they are within 5 percent of their opponent. The candidate chooses 25 percent of the appropriate district for the race where they can review, re-tabulate or even hand count the ballots from the precincts selected, she said.

If the review finds votes that should not have been counted, the challenger can then go to the circuit court to request a full recount.

According to Wyckoff, the county clerk's office has done a few discovery recounts. After the 2017 con-



Idleburg



Curran

great family. "I might have to move on to my next chapter," he said. "But I'm grateful for having the opportunity to serve. There must be a plan, because I don't doubt God."

Democrats increased their lead on the County Board with Libertyville's District 15 interim board Chairman Carol Calabresa losing in her race after ending election night ahead by 74 votes.

solidated election, she said, there were five discovery recounts, and the votes did not change in any of those races.

Curran was also introspective, saying he has a

The final tally had Calabresa at 49.93 percent to Democrat Jennifer Clark's 50.07 percent out of 13,324 votes. Clark is an economics professor at both Carthage College in Kenosha, Wis., and Roosevelt University in Chicago.

In Mundelein's 10th District, the two candidates were virtually tied on election night with just 16 votes putting Democrat Jessica Vealitzek ahead of incumbent Republican Charles

"Chuck" Bartels. The final count had Vealitzek with 50.26 percent to Bartels' 49.74 percent out of 15,496 votes.

Democrat Julie Simpson was leading Republican Karimar "Kari" Brown in the race to replace Lake County Chairman Aaron Lawlor in Vernon Hills' District 18, and she widened her lead, capturing 55.4 percent of 12,525 votes to Brown's 44.5 percent.

In the 20th District, in-

cumbent Republican Sidney Mathias, a former state representative and mayor of Buffalo Grove, was 158 votes behind challenger Democrat Adam Didech, a public relations consultant for progressive campaigns and nonprofits, on election night. On Tuesday, Didech had 50.8 percent of 13,448 votes to Mathias' 49 percent.s

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A new person 1,529 miles later

Discovering Mariposa: Lemont woman's alter ego emerges during trek on the Appalachian Trail

BY TED SLOWIK
Daily Southtown

Sue Murphy, of Lemont, is a different person now compared to April, when she set out to hike the 2,190-mile Appalachian Trail.

Murphy, 50, walked 1,529 miles of the trail this year. The Tinley Park native plans to return next year to complete the trek. She posted an online journal of her experience, sharing her adventures with friends and family using her trail name, Mariposa.

"Part of the beauty of the experience was I got to reinvent myself," Murphy said by phone this week of her alter ego. "Mariposa is adventurous, confident and patient. She has more grit and less fear. I don't think it was me out there."

Murphy works as a day trader. She and her husband, Walter, have two adult children. She spent 105 days on the trail this year. Not counting the seven "zero days" she spent resting, she averaged 15.7 miles per day.

A knee injury forced her to suspend the hike from early June until late August. Then the threat of heavy rains and downed trees from Hurricane Florence kept her off the trail for another two weeks in September.

The online journal is a detailed chronicle of her experiences that introduces readers to colorful characters she met along the way. It's also a gallery of panoramic pictures showing spectacular scenery, rocky perils along the trail and close-ups of insects she encountered.

The journal allowed people to comment on her progress and offer support.

"That encouragement went so much further than I could have imagined," she said.

Murphy also wrote about her thoughts and reflections about human nature and dealing with adversity. She discovered a previously unknown talent.

"I found out Mariposa likes to write," Murphy said.

A sample of her writing ability was her Sept. 8 entry, logged near the Fontana Dam and Visitor Center in North Carolina. Mariposa was an early riser who often hit the trail before dawn. She would be the first hiker to encounter the handiwork of spiders that had been busy throughout the night.

"I'm pretty much the web breaker every day. It comes with the territory of early morning hikes," she wrote. "And I'm not referring to those little silken strings; these are the intricately



SUE MURPHY PHOTOS

Sue Murphy, 50, of Lemont, stands on the outcrop of McAfee Knob in Virginia, above, and atop Mount Moosilauke in New Hampshire, below.



designed ones whose threads stick to you like the gooey centers of roasted marshmallows."

Murphy set out in April from Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, in the middle of the trail that runs from Georgia to Maine. She planned to complete a "flip-flop," trail lingo for reaching the northern terminus, then being transported to the southern half.

She made it 800 miles before she had to leave the trail in New Hampshire to recover from a knee injury. She had battled through pain and diminished physical capacity for several days.

"That moment has arrived. I'll be heading home," she wrote on June 7. "And

it's not with regret. It's with joy and pride and the most freaking amazing sense of accomplishment. The decision to get off the trail wasn't hard. It was the decision to begin — that was hard."

A recovered Murphy resumed the journey Aug. 29 at the trail's southern terminus at Springer Mountain in Georgia. The southern part of the trail is less perilous than the rocky hazards in New Hampshire and Maine, she reasoned. The days were shorter, however, and the weather was hotter. She set out, walking north in the pre-dawn darkness.

"My headlamp gave me great confidence and the night creatures were in their glory," she wrote. "I suppose

the only unsettling part was when I realized all the glowing features along the trail perimeter were spider eyes. I pretended they were lightning bugs and vowed to stay on trail."

Along the way she spent the night at hostels, inns, campgrounds, shelters, motels and other accommodations with varying degrees of modern conveniences. Some places were crawling with bugs and had no running water, electricity or cellphone signal. Others were nice places with hot showers, meals, clean sheets and lots of pillows.

She encountered snakes, deer, owls and other wildlife. She saw a lot of evidence of bears, but did not confront one.

"I'm pretty sure I'm the only one" on the trail who did not encounter a bear, she said. "They're everywhere."

Some supporters expressed concerns for her safety. Aside from wild animals, other humans could be threats. On Oct. 13, she wrote about an encounter with a hunter.

"He was holding a crossbow and jumped around when I startled him," she wrote. "In case you're wondering, I'd have felt much more comfortable startling a bear."

Her scariest encounter was on Oct. 7. She had finished hiking for the day and was waiting for a ride at a trailhead. A couple with a dog pulled off the road. They sat in the running vehicle, "staking" her out.

"What could I do? I stood in my best Wonder Woman pose, walked confidently to my backpack, pulled out my fanny pack, unzipped the top and let my hand rest inside while staring at them," she wrote.

The bluff worked. Her ride arrived a few minutes later and told her that opioid addicts in the area had been known to rob hikers.

"It was a game of chicken and gratefully I won," she wrote. "Wasn't quite sure how it would have ended had I needed to pull out my, um, bear whistle."

Nearly everyone else she met on the trail shared stories about people helping one another.

"The question I would get asked most often was, 'Are you afraid?' The short answer is no," she said. "The experiences were positive. The trail community is protective."

She wrote about people named Bubba and Maria who own accommodations or who shuttle hikers between rest stops and the trail. She met other hikers

with trail names like "Vagabond" and "Disco."

"This is about something much bigger than making miles," she told me. "It's about the fragility of life and being grateful for what we have."

Everyone has a "five-minute story," she wrote, an oft-repeated summary of their life and why they are on the trail. A man hiking with his wife and their adult daughter told her he had just been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and wanted to spend as much time on the trail as he could.

"Without a doubt, humans have a need for connection and most crave sharing their legacy," she wrote on Oct. 21, her last day on the trail this year.

With the days becoming shorter and colder, Murphy flew home from Roanoke, Virginia. She plans to return next April or May. She has about 660 miles to go. She plans to finish hiking through Virginia and reaching Harper's Ferry, where she began in April. She then plans to fly north to New Hampshire and pick up where she left off in June. She plans to keep hiking until she reaches the northern terminus in Maine.

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Lakeshore Hospital again attracts scrutiny for kid treatment

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six months ago for risk of suicide, the teen long had been cleared for discharge from the psychiatric facility, but the state's beleaguered child welfare agency struggled to find him a home with appropriate support services, records show.

The state stopped admitting children in the care of DCFS to Chicago Lakeshore about three weeks ago amid state and federal investigations of the hospital and an increased number of calls about the facility to the agency's hotline.

On Saturday, DCFS began stationing staff 24 hours a day at the hospital to better monitor young patients in state care. The around-the-clock monitoring came after two new incidents, including a hotline call alleging that two patients, a 16-year-old transgender girl and a 14-year-old boy, fondled each other under a blanket in a hospital day room while staff was nearby.

DCFS officials said the agency will continue to have a constant presence at the hospital until the last child in its care is moved out. As of Tuesday, there were 11 DCFS children and teens in the hospital. A 20-year-old patient who still is in DCFS' care is also hospitalized at Chicago Lakeshore.

The state agency has

been hauled into federal court twice since Friday as it battles with the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois over concerns about the psychiatric facility, which has a separate 60-bed children's building two blocks south of the main hospital.

The ACLU, which monitors DCFS through a decades-old federal consent decree, has made several demands in recent weeks to ensure the safety of foster

"During this entire period of time, it's been like pulling teeth to get DCFS to do common-sense protections for hospitalized children."

— Cook County Public Guardian Charles Golbert

children at the hospital in the wake of separate investigations by the Chicago Tribune and ProPublica Illinois that revealed the widespread problems.

Lawyers for the ACLU have lambasted DCFS for not providing the civil rights group with more thorough daily patient reports as promised. The ACLU also wants the DCFS staff members who are monitoring patients to have a clinical background and prior work experience with psychiatric hospitalizations.

Heidi Dalenberg, the

ACLU's general counsel, also urged U.S. District Judge Jorge Alonso to grant more authority to the court-appointed expert and University of Illinois at Chicago psychiatrists who are working with DCFS to safely transfer the remaining children in state care out of the hospital.

On Wednesday, Alonso issued a written order formalizing DCFS' responsibility to cooperate with the outside experts regarding

the agency works to find new homes with suitable support services — a problem that has long vexed state and child welfare officials across the country because of shrinking mental health resources and the lack of available beds in less-restrictive residential facilities.

Lakeshore CEO David Fletcher-Janzen said in written statements to the Tribune that the care and safety of the hospital's patients remain his staff's top priorities. Many of the hotline investigations were prompted by calls from the hospital, whose employees are mandated by state law to report suspected child abuse and neglect.

Hospital and DCFS officials have said such complaints are to be expected given the complex mental health and behavioral problems of its patients.

They also said some false reporting is common, especially among younger patients stuck in the hospital beyond their suggested discharge date who want to be in a less-restrictive setting.

The missing 17-year-old boy had been hospitalized since May 17 before fleeing during an attempt to move him to a residential treatment center. DCFS spokesman Neil Skene said teenage runaways are an ongoing challenge for child welfare officials.

"We don't lock young

people in, and we don't shackle them when we take them somewhere, so runaways do happen," he said. "He just spent time in a psychiatric hospital, and he seized a moment to run. Our focus right now is on finding him."

Skene said a judge in Champaign County, where the boy is from, issued an "apprehension warrant" at the agency's request that instructs authorities not to hold him in detention when he is found.

A Tribune review of Chicago police reports revealed this was at least the third attempted escape in recent months involving Chicago Lakeshore. A 16-year-old boy fled July 3 after battering paramedics who were trying to transport him to another hospital. The teen had threatened to "shoot up the hospital" the day before, according to the police report.

That same month, on July 25, police responded to a call reporting "a mental health disturbance" at the hospital and found staff restraining a 12-year-old patient on the sidewalk after she attempted to escape, police said. She was not injured, according to police.

DCFS has relied on the privately run hospital to treat 25 percent of the estimated 1,200 children in the agency's care who receive inpatient psychiatric services each year.

The facility accepts children other hospitals won't treat because of the patients' complex mental health and behavioral issues, according to DCFS.

With the hospital under intense scrutiny, acting Cook County Public Guardian Charles Golbert has filed multiple emergency motions in the juvenile court cases of 10 youths hospitalized at Lakeshore, demanding that the state agency provide a detailed accounting of their care.

Golbert told the Tribune that problems at Chicago Lakeshore have been well known since September. "During this entire period of time, it's been like pulling teeth to get DCFS to do common-sense protections for hospitalized children," he said.

Several of this year's hotline investigations alleged hospital staff misconduct, including inadequate supervision as young patients fought or engaged in sexual activity. So far, DCFS officials said they found evidence to support four of the 19 allegations. Seven were not substantiated.

Eight, including the most recent three hotline calls, continue to be investigated.

The hospital had only about 17 total hotline calls in the prior three years, according to DCFS statistics.

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Fraternity of funny people rally around ill girl

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improvisation for Second City, and Libera is the director of comedy studies.

Since Nora's late-August diagnosis, they've leaned on their community of Chicagoans, artists and Second City alums, plus the lessons they've divined and dispensed in their theatrical work, to wrap their daughter in the strength and support she needs to fight for her life.

"There's this saying in improv, 'Play the scene you're in, not the scene you want to be in,'" Leonard said. "So we played the scene we're in."

They created a Caring-Bridge page to spread the word about Nora's diagnosis and keep their friends and family updated on her treatments and progress and setbacks. They had #TeamNora hats and T-shirts made and took a photo of the Second City staff wearing them.

Soon Leonard's and Libera's Facebook pages started to fill with photos of celebrities holding #TeamNora signs: Tina Fey, Amy Poehler and Kate McKinnon. The cast of "Murphy Brown," "Glee" co-stars Matthew Morrison and Jane Lynch, Harvey Fierstein, Stephen Colbert.

Closer to home, "Hamilton" actress Phillipa Soo (the original Eliza) posed with a sign. So did the Lyric Opera musicians, before Friday's final performance of Wagner's "Siegfried."

"Obviously I know it's all for me," Nora said. "But sometimes it feels like it's for someone else. It hasn't really hit me that that's all for me. They're cheering me on."

"For us," Leonard said, "it's been this kind of wonderful diversion that's also an incredible act of support."

"This has been anything but easy," he continued. "But by the same token, I could point to any number of amazing, life-affirming, human being-affirming, world-affirming moments that, my God, was I in need of that?"

The friends who bring by brisket. The friends who donate \$25 to the Go-FundMe page they launched to help cover medical bills. The stream of Nora's teachers, friends, volleyball teammates who call, email, text, visit.

"Another improv phrase is 'See all obstacles as gifts,'" Leonard said.

Nora's doctors are attacking the cancer with chemotherapy. She may need a liver transplant, but Leonard said they're not at the point of adding her name to a donor list yet. She's been in and out of the hospital with pneumonia for the last couple of weeks, so beating that is priority No. 1.

They're hoping to spend Thanksgiving together at home — Leonard and Libera, Nora and her older brother, Nick.

A year ago, Leonard was losing his brother to cancer. Journalist Kyle Leonard, 55, died of complications from esophageal cancer in January.

"I don't want this to be happening to Nora," Leonard said. "I don't want this to be happening to me or to anyone in my family, obviously. But if I live too much in catastrophizing about the future or live too much in the past, I am useless to everyone, including myself."

He's learned, he said, to live "fiercely in the moment."

"I kind of think when something like this happens to you, you no longer become the person you were, but you become the person you are," he said. "And in a sense, that's for good and bad. Your weaknesses show up writ large. But also your strength does too."

Leonard and Libera fill Nora's hospital room with art. Nora sketches and reads in bed. Leonard makes Spotify playlists to permeate her room, always, with music.

"The nurses are like, 'Oh, I like this room,'" Nora said.

She's binged every episode of "Gilmore Girls" and "Queer Eye." She just started "Black-ish."

She's stopped calling her cancer "Jim."

"She's seeing it, and she's

naming it, and that's a much more powerful way to fight this thing than calling it something it isn't," Leonard said.

"Being seen," he continued, "is core to human beings. And it actually isn't that we want to be seen as our, like, prettiest selves or our best selves. We want to be seen the way we see ourselves."

"So Nora has cancer. She sees herself as a 16-year-old girl with cancer. She doesn't like it or want it, but

that's who she is. I think it's much better for people to see her and who she is in total. She's so much more than the cancer, but that's part of who she is now."

I asked Nora what she wants people to understand about life with cancer. Beyond the hashtags and the T-shirts and the social media updates.

"If you know somebody with cancer, the best thing is to treat them like a normal human being," she said. "You get treated so differ-

ently. Acknowledge that cancer is a big deal, but also, I'm still the same person I always was."

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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Stephen Colbert appears on Kelly Leonard's Facebook page with #TeamNora.

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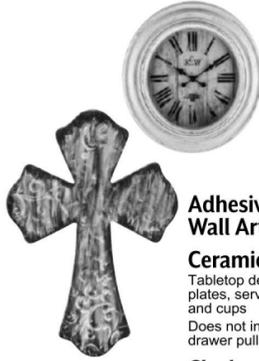
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Family donates bell to school in memory of son



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Addison, 4, who rang Andrew's Bell, with her brothers Kayden and Keegan, and her parents Kevin and Diana Bacigalupo at Oak School.

BY KIMBERLY FORNEK
Pioneer Press

Addison Bacigalupo got to ring a special bell at Hinsdale's Oak School Nov. 16 to celebrate the progress she made in the early childhood program.

Addison was the first student to ring the bell since the Panoff family donated it in honor of their son Andrew, who died in August, just a few weeks short of his 4th birthday.

Andrew attended Oak School's early childhood program from September 2017 to April 2018, when he was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia.

Before Andrew was a child with cancer, he was a child with special needs, said his mother Christy Panoff. He had nearly 400

hours of speech, occupational and developmental therapy in about a year and a half, she said.

Andrew wasn't an easy kid, his mother said. He wouldn't hold hands with the carpool helpers when he was walking through the parking lot. And sometimes, he would just sit down in the parking lot.

"But he was the cuddliest kid," Panoff said, and he connected with people. "For a little kid that couldn't talk, he had this way of touching everyone."

"He had the personality to get through life, but he struggled with everything else," Panoff said.

Andrew finished his fourth round of chemotherapy Aug. 8 at Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago. Lurie has a bell for children

who complete cancer treatment to ring to celebrate the achievement.

The entire staff and visitors on the floor cheer when they hear the bell ring, Panoff said.

"That was our goal. We wanted to ring that bell," she said.

On Aug. 14, Andrew became ill and was readmitted to the hospital.

His family hoped he would recover, but on Aug. 18, he died from an infection and other complications.

Before he died, workers at the hospital unbolted the bell and brought it to Andrew's bedside.

With his mother holding his hand, they rang the bell.

"We still wanted to do that for him and for us," Panoff said.

Now the Panoff family wants other families to celebrate their children's achievements, especially those that come with a struggle.

"Maybe cancer isn't part of their story," Panoff said. But life and school don't come easy to them, and it certainly doesn't come easy for their families, she said.

"But here's the awesome thing about the struggle," Panoff said. "When your child finally meets a goal, the sense of achievement is so much sweeter because you worked so hard to get there. And we want there to be a bell to signify the importance of these achievements. Andrew's Bell."

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Soldier Field sod less hard to bear

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Texans during a rain-drenched Sunday in November, kicker Robbie Gould said the turf conditions at Soldier Field were the worst of his career. Two years later, with the playing surface still under fire from players and images of the churned-up grass rocketing through the sports world, Mayor Rahm Emanuel weighed in, saying the city and the Chicago Park District, which owns the stadium, will "work on it."

The crescendo of complaints in 2014 led to a change. Soldier Field management switched sod providers, turning to a New Jersey turf farm that specializes in providing grass for professional sports teams.

"Overnight, there were fewer complaints," said Soldier Field general manager Tim LeFevour.

Soldier Field wanted to support Illinois sod farmers, LeFevour said, but the turf's higher clay content led to incidents of slippage for players, especially in wet weather. The new sod, grown at Tuckahoe Turf Farms in Hammonton, N.J., has less clay and more sand.

Asked about the changes to the playing surface at Soldier Field, the Bears released a statement saying the team is committed to providing "the best possible natural grass playing surface and the 2018 season is no different. Player safety for all Bears home games always has been and always will be our driving force."

Sod schedule

Once labeled one of the worst fields in the National Football League (Soldier Field ranked third-to-last among natural grass fields during a 2010 NFL Players Association survey and No. 28 overall in a Sports Illustrated ranking in 2015), the spotlight on the quality (or lack thereof) of the Bears' home turf has dimmed. Instead the focus this month was on Mexico City, where a scheduled game between the Kansas City Chiefs and Los Angeles Rams was moved to Los

Angeles because of poor field conditions at Azteca Stadium.

The first-place Bears have two more regular-season contests still on the docket: a nationally televised Sunday night affair against the Rams on Dec. 9 and a Dec. 16 game against the Green Bay Packers. If the Bears win the division, Soldier Field will play host to a playoff game for the first time since Jan. 23, 2011, when Chicago fell to the Packers in the NFC championship game. LeFevour said the decreased sunlight of December means the grass grows slower, but management uses a heating system below the field to "fool the root system" and stimulate growth. Crews will only have to mow the grass about once a week late in the season, compared with about once a day during the warmer months.

Cold autumn and winter weather in Chicago provides a challenge for groundskeepers and other events like concerts at the storied lakefront venue also take their toll on the playing surface.

"They're making the best of a challenging situation and continuing to figure it out," said Jerad Minnick, a natural grass consultant who works with NFL teams. The reality of the climate in Chicago, he said, is just "not great for grass growing" and crews in northern cities "essentially have to play God, if you will" to create conditions that will allow the grass to survive.

LeFevour said crews resodded the entire field after a Nov. 3 rugby tripleheader. The field also received new sod between the hash marks during mid-September. In addition to Bears games and the rugby matches, Soldier Field has played host to an Ed Sheeran concert, a University of Illinois football game and a high school football game. The Park District contracts with SMG, the managing agent for Soldier Field, which is responsible for maintaining the playing field. SMG works with the Bears to determine the resod and maintenance schedule



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Crew members work on the Soldier Field turf prior to the game between the Bears-Vikings game in Chicago on Sunday.

based on the event calendar and the team's schedule.

Troubled turf of the past

The Bears have played on grass at Soldier Field since 1988, when the stadium's artificial surface was replaced. The artificial turf was used for 17 seasons after the Bears moved their games from Wrigley Field in 1971.

In the years since, the grass surface has long been a source of angst and complaints from players, owners and fans. In 1988, the Bears flirted with playing a preseason game at Camp Randall Stadium in Madison, Wis., after sod at Soldier Field continually came loose during an exhibition game against the Dolphins. In 1994, after hosting World Cup soccer, July concerts by Pink Floyd and the Grateful Dead and later three football games during a four-day period, Bears President Michael McCaskey called the field "perfectly awful." And in 2011, Bears and SMG formed a "field committee" after an open practice for fans was canceled because the sod hadn't been watered sufficiently.

Given those issues, it wasn't surprising when Sports Illustrated, using the players' survey, fresher opinions from players and

details from groundskeepers, ranked the Soldier Field playing surface 28th in the NFL three years ago.

The Arizona Cardinals' home field was rated the top field, followed by the venues in Tampa and outside Miami.

The highest rated cold-weather field was the natural grass turf in Denver, coming in at No. 7.

About half of NFL teams play on natural grass, with stadiums in northern cities using Kentucky bluegrass like Soldier Field and southern sites using Bermuda grass. In Green Bay, the Packers use a surface that is a hybrid combination of grass and synthetic fibers called GrassMaster. The hybrid system is popular among many European soccer clubs.

Grass making a comeback

NFL players have said overwhelmingly they prefer playing on natural grass, believing it reduces the risk of injury, according to the players association poll. In the 2010 players' survey, 89 percent of all NFL players said they believed artificial playing fields caused more soreness, fatigue and would lead to shortened careers compared to playing on grass. Of the Bears who took the poll that year, 54 percent

rated the Soldier Field surface "poor," with only eight players rating it as excellent or good. In the comments section of that poll, several players lobbied for cold weather cities like Chicago and Pittsburgh to switch to artificial turf.

In the eight years since the survey was taken, there have been an array of advancements in grass-growing technology and breeding, Minnick, the NFL consultant, said.

Scientists have been able to create more cold-resistant grass and varieties that are better able to handle high traffic and the wear and tear of professional sporting events. Other technological innovations, such as heat lamps for fields, pull-out trays that allow grass fields more access to natural sunlight and the use of heat-trapping tarps have also helped sports teams improve the quality and durability of their grass fields, he said.

"What's good for the player is good for the grass," Minnick said. Natural grass, Minnick argues, absorbs more shock and has lower levels of energy rebound than artificial surface.

Part of the impetus for the renewed focus on better quality playing surfaces has been the growing popularity of soccer in the United States and fans' interest in Europe-

an clubs and leagues, Minnick said. Top level soccer is almost exclusively played on natural grass, so when touring European clubs visit U.S. stadiums, or when venues like Soldier Field host international competitions, teams expect high-quality grass surfaces. Asked if concerns about concussions and player injuries were also contributing to the field changes, Minnick said, "I would hope it's playing a bigger role, but I don't know."

Some teams and colleges that used artificial turf have switched back to grass recently, including the Baltimore Ravens and the University of Mississippi. The Raiders' future home in Las Vegas will have a grass field, while the new stadium being built in Los Angeles is slated to have an artificial surface.

At Soldier Field, LeFevour said his focus is on providing the best playing surface possible for the Bears' two remaining home games. The Bears' game in Detroit on Thursday, the first of four more road games, is among three remaining division matchups that will go a long way toward determining whether the Soldier Field turf will again be put to the test during the January post-season.

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Ask kids what they're thankful for

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they're thankful for," Chaplin added. "So give them that opportunity."

Parents can create those opportunities in a variety of ways, she said, even just having a conversation asking, "What are you grateful for?"

Chaplin also said that whatever parents do to get their kids to think about gratitude, it has to work for them. Not every family can sit down together for dinner and ask one another about gratitude, she said, and not every child can keep a daily journal.

"You have to do what works for your lifestyle," Chaplin said.

And modeling good behaviors is also important. If children see the adults in their lives doing generous deeds, they're likely to follow suit, she said.

That's Dan and Julie Koors' family philosophy. Years ago, when their kids were little, the Downers Grove couple started taking their three children, now 20, 18 and 16, to volunteer at a Thanksgiving week food-packing event for Feed My Starving Children that their neighbor organized at a church. The nonprofit sends meals overseas to malnourished children in 70 countries.

The volunteer work started as a way to give their kids "a good appreciation for the fact that they got a pretty good head start," Dan Koors said. "We really understand that we are very lucky. Not everybody is as fortunate as we are."

It became a family tradition for the Koors to spend the day before Thanksgiving each year at the volunteer event, the couple said. Over the years, the kids

have come to look forward to it, and drop everything they're doing to participate.

This year, their oldest child, Alex, who typically works shifts at a local grocery store when he's home from college, told them he'd make sure he'd make an appearance at the event, Julie Koors said.

"He didn't once say, 'I'm going to work all day instead of (volunteering),' " she said. "My kids know they're depended upon. They appreciate the event."

The couple said the volunteer event, other good deeds and the awareness their family has for gratitude have allowed their children to grow into young adults who understand kindness.

Marilyn Maurella, Illinois development manager at Feed My Starving Children, said kids today get a bad rap. Despite the some-



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Around 200 volunteers scoop, pour, weigh and package food at a Feed My Starving Children event at Hobson Road Community Church in Downers Grove.

times negative reputation of young people, she said she sees the good in them.

"I'd say kids are some of our biggest fundraisers," Maurella said, adding that about half of the volunteers at the organization's three Illinois sites (in Aurora, Libertyville and Schaumburg) are younger than 18.

They come in with their parents, or with Scout groups or church groups,

she said. Some kids even choose to have their birthday parties at a packing event and ask that their friends donate money instead of buying presents, Maurella added.

Before packing events, Maurella said, she tells her young volunteers, "Here's what people say about you: Kids are always on their phones; kids don't know how to have conversations.

They say you don't work hard."

Maurella disagrees. "I see kids taking up their time on a Saturday morning to feed kids they'll never meet," she said. "If I deliver that message to a middle school group, I think it empowers them to be the better people they really are."

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Chief justice rebukes Trump

Defends judiciary over questioning of impartiality

BY FELICIA SONMEZ
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WASHINGTON — Chief Justice John Roberts directed a rare and pointed shot at President Donald Trump on Wednesday, defending the federal judiciary in the wake of Trump's criticism of an "Obama judge" who ruled against the administration's attempt to bar migrants who cross the border illegally from seeking asylum.

"We do not have Obama judges or Trump judges, Bush judges or Clinton judges," Roberts said in a statement released by the court's public information office. "What we have is an extraordinary group of dedicated judges doing their level best to do equal right to those appearing before them."

The Thanksgiving eve statement added: "That independent judiciary is something we should all be thankful for."

Supreme Court justices, and the chief in particular, hardly ever issue statements on news events. But it appeared Roberts was eager to counter Trump's criticism when asked to comment by The Associated Press. The statement did not mention Trump.

Later Wednesday, Trump responded to Roberts on Twitter, saying, "Sorry Chief Justice John Roberts, but you do indeed have 'Obama judges,' and they have a much different point of view than the people who



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"We do not have Obama judges or Trump judges," Chief Justice John Roberts said in a statement in response to President Donald Trump's criticism.



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are charged with the safety of our country."

The chief justice is an aggressive defender of the judiciary and has frequently expressed concern about attacks on its impartiality, whether they come from the left or the right. He had made it clear last month that he felt the recent partisan battle over the confirmation of Justice Brett Kavanaugh had cast a shadow on the Supreme Court.

At an event at the University of Minnesota just after Kavanaugh's confirmation, Roberts sought to assure that the court served "one nation" and not "one party or one interest."

"Our role is very clear: We are to interpret the Constitution and laws of the United States, and to ensure that the political branches act within them," he said. "That job obviously requires independence from the political branches. The

story of the Supreme Court would be very different without that sort of independence."

Trump on Tuesday had told reporters that he was "going to put in a major complaint" against the federal judge who temporarily blocked his administration from denying asylum to migrants who illegally cross the southern border.

Judge Jon Tigar of the Northern District of California ruled late Monday that federal law states that migrants can seek asylum anywhere on U.S. soil. "Whatever the scope of the President's authority, he may not rewrite the immigration laws to impose a condition that Congress has expressly forbidden," the judge, appointed by President Barack Obama, wrote in his 37-page ruling.

Trump erupted about the decision. "This was an Obama judge. And I'll tell

you what, it's not going to happen like this anymore," he said. "Everybody that wants to sue the United States, they file their case in ... the 9th Circuit. And it means an automatic loss no matter what you do, no matter how good your case is."

Trump added: "We will win that case in the Supreme Court of the United States."

In his Twitter response to Roberts on Wednesday, Trump again attacked the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, saying "a vast number" of its rulings on border and security issues are overturned: "We need protection and security — these rulings are making our country unsafe! Very dangerous and unwise!"

Lower courts have not been accommodating to Trump's efforts to crack down on illegal immigration. They have temporarily

blocked his attempts to strip funding from "sanctuary" cities and rescind temporary work permits and deportation protections from roughly 1 million immigrants who were protected under past administrations.

But the Supreme Court last June upheld Trump's "travel ban" on people from certain Muslim-majority countries, in a 5-4 decision written by Roberts. The chief justice put aside comments that Trump had made about Muslims in ruling that the president had not exceeded his powers.

"The issue before us is not whether to denounce the statements," Roberts wrote. "It is instead the significance of those statements in reviewing a Presidential directive, neutral on its face, addressing a matter within the core of executive responsibility. In doing so, we must consider not only

the statements of a particular President, but also the authority of the Presidency itself."

He added: "We express no view on the soundness of the policy."

Roberts has not commented on Trump before, even though Trump as a candidate called Roberts a "disaster" because of his vote with the court's liberals to uphold the Affordable Care Act.

Liberals who follow the court and are often critical of Roberts applauded his Wednesday statement.

"A remarkable rebuke of a President by a Chief Justice — offhand, I can't think of any historical analogy even close," Georgetown law professor Marty Lederman tweeted. "But then again, every day Trump breaches norms never before breached. Major kudos to Chief Justice Roberts for doing the right thing."

Mattis details new authority on the border

Troops can use lethal force to protect agents

BY ROBERT BURNS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said Wednesday that the White House has given him explicit authority to use military troops to protect Customs and Border Protection personnel, with lethal force if necessary, at the border.

This could, under certain circumstances, mean directing troops to temporarily detain migrants in the event of disorder or violence against border patrol agents. "This is minutes — not even hours" of potential detention, Mattis said, suggesting that he was not planning to use the military to operate migrant detention camps.

"We'll keep you posted on any new missions and any new numbers of troops as those decisions are made," he said.

The mission thus far for

the approximately 5,800 active-duty troops in the border area has been mainly to lay barbed wire and other barriers along the border and to transport border patrol personnel. Mattis has stressed the need to keep the military away from civilian law enforcement roles



Mattis

such as arrests, which are forbidden under the Posse Comitatus Act. The law prohibits the federal government from using the armed forces in a domestic police role, except in cases and under circumstances specifically authorized by the Constitution or Congress.

The basis for the expanded legal authorities for Mattis is a belief by the Trump administration that the caravans of Central American migrants, whose numbers include many families with children, moving toward the U.S. border pose a potential security threat to the border patrol.



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Migrants hoping for a better life wait last week at the U.S.-Mexico border fence in Tijuana.

On Tuesday, Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen visited a San Diego Pacific Coast beach to see up close newly installed razor wire wrapped around a towering border wall that cuts across the sand. She said there were as many as 500 criminals and gang member in the groups heading northward, though she refused to answer questions about how they were identified or what crimes they had committed.

Mattis emphasized that he would use his expanded authorities only in response to a specific, detailed request from Nielsen, and that none has been made.

"I now have the authority to do more. Now we'll see what she asks me for," he

said.

The expansion of the troops role is likely to deepen questions into whether long-standing practices on the legal use of the military on U.S. soil are being trampled by the Trump administration, and raises the risk that a confrontation with unarmed migrants could escalate into deadly violence.

Mattis was adamant that the military will remain within its legal limits.

"We are not doing law enforcement," he told reporters at the Pentagon. "We do not have arrest authority."

He noted that National Guard troops under state control are also involved at the border, and he said the governors of those states

could give them arrest authority. He said there are about 2,100 National Guard troops involved.

Mattis said that as of Wednesday there were 5,764 active-duty troops performing support missions along the border in Arizona, California and Texas. The number changes frequently. Just a day earlier, the Pentagon said in a report to Congress that there about 5,900 troop involved; at other times the Pentagon has put the number at 5,800.

Mattis said the instruction he received Tuesday was signed by President Donald Trump's chief of staff, John Kelly. Asked by a reporter what legal authority Kelly has to issue such an

instruction to the Pentagon chief, Mattis replied, "He has the authority to do what the president tells him to do."

The new orders also could lengthen the time at least some of those troops must spend away from home. Commanders previously have said they plan to withdraw all troops by Dec. 15 unless an extension is ordered. After news reports suggested that some troops could be withdrawn this week, the Pentagon pushed back and said some may be transferred to other border posts.

"We are continually assessing our resources and refining requirements," the Army command based in San Antonio, Texas, that is overseeing the operation said in a statement Tuesday. "We may shift some forces to engineering support missions in California and other areas. No specific timeline for redeployment has been determined."

It is report to Congress on Tuesday the Pentagon estimated the cost of the mission at \$72 million through Dec. 15, when the mission is scheduled to end. It said the National Guard's work, which began in April, has cost \$138 million. Mattis said he was certain the \$72 million figure would go up, but he did not forecast any other total.

Los Angeles Times contributed.

Utah district dumps once-rising GOP star Love, embraces Dem

BY BRADY MCCOMBS
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah's Mia Love was tabbed as a rising star in the GOP when she became the first black Republican woman in Congress with her 2014 victory.

But she became the latest Republican incumbent to fall in the midterm election's Democratic wave that has seen more than three dozen Republican-held seats flipped across the country.



Love



McAdams

Ben McAdams, a Democratic mayor of Salt Lake County, defeated Love by fewer than 700 votes in a back-and-forth race that took two weeks to sort out in deep-red Utah, according to final results released Tuesday.

Love had a built-in advantage with Republican voters outnumbering Democrats nearly 3-to-1 in the mostly suburban Salt Lake City district, but she never seemed to catch on with voters the way other Republican incumbents have in the state, said Damon Cann, a political science professor at Utah State University.

McAdams, 43, touted himself as a moderate in a pitch that seemed to resonate in the district where nearly 4 in 10 voters are

independents. He also benefited from record voter turnout that was driven in part by a medical marijuana ballot proposal that spurred progressive voters to the polls, Cann said.

Love, 42, tried to walk a tightrope regarding her support for President Donald Trump in a state that elected him in 2016 but where the mostly-Mormon electorate has been uncomfortable with his brash style and his comments about women and immigrants.

She tried to distance her-

self from Trump on trade and immigration. She highlighted the times she stood up to the president, like when Trump used an expletive to describe her parents' home country of Haiti. But she backed Trump on the GOP-supported tax reform and appealed to voters to keep the House of Representatives in Republican hands.

Trump didn't appreciate her approach, calling her out by name in a news conference the morning after Election Day, where he

also bashed other Republicans who he said lost because they didn't fully embrace him.

"She seemed to struggle a little bit more how to strike that balance without losing too many votes," Cann said.

Jill Hanauer, a Denver-based Democratic strategist, said Love couldn't shake the association with Trump despite her efforts.

"You can't have it both ways ...," Hanauer said. "Mia Love lost because she ran in the shadow of Donald Trump," Hanauer said.



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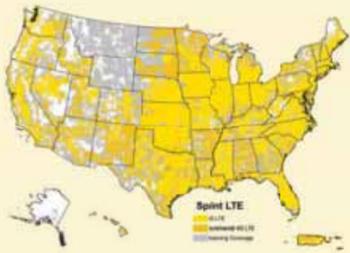
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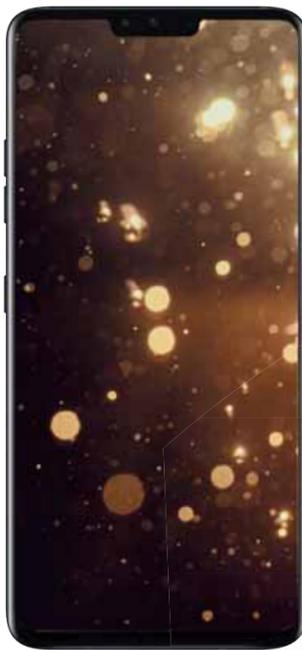
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No rest for greyhounds in Florida

Battle lines drawn over who will handle their adoptions as ban on racing enacted

By **KIM KAVIN**
The Washington Post

Not long after Florida voters overwhelmingly chose to ban greyhound racing — eliminating 11 of America's 17 remaining dog tracks by the end of 2020 — new battle lines are being drawn over who will eventually handle adoptions for the dogs that are now coming up through breeding and training kennels.

If the racing industry and its supporters have their way, it won't be anybody who convinced Floridians that the dogs needed saving in the first place.

The National Greyhound Association, which registers all racing greyhounds and fought the ban, says it will shun any rescue groups that worked to end the sport in the Sunshine State.

"We had over 100 adoption groups that helped support us throughout this ordeal in Florida," said Jim Gartland, executive director of the association, which argues that racing is not bad for dogs. "They are all what we call responsible, endorsed adoption groups — and those are the groups, being led by Greyhound Pets of America, that we

will be working with to place these dogs."

The battle for access to what could be as many as 7,000 greyhounds — some of which may end up racing in other states where it is legal — reflects a bigger divide that shapes animal welfare politics.

On one side are people who advocate improving animal industry welfare practices while acknowledging the industry will continue to exist. Such groups become bedfellows with the industry, if reluctantly so, because it serves as a source of adoptable dogs. In the area of commercial breeding, some groups that call themselves "puppy mill rescues" buy dogs from the breeders they decry.

In the area of greyhound racing, most adoption groups that opposed Florida's ban have supported or stood neutral on racing.

On the other side are activist organizations that lobby to end certain animal businesses such as dog breeding, retail pet stores and racing altogether.

In the case of Florida's greyhounds, this divide materialized between groups that have long taken in the



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Approval of Amendment 13 means greyhound racing in Florida will be phased out by 2020.

industry's "retired racers" for adoption, and forces led by the Massachusetts-based Grey2K. It partnered with the Humane Society of the United States, the ASPCA and other groups that say the dogs are treated cruelly while racing, then cast off when they're too broken and battered to compete.

Now that the ban has passed, some racing industry advocates say pro-ban activists have no business trying to claim the dogs that will need new homes.

"That's the one thing that really is frustrating," said

Vera Rasnake, head of media relations for Greyhound Pets of America, which opposed the ban. "You have the animal activists: They want a piece of it. They don't even know this breed. They don't even know how to transition them the way they should be transitioned."

Grey2K — which has worked to enact greyhound legislation since 2001 — does not find homes for greyhounds but has a sister organization that makes grants to groups that do. Its president, Christine Dorchak, said the industry's

push to wind down Florida racing by giving dogs only to adoption groups that opposed the ban is nothing new.

Whenever a dog track closes, she said, "rhetoric" ramps up from the racing industry and from "adoption groups that they have bullied or are subsidizing."

"The industry will try to keep a tight wrap on these dogs," Dorchak says. "It's quite clear now that they have a list of which groups are on the good list and which are on the bad list. They always say that. We'll end up getting dogs into our

network. We always do."

For dog lovers hoping to aid or adopt a greyhound, things can become confusing. Myriad groups — real and fake — have said they are trying to raise money to help greyhounds since Florida's racing ban passed.

Dorchak said she has personally received emails from groups seeking donations after taking credit for Florida's ban, even though she and the others who lobbied for it have never heard of them.

"They were asking for donations to keep up the work of helping the dogs," she said, with a sigh of exasperation.

Gartland, of the National Greyhound Association, urges dog lovers to check his group's website for a list of what he calls "approved" adoption organizations — the ones he says the industry plans to work with exclusively.

If that's the way things turn out, Dorchak says it's fine with her. The racing industry's closure is all that matters, she said.

"It's the happy ending we've all been working towards, but some people who oppose the end of dog racing and lose — they have to color this happy ending with confusion, false information and basically scare-mongering," she said.

Right-leaning nonprofit paid Whitaker \$904K, forms show

By **MICHAEL BALSAMO AND CHAD DAY**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Before joining the Justice Department, acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker earned nearly \$1 million from a right-leaning nonprofit that doesn't disclose its donors, according to newly released financial disclosure forms.

The documents show Whitaker received \$904,000 in income from the Foundation for Accountability & Civic Trust from 2016 through nearly the end of 2017. He also received \$15,000 from CNN as a legal commentator, according to the documents released Tuesday by the Justice Department.

The nonprofit group, known as FACT, styles itself as a nonpartisan government watchdog promoting ethics and transparency. The tax-exempt group is supposed to serve the public interest without supporting or opposing specific candidates for office. However, its challenges and its website have focused largely, though not exclusively, on Democrats.

Whitaker used his role as president and executive director of FACT in 2016 as a platform to question the ethics of Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton.

Several news outlets and outside groups had requested the documents after President Donald Trump ousted Attorney General Jeff Sessions and elevated Whitaker to the top Justice Department post Nov. 7.

The documents show that Whitaker began revising his public disclosures the day he was appointed acting attorney general. He revised the forms four more times, including Tuesday.

In a disclosure form Whitaker completed when he joined the Justice De-



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partment in September 2017, he reported receiving \$1,875 in legal fees from a company called World Patent Marketing. Whitaker has come under scrutiny for his involvement with the company, which was accused of misleading consumers and is under investigation by the FBI.

Whitaker also disclosed his partial interest in a family farm in Ely, Iowa, that he valued at between \$100,000 and \$250,000. The forms also included disclosures of \$20,000 to \$30,000 in credit card debt in 2017.

FACT drew its funds from 2014-2016 mainly from Donor's Trust, another nonprofit designed to provide anonymity to conservative and libertarian donors. Though such tax-exempt groups can legally withhold the identity of their contributors and generally do so, there may be a distinct irony when a group dedicated to transparency keeps its funding sources in the shadows.

Whitaker's appointment has been criticized by Democrats who have challenged its constitutionality and are concerned that he will interfere with special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation.

Earlier Tuesday, the Senate's top Democrat asked the Justice Department's

watchdog to investigate communications between Whitaker and the White House.

Sen. Chucks Schumer, D-N.Y., asked the inspector general to look into whether Whitaker had access to confidential grand jury information in Mueller's probe. Schumer also wants investigators to examine whether Whitaker shared information with Trump or others in the administration.

John Lavinsky, a spokesman for the inspector general, declined to comment on Schumer's request.

Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, the second-ranking Justice Department official, had been overseeing the special counsel's Russia investigation until Whitaker's appointment. Whitaker is now overseeing the investigation.

Schumer and other Democrats have said they are concerned about Whitaker's past criticism of the Mueller probe, which is looking at Russian interference in the 2016 election and ties to Trump's campaign.

Whitaker's past public statements have included an op-ed article in which he said Mueller would be straying outside his mandate if he investigated Trump's family finances.

President's embrace of Saudi Arabia causes rift among GOP

By **DEB RIECHMANN**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's embrace of Saudi Arabia has exposed a foreign policy rift in the Republican Party, as some of his GOP colleagues warn that not punishing the kingdom for its role in killing a U.S.-based columnist will have dangerous consequences.

Many Republicans — even Sens. Lindsey Graham and Rand Paul, who share their views on the matter with the president — have denounced Trump's decision not to levy harsher penalties on Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman over the death and dismemberment of Jamal Khashoggi inside the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul.

Sen. Bob Corker, the Republican chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said Wednesday he was "astounded" by Trump's statement and likened it to a press release for Saudi Arabia.

"It is a delicate situation when we have a long-term ally that we've had for decades, but we have a crown prince that I believe ordered the killing of a journalist," Corker told Chattanooga TV station WTVN in his home state of Tennessee. "We don't have a smoking gun. Everything points to the fact that he knew about it and directed it."

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo defended Trump's decision, saying the U.S. has already placed sanctions on 17 Saudi officials suspected of involvement in the Oct. 2 killing of The Washington Post columnist, who had been critical of the royal family.

"We've sanctioned 17 people — some of them very senior in the Saudi government," Pompeo said Wednesday in a radio interview with KCMO in Kansas City, Missouri. "We are



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President Donald Trump met with Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in the Oval Office in March.

going to make sure that America always stands for human rights."

Graham, R-S.C., isn't convinced. "When we lose our moral voice, we lose our strongest asset," he said.

Members of both parties have accused Trump of ignoring U.S. intelligence that concluded, according to one U.S. official, that it was likely the crown prince ordered the killing. Several lawmakers have indicated that the U.S. has no "smoking gun" that proves he was responsible, but they have called on the CIA and other top intelligence agencies to publicly share what they told the president about the slaying.

In his statement Tuesday, Trump argued that punishing Saudi Arabia by "foolishly canceling" Saudi arms deals worth billions of dollars to the U.S. would benefit only Russia and China. Critics, including high-ranking officials in other countries, accused Trump of ignoring human rights and giving Saudi Arabia a pass for economic reasons.

It's "America First," Trump said.

That unleashed a tweet Wednesday from Democratic Rep. Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii who wrote: "Being Saudi Arabia's bitch is not 'America First.'"

"Congressional Republi-

cans will have to do a gut check," Jon Alterman, director of the Middle East Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said Wednesday. "The Republican Party has believed for more than 50 years that morality was one of the reasons why the United States won the Cold War. And the president walked away from that."

Some lawmakers are already fighting back. Twenty-two members of the Senate — 11 Republicans and 11 Democrats — have triggered investigations into Khashoggi's death and specifically whether the crown prince was responsible. The investigations were requested under provisions of the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act.

The act requires the president to report back to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee within 120 days — in this case by Feb. 7.

Before leaving for the holiday, Paul, R-Ky., lamented that Trump didn't accept the counsel he received from both him and Graham.

"He's been hearing from both myself and from Lindsey Graham and yet we get this," Paul said about Trump's statement in support of Saudi Arabia. "We really have to reconsider what we're doing."

DeVos reinstates controversial gatekeeper of for-profit colleges

By **LAURA MECKLER**
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Education Secretary Betsy DeVos on Wednesday restored federal recognition to a controversial agency that accredits for-profit colleges, reversing an Obama administration decision to put it out of business.

The move is one in a series of steps DeVos has taken to undo an Obama-era crackdown that she argues unfairly singled out for-profit schools for scru-

tiny not applied to other colleges. But critics say she is propping up an industry with a track record of misleading students and poor educational outcomes.

Former Obama administration officials predicted Wednesday that DeVos's decision will be challenged in court.

In December 2016, the Obama administration ruled that the Accrediting Council for Independent



DeVos

Colleges and Schools, known as ACICS, should no longer be allowed to serve as a gatekeeper between colleges and billions of dollars in federal financial aid. It concluded that the agency was incapable of rectifying years of lax oversight and "exhibited a profound lack of compliance" with the "most basic" responsibilities of an accreditor.

But in March, a federal judge ordered DeVos to

reconsider that decision, finding that the Obama staff had failed to review thousands of pages of evidence.

A senior Education Department official, Diane Auer Jones, reviewed the record and in September recommended that DeVos reinstate ACICS. She found that the council was out of compliance with two of 21 criteria but recommended it be given a year to fix those problems. She also recommended monitoring in a handful of other areas.

DeVos agreed and in her

decision characterized the Education Department under Obama as having ignored or mischaracterized relevant evidence when ruling that the accrediting agency be removed from the student loan program. DeVos said the decision reached by former Education Secretary John King suffered from "circular reasoning" and "a desire to achieve a pre-ordained result."

King declined comment. DeVos's decision was delivered Wednesday to the

accreditor. ACICS President Michelle Edwards replied she is gratified by the move and "eager to move forward and commit all of our energy to reinvigorating and strengthening the organization for a strong future."

Critics blasted the DeVos decision. They noted that ACICS remains out of compliance with two standards — one deals with whether the agency employs qualified and competent people; the second regards controls against conflicts of interest.



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India restricts visits to North Sentinel Island, where a tribe there is resistant to outsiders.

Police: Remote tribesmen kill U.S. 'explorer' on Indian island

BY ASHOK SHARMA
Associated Press

NEW DELHI — An American adventurer who kayaked to a remote Indian island populated by a tribe known for shooting at outsiders with bows and arrows has been killed, police said Wednesday. Officials said they were working with anthropologists to recover the body.

North Sentinel is in the Andaman Islands at the intersection of the Bay of Bengal and Andaman Sea.

Chau organized his visit to the island through a friend who hired seven fishermen for \$325 to take him there on a boat, which also towed his kayak, Pathak said.



Chau

The American went ashore in his kayak Nov. 15 and sent the boat with the fishermen out to sea to avoid detection, Pathak said. He interacted with some of the tribespeople, offering gifts such as a football and fish. But the tribespeople became angry and shot an arrow at him, hitting a book he was carrying, Pathak said.

After his kayak was damaged, Chau swam back to the fishermen's boat, which was waiting at a pre-arranged location. He spent the night writing about his experiences on pages that he then gave the fishermen, Pathak said. He set out again to meet the tribespeople Nov. 16.

What happened then isn't known. But on the morning of the following day, the waiting fishermen watched from a distance as the tribesmen dragged Chau's body. They left for Port Blair, the capital of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, where they broke the

news to Chau's friend, who in turn notified his family, Pathak said.

Chau had lived in Oklahoma, where he attended Oral Roberts University, and in southwestern Washington state, where he attended Vancouver Christian High School.

One of Chau's friends, Casey Prince, 39, of Cape Town, South Africa, described Prince as "an explorer at heart."

He added, "If (Chau) was taking a risk, he was very aware of it."

Kathleen Hosie, spokeswoman for the U.S. Consulate in Chennai, the capital of India's southern Tamil Nadu state, said she was aware of reports concerning an American in the islands but could not comment further due to privacy considerations.

Shiv Viswanathan, a social scientist and a professor at Jindal Global Law School, said North Sentinel Island was a protected area and not open to tourists.

"The exact population of the tribe is not known, but it is declining. The government has to protect them," Viswanathan said.

Poachers are known to fish illegally in the waters around the island, catching turtles and diving for lobsters and sea cucumbers. Tribespeople killed two Indian fishermen in 2006 when their boat broke loose and drifted onto the shore.

Hunters in India kill tiger linked to 13 deadly attacks

BY KYLE SWENSON
The Washington Post



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The hunt looked less like a bushwhack through the wilderness than a coordinated military operation.

For months, park rangers and police officers beat through the forest in central India's Maharashtra state. They deployed paragliders and infrared cameras, the Guardian reported. Sharpshooters were mounted on the backs of trained elephants. About 150 people participated in the full-court press to track down a single animal looping through the region — a 6-year-old female tiger officially known as T1 but affectionately called "Avni" by animal rights advocates.

According to Indian state officials, T1 was no National Geographic cover star or Animal Planet curiosity, but a dangerous creature with a violent track record of human interactions.

Since 2016, T1 was linked to 13 human killings in Maharashtra, sparking terror in local communities, setting animal rights activists against state authorities, and even teeing up a legal challenge in the country's highest court.

It all came to an end Nov. 2, when T1 was taken down by a bullet from a .458 Winchester Magnum rifle.

"There was no doubt that human lives were in danger. There was a market day and the tiger was just on a road that people use and children cycle on so we had to get there," Asgar Ali Khan, the hunter who killed the animal, told the Telegraph. "She had tasted human flesh and saw us like monkeys, or goats, or other prey. So when she charged at us, I had to shoot in self-defense."

T1's killing, however, has only reignited the controversy over the hunt.

"I am deeply saddened by the way tigress Avni has

been brutally murdered," Maneka Gandhi, India's minister for women and child development, said in one of a series of tweets lashing out at the hunt. "I am definitely going to take up this case of utter lack of empathy for animals as a test case. Legally, criminally as well as politically."

T1 was one of the estimated 2,500 tigers roaming India, according to The New York Times. The country's big cat population had risen in recent years, thanks to increases in government regulation, from 1,411 in 2006.

"The depletion of forest land through cattle grazing is the biggest problem," conservationist Ajay Dubey told CNN in September. "Tigers aren't encroaching on human habitats. It's human beings who are continuously coming in."

Thirty percent of India's current tiger population roams free, while the rest live on reserves, according to the Times. T1 — and her two cubs — were among the animals drifting around 60 miles of jungle and farmland near the town of Pandharkawada.

The tiger was first linked to an attack in January 2016, when an elderly woman was found in a cotton field. Claw marks crossed the dead body's back, the Independent reported. Human deaths

continued to mount in the region. The Independent reported DNA testing on the victims revealed wounds on five bodies were inflicted by a female tiger. Based on photographic evidence and track marks, authorities linked the animal to 13 deaths, including three people last August, according to the BBC.

Tigers are protected under Indian law, unless the state's chief wildlife warden determines the animal is "dangerous to human life." The government branded T1 a "man-eater," greenlighting a government operation to hunt down the tiger and kill her if she could not be captured.

But last September, animal rights challenged the decision, arguing evidence did not conclusively link T1 to the deaths, CNN reported.

India's Supreme Court, however, sided with the government, allowing the hunt to move forward.

Twenty-four hours after T1 was slain, officials announced they were now looking for her two cubs.

"They cannot be left in the wild," Virendra Tiwari, the chief conservator of forest with the state forest department, told the Hindustan Times. "But they are not to be shot, only tranquilized and this needs to be done at the earliest to ensure their good health."

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Memories sweetest part of feast

Boston-area man gives strangers place to celebrate

BY CATHY FREE
The Washington Post

For his first Thanksgiving alone in 1985, Scott Macaulay was thinking that he would have to heat up a frozen turkey dinner and turn on a football game to stifle the silence in his apartment near Boston.

With his parents recently divorced and “nobody talking to anybody,” he said, “I was looking at a pretty rotten Thanksgiving. And I absolutely hate to eat alone.”

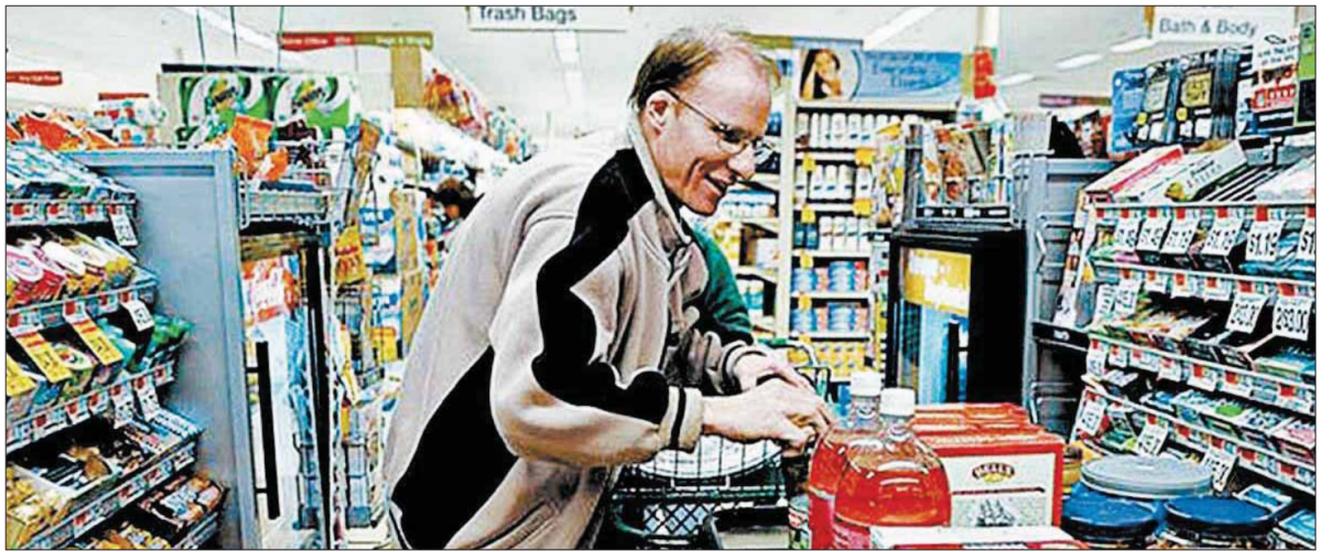
Then Macaulay, a divorced vacuum cleaner repairman, had an idea: What if he took out an ad in his hometown paper, the Melrose Free Press, and invited 12 strangers to join him for Thanksgiving dinner? It seemed like a manageable number to host at the First Baptist Church he attended — and, yeah, it was a little crazy, but it had to be better than being lonely.

“I knew that I couldn’t be the only one in this situation,” he said. “There had to be at least a dozen people out there who didn’t want to spend Thanksgiving Day alone.”

Actually, more.

Since those 12 strangers gathered around his table for turkey, stuffing and pumpkin pie 33 years ago, Macaulay has made his free feast an annual event, inviting anyone to make a reservation by calling his office phone number that is printed in the paper. He does not own a cellphone or computer. Through the years, he has fed plenty of widows, widowers, homeless people, college kids who can’t make it home — even the guest who crawled under the table a few years ago. All are welcome.

In the town of 27,000 about 10 miles northwest of Boston, Macaulay feeds 60



Scott Macaulay shops for groceries in preparation for his Thanksgiving 2012 feast in Melrose, Mass. This will be his 33rd consecutive community feast.

to 100 people every year. When the oven broke at his church one Thanksgiving, he moved the repast to the basement of Melrose’s Green Street Baptist Church, which now donates space for the dinner every year.

About a week before Thanksgiving, Macaulay, 57, who owns and lives above Macaulay’s House of Vacuum Cleaners, goes grocery shopping and buys everything himself, though he prefers not to say how much it all costs him because “that would take away the spirit of it.” Asked again, he said the total exceeds \$1,000.

The menu includes four large turkeys, five kinds of pie (pumpkin, apple, mince, cherry and the ever-popular Hershey’s frozen sundae pie), sweet potatoes, stuffing, mashed potatoes with gravy, butternut squash, cranberries, fruit cups and rolls with butter. He stores it all in refrigerators at the church until the morning of the feast.

A few days beforehand, he hauls in sofas, recliners, oriental rugs and even a couple of fake fireplaces, and decorates a rec hall to

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— Scott Macaulay, who has provided a community Thanksgiving feast for 32 years

resemble a cozy living room. Candlesticks and cloth napkins are placed on tables, curtains are hung in the windows, and adjoining rooms are set up for guests to relax and get to know one another over appetizers: chips and dip in one room and cheese and crackers in the next.

“This isn’t about the food, though,” Macaulay said. “It’s about having a place to go. Silence is unbearable, especially on Thanksgiving. My goal is always to replicate the feeling of having a nice dinner in somebody’s home.”

Reservations usually come in at the last minute, he said, “because everyone is hoping for a better offer.” After 32 Thanksgivings, Macaulay can laugh about it

and never takes offense. He has made dozens of friends and an equal number of memories.

“There was a guy one year who’d just lost his wife,” he said. “And after dinner, he put on her old apron and helped me to do the dishes.”

One year, he said, an elderly woman paid \$200 for an ambulance to drive her to the church from her nursing home. She arrived decked out in fancy clothes and told Macaulay she hadn’t been out in seven years. She cried when dinner was over.

Last year, two people showed up with service dogs.

Another year, Macaulay took a plate out to a woman who was living in her car

and was too ashamed of her plight to come inside until almost everyone had gone home.

“She came in to get some leftovers,” Macaulay recalled. “And she sang ‘Amazing Grace’ with this incredible voice. What a year that was.”

Then there was the time his parents both showed up. Macaulay’s mother was dying of breast cancer and wanted to be with family. So did his dad.

“There they were, sitting on the couch together,” he said, “holding each other’s hand, years after their divorce. I can still see them sitting there. That’s a happy memory.”

Infants have spent their first Thanksgiving with Macaulay, and more than a few elderly people have sat down for their last. Some people return year after year to relax with strangers in front of a faux fireplace.

Geoff Shanklin, 65, who lives alone and has attended every dinner, said he watches in admiration each year when Macaulay makes the dinner happen.

“He prepares it all, and we bring ourselves,”

Shanklin said. “He really enjoys passing it on to lonely people in Melrose. For people like me with nowhere to go, Scott is family.”

Last year, Loretta Saint-Louis, 66, was feeling down because she couldn’t make it to Ohio for her family’s annual gathering. Then she spotted Macaulay’s newspaper ad.

“I had no idea what I was walking into,” she said, “and I was surprised at how fancy and well-done it was. Scott really goes all out. It’s extraordinary that he does this, but he sees it as a gift to give to everyone. He really pulls the little community of Melrose together.”

Because Thanksgiving wouldn’t be Thanksgiving without giving thanks, Macaulay always asks people to write what they’re thankful for on a slip of paper and leave their thoughts in a basket. He saves the submissions and reads them throughout the year, long after the table has been cleared and the dishes washed.

The top thing people write about is being thankful for their health.

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Colombian activists often targeted

Despite a 2016 peace deal with rebels, assassins kill social, community leaders

BY CHRIS KRAUL
Los Angeles Times

BOGOTA, Colombia — The killers found Hugo Albeiro George Perez sitting and chatting at a fruit juice stand. It was May 2, and he had been protesting against construction of a massive hydroelectric project in northern Colombia.

George, 48, was fatally shot in the back, according to his widow, Carmen. His nephew, Dilmar Zapata, was also killed.

“Hugo talked a lot to the news media and became a target,” Carmen George said in an interview in Medellin, about 100 miles south of where the killing happened, in the hilly river town of Puerto Valdivia.

The deaths of George and Zapata reflect a dismal trend. In the last two years — ever since the 2016 peace deal that ended Colombia’s civil war — killings of social leaders and civic activists have risen sharply across the country. In response, the government says it will unveil a plan this week to better protect them.

So far this year, at least 110 activists have been killed, according to the United Nations’ human rights office in Colombia, putting 2018 on track to surpass 2017, when 121 such people were killed. That was more than double the toll of the year before.

Those killed include environmentalists, labor and political organizers, land rights activists and rural

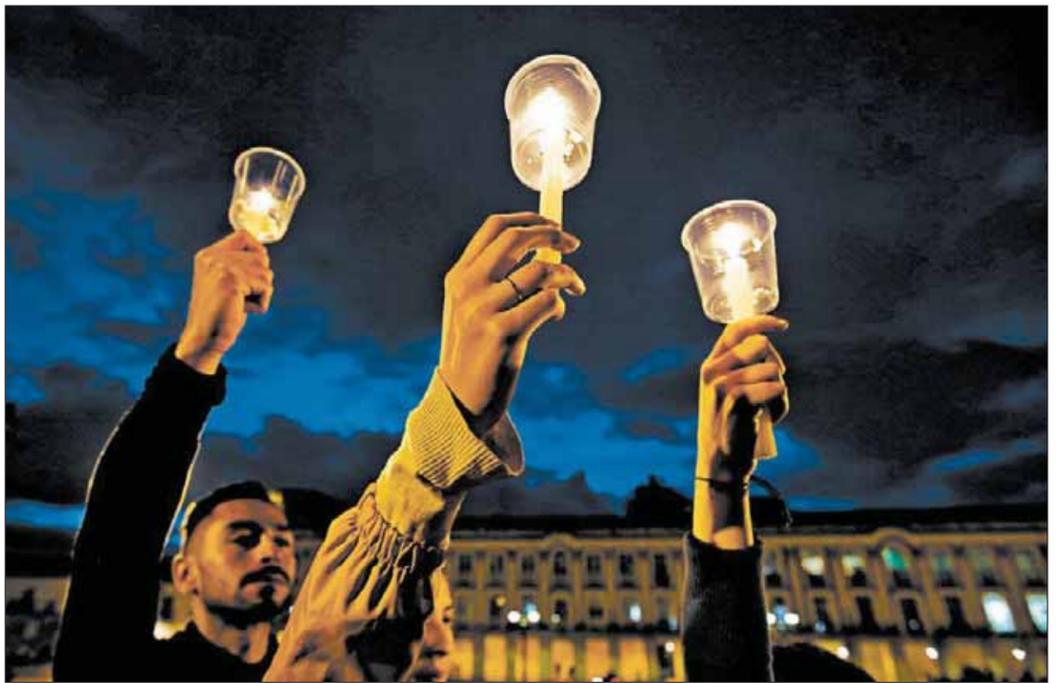
community figures opposed to the farming of coca crops. More such leaders are killed here than in any other Latin American country, said Adam Isacson, a senior researcher at the Washington Office on Latin America, a think tank specializing in the Americas.

“The people planning and carrying out these killings seem to have no fear that the police or military will stop them, or that the justice system will ever punish them,” Isacson said, adding that the “vast majority of masterminds remain unidentified and unprosecuted.”

With 1,200 members, Rios Vivos is just one civil society group targeted by the shadowy assassins. Community action councils in small villages that lobby for restitution of land abandoned by peasants during the civil conflict have been among the most common targets. The community action council in Miramontes village in northern Colombia has lost four members in unsolved killings so far this year.

“The purpose is to intimidate us, and to some extent it’s working,” said Isabel Zuleta, a former sociology professor at the University of Antioquia who co-founded Rios Vivos, or Living Rivers, the organization that Hugo George was working for. She has been protected by armed guards since a failed kidnap attempt in 2016.

“Many have left our



FERNANDO VERGARA/AP

Death squads are killing activists and social leaders who oppose coca farming and displacement of the poor.

movement out of fear,” she said. “But it hasn’t stopped us because the ones who have stayed are the strongest.”

Political analysts have struggled to explain the connection between the increase in homicides and the peace deal that ended the civil war between the government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, a rebel group. Peter Cousins, an academic who studies Colombian political violence at the University of York in Britain, theorizes that the peace deal emboldened victims of the half-century-long civil

conflict to be more vocal in seeking restitution for lost land and other assets, as promised by terms of the peace deal.

That has made them more visible and therefore vulnerable to death squads hired by “people who have profited from the war who are afraid of losing what they have gained, such as land,” Cousins said.

The new government protection plan is expected to be unveiled as early as Monday. Details are being closely guarded by the Interior Ministry, which will administer the program in cooperation with law en-

forcement and social agencies.

But Francisco Barbosa, a human rights adviser to President Ivan Duque, said in an interview in Bogota on Nov. 6 that the new plan will focus mainly on delivering greater protection and a governmental presence in 50 to 60 townships where increased cultivation of coca leaf, the raw material of cocaine, has attracted drug trafficking mafias and new waves of violence.

“Illicit cultivation of coca is generating a considerable increase in criminal organizations who are killing our leaders. It is a terrible situa-

tion for Colombia,” Barbosa said, adding that rural leaders who try to stop the recruitment of local youths by the mafias become prime targets.

Zuleta of Rios Vivos, who has been told some of the new plan’s details, said she is concerned that it will focus too much on drug trafficking “because coca is the theme that gets talked about on an international level.”

She said she worries that it will shift the focus away from groups like hers, “and make it easier for the government to deny our problems exist.”

Pablo Escobar’s widow describes forced abortion in new book

BY JOSHUA GOODMAN
Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia — The widow of Pablo Escobar fell madly in love as a preteen with the man who would rise to be a ruthless drug lord, but she says she felt raped when at age 14 he forced her to have a clandestine abortion, and over time came to view him as a cruel psychopath.

The revelation comes in a memoir, “My Life and My Prison With Pablo Escobar,” in which Maria Henao for the first time opens up about her life alongside one of the world’s most ruthless criminals, portraying herself more as a victim of the boundless violence of the Medellin cartel boss than as an accomplice to his law-breaking.

In the book’s epilogue, titled “The secret I’ve held for years,” Henao describes being taken by Escobar to a ramshackle clinic and lying down on a stretcher while an elderly woman inserted several plastic tubes into her womb. She says she didn’t know she was pregnant and was told it was just a means of pregnancy prevention. Over several days she endured bleeding and intense pain as a pregnancy was aborted. With time, and much therapy, she says she came to view the experience as a “violation.”

She writes that she had been “paralyzed” with fear the first time Escobar was intimate with her. “I wasn’t ready, I did not feel sexual malice, I did not have the necessary tools to understand what this intimate and intense contact meant,”

“I had to connect with my history and immerse myself in the depths of my soul, to find the courage to reveal the sad secret that I have harbored for 44 years.”

—Maria Henao

she says.

Talking of the abortion, something she had kept even from her children until now, she says, “I had to connect with my history and immerse myself in the depths of my soul, to find the courage to reveal the sad secret that I have harbored for 44 years.”

Henao says she decided to break her long silence and write the 523-page book with the hope that younger generations of Colombians would see how much blood has spilled in Colombia as a result of its cocaine business.

But it is also a page-turner that provides an intimate look at Escobar’s fast evolution from a small-time grave robber to one of the world’s most wanted fugitives.

Henao says she met Escobar when she was 12. She came from an upstanding, traditional family in the Envigado district near Medellin and disobeyed her parents by falling in love with Escobar, the son of a poor watchman who rode

around their neighborhood on a flashy Vespa motor scooter and was 11 years her senior.

During a courtship that led to marriage when Henao was 15, Escobar showered her with gifts like a yellow bicycle and serenades of romantic ballads.

“He made me feel like a fairy princess and I was convinced he was my Prince Charming,” she writes.

But from the start there were long, unexplained absences and he frequently flirted with other women. As Escobar began to amass a fortune, he also became manipulative and paranoid, she says.

Henao insists she was largely kept in the dark about details of his criminal activities and says she escaped from the “inferno” of living alongside Escobar by creating an alternative world devoted to their two children and collecting expensive artworks by the likes of Dali and Rodin.

After the Medellin cartel’s 1984 assassination of Justice Minister Rodrigo Lara, Escobar went into hiding and waged a bloody war with the state that included killing a presidential candidate and blowing up a commercial jetliner. Over much of the next decade, until Escobar died during a 1993 rooftop shootout with police, the family’s contact with the kingpin consisted of short visits to safe houses where Henao and her children arrived blindfolded and were escorted by Escobar’s army of assassins.

In an interview Wednes-



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Pablo Escobar, his wife, Maria Henao, and their son attend a soccer match in Bogota, Colombia.

day with Colombia’s W Radio before the Nov. 15 publication of the book, Henao started off by apologizing to Colombians for what she said was the enormous damage her husband caused the nation. Referring to him throughout the interview as “Pablo Escobar,” she said she felt a mix of pain, profound embarrassment and disappointment with the man who had been the love of her life.

“I chose to bear all of this pain to protect my children,” she said.

After Escobar was killed, Henao began a frenzied search for asylum, fearing that his many enemies would extract exact revenge and kill her children. After being turned down by several countries, they settled in Buenos Aires, Argentina,

and changed their names.

There, an attempt to lead a relatively normal life was interrupted when they were arrested in 1999 for money laundering. They were charged again this year for allegedly helping a Colombian drug trafficker hide money through real estate and a cafe known for its tango performances. Henao denies any wrongdoing and said once again that she and her children are being unfairly targeted because of their former last name.

In 2009, Escobar’s son, who now goes by the name Sebastian Marroquin, starred in a documentary in which he seeks to atone for his father’s sins by meeting with the orphaned sons of Lara and another prominent victim of his father’s cartel. The film left Colom-

bians transfixed and spurred a more dispassionate look at Escobar’s role in the 1980s and 1990s drug wars.

But with the proliferation of books, the hit Netflix “Narcos” series, and tours of Escobar’s former haunts in Medellin, some worry that the capo is being glorified by younger Colombians who didn’t live through the bloodbath.

And even a quarter century after his death, not everyone is willing to forgive.

Writing recently in the newspaper El Tiempo, columnist Maria Isabel Rueda said that Henao’s book “isn’t the excuse of a victim, but of a shameless senora who knew perfectly well that she and her family swam in rivers of gold preceded by a flood of deaths.”

Humans, global warming may have worsened recent hurricanes

BY SETH BORENSTEIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Humans helped make recent devastating U.S. hurricanes wetter but in different ways, two new studies find.

Hurricane Harvey snagged on the skyscrapers of Houston, causing it to slow and dump more rain than it normally would, one study found. The city’s massive amounts of paving had an even bigger impact by reducing drainage. Land development in the metro area, on average, increased the chances of extreme flooding by 21 times, study

authors said.

A second study looked at last year’s major Hurricanes Maria and Irma and 2005’s deadly Katrina and used computer simulations to see what would have happened if there had been no human-caused global warming. The study found that climate change significantly increased rainfall from those three storms but did not boost their wind speed.

Both studies were published Nov. 14 in the journal Nature.

Houston was a literal drag on Harvey as it sloshed through, with the storm

getting tripped up by the skyscrapers, said study co-author Gabriele Villarini, a civil and environmental engineering professor at the University of Iowa.

Co-author Gabe Vecchi, a climate scientist at Princeton University, said that forced the storm to move up higher, causing more concentrated rain over Houston and slowing, which also made more rain.

He compared it to a river running over rocks, creating bubbles.

“That’s sort of what’s going on here,” he said.

This effect is dwarfed, though, by the paving and

building that don’t allow water to sink into the ground, Vecchi said.

Harvey’s record rainfall reached 5 feet in one spot near Houston. The scientists used computer simulations to see the effects of urbanization. In parts of the Houston metro area, the effects of development ranged from a 10 percent higher risk of extreme flooding in the less-developed northwest to nearly 92 times the risk in the northeast, they reported.

That is on top of the unique weather patterns that made Harvey slow down and stall and climate

change which brought more water into the storm, Vecchi said.

MIT hurricane and climate expert Kerry Emanuel, who wasn’t part of the study, called the Harvey study “a real advance in our understanding of hurricane impacts on urban areas.”

But Texas state climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon wasn’t convinced. He said the team used generic shapes instead of the actual Houston skyline. He said the storm’s wind speeds may have slowed, but that is different from the storm’s forward movement slowing.

The other study in Nature looked at a variety of historical damaging storms and tried to calculate past and future effects of climate change. In three cases, the scientists simulated the storms without the changes in the climate from greenhouse gases, showing that global warming increased rainfall 8.9 percent in Maria, 6.3 percent in Irma and 8.7 percent in Katrina.

Maria hit Puerto Rico and other parts of the Caribbean. Irma hit the Caribbean and Florida, while Katrina struck New Orleans and the Gulf Coast.

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

South Korean chosen to lead Interpol in setback to Russia

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Interpol elected a South Korean as the organization's president Wednesday, edging out a veteran of Russia's security services.

Kim Jong Yang's surprise election was seen as a victory for the White House and its European partners, who had lobbied against Alexander Prokopchuk's bid to be the policing organization's president.

The U.S. and others

expressed concern that if Russia's candidate had been elected, that would have led to further Kremlin abuses of Interpol's red notice system to go after political opponents and fugitive dissidents.

Russia accused its critics of running a "campaign to discredit" its candidate, calling Prokopchuk a respected professional.

Kim will serve until 2020, completing the four-year mandate of his predecessor, Meng Hongwei.

UAE sentences U.K. academic to life in prison on spy charge

LONDON — A British academic was sentenced to life in prison on Wednesday in the United Arab Emirates on charges that he was spying for the U.K. — a verdict Britain described as shocking as it urged its Mideast ally to reconsider the decision.

Matthew Hedges, a 31-year-old doctorate student in Middle Eastern Studies at Durham University, was arrested May 5 at Dubai Airport and has been held

in detention since.

Local media reported that police secured evidence of his activities from Hedges' electronic devices and surveillance by Emirati intelligence. Durham University, meanwhile, said that there was no reason to believe Hedges "was conducting anything other than legitimate academic research," which his wife said was on the impact of Emirati security and foreign policies.

Avenatti will not face felony charges in domestic abuse case

LOS ANGELES — Attorney Michael Avenatti will not face felony charges based on allegations of domestic violence lodged against him by a 24-year-old actress.

Los Angeles County prosecutors announced Wednesday that they sent the case to the city attorney for possible misdemeanor charges.

Avenatti, who gained fame as the attorney representing porn actress

Stormy Daniels in a lawsuit against President Donald Trump, was arrested Nov. 14 on suspicion of domestic violence. He was released on \$50,000 bail. Avenatti has denied wrongdoing.

Mareli Miniutti claimed Avenatti had "a history of being verbally abusive and financially controlling" during their yearlong relationship, according to a filing for a restraining order.



JOHN WESSELS/GETTY-AFP

Hope in Congo: Supporters of the joint opposition presidential candidate Martin Fayulu celebrate Wednesday ahead of his arrival in Kinshasa to launch his campaign in a crucial election after two years of setbacks, broken pledges and delays. Elections are Dec. 23.

Number of abortions in U.S. reaches historic low, CDC says

WASHINGTON — Fewer U.S. women are receiving abortions today than at any time since Roe v. Wade, according to new government figures released Wednesday.

In 2015, a total of 638,169 abortions were reported, representing a decrease of 2 percent from 652,639 abortions in 2014. The abortion rate was 11.8 abortions per 1,000 women ages 15 to 44 in 2015 compared with 12.1 in 2014 and 15.9 in 2006.

In the years immediately after abortion was legalized nationwide in 1973, the number of legal abortions

increased dramatically, reaching its peak in the 1980s. Abortions then began decreasing at a slow rate until around 2006-2008 when they increased slightly, followed by even greater decreases in recent years.

While the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention surveillance report did not delve into the reasons for the decline, researchers have cited improved contraceptive access, which has led to a decrease in unintended pregnancies, especially among teens, as well as the state laws regarding paren-

tal consent, waiting periods and other conditions that make it more difficult for women to get abortions.

California, Maryland and New Hampshire did not participate, and the reporting is better in some places than others. The report shows tremendous variation by age, race and geographic region.

While the abortion rate decreased across all age groups in 2015, women in their 20s accounted for nearly 60 percent of all abortions. The abortion rate was 19.9 for women ages 20 to 24 and 17.9 for ages 25 to 29.

Obama's book sells 1.4 million copies in a week

NEW YORK — Michelle Obama's "Becoming" has become a massive hit.

Crown Publishing said Wednesday that the former first lady's memoir has sold over 1.4 million copies in print and digital formats in the U.S. and Canada in the seven days since it was released Nov. 13.

Based on demand from retailers across all channels, the publisher has printed 3 million hardcover copies in North America. On its first day, the book sold more than 725,000 copies.

Crown also said that "Becoming" is the No. 1 adult nonfiction title in

Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain and the United Kingdom.

In Germany, some 200,000 copies have been sold, prompting a second printing of 100,000 copies.

In the U.K., "Becoming" has had five press runs with a total of 575,000 copies.

Chairman of Senate panel rejects vote on trade pact

WASHINGTON — The Republican chairman of the Senate committee overseeing trade rebuffed a call by a dozen GOP senators to vote on a revised U.S.-Canada-Mexico trade agreement this year, a move that likely will doom their effort.

The senators, in a Nov. 20 letter, urged President Donald Trump to send lawmakers final legislative language for the deal as soon as possible so that it can pass before Democrats take control of the House next year.

Congressional consideration of the trade pact, known as the USMCA, "this year is not realistic, but I look forward to continuing consultations with the Trump administration," Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch of Utah said Wednesday.

He said members are still reviewing the agreement.

Russia probe: Special counsel Robert Mueller urged a federal judge to reject Trump campaign aide George Papadopoulos' request to delay his two-week jail sentence until a court ruling on a challenge to Mueller's appointment. Papadopoulos pleaded guilty to lying to federal agents and is reporting to prison Monday.

Auto recall: Honda is recalling 122,000 minivans worldwide because the sliding doors can open while the vans are moving. The recall covers Odyssey vans from 2018 and 2019. Honda said some parts in the power door rear latches can stick and stop the doors from fastening securely, but that it has no reports of injuries.

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EDITORIALS

Making your own good news

Ever feel the world offers nothing but bad news? Please let us show you the other side of the coin. Generous, thoughtful people are everywhere, lifting the spirits of others without being asked, without giving their names. Here are examples, compiled from recent news reports:

Item 1: A teenager working for a Goodwill thrift store in suburban Huntley found a hidden treasure in a donated hatbox: \$2,300 in cash. It had apparently been stashed as a rainy day fund by the former owner, who was now moving into a nursing home. You may never have heard about this if the teenage volunteer hadn't done the honest thing, turning the cash in to his manager. The manager figured out who donated the hatbox via surveillance footage and returned the money. "It warms our heart when we hear of a happy ending like this," says Shannon Harper of Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois. Ours too. To that anonymous employee and his or her family: Bravo. Nicely done.

Item 2: Shopper Julie Ann Gates noticed a commotion at the Derby, Vt., Walmart: An unknown benefactor appeared at the store and began paying off amounts due on a number of customer layaway accounts. Gates hadn't bought anything yet, so the man encouraged her to make some quick selections. She chose \$199 in toys — and the man then paid her bill and others'. "I asked him what his name was and he said 'Kris Kringle' and walked away," Gates wrote on Facebook.

Item 3: For the 28th year in a row, an anonymous donor dropped a gold coin in a Kankakee Salvation Army kettle, the Daily Journal reported. It's worth about \$1,100. The bell-ringers are just getting started — let's hope there are more such coins in more kettles.

Item 4: Howard Gipson — who has multiple sclerosis — had just moved to Arizona and had his credit card denied at a Target store in the Phoenix area. Instead of fuming, another customer in line paid his bill, then slipped away. "With so much ugly in the world right now, somebody steps up and does something like this. It just makes you rethink everything," marveled Coralea Gosnell, Gipson's companion on the outing.

Item 5: Edward Lee Nickels, a Korean War veteran, still works at age 86. On Veterans Day he was shopping for a new wood-burning stove in Springdale, Ark. The stove plus installation cost more than \$400. A stranger stepped in to pay the bill. "I choked up. I shook his hand, and I could hardly talk," Nickels told a local TV station.

As the holiday season gears up, you can expect to read more tales of unexpected kindness. Neighbors will take up donations for families less fortunate. Internet fundraising appeals will succeed beyond the imaginations of those in tough times. Good Samaritans of all sorts will take the opportunity to help others. They will surprise and delight those in need, reaffirming our common bonds as a society. One of those generous givers could be you. If you choose to be one of those helpers who give money or time to support others, you have our thanks in advance. And when the holiday season is over, don't stop. Generosity is habit-forming. Try it and see.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Wildlife conservation isn't just about raising the numbers on a population count. It's also an act of cultural preservation. When rangers stop poachers from killing an elephant matriarch, they're also saving her memories.

When conservationists preserve routes over which bighorn sheep can travel, they're keeping the animals' traditional knowledge alive for future generations. Cultural losses are harder to see than disappearing habitats or declining populations, but they're no less important. ... We lay roads, erect fences, and build towns — all of which restrict the movements of wild animals and make migration more challenging.

Recognizing these problems, conservationists have increasingly tried to modify fences, create overpasses, and minimize development along so-called migration corridors. But Matthew Kauffman, a University of Wyoming conservation biologist, emphasizes that these corridors aren't real physical things, like tracks or roads.

"The corridor exists in the minds of these animals," he says. "If you sever it with a highway and then un-sever it with an overpass, the animals wouldn't necessarily immediately start using it again, because they wouldn't automatically have the memory of it. They'd need to relearn."

Ed Yong, *The Atlantic*

PEOPLEIMAGES

Gazing at the faces around the Thanksgiving table should remind us there's much to be thankful for.

This Thanksgiving, every Thanksgiving

There's nothing to be thankful for, because Donald Trump is president. Or: There's much to be thankful for, including the ability to help families in California that have had their homes immolated, their possessions charred to cinder.

There's nothing to be thankful for, because Chicago's streets blaze with gun violence. Or: There's much to be thankful for because, well, gaze at the faces around your Thanksgiving table.

This is the psychic yin and yang of Thanksgiving, a day in which millions of Americans pause to tally a year's gains and losses.

Is Thursday's interlude a profound moment of gratitude, or a miserable battlefield of family dysfunction? Do you focus on blessings — health, family, friends — or nurse your grudges and ruminate on your woes? Today, like every other day, that's up to you. Our purpose here is not to tell you how thankful you should or shouldn't be, but to extol the benefits of taking a long-terms perspective on Thanksgiving.

Remember, this national holiday started in 1863, as the Civil War raged. In his proclamation, President Abraham Lincoln reminded Americans that even in the midst of "a cruel war of unequalled magni-

tude and severity," there were reasons to give thanks. Lincoln spoke of "the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies," a nation of bounties "so extraordinary ... that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible ..." But there was also something for citizens to be less thankful for: the first federal income taxes. Lincoln had signed a tax bill in 1861; it was overhauled in 1862, creating the agency that later became the Internal Revenue Service.

We imagine that tens of thousands of households welcomed Thanksgiving joyfully after the Great War ended 100 years ago. Sons, fathers and brothers who had been over there at last were coming home. Many other families, however, grieved for an empty spot at the table. In that first Thanksgiving only days after World War I, President Woodrow Wilson declared, over-optimistically: "Complete victory has brought us not peace alone but the confident promise of a new day as well, in which justice shall replace force and jealous intrigue among nations."

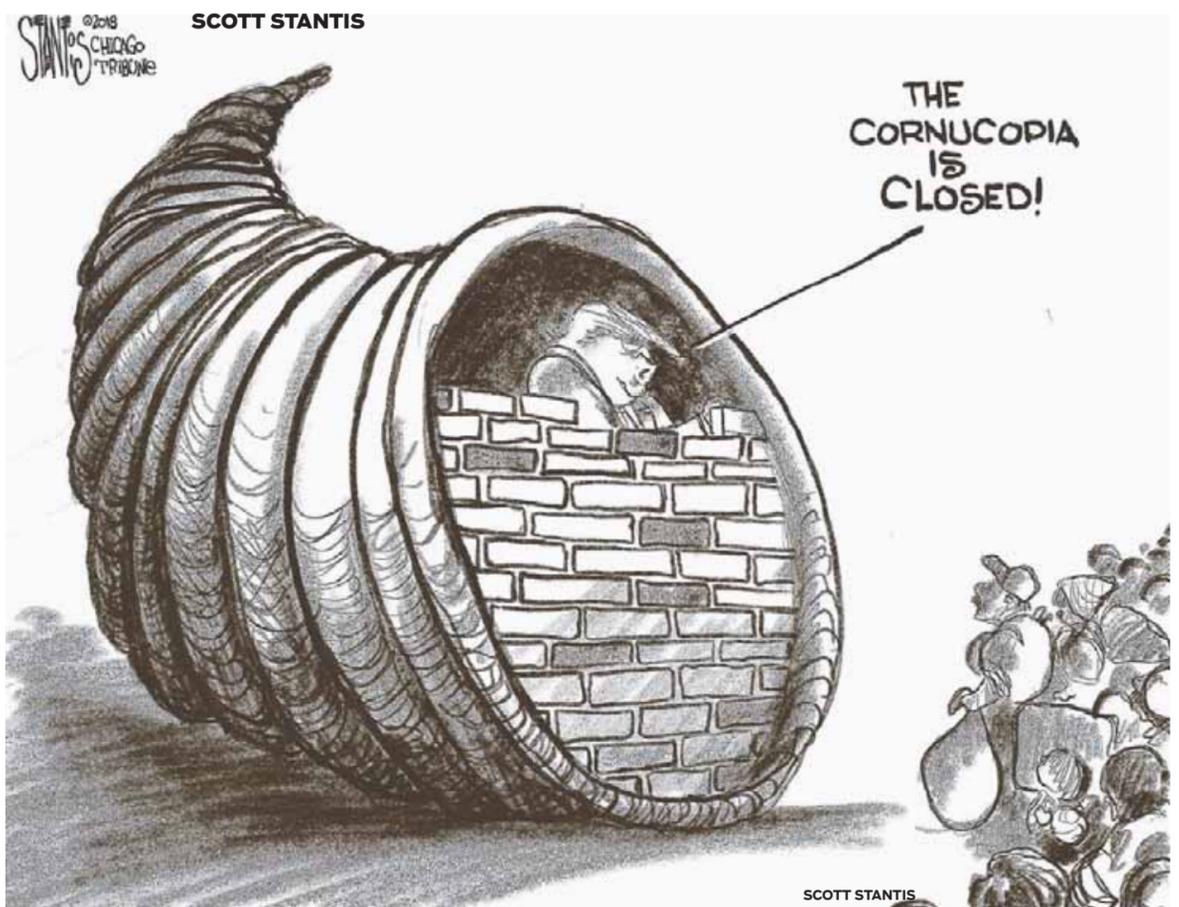
Scant decades later, on Thanksgiving Day in 1944, another terrible war was nearly won. An American soldier writes to his parents. In the letter published in the Tribune, he reveals that he had been se-

verely wounded in battle. "It was touch and go for a day or two, but thanks to our wonderful army doctors I am right side up. Am walking around under my own power. ... This (is) a real Thanksgiving!"

About the Thanksgiving at home that he will miss — the third in a row — he writes: "After the company has all gone and you and dad are alone please put out the lights, just as we used to do. We will watch the flickering shadows cast by the blazing logs. Then perhaps dad will lead while we hum some of the old familiar tunes. After a bit you will go to the piano and run your fingers softly over the keys — maybe a hymn or two mixed with snatches from Debussy. Then there will be silence except for an occasional crackle from the grate. I like quiet when it tells me that you are near. Pretty soon, dad will yawn and say, 'Well, son, it's time for you to get your beauty sleep!'"

In the letter, the soldier tells his parents that he will soon rejoin his Army company. The war isn't over. He urges his mother and father not to worry. "Everything that I am I owe to my parents," he writes. "I can never be sufficiently grateful, no matter what comes."

This Thanksgiving, every Thanksgiving, there are many good reasons to celebrate. Dwell on those. And have a glorious holiday.



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PERSPECTIVE



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On Election Day, Florida voters passed Amendment 4, restoring voting rights to more than 1 million former felons.

LETTING FELONS VOTE IS CAUSE TO BE THANKFUL



STEVE CHAPMAN

For anyone who cares about politics and government, it is easier to find reasons to complain than to give thanks this year. The Republicans have to deal with losing the House of Representatives. Democrats have to deal with the continued presence of Donald Trump. Independents have to deal with Republicans and Democrats.

But there is a powerful glimmer of light. On one important matter, Americans have grown more unified, less partisan, more farsighted and more humane. The latest proof came on Election Day in Florida, when 65 percent of the state's voters approved a measure to let felons vote.

The state has long had an exceptionally unforgiving policy: It mandates the lifetime loss of the right to vote of anyone convicted of a felony. More than 10 percent of its citizens are legally barred from the polls. Among the 3.1 million Americans who have finished their prison time and other punishment but are not allowed to vote, reports The Sentencing Project, nearly half live in Florida.

Republican Ron DeSantis, who

opposed the amendment, won the race for governor with less than 4.1 million votes. Republican Rick Scott, another critic, won the U.S. Senate race with only slightly more. Amendment 4 got more than 5.1 million votes. At a minimum, more than a million Floridians voted for candidates who were against Amendment 4 — and then voted for Amendment 4.

The major political parties are more or less divided on the issue, with Democrats generally in favor of restoring voting rights to felons and Republicans more likely to be against. But change has come about even in red states. Texas repealed its lifetime ban in 1983 and eliminated the waiting period for re-enfranchisement in 1997. Nebraska lifted its lifetime ban in 2005.

Last year, Wyoming decided to allow voting by all those who have completed their sentences for nonviolent felonies. Alabama restored rights to 60,000 low-level offenders.

Partisan effects don't seem to count for much even with GOP voters. A March HuffPost/YouGov poll found that 80 percent of Hillary Clinton's 2016 supporters and 58 percent of Trump's supporters favor granting the ballot to felons who have completed their sentences and probation.

Maybe that's because there is no persuasive case for an unforgiving policy. We all hope that when crimi-

nals leave prison, they will change their ways, become law-abiding citizens, take honest jobs and contribute to their communities.

Denying them the vote, however, means that no matter how they strive to redeem themselves, their punishment will never end. Restoring the franchise to them conveys the message that they can overcome their past sins.

Supreme Court Justice William Brennan said as much in a 1958 opinion. Extinguishing the civil rights of criminals, he wrote, "constitutes the very antithesis of rehabilitation, for instead of guiding the offender back into the useful paths of society it excommunicates him and makes him, literally, an outcast." Letting former inmates vote suggests that they have not only the right but the responsibility to share in the task of self-government.

The Center for Equal Opportunity, a conservative think tank, defended Florida's policy on the ground that depriving felons of the vote "is warranted to deter recidivism." This logic is precisely, completely backward. A felon who can vote has more to lose from re-offending than a felon who can't.

The Sentencing Project cites research indicating that people who have been arrested and later voted are less likely to be rearrested than those who didn't vote. This is not surprising. Incurable criminals aren't likely to

waste time watching candidate debates and trekking to the polling station. The felons most likely to be hurt by a voting ban are those who have gone straight.

Florida's existing policy falls especially hard on African-Americans. More than one-fifth of the state's black citizens have lost their right to vote. Piling that infirmity on top of the other punishments imposed on law-breakers serves only to perpetuate racial inequities. The majority of people in Florida and elsewhere have come to understand all this. Most states restore voting rights as a matter of course. Two (Maine and Vermont) don't need to restore them because they don't take them away — letting inmates cast ballots.

Since 1997, 23 states have liberalized their policies, to the benefit of 1.4 million felons. When Florida's change takes effect, the latter number will double.

The policy of exiling felons from participation in democracy is harsh, pointless and self-defeating. In most states, thankfully, there is a better word to describe it: obsolete.

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PERSPECTIVE



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Myth No. 1

Benjamin Franklin almost made the turkey the national bird.

In "The Egg," a song from the Tony-winning 1969 musical "1776," adapted for the big screen in 1972, Franklin whimsically makes the case that the turkey should be the fledgling republic's national emblem because it is "the truly noble bird: native American, source of sustenance of our original settlers, an incredibly brave fellow who will not flinch at attacking a regiment of Englishmen, single-handedly." In 2009, the Houston Chronicle published an article headlined "The turkey was almost our national bird," attributing the near miss to Franklin.

Franklin, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson made up the first committee charged with designing the national seal, Harvard's Declaration Resources Project confirms, but Franklin's suggestion had nothing to do with turkeys — it was a proposal to depict Moses parting the Red Sea. Eventually, after several design committees had been assembled and disbanded, America got the bald eagle in 1782.

Franklin's turkey remarks came later. In a 1784 satirical letter to his daughter, he maligned the eagle's "bad moral character": He's "too lazy to fish for himself" and instead waits for other, more industrious birds to do the work, then steals the catch. The turkey is a "more respectable bird, and withal a true original native of America," Franklin wrote.

Myth No. 2

Stuffing turkey is a recipe for food poisoning.

Two years ago, *Self* magazine ran the article "Cooking stuffing inside a turkey is actually dangerous," urging readers to "cook your stuffing separately!" The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics website, *EatRight.org*, warns, "For maximum safety, cook stuffing in a casserole" dish.

Yes, it's important to take precautions when cooking poultry, but you can safely stuff a turkey — generations of Americans wouldn't have risked dying for the sake of a more flavorful side dish. The key is proper temperature. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, your turkey, and what's inside it, must be cooked to a temperature of 165 degrees.

To achieve this: (1) Stuff your raw turkey just after you've cooked your stuffing and it's still hot. Don't make your stuffing ahead of time and refrigerate it. That way, it takes less time for the stuffing to reach 165. (2) Don't overstuff. A loosely stuffed bird heats more quickly. Leftover stuffing can go in a separate casserole that your guests will raid for seconds. (3) Measure the temperature. Make sure your culinary thermometer reaches the interior of the stuffing, either through the meat or through the cavity entrance. And don't trust the pop-up thermometer that comes with the turkey you buy. When Consumer Reports tested them, it found some popped up at temperatures over 165 (making for an overcooked, dry bird) and some popped up at well under 165 (increasing the risk of food poisoning).

Myth No. 3

Basting is better.

Basting "adds flavor and helps create a golden crust," wrote Bon Appetit's Rochelle Bilow in 2015. Baste "with a mixture of butter and wine for an unconventional, buttery gobbler with a tangy kick," recommends TV chef Rachael Ray.

Not so fast, says Meathead Goldwyn, the force behind *AmazingRibs.com* and the author of

MYTHS ABOUT TURKEYS

BY TAMAR HASPEL
The Washington Post

Americans will eat more than 40 million turkeys for Thanksgiving this year. Most — the turkeys, not the Americans — will be roasted, some deep-fried, a few spatchcocked and nearly all turned into sandwiches the day after. But between the iconic 1621 meal that we honor and Thursday's dinner table, the turkey has earned its place in our nation's mythology.

"Meathead: The Science of Great Barbecue and Grilling." The problem is that basting prolongs cooking times. "Think of it like sweat after a long workout," Goldwyn told me via email, "it cools you off." If a long cooking time is what you're after (as with pork shoulder, which has lots of connective tissue that has to break down), that's a good thing. But not with a lean turkey. And basting may moisten the bird, "but not a lot," says Goldwyn. The reason turkey dries out in the first place is that the moisture evaporates out of the meat as it cooks. But if you baste, the liquid doesn't penetrate the flesh.

When *Cook's Illustrated* put the competing methods to the test, it found that basting improved moisture a tiny bit, but it "prolongs the cooking time and requires more hands-on work." The verdict: It's not worth it.

Myth No. 4

Thanksgiving turkey makes you sleepy.

Urban Dictionary's first entry for "turkey coma" defines it as "the inevitable and unavoidable nap that occurs about 45 minutes after gorging one's self on a Thanksgiving Day turkey feast." In one famous "Seinfeld" episode, Jerry's girlfriend asks over a turkey dinner, "What is that stuff in turkey that makes you sleepy?" Jerry and George answer in unison: "T," the amino acid that's plentiful in turkey meat. A few scenes later, she's asleep at the table.

But tryptophan doesn't necessarily induce sleep, and it's doubtful that turkey's the culprit for your post-Thanksgiving-dinner nap.

The human body uses tryptophan to make serotonin and melatonin, both of which play a role in sleep, and there's some evidence that tryptophan intake is associated with sleep duration. But to make you drowsy, it has to cross the blood-brain barrier. And to do that, it competes with other amino acids vying to do the same. Since turkey contains different amino acids, very little tryptophan is likely to get through. Also, as *HowStuffWorks.com* put it, "nutritionists and other experts say that the tryptophan in turkey probably won't trigger the body to produce more serotonin because tryptophan works best on an empty stomach." Popular Science notes that "free-flowing booze combined with a load of carbohydrates followed by plenty more booze" is a likelier cause of sleepiness.

Besides, the United States Department of Agriculture's National Nutrient Database for Standard Reference says turkey doesn't have any more tryptophan than other things you're likely to eat for dinner. It's got 0.31 grams per 100 grams of meat, while chicken has 0.34 grams and a beef filet has 0.35.

Myth No. 5

Turkey was Thanksgiving's first entree.

Any grade-schooler will tell you: Turkey was the centerpiece at the first Thanksgiving. It's a detail perpetuated in pop-culture holiday retellings, including a televised special, "The Mouse on the Mayflower," wherein the narrator exclaims, "Oh, there was turkey!" The cover of one children's book, "The Story of the First Thanksgiving," depicts settlers and Native Americans gathered around a table, preparing to eat, with a golden-brown turkey in the middle as the main dish.

In 2011, though, *Smithsonian* magazine's Megan Gambino reported that turkey wasn't necessarily the main course in 1621. Kathleen Wall, a culinarian at Plimoth Plantation, a history museum that re-creates the original Plymouth colony, told *Smithsonian*, "Wildfowl was there ... venison was there," water birds like goose or duck were likely candidates, and passenger pigeons were plentiful game at the time. But turkey probably wasn't the featured dish.

Turkey was popularized as the go-to entree by Sarah Josepha Hale, editor of *Godey's Lady's Book*, a women's magazine published in the mid-1800s. She advocated for Thanksgiving to be made a national holiday (President Abraham Lincoln obliged in 1863), describing the ideal dinner in 1827's "Northwood: Or Life North and South, Showing the True Character of Both": "The roasted turkey took precedence on this occasion, being placed at the head of the table."

The Washington Post

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PERSPECTIVE

Thanking those with the strength to say no

By DAVID McGRATH

Gathered around the Thanksgiving banquet table, family members are commonly encouraged to share that for which they are thankful. Often they cite something they have received. It might be concrete, like a loving home, loyal friends, a long-awaited vacation or a good book. Or something ethereal, like health, happiness, music or sports.

And although it feels counter-intuitive, sometimes we need also to be grateful for what we have been denied. Yes, when we have been refused something or told no, it can be a blessing in disguise.

After our youngest daughter, Janet, for example, graduated from college, she called to thank us for saying no to paying her entire way, a withholding she credits with forcing her to develop responsibility and independence, the lack of which caused some of her classmates to fail or drop out.

With that in mind for 2018, thank-you's are owed for the following refusals, especially when it would have been easy, indulgent or pleasing in the short term to say yes.

Thanks, first, to Rahm Emanuel for saying no to running for a third term as mayor of Chicago, thereby sparing us eight months of loathsome mudslinging over pensions, school closings, race relations and police reform. Not that his absence from the race eliminates those issues, but it makes possible a less negative campaign.

Overdue thanks to my wife, Marianne, for saying no to moving to Wisconsin in 1983 when I was offered a teaching position at Minong High School. I was young and beguiled by the prospect of life in the North Woods. But her wisdom and pragmatism about making a living and providing opportunities for our children turned out to be a congested but

smoother road.

WGN viewers can be grateful to the Federal Communications Commission for saying no to the Tribune Media/Sinclair Broadcast Group merger, thus precluding Sinclair CEO David Smith from drowning out independent voices in the media and replacing our local TV stations with Fox News-like clones.

Eternal thanks to the late Sen. John McCain for saying no to the Republican Party's effort to repeal affordable health care for millions of American citizens. McCain's bravery let survive a program that has saved countless lives and improved the quality of life for many more.

A postmortem debt of gratitude goes to my father for saying no to handing over \$800 (equivalent to \$5,000 today) for the Famous Writers School, a correspondence school supposedly staffed by celebrity authors like the late Rod Serling, creator of the original TV series "The Twilight Zone." Just 20 years old, I was duped by a school rep's flattery, but I was saved by my old man, a salesman himself who knew a fake when he saw it. The school's rapid demise followed exposure and then lawsuits for fraud and false advertising, much as Trump University did in 2016.

Thanks to Citibank (I can't believe I'm writing that) for saying no to a credit card transaction when I attempted to fill my boat's gas tank in Dauphin Island, Ala. Initially angry at the rejection because of a late monthly payment, my heart skipped a beat in profound shock and gratitude when I realized the fuel nozzle had been inserted into a rod holder instead of the gas tank.

Thanks go to Alaska's Sen. Lisa Murkowski for saying no to Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh and displaying better judgment and more bravery than most of her gutless male col-

leagues in the U.S. Senate.

Thanks to Joe Maloney for refusing to "commit" in his relationship with Marianne Dunne, thereby freeing her up to start dating David McGrath and live happily ever after.

Thanks to both Burt Reynolds for turning down a role in the feature film "Terms of Endearment," and to Angela Bassett for saying no to "Monster's Ball," allowing Jack Nicholson and Halle Berry to step into both roles, win Oscars for their respective performances and rise to the top of my list of favorite movie actors of all time.

Thanks to both Democrats and Republicans for saying no to the Mexican border wall, a proposed 2,000-mile, \$25 billion boondoggle, reminiscent of both the technology and the values of the Dark Ages.

Gratitude is owed to the late Tribune auto writer Jim Mateja, for saying no to extended warranties for cars, which ultimately cost rather than save money for the consumer. I took his advice even further, saying no to warranties for a new phone, toaster oven, laptop computer, cordless drill, HDTV and dozens of other purchases, enabling me to spend the money in Bimini this February instead.

Everlasting thanks to all of the Americans who said no to President Donald Trump's dishonesty, fearmongering, race-baiting, cruelty and demagoguery by voting into office on Nov. 6 a Democratic majority in the House, including more than 100 women representatives, to oversee the president's actions and protect our nation.

Wishing everyone a happier Thanksgiving than last year!

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Count your blessings

Gratitude, appreciation and thanks seem buried in an ill-tempered and oppositional funk that many agree has descended on our great country. But just in time, here comes Thanksgiving Day. It is a rest stop where we can pull off the highway of daily tasks and set aside the deluge of sensory input that begs sorting out. On that day we can suspend judgment about the worthiness of the social media messages we receive and slow our immediate reactions to the endless array of priorities that call for our attention. Thanksgiving gives us the opportunity to set aside antipathy, opposition, animosity and other forms of ill will and hostility and create a more grateful, appreciative and thankful demeanor.

Thanksgiving is one-size-fits-all. It can be religious or secular, whatever you choose. It can be American traditional or multicultural adaptable. It is free from the distractions of gift-giving and holiday decorating. It doesn't matter how you celebrate it. Rather, it urges you to grasp the notion that the condition of our life is a result of our own efforts, the support and guidance of our fellow earthly travelers, and the favorable conditions provided by the universe; all deserving of our recognition and thanks. Beyond reflection, Thanksgiving is a call to action. As we examine the landscape of our life and identify what is truly important, we find an opportunity to move relationships, intentions and aspirations that have been obscured in the background into the prominence of the foreground.

We are often led to thanks by something dramatic. We survive an accident or health crisis. A position we have sought comes our way. A healthy child is born. Thanksgiving reminds us to give equal attention to the micro-

blessings that occur each day as we do to perceived microaggressions. Count your blessings as you celebrate Thanksgiving and temper your feelings of entitlement with gratitude. Repeat daily.

— Ron Bearwald, Northbrook

Greedy Thursday

I wonder if the original Native Americans would have ever agreed to sit down with the pilgrims if they had any inkling that their cherished celebration would become just another shopping day?

And who would have ever thought that 21st-century families would have to rush through their annual turkey fest in order to make it on time for the first blue-light special at Kmart?

Somewhere Norman Rockwell is surely rolling over in his grave. His pictorials of Thanksgiving are now as outdated as mincemeat pies. Maybe more. If he were still painting today his illustrations would have to include at least half of the relatives using cellphones at the dinner table. Or, they just might show a heated exchange between warring adults over the latest political flap.

Unfortunately with the loss of tradition there also seems to be a residual loss of caring and respect for each other. Tragically, that may be the most outdated aspect of Rockwell's Thanksgiving portraits.

If it is simply too difficult for merchants to keep their doors closed on this particular holiday and if the masses must shop, maybe the appropriate response is to simply rename the holiday? "Greedy Thursday" comes to mind, or anything else that reflects the crass commercialism that has swallowed up the joy of this day — just like it stole Christmas. Is nothing sacred anymore?

— Bob Ory, Elgin

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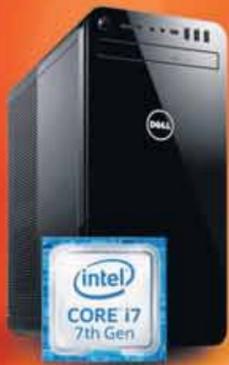


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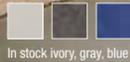
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Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

Restaurants, stores pull romaine lettuce

CDC alert warned people Tuesday of a new E. coli outbreak

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ
Chicago Tribune

Restaurants and grocery stores across Chicago are heeding a stark warning from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to dump all romaine lettuce while the agency tries to get to the source of a multistate outbreak of *E. Coli* infections.

Just Salad, which has four restaurants in Chicago, has removed romaine from all of its U.S. locations and is working with suppliers and farms to bring in additional greens to substitute for it, CEO Nick Kenner said in a

statement.

During the last romaine alert in April, Just Salad switched in organic mesclun, organic arugula, shredded kale, baby spinach, red cabbage and iceberg lettuce, he said. The company, which does not normally carry iceberg lettuce in its restaurants, brought it in specifically to compensate for the absence of romaine and plans to do the same on Monday "for guests who want that extra crunch in their salad," he said.

At Sweetgreen, a trip down the salad line is romaine-free, with the option to swap in kale or spinach on menu items that normally call

for romaine. Freshii also was offering kale or spinach as substitutes when customers ordered salads containing romaine.

Jewel-Osco and Mariano's are removing all romaine and products containing romaine from their shelves, and they are offering full refunds to customers who return romaine products purchased at the grocery chains.

The CDC on Tuesday issued an unusually broad alert advising U.S. consumers not to eat any romaine lettuce and urging retailers and restaurants not to serve or sell any.

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MARK J. TERRILL/AP

Romaine lettuce still sits on the shelves as a shopper walks through the produce area of an Alberstons market in Simi Valley, Calif.



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Throng of people descended on North Michigan Avenue in Chicago for Black Friday deals in 2017.

Heading to the mall on Black Friday?

Here's what's different this year

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH | Chicago Tribune

Black Friday still conjures images of hordes of shoppers stampeding through store aisles in search of steep discounts.

But now that retailers make deals available ahead of time in store and online, customers have fewer reasons to try to be first through the doors after Thanksgiving dinner.

About 56 percent of Chicago shoppers expect to be less reliant on Black Friday deals to save money this holiday season than they were in the past, up from 50 percent last year, according to a consumer survey by Deloitte. And nearly 60 percent said they planned to start their holiday shopping before Thanksgiving.

Still, an estimated 164 million people nationwide are expected to shop between Thanksgiving and Cyber Monday, and Black Friday remains the most popular day, according to the National Retail Federation. If you plan to be one of them, here are some things to keep an eye out for during the busiest shopping weekend of the year.

Skip the checkout line: For Chicago shoppers, the two biggest turnoffs to shopping at bricks-and-mortar stores over the holidays were crowds and long checkout lines, according to Deloitte. Target and Walmart are trying to make that less of a hassle by equipping employees in the busiest parts of the store with mobile checkout terminals so customers can skip the regular checkout line. Target employees also can use the devices to help customers place an online order from the sales floor. Macy's, meanwhile, lets customers using its app scan items with their smartphones as they shop, then check out on the app. Shoppers still have to visit mobile checkout counters near store exits to let an employee verify that they've paid, remove security tags and bag their purchases.

Everyone wants to sell to Toys R Us kids: It's the first holiday season since Toys R Us closed its U.S. stores, and retailers are battling for its former customers. Target, Walmart, J.C. Penney and Kohl's are among the retailers that plan to carry a wider selection of toys this season. Some, like Target and Walmart, are devoting more shelf space to toys year-round. Amazon released a print holiday toy catalog and will carry some toys at its bricks-and-mortar bookstore in Lakeview and a kiosk in Skokie's Westfield Old Orchard mall. Even some retailers that aren't known for toys are getting in the game. Party City opened pop-up Toy City stores, and grocery giant Kroger partnered with the hedge funds that own the Toys R Us brand to put

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Audit points to deceptive practices by Navient

BY KEN SWEET
Associated Press

NEW YORK — One of the nation's largest student loan servicing companies may have driven tens of thousands of borrowers struggling with their debts into higher-cost repayment plans.

That's the finding of a Department of Education audit of practices at Navient Corp., the nation's third-largest student loan servicing company.

The conclusions of the 2017 audit, which until now have been kept from the public and were obtained by The Associated Press, appear to support federal and state lawsuits that accuse Navient of boosting its profits by steering some borrowers into the high-cost plans without dis-



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Navient Corp., based out of Wilmington, Del., has disputed the audit's conclusions in its response to the Department of Education.

curring options that would have been less costly in the long run. The Education Department

has not shared the audit's findings with the plaintiffs in the lawsuits. In fact, even while

knowing of its conclusions, the department repeatedly argued that state and other federal authorities do not have jurisdiction over Navient's business practices.

"The existence of this audit makes the Department of Education's position (on the Navient lawsuits) all the more disturbing," said Aaron Ament, president of the National Student Legal Defense Network, who worked for the Department of Education under President Barack Obama.

The AP received a copy of the audit and other documents from the office of Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Massachusetts, who has been a vocal critic of Navient and has publicly supported the lawsuits against the company as well

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Obamacare sign-ups in Illinois down 26%

BY LISA SCHENCKER
Chicago Tribune

Illinois residents have signed up for far fewer health insurance plans through the Obamacare exchange so far this year, despite slightly lower prices for many of the most popular plans, according to numbers released Wednesday by the federal government.

Three weeks into open enrollment, Illinois residents had selected 57,819 health insurance plans on the exchange, according to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. That's a nearly 26 percent drop from the 77,960 plans that had been chosen at about the same time last year.

The numbers in Illinois echo those across the country. Nationally, people selected 1.9 million plans during the first three weeks of open enrollment this year, compared with 2.3 million last year at about the same time. The enrollment period for which figures were released Wednesday was one day shorter than last year.

It wasn't immediately clear why enrollments were down, though a number of factors have changed since last year.

For one, unlike in previous years, people who choose not to buy health insurance for next year won't have to pay penalties for being uninsured. Also, Illinois got 78 percent less federal money to hire workers, known as navigators, to help people enroll in health insurance plans this year.

"People could be choosing to sit out this year," said Stephani Becker, associate director of health care justice at the Chicago-based Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law. "We won't really know the effect until the final numbers." Open enrollment runs through Dec. 15.

Some advocates worry that the lower enrollment might mean more people in Illinois will go uninsured. For the first time in years, the state's uninsured rate crept upward in 2017, to 6.8 percent from 6.5 percent the year before, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

It's also possible, however, consumers are looking to take advantage of new insurance options, such as extended short-term plans. Short-term plans are generally cheaper than traditional plans but cover fewer services. The Trump administration recently decided to allow short-term plans to be used for a year — instead of just three months — and be renewed for as long as three years.

Illinois lawmakers passed a bill that would limit the use of short-term plans in the state to six months at a time. Outgoing Gov. Bruce Rauner used his amendatory veto power to rewrite parts of the bill, though the state Senate has already voted to override those changes, and the House will take up the issue next.

Most Illinois residents get health insurance through their employers or government programs such as Medicare and Medicaid. But this year about 335,000 people in Illinois opted for coverage through the Obamacare exchange.

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Officials told people to stop eating romaine lettuce because of a new E. coli outbreak.

CDC warns of E. coli outbreak

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That includes whole heads, hearts as well as romaine in pre-cut salad mixes mingled with other greens.

The alert comes after 32 people in 11 states, plus another 18 people in Canada, were reported infected with *E. coli* between Oct. 8 and 31 and romaine was found to be the likely culprit. Thirteen people have been hospitalized, including one who developed kidney failure, though no one has died.

Two cases were in Illinois, neither of which resulted in hospitalization, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health.

The current outbreak is not related to *E. coli* infections caused by romaine in April, when 210 people across 36 states were infected and five people died, the CDC said. That outbreak, which was declared over in June, was traced to contamination in the Yuma, Ariz., growing region.

But the strain of *E. coli* found in the current outbreak has the same DNA fingerprint as the bacteria that sickened 25 people, and killed one, late last year, the CDC said. That outbreak was traced to leafy greens, though the agency was unable to identify a specific type.

The investigation is ongoing, and the Food and Drug Administration is working with states to

trace the tainted romaine to a contamination source.

Though other leafy greens have had *E. coli* problems in the past — the CDC issued a broad spinach warning in 2006 after 276 people fell ill and three died — romaine is particularly troublesome. That's in part because it is such a commonly used lettuce that gets sent to various places for chopping and mixing, said Raghela Scavuzzo, manager of the Illinois Specialty Growers Association. But its leaves hold dirt easily because of how it grows, Scavuzzo said.

The United Fresh Produce Association, which represents companies across the produce supply chain, urged an industry-wide voluntary withdrawal of all romaine in marketing channels and in inventory to help clear the supply chain of any product that could be responsible for the illnesses. The association also called on handlers to clean and sanitize any equipment that may have been used in recent weeks to prevent cross-contamination.

The association said it is pulling together a group of food safety experts from the produce industry to help pinpoint the source of the outbreak.

The blanket warning to nix all romaine until further notice is frustrating to hydroponic growers like Gotham Greens, which

grows, harvests and packs a variety of lettuces, including romaine, in controlled greenhouses in New York and Chicago.

Unlike field-grown lettuce, which can be contaminated by groundwater, hydroponic greens use local water sources that are monitored to ensure they are free of harmful pathogens, CEO Viraj Puri said. They also don't get mixed with lettuce from other farms when being processed and packaged, so they are easily traceable.

During the April romaine warning, Gotham Greens saw demand surge because people were told to avoid certain types of romaine. But the current alert doesn't differentiate between where or how romaine is grown, so retailers and restaurants will have to dump Gotham's romaine even though its internal testing shows no *E. coli* contamination in its facilities.

"At the end of the day what's frustrating is that it's good quality product that has to be destroyed for no reason," Puri said. In the long run, however, he thinks the bacteria scare "underscores our entire business model of having food grown in a secure environment secure from pathogens. It provides more transparency and traceability."

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Student loan provider's practices in question

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as questioning the policies of the Department of Education, currently run by President Donald Trump's secretary of education, Betsy DeVos. Warren is considered a potential presidential candidate in 2020.

Navient disputed the audit's conclusions in its response to the Department of Education and has denied the allegations in the lawsuits. One point the company makes in its defense is that its contract with the Education Department doesn't require its customer service representatives to mention all options available to the borrower.

However, the five states suing Navient — Illinois, Pennsylvania, Washington, California and Mississippi — say the behavior breaks their laws regarding consumer protection. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau says in its own lawsuit the practices are unfair, deceptive and abusive and break federal consumer protection laws.

Of the five states that filed lawsuits against Navient, only Illinois and Pennsylvania were even aware of the audit, and they said they did not receive their copies from the Department of Education. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau declined to comment on whether it had a copy of the report.

The Department of Education said withholding the report was intentional, repeating the argument it has made in court and in public that only it has jurisdiction over student loan servicing issues, through its Federal Student Aid division, or FSA, which oversees student loans.

"FSA performed the review as part of its own contract oversight, not for the benefit of other agencies," said Liz Hill, a Department of Education spokes-

woman.

When student borrowers run into difficulties making payments, they can be offered forbearance, which allows them to delay payments for a set period of time. But under a forbearance plan, in most instances, the loan continues to accumulate interest and becomes a more expensive option in the long run.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau alleges in its lawsuit against Navient that between 2010 and 2015 Navient's behavior added nearly \$4 billion in interest to student borrowers' loans through the overuse of forbearance. It is a figure that Navient disputes.

A 2017 study by the Government Accountability Office estimates that a typical borrower of a \$30,000 student loan who places their loan into forbearance for three years — the maximum allowed for economic hardship forbearance — would pay an additional \$6,742 in interest on that loan.

"This finding is both tragic and infuriating, and the findings appear to validate the allegations that Navient boosted its profits by unfairly steering student borrowers into forbearance when that was often the worst financial option for them," Warren said in a letter to Navient last week.

As part of their inquiry, Department of Education auditors listened in on about 2,400 randomly selected calls to borrowers from 2014 to 2017 out of a batch of 219,000. On nearly one out of 10 of the calls examined, the Navient representative did not mention other options, including one type of plan that estimates the size of a monthly payment the borrower can afford based on their income. Auditors wrote that many customer service representatives failed to ask questions to determine if such a plan, known as an

income-driven repayment plan, might be more beneficial to the borrower.

There is no public record of how many struggling borrowers serviced by Navient may have been impacted by these practices. In its most recent annual report, Navient says it services 6 million student loan borrowers, of which 12.7 percent are more than 30 days past due. That would be roughly 762,000 customers who are struggling in some fashion to pay their student loans.

If one out of every 10 of those customers were pushed into forbearance instead of an income-driven repayment plan, as the department's audit found, that would be 76,200 of Navient's borrowers.

The Department of Education report contains recommendations for how Navient could fix its practices but makes no mention of firm requirements or sanctions.

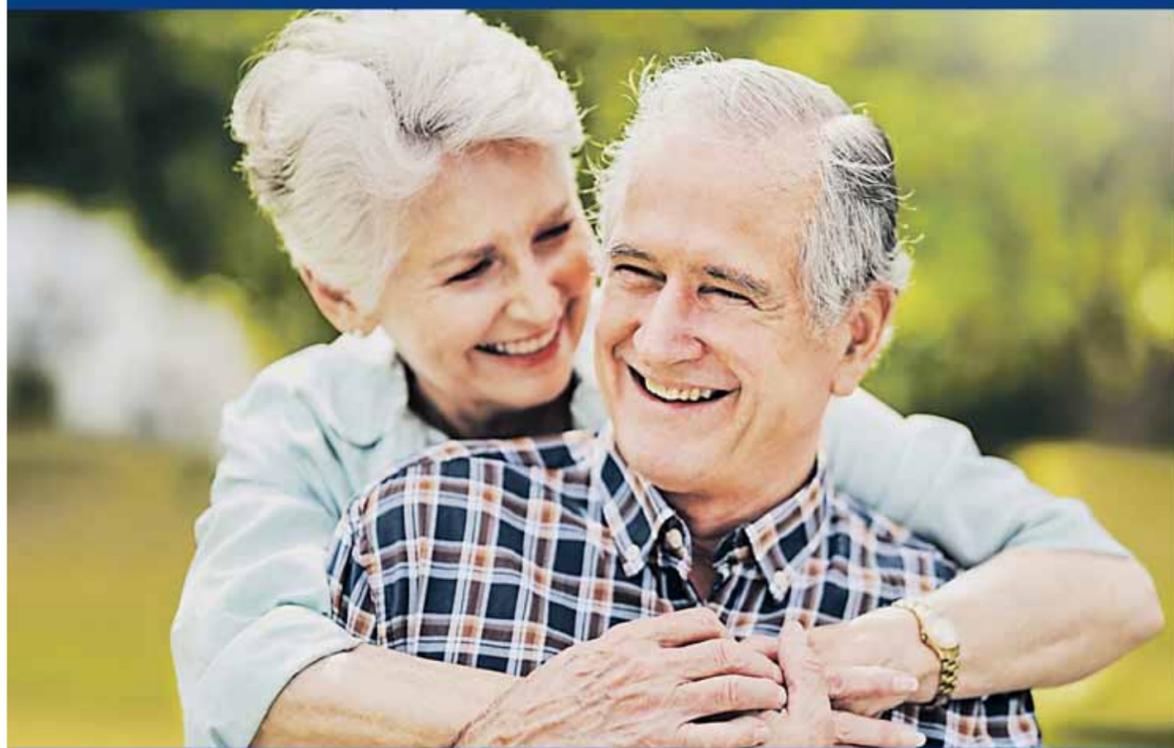
The Education Department's Federal Student Aid division decided to do a review of Navient's forbearance practices after the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau filed its lawsuit against the company in January 2017, department spokeswoman Hill said, to see if there were any compliance issues.

She said Education Department officials came to the conclusion that Navient was not improperly steering borrowers. "Nothing in the report indicates forbearances were applied inappropriately — the observations noted focused on suggested improvements regarding how to best counsel" a small minority of borrowers, she said.

In response to questions over the 2017 audit, Navient pointed to the fact that nine out of every 10 borrowers on the calls were offered all their options and that this audit is just one piece of a broader story.

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Tariffs make bourbon an endangered species

EU's retaliation to Trump's duties on foreign steel

BY GERALD PORTER JR. AND WILLIAM MATHIS
Bloomberg News

Small U.S. bourbon producers are finding that European drinkers love their products. It's those tariffs that don't go down so smoothly.

Following the European Union's June implementation of a 25 percent tariff on bourbon, the popular U.S. whiskey variety, the impact has been clear. One American producer said his exports have "dropped to zero" as a result. Last year, they made up 15 percent of revenue.

"Every U.K. buyer backed off," said Paul Hletko, the owner of Evanston-based Few Spirits. "They may want to buy it, but if they



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A waiter pours bourbon whiskey into a glass in a Bar and Block restaurant in London in January.

can't sell it at the right price, that's not doing us any favors."

Small distillers cite the

drought as proof their fears of a global trade war are coming to fruition. Europe had been blossoming as a

source of new revenue — but this market has been effectively cut off for producers that lack the clout or brand recognition of titans like Brown-Forman and Diageo. Now they've been sent back to square one.

The tariffs, which target U.S. goods such as Levi Strauss & Co. blue jeans and Harley Davidson motorcycles, are the EU's retaliation to President Donald Trump's duties on foreign steel and aluminum.

Hletko said the low six figures he's made this year from international orders all were booked before the tariffs' imposition. Meanwhile, Rob Cassell, the owner of Philadelphia-based New Liberty Distillery, said European buyers have dissolved.

"Everybody shops by price," Cassell said. "If your product before was 25 euros (\$28.51) a bottle and all of a sudden it's 35, but nothing's

changed, that's not the same great buy for you that it was before."

Spiros Malandrakis, head of alcoholic drinks research at Euromonitor, said that the tariffs have stunted the growth of bourbon in Western Europe.

Consumers will likely go to new whiskeys from countries such as Canada or Sweden, or drink something else, while big players like Brown-Forman's Jack Daniels will find ways to absorb the additional costs — a luxury that smaller, upstart companies don't have.

"Taxation and trade issues do play a role in drinking habits," Malandrakis said. "It will be the smaller craft manufacturers that will start taking the biggest hits."

Brown-Forman, which got just over a quarter of its revenue from Europe in 2017, opted to absorb the

tariff's impact in the short term before implementing delayed price increases. While the Louisville, Ky.-based company has this option, it's still feeling pain from the tariffs, and in August it lowered its profit forecast for the fiscal year.

At Milroy's, a whiskey shop in central London's Soho district, American whiskey brands make up 25 percent of the bar's 200 plus spirits. Over the last three to five years, customers bought it more than ever before, according to managing director Martyn "Simo" Simpson.

Prices for a third of U.S. brands have jumped 10 to 15 percent, and he may even stop selling some by spring-time, he said.

"The whiskey drinkers aren't going to stop drinking whiskey, they'll just go on to something else," Simpson said. "Scotland's going to be loving it."

Amazon bringing jobs, traffic

Riders, drivers prep for longer daily commutes

BY CATHY BUSSEWITZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Commuters beware: New York and Washington's clogged streets and creaky subway systems are about to feel more pain as 50,000 more people descend on the two metro areas where Amazon will open new headquarters.

An expansion of that scope in a city such as New York — where the regional subway, bus and commuter lines move more than 8 million people every day — sounds like something a transit system should be able to absorb.

Not so, some experts say. "Congestion will get worse. Buses will probably get a little bit slower. There are going to be more people traveling at a specific time of day to a specific place," said Eric Guerra, assistant professor of city and regional planning at the University of Pennsylvania. "But, at the same time, they will create a lot of jobs where people are."

Long Island City, the New York City neighborhood that will be home to one of the new headquarters, sits across the river from the busy world of midtown Manhattan. The growing neighborhood is crisscrossed by subways and buses and surrounded by residential neighborhoods. The other headquarters will be in the Washington suburb of Arlington in northern Virginia, a part of the country known for its heavy traffic.

Amazon said hiring at the two headquarters will start next year, but it could take a decade or more to build out its offices. Still, the complaining already has begun.

Among the sticking points — Amazon has won



MARK LENNIHAN/AP

Commuters often have to wait to board the Court Square No. 7 subway station in New York. Amazon might make it worse.

the rights to a helipad at its Long Island City location, allowing some senior executives to get through rush hour in style, though the company had to agree to limit landings to 120 per year.

"For the city and state to greenlight a helipad for the wealthiest man in the world and one of the richest corporations in the world is a slap in the face to all New Yorkers, but particularly the people in Queens who have to fight to get on the 7 train in the morning," said city councilman Jimmy Van Bramer, a Democrat who represents Long Island City. "And, furthermore, if there were 25,000 to 30,000 Amazon employees in Long Island City, that fight to get onto the train is going to get a lot more intense."

Frustration levels already are high among New York City subway riders. More

than a quarter of residents spend more than an hour getting to work, and 57 percent ride public transit to commute, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

A key subway line that runs through Long Island City often has been criticized for delays, though long-awaited upgrades to allow trains to run more frequently are on track to finish as soon as this month. A new ferry connection to Manhattan opened in August. Still, Van Bramer insisted the area is not sufficiently well served, and there are complaints about noise pollution from helicopters and sea planes.

"The entire city is in a mass transit crisis, and nothing that I've seen about this deal makes me think it will help," New York City Council Speaker Corey Johnson said at a recent news conference.

"Western Queens transit infrastructure is already strained, and the 7 train in particular is a mess every morning, so this definitely adds to existing transportation concerns."

New York City commuters have been clamoring for subway improvements for years, and some recently tweeted photos of packed subway stations near Amazon's proposed new office and reported having let several overcrowded trains go by before they finally were able to squeeze into one.

Some see the dire warnings about New York's transit system as premature.

"Even as stressed as our system is right now, an investment in growth of this magnitude doesn't overwhelm the transportation network because it's such a robust and large system," said Tom Wright, president and CEO of the Regional

Plan Association, an urban research and advocacy organization.

Washington's subway system, which will serve Amazon's headquarters in Arlington's Crystal City, is at capacity on many lines and has serious maintenance problems, said Tom Rubin, a transportation consultant based in Oakland, Calif. Repair work to the subway station closest to Amazon's new office resulted in a disastrous commute last week as people missed flights and stood in long lines for buses that never arrived, said Thomas Cooke, professor of business law at Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business.

In fact, fires have broken out so many times in Washington's Metro system that a developer created a Twitter account to automatically tweet suspected fires in

stations.

"We have an embarrassing metro system here that I hope will benefit by this relocation," Cooke said, adding that taxpayers will foot the bill for the transit improvements that Virginia agreed to in its deal with Amazon.

Development along major highways in Northern Virginia and Washington have led to "unreasonable traffic delays on a daily basis" in the last few years, with drive times that used to take 40 minutes ballooning to up to 90 minutes, Cooke said.

In the nation's capital, more than a third of commuters ride public transit and most commuters spend at least a half-hour getting to work, according to the Census Bureau. Commuters in the suburbs surrounding Washington face even longer commute times.

Elsewhere, companies use van pools and private buses to entice talented employees who want to live in hipper neighborhoods away from their offices. Google and Yahoo began running private buses from downtown San Francisco and elsewhere to their headquarters in Silicon Valley more than a decade ago. In the Los Angeles area, Disney, Nickelodeon and Warner Bros. run shuttle buses to carry employees from public transit stations to their Burbank studios, said Keith Millhouse, a transportation consultant and principal at Millhouse Strategies.

Some hoped Amazon would invest in transit upgrades as part of the deal. But it's hard to imagine Amazon volunteering to chip in for transit improvements when so many cities — 238 submitted proposals — were competing for the company's second headquarters, Guerra said.

"If anything, they're getting benefits out of it," Guerra said.

Differences for this year's shoppers

Black Friday, from Page 1

Geoffrey's Toy Box sections in nearly 600 grocery stores, including 14 in Illinois. That doesn't include the company's Mariano's chain.

Store maps: Now that many retailers give online shoppers a head start on Black Friday deals, it can be harder to see the point of braving the crowds in person. But some companies are trying to make it easier for customers who prefer dashing through store aisles in search of deals on their lists. Walmart's app now has store maps that show customers where to find specific items. Target said its app will have similar store-specific maps for items with Black Friday discounts, and Kohl's plans to hand shoppers who are in line before stores open on Black Friday paper maps showing where to find big-ticket items.

Carson's reopening:

Shoppers will be able to get their first look at the bricks-and-mortar version of the reincarnated Carson's in Evergreen Park on Black Friday. Carson's bankrupt parent company, Bon-Ton Stores, shuttered all locations in August. When Merrillville, Ind.-based CSC Generation bought Bon-Ton's intellectual property, the company got the retailers' e-commerce sites back online and pledged physical stores would follow. The Evergreen Park store will be the first to reopen, and a second Carson's is expected to open in a former J.C. Penney at Stratford Square in Bloomingdale by mid-February.

Even more pickup options: Retailers already give shoppers a plethora of choices when it comes to getting products from store or warehouse shelves to their homes. Beyond how fast they want items delivered, consumers might be able to pick up online orders in

person, have them brought to their cars or reserve items to try on in a store. Nordstrom's twist: letting customers get their orders outside regular business hours. From Dec. 3-24, Nordstrom customers who opt for curbside pickup when checking out online can pick up purchases starting at 8 a.m. by calling or texting the store to summon an employee to their car. From Dec. 16 through Christmas Eve, shoppers at 23 stores, including Nordstrom's Michigan Avenue and Oakbrook Center locations, will be able to pick up orders around the clock. About half of Chicago shoppers surveyed by Deloitte said they are somewhat or very likely to pick up online orders at a bricks-and-mortar store during the holidays. For retailers, those in-store pickups can trim shipping costs and increase the odds of an extra purchase.

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Savings Update

How is a CD's interest paid?

All certificates of deposit earn interest. But not all calculate it the same, or pay it out on the same schedule. Before locking into a new CD, it's worth checking its interest terms.

First look for how frequently the CD will compound. Compounding monthly means one month's worth of interest will be added to the balance each month. Then the next month, that new higher balance will be used for calculating interest.

Certificates generally compound daily, monthly, quarterly or even annually. The more frequently, the better, as it allows more chances to earn interest on accrued interest.

To see the impact of different compounding periods, take the example of a five-year CD with a 2.50% APR and an investment of \$20,000. If compounding annually, the CD would earn \$2,628 over the five years, while the same CD with daily compounding would earn \$2,663. Although the difference might seem small, it can sometimes help you choose between two otherwise equal CDs.

The other aspect of CD interest to consider is the ability to tap interest before maturity. Most CD buyers will keep their interest accumulating within the CD, growing the balance and benefiting from compounding.

But some CDs allow you to siphon the interest into a separate account each time the CD earns an interest payment. Here again, the terms of the CD will stipulate how often that happens. Though a CD might compound daily, most banks will apply interest payments monthly or quarterly.

If your goal is to earn the highest possible return over the life of your CD, you'll want to choose a certificate that allows interest to accumulate and be compounded. But if instead you'd like to preserve your main investment while collecting interest payouts along the way, check the terms to make sure periodic interest withdrawals are allowed.

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MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 24,669.79 Low: 24,463.28 Previous: 24,465.64



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
▲ +63.43 (+.92%)	▲ +8.04 (+.30%)	▲ +19.27 (+1.31%)
Close 6,972.25	Close 2,649.93	Close 1,488.28
High 7,029.92	High 2,670.73	High 1,499.37
Low 6,951.62	Low 2,649.82	Low 1,469.45
Previous 6,908.82	Previous 2,641.89	Previous 1,469.01

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
↔ ... to 3.04%	▲ +6.80 to \$1,225.80	▲ +33 to 113.06/\$1	▼ -.0016 to .8781/\$1	▲ +1.20 to \$54.63

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW -2.46	NASD -2.30	S&P -1.91	DOW -48	NASD -1.92	S&P -.23	DOW +3.99	NASD +1.53	S&P +2.03

FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 18	500.50	504.25	497.75	498.75	-2
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 18	361.25	363.25	360	361.75	+50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jan 19	882	889	876	883	+2
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Dec 18	27.36	27.87	27.32	27.80	+46
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Dec 18	308.10	308.50	305.40	306.60	-50
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Jan 19	53.39	55.86	53.39	54.63	+1.20
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Dec 18	4.536	4.864	4.420	4.451	-.072
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Dec 18	1.4967	1.5425	1.4959	1.5107	+0.148

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	68.53	-.53	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	97.66	+28
AbbVie Inc	N	86.15	-1.94	Equity Residential	N	69.50	-.05
Alstata Corp	N	88.07	-.02	Exelon Corp	N	44.95	-.49
Aptargroup Inc	N	103.50	-.81	First Indl RT	N	31.54	+10
Arch Dan Mid	N	45.60	+27	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	43.29	+56
Baxter Intl	N	55.53	+1.35	Gallagher AJ	N	76.46	-.69
Boeing Co	N	317.32	-38	Grainger WJ	N	302.51	+5.53
Brunswick Corp	N	52.64	+1.57	GrubHub Inc	N	78.59	+07
CBOE Global Markets	N	107.97	-2.03	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	92.01	+140
CDK Global Inc	O	49.68	+19	IDEX Corp	N	133.02	+103
CDW Corp	O	86.73	+73	ITW	N	134.05	+38
CF Industries	N	44.20	+64	Ingredion Inc	N	104.21	+27
CME Group	O	190.01	-2.15	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	138.39	+329
CNA Financial	N	46.18	-.42	Kemper Corp	N	73.54	+06
Caterpillar Inc	N	123.87	+160	Kraft Heinz Co	O	51.16	+22
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	32.89	-34	LKQ Corporation	O	27.29	+34
Deere Co	N	141.88	+336	Littelfuse Inc	O	179.58	+258
Discover Fin Svcs	N	68.81	+57	MB Financial	O	44.17	-.12
Dover Corp	N	85.02	+23	McDonalds Corp	N	182.72	-.99
Equity Commonwh	N	30.99	-.04	Middleby Corp	O	116.75	+325
				Mondelez Intl	O	43.48	-.21
				Morningstar Inc	O	116.00	+07
				Motorola Solutions	N	124.11	+54
				NiSource Inc	O	25.56	-.19
				Nthn Trust Co	O	96.00	+43
				Old Republic	N	95.77	+03
				Packaging Corp Am	N	97.77	+43
				RLI Corp	N	73.78	-.18
				Stericycle Inc	O	44.95	+16
				Teleph Data	N	34.84	+76
				TransUnion	N	60.69	+100
				Tribune Media Co A	N	38.59	+53
				US Foods Holding	N	32.01	-.26
				USG Corp	N	42.76	-.01
				Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	303.76	+162
				Ventas Inc	N	61.36	-.99
				Veritas Contl Hldgs	O	92.86	+109
				Walgreen Boots Alli	O	76.13	-.87
				Waltrust Financial	O	76.13	+.87
				Zebra Tech	O	164.34	+205

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	7.81	+16
Bank of America	27.27	-11
AT&T Inc	29.77	-35
EnCana Corp	7.39	+33
Ford Motor	9.11	+05
Chesapck Engy	3.26	+06
Vale SA	14.35	+28
Sthvstn Energy	5.25	+20
Cemex SAB de CV	4.68	-20
Petrobras	14.37	+39
Weatherford Intl Ltd	.68	+03
Barrick Gold	13.46	+43
Pfizer Inc	43.10	-.43
Verizon Comm	59.16	-.30
Ambev S.A.	4.26	+08
Kinross Gold	2.69	+08
Freeport McMoran	11.41	+53
Wells Fargo & Co	52.43	-.11
Twitter Inc	31.61	+55
Square Inc	62.62	+80
Snap Inc A	6.35	+26
Keycorp	18.05	+22
CenturyLink Inc	18.34	-.15
Alibaba Group Hldg	149.41	+343

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	149.41	+343
Alphabet Inc C	1037.61	+11.85
Alphabet Inc A	1043.43	+12.98
Amazon.com Inc	1516.73	+21.27
Apple Inc	176.78	-.20
Bank of America	27.27	-.11
Berkshire Hath B	210.86	+15
Exxon Mobil Corp	77.56	+59
Facebook Inc	134.82	+239
JPMorgan Chase	107.64	-.81
Johnson & Johnson	141.99	-4.46
Microsoft Corp	103.11	+140
Pfizer Inc	43.10	-.43
Royal Dutch Shell B	63.56	+1.86
Royal Dutch Shell A	61.64	+1.68
Unitedhealth Group	260.55	-.95
Verizon Comm	59.16	-.30
WalMart Strs	94.17	+01
Wells Fargo & Co	52.43	-.11

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	31.34	+22	+3.9
American Funds AmcnBAlA m	26.69	+09	+5.6
American Funds CptWldGrInCA	146.63	+36	-3.2
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	58.10	+16	-3.2
American Funds FdmTtlInvSA m	59.67	+48	+5
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	49.98	+41	+2.9
American Funds InvCAMrCA m	22.34	+07	+2
American Funds NwPrspctVA m	38.54	+12	+1.6
American Funds WAMTInvSA m	41.75	+42	-3.5
American Funds WAMTInvSA m	44.31	+13	+5.8
DFA IntlCorEqInS	12.45	+14	-10.0
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.24	...	-1.1
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	40.21	+39	-11.8
Dodge & Cox Stk	200.79	+121	+5.4
DoubleLine TtRetBdl	10.32	...	+3
Fidelity 500IdxInPrm	92.87	+29	+3.9
Fidelity Contrafund	12.14	+10	+1.3
Fidelity ContrafundK	12.14	+10	+1.4
Fidelity GroCo	17.67	+15	-6
Fidelity USBdIdxInPrm	11.08	...	-1.8
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.23	+01	+4
Metropolitan West TtRetBdl	10.23	...	-1.5
PIMCO IncInslT	11.76	...	-1.1
PIMCO TtRetInS	9.89	-.01	-1.1
Schwab SP500Idx	41.52	+13	+3.9
T. Rowe Price BCGr	100.38	+90	+4.6
T. Rowe Price GrStk	63.70	+56	+1.9
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	245.40	+76	+3.9
Vanguard DivGrInV	27.43	...	+9.2
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	76.40	-.03	+3.5
Vanguard GrIdAdmrl	72.36	+46	+2.3
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Vanguard InTrnGAdm	9.28	...	-1.8
Vanguard InTrnEAdmrl	13.72	...	-1
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Vanguard InslIdxInSPlus	242.13	+75	+3.9
Vanguard InsTtSMInPls	58.74	+28	+3.3
Vanguard MDCpIdxAdmrl	184.80	+174	+1
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	138.37	+70	+7.7
Vanguard STInVGrdAdmrl	10.39	...	+2
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	69.19	+85	+7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	30.57	+13	-1.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	17.94	-.08	-1.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	32.54	+17	-1.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	19.96	+12	-1.5
Vanguard TtBmIdxAdmrl	10.28	...	-1.7
Vanguard TtBmIdxInS	10.28	...	-1.7
Vanguard TtInBdAdmrl	21.81	+01	+1.4
Vanguard TtInBdInS	32.73	+02	+1.4
Vanguard TtInBdInV	10.91	+01	+1.4
Vanguard TtInSdAdmrl	26.57	+31	-9.4
Vanguard TtInSdInS	106.28	+126	-9.4
Vanguard TtInSdInSPlus	106.30	+126	-9.4
Vanguard TtInSdInV	15.89	+19	-9.5
Vanguard TtSMIdxAdmrl	66.12	+31	+3.3
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Vanguard TtSMIdxInV	66.09	+31	+3.2
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2-year	2.79	2.80
10-year	3.04	3.04
30-year	3.31	3.31

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	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1225.80	\$1219.00
Silver	\$14.48	\$14.247
Platinum	\$850.60	\$847.00

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.25
Discount Rate Primary	2.75
Fed Funds Target	2.00-2.25
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.57

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys...

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Australia (Dollar)	1.3765
Brazil (Real)	3.7972
Britain (Pound)	.7824
Canada (Dollar)	1.3253
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Euro	.8781
India (Rupee)	71.109
Israel (Shekel)	3.7290
Japan (Yen)	113.06
Mexico (Peso)	20.2470
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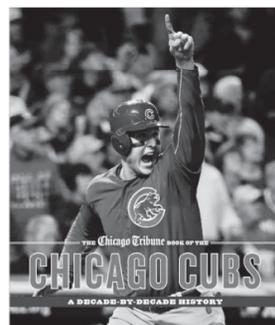
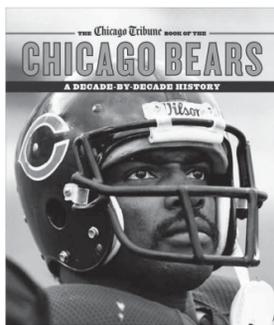
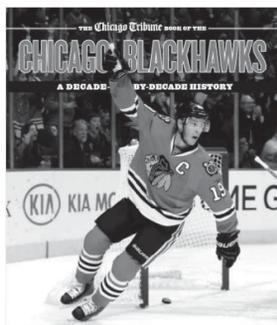
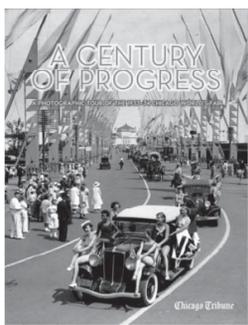
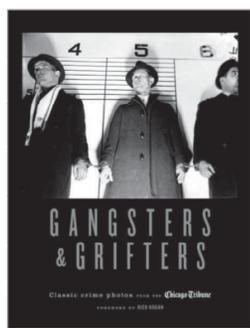
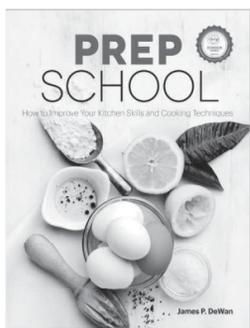
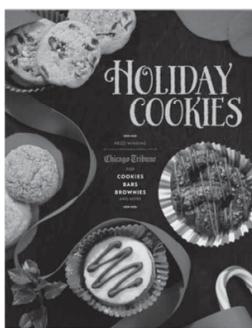
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Bovespa	87268.81	-632.0/-7
FTSE 100	7050.23	+102.3/+1.5
CAC-40	4975.50	+50.6/+1.0

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OBITUARIES

ALAN F. JOHNSON 1933-2018

Promoted the role of women in churches

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH
Chicago Tribune

Alan F. Johnson was a New Testament scholar who taught first at Moody Bible Institute and then for three decades at Wheaton College, where he helped create the Center for Applied Christian Ethics.

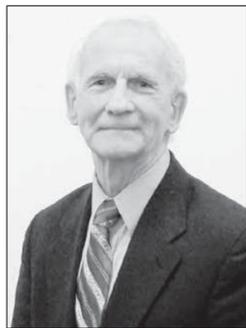
"Alan was an effective classroom teacher who believed that his academic responsibilities did not stop at the classroom but extended to institutional services that would build the kingdom of God," said C. Hassell Bullock, professor emeritus of biblical studies at Wheaton College. "He had a creative mind that demanded the best of him for the good of the college and society more broadly."

Johnson, 85, died of complications from myelodysplastic syndrome on Nov. 5 at his home, said his wife of 64 years, Marie "Rea" Johnson. He had been a Carol Stream resident since 2010 and previously had lived in Wheaton for 46 years.

Born in Elmira, N.Y., Johnson earned an associate's degree from a community college, Los Angeles Valley College, before serving in the Air Force. After leaving the Air Force, Johnson returned to college and earned a bachelor's degree in zoology from Bryan College in Dayton, Tenn. From 1957 until 1964, Johnson attended Dallas Theological Seminary, where he received a doctoral degree in New Testament literature and exegesis.

In 1964, Johnson moved to Chicago for a job teaching at Moody Bible Institute before becoming a professor at Wheaton College in 1969.

"He projected the image from the beginning as a man who, although he was a



FAMILY PHOTO

Alan F. Johnson taught for three decades at Wheaton College.

teacher, he was also a learner, and he was very open and was not dogmatic to the point of resisting considering options in theology," said Gilbert Bilezikian, a retired Wheaton College biblical studies professor who also co-founded Willow Creek Community Church in South Barrington. "He proved that he was a real scholar, and the students liked that. The students trusted him."

Jonathan Hancock, an associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Glen Ellyn, took several courses taught by Johnson while an undergraduate in the late 1970s and early '80s.

"He was a very good teacher. He was very compelling in his style, and he had a great manner with students, and he just excited you to learn and explore the scriptures in ways you hadn't before," Hancock said.

In 1972, Johnson launched a program for Wheaton College students in Israel. In 1986, he helped to form the Center for Applied Christian Ethics at Wheaton, which provides ethical training, public forums and various projects.

Johnson also was very

involved in Jewish-Christian dialogues, including during retirement.

"It impressed me that even though he retired from teaching, he remained deeply involved in academia and kept stretching himself," said Wheaton College Old Testament professor John Walton, who also had been a student of Johnson's while Walton was an undergraduate.

Johnson also was a strong advocate for gender equality in leadership roles in churches. That work culminated in a 2010 book he edited, "How I Changed My Mind About Women in Leadership."

"He was a great promoter of equal access for women to minister in church, and I think he had a great deal of importance in that realm because his book is really a compilation of what a lot of people who grew up in male-dominated churches and then began to realize that women were equally gifted," said retired Wheaton College piano professor William Phemister. "I think Alan will be remembered most for his commitment to supporting full access of women to leadership in church."

Johnson also wrote a variety of biblical commentaries and co-authored a 1989 book titled "What Christians Believe."

Johnson formally retired from Wheaton College in 2000.

In addition to his wife, Johnson is survived by four daughters, Jan Magary Swierenga, Kris Szremski, Lynn Baker and Lisa Brewer; 19 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held.

Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON NOVEMBER 22 ...

In 1890 Charles de Gaulle, who would become a French general, war hero and president, was born in Lille, France.

In 1899 pianist and composer Hoagy Carmichael was born Howard Hoagland Carmichael in Bloomington, Ind.

In 1906 the SOS signal for ships in distress was adopted at the International Radio Telegraphic Convention in Berlin.

In 1928, in Paris, Maurice Ravel's "Bolero" was performed for the first time.

In 1935 a flying boat, the "China Clipper," took off from Alameda, Calif., carrying more than 100,000 pieces of mail on the first trans-Pacific airmail flight.

In 1943 President Franklin Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Chinese leader Chiang Kai-shek met in Cairo to discuss measures to defeat Japan in World War II.

In 1954 the Humane Society of the United States was incorporated as the National Humane Society.

In 1963 President John F. Kennedy was assassinated as he rode in a motorcade in

Dallas, and Vice President Lyndon Johnson was sworn in as his successor.

In 1967 the U.N. Security Council approved Resolution 242, which called for Israel to withdraw from territories it captured in 1967, and implicitly called on adversaries to recognize Israel's right to exist.

In 1975 Juan Carlos was proclaimed king of Spain.

In 1977 regular passenger service between New York and Europe on the supersonic Concorde began on a trial basis.

In 1990 Margaret Thatcher resigned as Britain's prime minister after failing to win re-election to the Conservative Party leadership on the first ballot.

In 1993 Mexico's Senate overwhelmingly approved the North American Free Trade Agreement.

In 1994 a gunman opened fire inside the District of Columbia's police headquarters; the resulting gunbattle left two FBI agents, a city detective and the gunman dead.

In 1995 acting swiftly to boost the Balkan peace accord, the U.N. Security Council suspended economic sanctions against Serbia

and eased the arms embargo against the states of the former Yugoslavia.

In 1998 the CBS News program "60 Minutes" aired videotape of Dr. Jack Kevorkian administering lethal drugs to a terminally ill patient.

In 2000, amid the Florida recount battle, Republican vice presidential candidate Dick Cheney was hospitalized with what doctors called a "very slight" heart attack.

In 2003 the Medicare prescription-drug bill narrowly passed the House, 220-215, following a dusk-to-dawn debate.

In 2004 tens of thousands of demonstrators jammed downtown Kiev, denouncing Ukraine's presidential runoff election as fraudulent and chanting the name of their reformist candidate, Viktor Yushchenko, who ended up winning a revote the following month.

In 2012 Egyptian President Mohammad Morsi expanded his powers in a decree condemned by judges and critics as a power grab.

In 2013 ceremonies were held nationwide to observe the 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's assassination. In Dallas, thousands packed Dealey Plaza as the city held its first official ceremony of the 1963 killing.

In 2015 Chicago got its first look at Spike Lee's film "Chi-Raq" at a Hollywood-style premiere at the Chicago Theatre.

In 2016 coastal residents in Japan were ordered to flee to higher ground after a magnitude 7.4 earthquake struck off the coast of Fukushima prefecture, home to the nuclear plant that was destroyed by a huge tsunami following an earthquake in 2011 that killed about 18,000 people.

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Death Notices

Altobelli, Michael Adam

Michael Adam Altobelli, age 61, beloved husband of Kathy (nee King); loving father of Adam (Kayli) and Dominic (Maggie) Altobelli; devoted son of Elaine and the late Adam Altobelli; cherished brother of Anthony Altobelli; dear son-in-law of the late Rita King; dearest brother-in-law of Kevin (Judy) and Tom King; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews, friend, coach and golf partner to many. Michael was Vice President and Partner of Chicago Exhibit Productions. Visitation Saturday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Service Sunday 11:00 A.M. at **Lawn Funeral Home**, 17909 S. 94th Ave. Tinley Park. Interment Private. Funeral Info: 708 420-3200

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Berst, Frances P.

Frances P. Berst nee Oglieetti; beloved wife of John; loving mother of Kathleen (David) Sylvester and John (Laura) Berst; cherished grandmother of Matthew and Emily Sylvester, James and Thomas Berst; Funeral Saturday 9:15 A.M. from **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien to St. Alphonsus Church, Lemont. Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3-8 P.M. In lieu of flowers, donations to Residential Hospice, American Cancer Society or Bright Star Care appreciated. For funeral info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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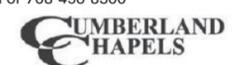
Caldwell, Dale Reynolds

Dale Reynolds Caldwell, age 89, beloved husband for 54 years of Lenore, nee Ferst, adored father of Robert Caldwell PhD (Sarah Packman) and Jeremy Caldwell PhD (Kristine Caldwell), loving grandfather of Ava and Zoe, cherished brother of Mary (the late Harry) Anderson and Ellen Komor, dear brother in law of Rivia (the late Stuart) Greenberger, fond uncle of many nieces and nephews, special thanks to devoted care-giver Sam Sarmiento. Memorial service Friday 10:30 am at Ezra Haborim the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster Street, Skokie. Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-MITZVAH (630-648-9824) or www.mitzvahfunerals.com

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Calomino, Samuel J.

Samuel J. Calomino, age 76, passed away on November 20, 2018. Beloved husband of Susan (nee Metcalf) Calomino. Visitation Friday, November 23, 2018 from 3:00 until 8:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until time of funeral service at 10:30 a.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Norridge. IL. Interment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery in River Grove. Info www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708-456-8300

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Corvo Sr., Michael

Michael Corvo Sr., Age 70, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family. Beloved husband of 50 years to Bobbie (Nee Ziino); loving father of Michael Jr. (Phedra), Daniel (Katrina), Nicole (Oswaldo) Maldonado; proud papa of Michael III, Madelyn, Nicholas, Matthew, Joseph and Anthony; dear brother of Russell (Debbie), Anna (Vince) Tallarico, the late Jeana Pebelske and Ronald (Cathy). Flowers are welcome or donations to Misericordia/Heart of Mercy Center, 6300 North Ridge Ave. Chicago, IL 60660 would be appreciated. Memorial gathering Friday, November 23, 2018 from 4 to 8 P.M. at **Nelson Funeral Home**, 820 Talcott Rd., Park Ridge. For info www.nelsonfunerals.com or (847) 823-5122.

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Donnellan, Justine Filetti

Justine Filetti Donnellan, 90, proud Italian and honorary Irishwoman, passed away in Libertyville on November 13. Daughter of Angelina (Sassana) and Louis Filetti and the youngest of 6 children, Justine grew up in the Italian enclave of Grand Avenue and graduated from Immaculata High School and Chicago Teachers College. There she met Dennis Donnellan to whom she was married from 1949 until his death in 2003. She was a long time resident of Libertyville and Saddlebrook Farms of Grayslake. Justine was preceded in death by her parents, husband, siblings and a son Kevin Peter in infancy. She is survived by her children, Mary Beth (Dennis) Morelli, Dennis (Mary), Kevin (Victoria), Bernadine (Brian) Kowalski, Roberta (Bill) King, and Teri (Mike) Sarallo, 16 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Although trained as a special education teacher, Justine chose to forego her career in order to teach her children important life lessons: play nice, respect all, and grab the adventures life presents. Justine would like you to know that "It's been a wonderful life." W.A.O.L. Visitation at **McMurrough Funeral Chapel**, 101 Park Place, Libertyville, IL Friday, November 23, 4:00-8:00 pm and Saturday at the funeral home from 9:15-9:45 am. Funeral Mass Saturday, November 24, 10:00 am at St. Joseph Church, 121 E. Maple Ave, Libertyville Please omit flowers. Donations in Justine's name can be directed to stjude.org. The family would like to extend their gratitude to Advocate at Home Hospice and the entire staff at Advocate Condell Hospital. Funeral info (847) 362-2626. Please sign the guestbook at libertyvillefuneralhome.com

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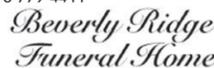
Donovitch, Donald J.

Donald J. Donovitch, Army Veteran, age 88, of Homer Glen. Beloved husband of the late Rosemary (nee Kopp). Loving father of William (Mary), Rosemarie and James. Dearest grandfather of Kevin, Michael, Olivia and Carly Donovitch. Fond brother of the late Richard (the late Lenora) Williams and Charlotte Williams; also nieces. Funeral Friday 10am at **RICHARD J. MODELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES**, 12641 W. 143rd St., Homer Glen to St. Bernard Church. Mass 10:30am. Entombment Resurrection Mausoleum. Visitation Friday 8:30am to 10:00am. In lieu of flowers donations to the Alzheimer's Association. 708-301-3595 or rjmodellfh.com

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Eby, Robert M.

Robert M. Eby, Veteran US Army. Former husband of Jeanette. Dear father of Darlene, Robert (Mary) and Donald Eby. Loving grandfather of Robert, Donald, Kassandra, Joseph and Michaela and great grandfather of Aubree. Resting at **Beverly Ridge Funeral Home**; 10415 S. Kedzie Avenue Friday 3:00 p.m. until time of service 8:00 p.m. Interment Private. 773-779-4411

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Hauselman, Lois

Lois Hauselman has left a legacy of a thousand best friends from kindergarten through Sullivan High, University of Wisconsin, and beyond. Lois was a copywriter, tour guide, writer, editor ("Other Voices"), artist, tennis player, choir member, runner, and biker. She was the first woman president of Anshe Emet Synagogue and Lincoln Park Tennis Association. Lois was an inspiration and muse to Marty, her husband of 54 years, her children, Jamie and Rob Reynolds, Julie and Ron Sachs, and Nicholas and Dr. Lisa. Adored LoLo of her grandchildren, Sophie and Moses Hauselman and Noa and Orli Sachs. Lois was the sunshine in the lives of not only her family and friends, but to their children and grandchildren who adored her as a surrogate grandmother and great grandmother. Everyone remembers and cherishes their time with Lois, and will be saddened not to see her wonderful smile, and the way she listened. And yes, she could sometimes give advice and words that were direct and critical, but were always pronounced lovingly. She was the daughter of the late Morris and Helen Dubin, and the late Bessie and Sam Hauselman, sister of Charlotte, Sherwin and Linda. Lois will be missed by all. Service Friday 11:30AM at Anshe Emet Synagogue, 3751 N. Broadway, Chicago, IL 60613. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Lois's name may be made to Anshe Emet Synagogue. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Kelly, Rosemary T.

Rosemary T. Kelly, R.N. nee Foy, Beloved wife of the late Thomas Kelly for 57 years, Loving mother of Mary Kim (Bill) Dowgiallo, Nancy (Joe) Voldrich, Susan Kelly, Sheila (Lou) Scarim, Ann (Bob) Dilger, Patricia (Dennis) Nolan and Julie (Dan) Conrad;



Cherished Nana of Thomas (Chrissy), Brian (Julie), Kerri (Dan), Rose, Joe, Declan, Rory, Colin, Conor, Aileen, Kat, Grace, Philip, Matthew, Kelsi, Erin, Jack, Aidan, Ryan, Maura and Quinn; Proud great-grandmother of Addison, Brody and Gavin; Devoted daughter of the late Patrick Foy and Mary Malooly; Dear sister of William (Toots) Foy and the late John, James (late Shirlee Egan), Joseph, Robert (late Marion Browne), and Patrick Foy. Memorial visitation Saturday November 24th at St. George Church, 6707 W. 175th St. Tinley Park, 9:00 am until time of Memorial Mass at 10:00am. Private Interment will take place at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Misericordia Heart of Mercy, 6300 N. Ridge Road, Chicago, IL 60660 most appreciated. Cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements entrusted to Brady-Gill Funeral Home, Tinley Park. (708) 614-9900 or www.bradygill.com

BRADY-GILL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES

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Koe, Robert 'Bob'

Robert "Bob" E. Koe, 73, passed away peacefully on November 15, 2018 surrounded by his family after a four year battle with Lewy Body Dementia. He will be missed by his son Robert (Michelle) Koe and their two children Robi and Johnny Koe; his daughters Kirsten (Peter) Coutant and Katherine (Christopher) Jackson and their two children Brooks and Riley; his long-time partner Lynn Freedy; his sister Sharon "Bunny" Berryman; as well as many other family and friends.

Bob was graduated from Riverside Brookfield High School ('63) and Kenyon College ('67). He held several leadership positions with GE Corp. and Heller Financial, Inc. He was a member of the Board of Trustees with Kenyon College and served on numerous corporate and philanthropic boards.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Monday, November 26, 2018 at First Presbyterian Church Lake Forest, 700 Sheridan Rd, Lake Forest, IL 60045. Donations may be made in his memory to Lewy Body Dementia Association, Inc. 912 Killian Hill Road S.W., Lilburn, GA 30047 or 404.418.7396. Info: **Wenban Funeral Home** (847) 234-0022 or www.wenbanfh.com

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O'Connor, Jeanette Elizabeth "Grams"

O'Connor, Jeanette Elizabeth, nee McCanna age 96, 64 year long St. Juliana parishioner. Beloved wife of the late Thomas T. O'Connor; loving mother of Terrence (Debra), Thomas (deceased), Daniel (deceased), and Diane (Robert) Zimmerman; proud grandmother of Tonia, Russell, Shannon (George) Blair, Thomas, Edward, Jessica Zimmerman, and Peter; great-grandmother of Justin, Aidan, Charlie, and Finnegan Blair. Fond aunt and relative to many. Visitation will be Saturday morning 24Nov2018 0930-1100 hrs. at St. Juliana Church 7201 N. Oketo followed by 11 am Mass. Interment at All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Misericordia Home appreciated.

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OLMSTEAD, JAMES JESSE, III

James Jesse Olmstead, III, formerly of Western Springs. Beloved husband of the late Patricia. Loving father of Kimberlee (Marilyn) Ostrowski, David (Laura), Gregory (Paul) Olmstead and James Olmstead, IV (Lisa). Devoted grandfather of 11. Dear great-grandfather of 5. Fond brother of Gerard (Cathy) and the late Gilbert (late Camille) Olmstead. Dear uncle of many. Visitation 4 to 8pm Friday, Nov. 23, 2018 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Family and friends are asked to meet at St. John of the Cross Church, Western Springs for Funeral Mass at 9:45am Sat., Nov. 24, 2018. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Scleroderma Foundation appreciated. James was at J. Sterling Morton East High School from 1959 - 1998, as a teacher/coach, guidance counselor, dean of students, and principal. Funeral home phone 708/352-6500 or www.hjfunerals.com

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ILLINOIS
Nov. 21
Powerball 07 14 23 38 55 / 18
Powerball jackpot: \$139M
Lotto jackpot: \$21.5M
Pick 3 midday 729 / 3
Pick 4 midday 3036 / 1
Lucky Day Lotto midday 16 21 33 39 41
Pick 3 evening 676 / 4
Pick 4 evening 9233 / 3
Lucky Day Lotto evening 03 06 24 38 42

Nov. 23 Mega Millions: \$155M

WISCONSIN
Nov. 21
Megabucks 08 21 33 37 39 42
Pick 3 535
Pick 4 3689
Badger 5 13 23 27 28 30
SuperCash 02 07 15 19 23 37

INDIANA
Nov. 21
Lotto 06 14 19 21 22 29
Daily 3 midday 151 / 6
Daily 4 midday 7813 / 6
Daily 3 evening 195 / 7
Daily 4 evening 3947 / 7
Cash 5 14 20 21 33 37

MICHIGAN
Nov. 21
Lotto 06 18 19 25 39 40
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Daily 4 midday 1381
Daily 3 evening 626
Daily 4 evening 0595
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Regal, Leonard M.

Leonard "Lenny" M. Regal; beloved son of Sally Ann nee Waldyn and the late Leonard J. Regal; husband of Beth; father of Sean, Jody (Brian) Schmidt and Thomas (Brenda) Connors; loving brother of Mark (Ann) and Rick (Linda); also, loving uncle and friend of many.
Visitation Friday, November 23, 2018 from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. at COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME 6250 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Funeral service will be at 7:00 p.m. Cremation will be private. Info 773-774-0366 or www.colonialfuneral.com



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Roache, Reverend James P.

Reverend James P. Roache, gone home on November 19, 2018. Beloved son of the late Charles and the late Anna; loving brother of the late Jack (the late Rosemary), the late Lorraine (the late Allen) Murphy, the late Bill (the late Elaine) and the late Robert; dearly loved uncle and great-uncle of Laurie, Tom and Tommy Jakubczak, Kathy, the late Tom, Caitlin,



Lauren, Jacqueline, Kristen, Tommy, and Charlie Kleist, John, Jack, Kiley, Maggie and Ryan Roache, Allen Murphy, John, Lisa, Meghan, Sean, Molly, Mary, and Maura Murphy, Colleen and Bob Rauseo, Mary, Mike, Meghan (Tim), Charlie, Luke and Abby Sullivan, Patrick Collins, Kara Collins, Kathryn and Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Nancy, Lindsey, Courtney, Emily and Joe McNeill Jim, Kelly, Rachel and Michael Roache, the late Billy Roache, Michael Roache, Brian, Gina, Patrick and Eamon Roache. A committed servant of the Archdiocese of Chicago as well as a 60 year tenure as Chaplain of the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago/Shirley Ryan AbilityLab. Family and friends will gather on Saturday, November 24, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 N. State St., Chicago, IL 60610 followed by Memorial Mass at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers donations to Big Shoulders Fund, The Priests' Retirement and Mutual Aid Association, or Shirley Ryan AbilityLab. For further information please call 312-421-0936 or www.michalikfuneralhome.com.



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Sandmeyer, Ulrich

Ulrich Sandmeyer, 70, of Chicago, IL, died at home on November 16, 2018. Born October 23, 1948 in Bielefeld, Germany to Karl and Hedwig Sandmeyer. Ulrich founded Sandmeyer's Bookstore with his wife Ellen in 1982. Ulrich is survived by wife Ellen, sons Brent & Rolf, granddaughter Kaia, and brothers Klaus, Martin, & Christoph. He was preceded in death by daughter Christina. Services will be held December 1 at 11 AM at Grace Place (637 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, IL).

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Schuch, Leo R.

Leo R. Schuch, age 82, Vet. 82 U.S. Army; Beloved Son of the late Michael and Emma Schuch (nee Koller); Loving brother of Edward (the late Theresa), Michael (Joan) Schuch and Mary Ann Lawlor; Fond uncle & great uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 5-8 PM; Funeral Saturday 8:45 AM from the Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, 4727 W. 103rd St., to St. Christina Church for Mass at 9:30 AM; Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Proud retired employee of Illinois Bell for 33 years. Please sign guest book at blaklamboaklawn.com, for info 708-636-1193.



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Scott, David 'Man'

Dave "Man" Scott passed away suddenly at his son's house in Sparta, NJ on November 16th, 2018. Dave was born July 13, 1945, in Minter City, Mississippi to Arthur and Hattie Scott. The family moved to Arkansas and then Chicago, Illinois in 1955, where Dave would grow up alongside his four brothers and his four sisters. Dave married Maria Scott



in 1973 in Chicago and shortly after, moved to Wheaton, Illinois, where they raised their only son, Dr. Marvell Scott. Dave enjoyed fishing, bowling, and took great pride in helping his family with household projects, and raising his son.

Survivors include his wife, Maria, Donna Scott, his twin sister, Rosalie Scott, his sister, and his brother Carl Scott (Wife Fran Scott), along with step-brothers Danny Brooks, Greg Brooks, and James (Pete) Johnson. In addition, Dave also had many loving nieces, nephews, and cousins that he enjoyed spending time with.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Hattie Scott, James Scott, brother, Willie Scott, brother, Julius, brother, Ernestine, sister, Ada, sister. A time of gathering will be held Friday, November 23rd for viewing at AR Leak & Sons Funeral Home, 7838 S. Cottage Grove, Ave. Chicago, IL from 6pm-9pm.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, November 24th at Original St. Clair Missionary Baptist Church. 218 E. 69th st. Chicago IL. beginning at Noon.

Dave will then be laid to rest and buried at the Northern New Jersey's Veteran Memorial Cemetery near his son's home in Sparta, NJ.

Please make donations to Vietnam Veterans of America at (VVA.ORG) in lieu of flowers.

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Taylor, Jerome F. 'Jerry'

Jerome F. "Jerry" Taylor, age 95, of Orland Park, Illinois, WWII US Navy Lieutenant, passed away November 20, 2018. Beloved husband for 72 years to the late Iva Lee Taylor, nee Vermillion. Loving father of Stephen W. Taylor (Ellen) and Jeffery D. Taylor (Nancy).

Proud grandfather of Christopher W. Taylor, Katherine E. Taylor Meister (David), Emily A. Brown (Matthew), and Dr. Lindsay Taylor, and great-grandfather of Bennett, Ruby, and Elizabeth "Ellie." Preceded in death by his siblings Betty Lou Uhl, Frederick Taylor, Patty Wilson and William Taylor. Cherished uncle and friend to many. Raised in Sioux City, IA and Los Angeles, CA. A graduate of University of Iowa, Special Agent in the FBI and retired from AT&T. Long-time resident of Morgan Park community in Chicago and active member of Morgan Park Methodist Church. Visitation Saturday, November 24, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Service 11:30 a.m. at Colonial Chapel, 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem), Orland Park, IL. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens South, Oak Lawn, IL. Memorials to your favorite charity preferred. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400



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Verges, Lena

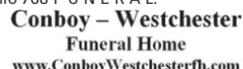
Lena Verges, nee Bikos, of Deerfield. Beloved wife of the late Dr. Peter Verges, loving mother of Dr. Sonia Verges (Matthew) Hyser, Dr. Denise Verges (George) Hefner, and the late Linda (Peter) Concannon; proud Yia Yia to Dr. Elise and Jenny Hyser, Laura, Nicole, and Peter Hefner. Family and friends will meet on Saturday, November 24, 2018 at Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church, 1401 Wagner Road, Glenview, IL 60025 for visitation from 11:30 a.m. until the funeral service begins at 12:00 p.m. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church, 1207 Riverwoods Road, Lincolnshire, Illinois 60069. Arranged by John G. Adinamis Funeral Director, Ltd. For more information please call 847-375-0095.



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Vlahos, Gust N.

Gust N. Vlahos of Western Springs, formerly of Westchester, age 83. Beloved husband of Bessie, nee Pappas; loving father of Nick, Daniel and Maria (Zaharias) Bousies; proud grandfather of Dean, Constantine, Vytaas and Leo; dear brother of Jim (the late Patricia), Andreas (Antonia), Eleni (Jim) Mallios and the late Steve (Pat) fond uncle to 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 Friday, November 23, 2018 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. All to meet Saturday at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church, 2501 S. Wolf Rd., Westchester 9:30 a.m. until time of funeral service 10:00 a.m. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Alzheimer's Association or the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society appreciated. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.



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Weber, Albert

Albert Weber, devoted husband of the late Claire (nee DuFresne), loving father of Susan (Richard) Gorski, Cindy (Wayne) Obenauf, Shawn, the late Scott, the late Holly, grandfather of Greg and Shawna Weber, Bill Gorski, Michael and Holly Obenauf, great grandfather of Gia and Luke Gorski, brother of David, son of the late Joseph and Viola (nee Peek) Weber. Services are private. In lieu of flowers donations to the Lake Zurich American Legion 51 Lions Dr. Lake Zurich, IL 60047. For information visit www.kristanfuneralhome.com or call 847-566-8020.



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Zawacki, Esther N.

Esther N. Zawacki nee Dougard age 92. Beloved wife of the late Joseph. Loving mother of Oliva (Rex) Gray, Roger (Elizabeth), Wendy (John) Wickham, Janice(Jorgw) Cruz and the late Rodney. Loving Stepmother of Carol Runkel and the Late Darold. Cherished Grandmother of 10. Great Grandmother of 18. Great Great Grandmother of 1. Preceded in death by 2 brothers and 1 sister. Many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Funeral Saturday 11:00 A.M. at Brust Funeral Home 415 N. Gary Ave. Carol Stream, IL Visitation Friday 2:00 P.M. till 9:00 P.M. Interment queen of heaven Hillside, IL 630-5110-0044

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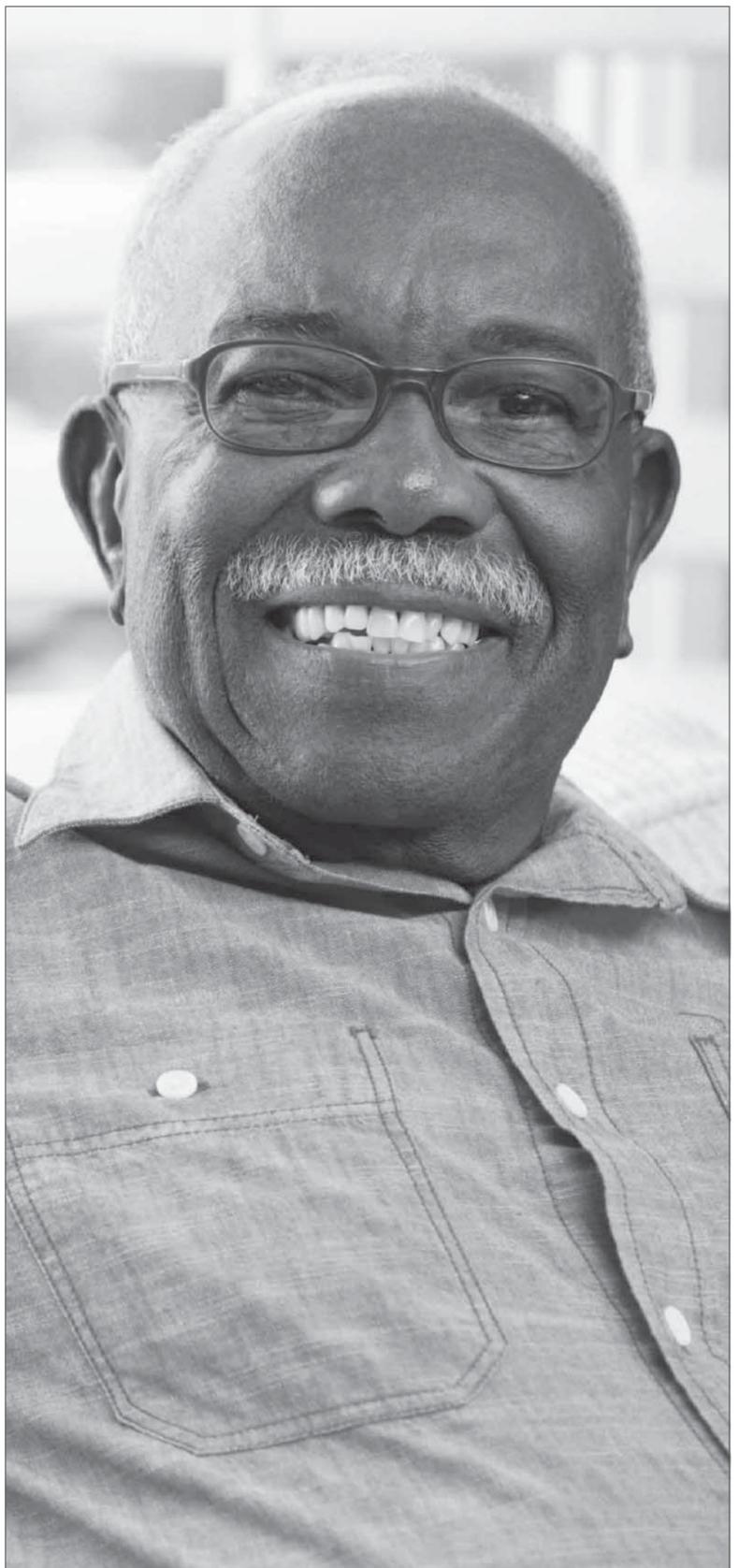


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File No. D18155801 on the Date: October 30 2018
Under the Assumed Name of: **Red Herring Factory**
with the business located at: **353 Woodlawn Ave. Glencoe, Illinois, 60022**
The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **Emery Kennett 353 Woodlawn Ave Glencoe, Illinois, 60022**

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File No. D18155939 on the Date: November 16, 2018
Under the Assumed Name of: **MR.CAKE**
with the business located at: **8761 N.Oleander Ave Niles, ILLINOIS, 60714**
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FORECLOSURES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
v.
TOMASZ M. DOBROWOLSKI; AGATA M. SZYNAL; LAKESIDE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION B; THE HUNTINGTON COMMONS ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s).

Case No.: 2018CH13795
Property Address: 625 W. Huntington Commons Rd., Unit 209 Mount Prospect, IL 60056

Residential Mortgage Foreclosure

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 625 W. Huntington Commons Rd., Unit 209, Mount Prospect, IL 60056, more particularly described as:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY
PARCEL 1; UNIT 209 TOGETHER WITH ITS UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS IN LAKESIDE CONDOMINIUM B, AS DELINEATED AND DEFINED IN THE DECLARATION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 23299090, IN THE EAST 1/2 OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 2; EASEMENT APPURTENANT TO AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF PARCEL 1 AS SET FORTH IN DECLARATION OF EASEMENTS DATED FEBRUARY 11, 1971 AND RECORDED AND FILED FEBRUARY 19, 1971 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 21401332 AND LR 2543467, FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS.

PARCEL 3; EASEMENTS FOR PARKING PURPOSES IN AND TO PARKING SPACE NO. 13 AS DEFINED AND SET FORTH IN SAID CONDOMINIUM DECLARATION AND SURVEY AND AS CREATED BY DEED FROM MOUNT PROSPECT STATE BANK TO MILTON W. GLENZER AND PEARL GLENZER, HIS WIFE, RECORDED MARCH 29, 1976 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 23432162 AND DEED RECORDED JUNE 21, 1976 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 23526901, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Permanent Index Number: 08-14-401-087-1024
Commonly known as: 625 W. Huntington Commons Rd., Unit 209, Mount Prospect, IL 60056 and Parking Space #13

UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Court of Cook County at the Cook County Courthouse located at the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602 on or before December 17, 2018, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Illinois Finance Authority (the "Authority") will hold a public hearing on December 7, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., in the office of Hart, Southworth & Wiseman Suite 501, One North Old State Capital Plaza, Springfield, Illinois 62701 before the Executive Director of the Authority or his designee regarding a proposed issuance of qualified 501(c)(3) bonds in one or more series of The Health and Educational Facilities Board of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee Healthcare Facilities Revenue Bonds, (Centerstone of America, Inc. Project Series 2018 (the "Bonds") in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Fourteen Million Dollars (\$14,000,000). The proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned to CENTERSTONE OF AMERICA, INC., an Indiana corporation (the "Borrower") for the purpose of making improvements to Borrower's or its subsidiaries' mental and behavioral healthcare facilities, including replacing or making renovations to and refurbishment of administrative offices, clinics, halfway houses and group homes, apartments for patients and crisis stabilization units, continuing recovery centers and in-patient treatment facilities. Anticipated improvements include capital improvements to or replacements of various buildings and heating and lighting and utility improvements, parking facilities, roofing and heating and air conditioning replacements and improvements, additions and replacement of washers, dryers, and bath fixtures, drainage and landscaping improvements, acquisition of miscellaneous furniture, fixtures and equipment associated therewith, computer system upgrades and improvements including new software, hardware and licenses associated therewith, the replacement of existing buildings and improvements to new facilities and other miscellaneous facilities used by Borrower or its subsidiaries in providing mental and behavioral healthcare services.

It is anticipated that the portion of Bond proceeds to be spent in Illinois on healthcare projects located there will aggregate approximately \$500,000, with projects in Illinois generally anticipated to cost \$50,000 or less individually (collectively, the "Illinois Projects"). All of the Illinois Projects to be financed, refinanced or reimbursed with proceeds of the Bonds are or shall be operated by Centerstone of Illinois, Inc., an Illinois not for profit corporation, or its affiliates at facilities in Illinois of the type and at the locations listed below:

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1307 W. Main St., Marion, IL	Clinic	1305 1/2 Boulevard, Marion, IL	Group Home
409 St. George St., West City, IL	Group Home	118 Krause St., Jerseyville, IL	Group Home
2615 Edwards St., Alton, IL	Clinic	3111 Williamson Co. Pkwy., Marion, IL	Clinic
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904 E. Main St., Benton, IL	Group Home	1404 S. 14th St., Herrin, IL	Group Home
409 St. George St., West City, IL	Group Home	1600 N. Main St., Benton, IL	Group Home
1912 N. State St., Marion, IL	Group Home	402 E. Plaza, Cartersville, IL	Crisis Stabilization Unit
1912 N. State St., Marion, IL	Group Home	2411 S. Illinois Ave., Carbondale, IL	Group Home
1311 W. Main St., Marion, IL	Administrative Office	606 N. Columbia, West Frankfort, IL	Group Home
403 Commerce Dr., Cartersville, IL	Crisis Stabilization Unit	1734 Main St., Alton, IL	Group Home
606 E. Foch St., Herrin, IL	Group Home	112 Sassy Lane, Herrin, IL	Group Home

The Bonds will be issued by The Health and Educational Facilities Board of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee following a public hearing as hereinafter described and approval from the applicable elected representative of the Authority. The Bonds will not be in any respect general obligations of the Authority, the State of Illinois, or any political subdivision thereof, but will be special and limited obligations of The Health and Educational Facilities Board of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee, as the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds will be payable solely from the property pledged thereto, including without limitation the revenues and receipts received from the repayment of the loan by the Borrower. The Bonds will not be payable in any manner from revenues raised by taxation. The Bonds shall not constitute a debt, liability or general or moral obligations of the Authority, the State of Illinois, or any political subdivision thereof, or a pledge of the faith and credit or taxing power of any of them, and shall be payable only as aforesaid.

This public hearing does not impose any liability on the Illinois Finance Authority or the State of Illinois or in any way involve the Illinois Finance Authority or the State of Illinois in the issuance of the Bonds or the acquisition, construction, improvement and equipping of the Borrower's communities but is an accommodation by the Illinois Finance Authority to satisfy the requirements of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

The above notice of public hearing is required by Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. At the time and place set for the public hearing, residents, taxpayers and other interested persons will be given the opportunity to express their views for or against the proposed plan of financing. Written comments may also be submitted to the Executive Director of the Authority via email at publiccomments@ifa.com or (i) at his office located at 160 North LaSalle Street, Suite S-1000, Chicago, Illinois 60601 (overnight delivery), or (ii) at P. O. Box 641249, Chicago, Illinois 60664 (mail) until December 5, 2018.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"), if any person with a disability as defined by the ADA needs special accommodations to participate in the public hearing, then not later than November 8, 2018, he or she should contact the Authority at (312) 651-1300.

Notice dated November 22, 2018.
Illinois Finance Authority
By: Christopher B. Meister
Executive Director

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NORTHWESTERN

'She's always there': Memory of his sister motivates Gaziano

DE knows what it is to be tough: Nothing compares to leukemia

By **TEDDY GREENSTEIN** | Chicago Tribune

Northwestern's Joe Gaziano answers to a variety of nicknames. He gets "Graziano" because some TV analysts can't help but to add an "r." He has

heard "Joe Fettuccine Alfredo" thanks to his Italian heritage. And the defensive end has been such a beast for the surging Wildcats, teammates have taken to calling him "Gazilla." The story of how he became Joe (full name Joseph Matthew Gaziano) is worth telling, though. His parents, Frank and Mary Ellen, wanted to select a family name. Frank's father was Carmelo and his grandfather was named Calogero. Hmmm, what to do?

Frank turned to his brother, Joseph, and asked what it would take to acquire the "naming rights" to use Joe. The deal was hatched. What did Frank give Joe in return? A weight bench. Now *that* is a football family. "It's in the dustbin of history," Frank says, "but the Joe' has endured."



Gaziano

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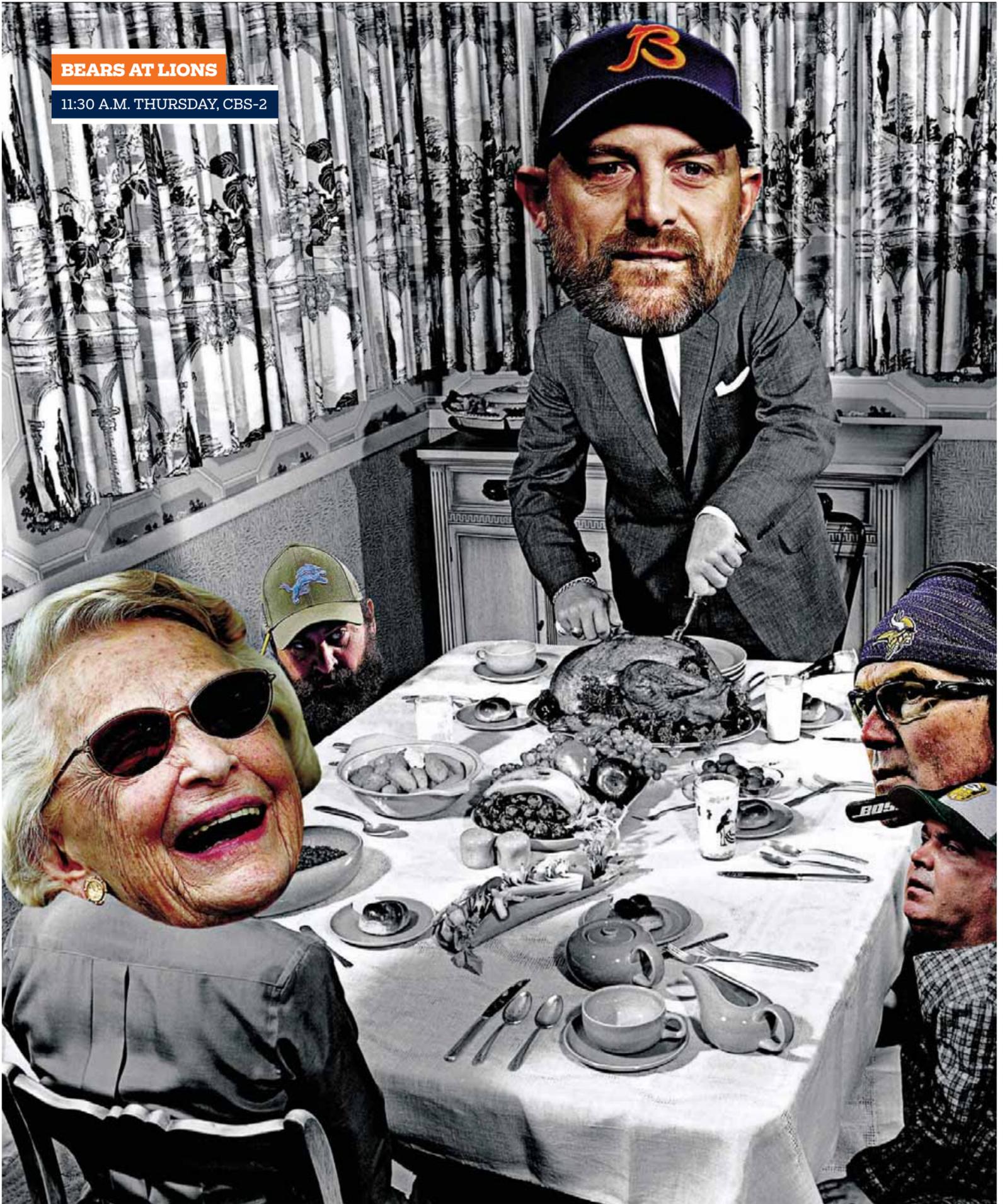
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Head of the table

Whoever starts at quarterback, Bears are in an unfamiliar spot on Thanksgiving morning — and with every chance to feast again

Miss Mitch? He isn't star of the offense



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

The smartest response to the uncertainty of Mitch Trubisky's health is more like a shrug than a shriek. Acceptance — but not indifference — would demonstrate a fuller understanding of where the Bears are now and what their future holds. That is, don't let it ruin your appetite this Thanksgiving. If Trubisky wakes up Thursday morning feeling any discomfort at all in his sore right shoulder, then he definitely should sit out the game against the Lions. If the Bears quarterback wants to wait to see how he feels during warm-ups at Ford Field, let the emerging team leader explore his personal limits. The development process includes allowing Trubisky to play if adrenaline dulls the ache, providing doctors and coaches see no long-term harm in letting him make his 23rd straight start.

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ILLUSTRATION
Matt Nagy is the man of the house in the NFC North. His Bears have a 1½-game lead over Mike Zimmer's Vikings, 2½ over Mike McCarthy's Packers and 3 over Matt Patricia's Lions. Virginia McCaskey must be pleased.

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Redskins at Cowboys
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Daniel in line for 1st start since 2014

By **DAN WIEDERER**
Chicago Tribune

Chase Daniel needed a moment. Standing in front of his Halas Hall locker stall Tuesday afternoon, Daniel was asked to recall his last NFL start. But the rewind button needed time to do its work. Daniel had to whisk back all the way through 2018, 2017, 2016 and 2015. He had to zoom in reverse past his eight months with the Bears, through his one year in New Orleans, past the one season

he spent with the Eagles and even back through his third and final season with the Chiefs. Finally, he made it back to December 2014. Week 17. "Was that the spleen game with Alex (Smith)?" Daniels asked. "Jeez," the Bears quarterback continued. "That's a long time ago." Indeed. Smith, then the Chiefs starter, suffered a lacerated spleen in a loss to the Steelers the week before.

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SAM FARMER

NFL's best 2 feel-good stories

In so many ways, the NFL season really starts after Thanksgiving.

That's the stretch run, when the weather turns cold, the division races either tighten or separate, and the traditionally good teams begin to build momentum that they will carry into the postseason.

There have been more than a few surprises this year, among them 33-year-old running back Adrian Peterson turning back the clock with the Redskins and 39-year-old Saints quarterback Drew Brees zeroing in on his first Most Valuable Player award.

Lots of new blips on the radar too. Several players around the league who were overlooked at some point in their career have come into sharp focus, not only carving out roster spots but making real impacts on teams.

Two of those are running backs James Conner of the Steelers and Phillip Lindsay of the Broncos, whose teams will meet Sunday in the Mile High City. The Steelers have won six in a row and are starting to pull away in the AFC North, while the 4-6 Broncos would need lots of help to pull back into contention for a wild-card spot.

Conner and Lindsay are two of the astounding success stories, both local heroes in their respective markets.

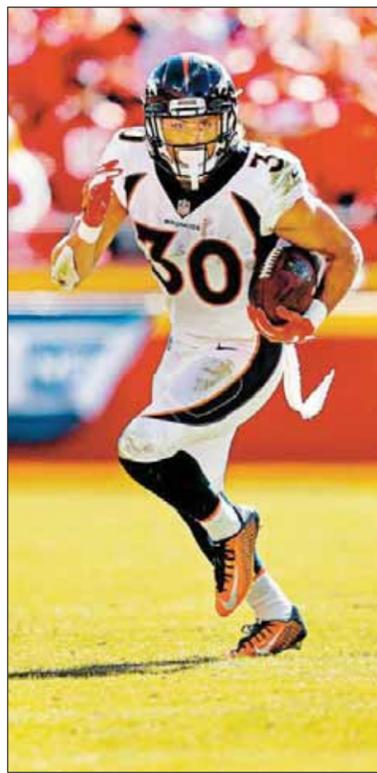
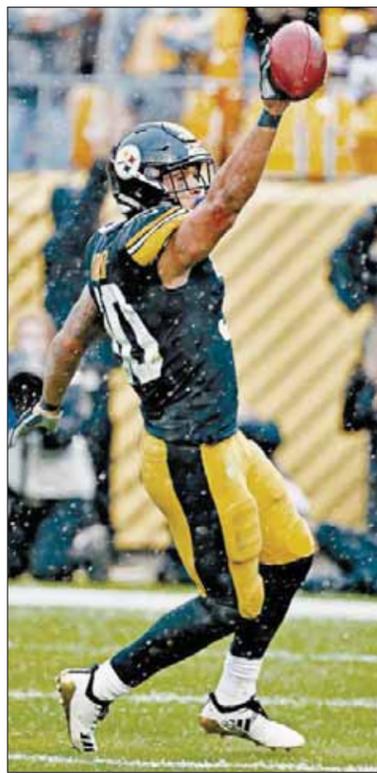
Conner, from Erie, Pa., played at the University of Pittsburgh, his career interrupted by a cancer diagnosis in 2015. Doctors discovered a mass in his chest that proved to be Hodgkin's lymphoma, the same condition that sidelined Chiefs safety Eric Berry, requiring 12 rounds of chemotherapy in the six months that followed.

"I choose not to fear cancer," a tearful Conner told reporters after his diagnosis, vowing, "I will play football again."

And play he did, running for 1,092 yards for Pitt in 2016, then leaving for the NFL, where the Steelers took him in the third round of the 2017 draft. He stepped in for Le'Veon Bell after the All-Pro running back decided to hold out indefinitely.

Running behind one of the best lines in football, Conner leads AFC running backs with 10 rushing touchdowns and is second in the conference behind the Chiefs' Kareem Hunt with 796 yards on the ground.

In Denver, a different feel-good story. Lindsay was a prep star at Denver South High and turned down other scholarship offers to stay in state and play at Colorado. At 5-foot-8 and 190 pounds, he's a compact



GENE J. PUSKAR/AP (CONNER), DAVID EULITT/GETTY (LINDSAY)

Running backs James Conner (Steelers) and Phillip Lindsay (Broncos) are budding stars.

Tasmanian devil, as fans like to say, who runs as if his untamed hair is on fire.

Despite running for 2,726 yards and 30 touchdowns the last two seasons, Lindsay was not invited to the NFL scouting combine. Instead, he participated in a combine at his school, covering 40 yards in a blistering 4.39 seconds.

He was under the impression the Broncos might use a late-round draft pick on him. Instead, not only did they not select him, but they used a seventh-round pick on Arkansas running back David Williams.

Still, Lindsay was determined to stay in his home state and play for his favorite childhood team. So he turned down a slightly more lucrative offer from the Ravens to sign as a rookie free agent with the Broncos. It became evident in training

camp almost immediately that he would make the team, probably as a third-down, change-of-pace back, a poor man's Christian McCaffrey.

An ankle injury to starter Royce Freeman opened the door for Lindsay, who has rushed for 670 yards and five touchdowns, second among rookies to No. 2 pick Saquon Barkley of the Giants.

It's worth noting that Barkley received a \$15 million signing bonus, whereas Lindsay's bonus was \$15,000.

Conner and Lindsay are but two of this season's happy discoveries, budding stars who have their teams especially thankful on this holiday.

Sam Farmer is the NFL columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

ASK THE REPORTER BRAD BIGGS

A conversation about conversions



Why did you suggest Matt Nagy was showing a lack of confidence in Cody Parkey on the two-point conversions against the Vikings? Nagy said that was part of the plan for the week and an element of his aggressive nature. If he didn't have faith in Parkey, he wouldn't have sent him out there to kick field goals.

— Vic, Roselle

I understand what Nagy said about having an aggressive mindset, wanting to put pressure on the opponent and thinking he had some quality plays for the low red zone that had been on the call sheet for a few weeks. I'd follow along better if the Bears had attempted more two-point conversions in previous games. When you go for two with a 9-0 lead in the first quarter, that's pretty unconventional. The Bears didn't attempt their first two-point conversion until the Lions game two weeks ago, when Parkey missed four kicks. So it's a bit of a coincidence for the Bears to go for two after both touchdowns against the Vikings. You're right, he sent Parkey out for three field goals, and he hit all three. I'm sure we'll see Parkey kicking extra points again soon, probably starting Thursday in Detroit. The more kicks Parkey makes, the sooner the four-post outing will be forgotten.

Why does this team struggle to put away games when they have big leads?

— @karlgreenfield

I think the concern is a little overblown. The Bears have allowed 106 points in the fourth quarter, the most of any team. That definitely is an eye-opener, but keep in mind they rank fourth overall with 19.5 points allowed per game. The Dolphins scored 15 in the fourth quarter in Week 6 in Miami, where the defense was gassed. The Packers blitzed the Bears for 21 points in the opener in Green Bay with a lot of big plays. But with the exception of the Dolphins and Packers, do we really have instances of the Bears failing to put away opponents? The Lions and Vikings did their damage in games the Bears had control of. I don't see glaring issues.



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WEEK 12 PICKS

Pack, Vikings share desperation

Tribune reporters Rich Campbell and Dan Wiederer are picking against the spread and each other this season. Here are their Week 12 selections.

Season scoreboard (10 points for a win, minus-10 for a loss): Wiederer 20, Campbell minus-20.

Game of the week

Vikings (minus 3) vs. Packers

Campbell (7-3-1): Packers. Yes, the Packers are 0-5 on the road, but they don't have to win. Their season is at stake and, by extension, possibly Mike McCarthy's job. They've had nine days to prepare, which will help Aaron Rodgers' knee. Both teams should score at least 20 points in a close game.

Dan Wiederer (4-6-1): Vikings. In Week 2 when they first met, both teams kept throwing away golden opportunities to win. In a wild affair that featured three missed field goals by Vikings rookie Daniel Carlson and a bogus late roughing-the-passer-call on Clay Matthews, the football gods decided a tie was in order. On Sunday night, in the NFC North's Desperation Bowl, side with the home team.

Lock of the week

Campbell (3-8): Saints (minus 13½) vs. Falcons. The Saints have covered eight straight, according to vegasinsider.com. The Falcons defense suffered another round of injuries on Sunday, and the Saints seem to be getting better and better. That hook makes this too good to pass up. (Sorry, Saints, for this kiss of death). **Wiederer (5-6):** Patriots (minus 10) at Jets. The Patriots had an open date last week to stew over their startling 34-10 loss to the Titans. The Jets had an open date last week to wallow in their mystifying 41-10 loss to the Bills. I know which team I like better on the rebound.

Upset of the week

Campbell (5-6): Seahawks (+150) at Panthers. The Seahawks have won five of their last eight. The three losses in that span: by two at home to the Rams, by eight at home against the Chargers and by five at the Rams. They're either winning or playing good teams close. The Panthers return home after two straight road losses. Here's betting the Seahawks jump up and bite them. **Wiederer (4-7):** Browns (+150) at Bengals. Rookie running back Nick Chubb is emerging as a big-time playmaker. Rookie quarterback Baker Mayfield has star potential. Second-year edge rusher Myles Garrett is already a force. Rookie defensive back Denzel Ward continues to grow. Imagine what Condoleezza Rice could do with all this young talent.

Just for fun

Campbell (3-7-1): Redskins (plus 7) at Cowboys. Redskins backup quarterback Colt McCoy returns to the site of his greatest NFL game. (Google "Colt McCoy no means no") The former University of Texas star will be composed and capable, if not always effective, as the starter for the rest of the season. The Cowboys should win, but this number is too high for me. **Wiederer (5-5-1):** Falcons (plus 13½) at Saints. What else are you going to do Thursday night? Talk to your relatives? Nah. Grab a bourbon, a slice of pumpkin pie and settle in to see if the Falcons can slow down the Drew Brees juggernaut.

Stay away

Campbell (8-3): Colts (minus 8) at Dolphins. Two 5-5 teams going in opposite directions. Since beating the Bears, the Dolphins have been outscored by an average of more than 10 points in four games, of which they've lost three. Yes, Ryan Tannehill is back, but the Dolphins are 1-4 straight up and against the spread on the road. The Colts, meanwhile, have won four straight. **Wiederer (8-3):** Eagles (minus 6) vs. Giants. The Eagles are the defending Super Bowl champions. The Giants are 6-20 over the last two seasons. But after getting throttled by the Saints on Sunday, a get-well home game for Carson Wentz and Co. may be more difficult than it looks.

Close to home

Bears (minus 3) at Lions
Campbell (5-5): Lions. I picked a two-point Bears win. I think Chase Daniel will do a good enough job throwing quickly and letting his receivers do the work. Also, the Lions are without their top running back and second receiver. That said, the Bears have lost five straight at Ford Field and will miss Mitch Trubisky's mobility. **Wiederer (4-6):** Lions. This isn't an expression of doubt in what these Bears are made of. Far from it. It's merely an acknowledgement of this week's extreme demands. The emotional energy spent to topple the Vikings on Sunday night can't fully be refueled in 85 hours. Physically, the Bears won't be at full strength.

Close to home, total

Bears-Lions over/under 44
Campbell (4-5-1): Under. The Bears defense keeps ruining my under predictions by scoring touchdowns. Here's guessing they don't score on the road against the Lions. **Wiederer (7-2-1):** Under. As confident as Chase Daniel always is, he hasn't seen significant regular-season action since 2014.

BEARS

Chops of a head coach

Fangio's defense playing so well that he should merit a look for a top job



BRAD BIGGS
Bear Essentials

If Matt Nagy really has a shot to be NFL Coach of the Year, and entering Week 12 he's clearly a candidate, the first call he makes should be to Vic Fangio.

While it took a certain lack of ego to understand his most important move was to convince Fangio to stay, the fact is as great as the Bears' new offense has been, as fun as the creativity has been, it's happening on both sides of the ball, and Fangio's role shouldn't be ignored. Fangio's contribution should have him in conversations for a head-coaching job. Whether it will or not is another matter.

There is a longtime belief in the NFL that if you go with a defensive-minded head coach, you get the added benefit of good special teams. And having two of the three schemes as strengths creates a winning formula, but given the intense focus on offense, it will take a special insightful owner to hire a guy like the 60-year-old Fangio for his first head-coaching job.

Vikings coach Mike Zimmer is the best recent example of why Fangio is deserving of a shot. But Fangio will need a general manager and more importantly an owner smart enough to zig when everyone else is zagging.

You could argue the best thing about the 7-3 Bears as they prepare for Thursday's meeting with the Lions at Ford Field is their defense and the thing that makes them such a dangerous team is the defense. The Bears defense is arguably the best in the NFL and why wouldn't that be attractive? If you consider defense passe, look at what the Bears are doing in a season in which the league is on pace to shatter multiple scoring records.

The Bears rank fourth in points allowed, third in yards allowed, first against the run, first in takeaways, first in interceptions and tied for fifth in sacks. Fangio is the genius behind it. This is his 19th season as a defensive coordinator in the NFL and despite a sterling reputation as a high-level strategist, he has been considered for head-coaching positions only three times. The Bears interviewed him before hiring Nagy in January. In 2015, the 49ers passed over Fangio to hire defensive line coach Jim Tomsula, a mistake that immediately blew up on them. In 1997, Fangio lost out to Kevin Gilbride for the Chargers job.

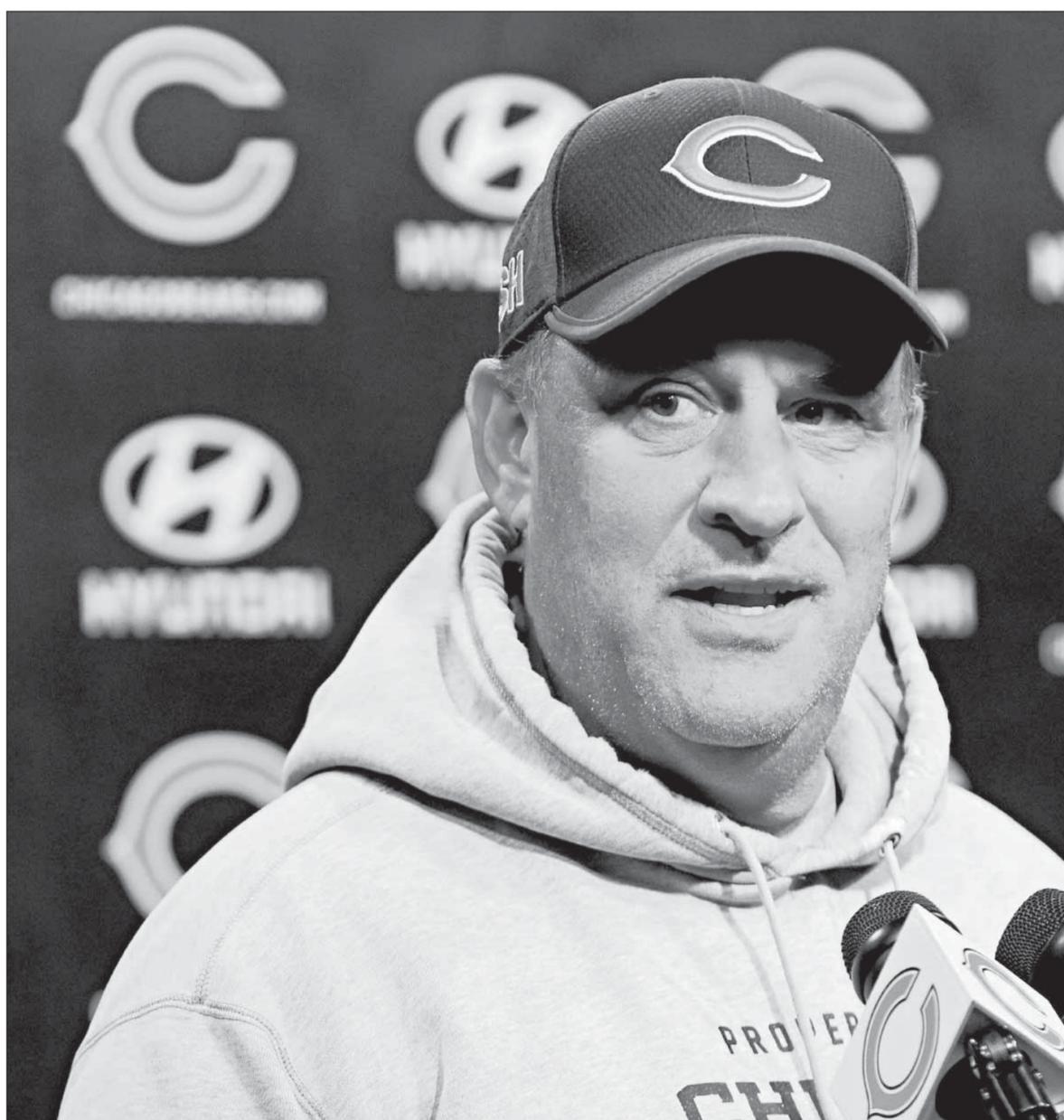
Fangio has done good work for the Bears since arriving as part of John Fox's staff in 2015, and with the Bears winning and finally in the NFL's spotlight, he's only going to gain more attention in the final weeks of the season as teams planning to make a change will be doing homework and preparing lists of potential head-coaching candidates.

"We'll see in the next six weeks how well we do," Fangio said. "It would be nice, but I am not going to burn the house down if it doesn't happen or think anything less or be unhappy with my coaching career or whatever."

The trend around the league is toward offense, and that was what the Bears had in mind when they brought in Nagy to work with quarterback Mitch Trubisky. Offensive coaches are en vogue and everyone is seeking the next Sean McVay, the 32-year-old wunderkind leading the explosive 10-1 Rams.

The Vikings hired Zimmer, then 58, in 2014, giving him his first head-coaching job after he toiled for 14 seasons as a coordinator and interviewed with five other teams with no luck. He had been considered perhaps too brash before Vikings general manager Rick Spielman identified him as the right man to build a winning culture in Minnesota and direct an elite defense.

Teams that didn't hire Fangio would regret passing over him, and he's not going to tell prospective bosses what they want to hear but what he believes. The comparison to Fox, who was 59 when the Bears hired him, doesn't work because that was his third head-coaching gig. The comparison to Bruce Arians, who was 60 when the Cardinals hired him in 2013, isn't perfect either because Arians was an offensive mastermind and got his first shot as an interim replacement for Chuck Pagano with the Colts in 2012 when he was named Coach of the Year. As cruel as it sounds, had Pagano not been forced to take a leave of absence to battle cancer, Arians probably never would have gotten a chance.



Prince Amukamara (20) is congratulated after making an interception against the Lions. The defense has been playing at an elite level under coordinator Vic Fangio, top.

It's impossible to anticipate how many openings there will be in January and what those teams will be seeking. But teams generally seek a coach who can be a consensus builder. No matter what the opinion of Fangio is around the league, the fact that he was willing to return to the Bears and work with a 39-year-old in Nagy, whom he didn't know, and things have gone as well as they have is impressive. Fangio gets along with people even if publicly he can come across as a crusty old coach.

Arians was popular in the locker room with the Cardinals, reaching younger players as an older coach, and from that angle Bears right tackle Bobby Massie, who began his career in Arizona, sees Fangio as a good fit for a top job.

Fangio is a straight shooter like Zimmer. "They're going to tell it how it is and they ain't going to play any games with you," Massie said. "Similar in ways, I would say. Bruce thought he was the coolest coach in the league and on the team with us, we just had a swagger in Arizona and he was the reason for that. I wouldn't say Vic is cool, but he has his own personality and that shows through the way the defense plays."

Said Bears cornerback Prince Amukamara, who played for an older coach with the Giants in Tom Coughlin: "Vic could easily be a head coach, just his demeanor, his poise, his experience. He has a great sense of humor that not a lot of guys get to see, but in the defensive room, we do."

Fangio is working without an agent and maybe that more than anything is evidence he's not worried about opportunities coming his way. In a political game, he never has wasted time worrying about climbing the ladder.

"Maybe I should have been more political, but it's too late for that," Fangio said.

If teams do call Fangio, their first question will be, "Vic, who is going to be your offensive coordinator?"

He will have to have an answer to that question if the time comes.

"It is what it is," Fangio said. "You wouldn't know what to do if you didn't have me here."

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BEARS SCOUTING REPORT LIONS DE DA'SHAWN HAND

Information for this report was obtained from NFL scouts.

Da'Shawn Hand (6-foot-3, 297 pounds) is a rookie fourth-round pick from Alabama, where he helped the Crimson Tide win two national titles.

Hand has quickly become a mainstay in the Lions front and has been on the field for 63 percent of the defensive snaps. He has 25 tackles (20 solo) with three sacks and two forced fumbles, emerging as a strong player in the base defense with the ability to slide inside in certain situations.

"He was a five-star recruit, but in college he would just flash," a scout said. "He was playing with a bunch of stars around him, and his production wasn't that high. He went to the Senior Bowl and he was OK. That was his college career. He has an amazing frame for a D-lineman, so he's your prototypical base defensive end. But you kept waiting for him at Alabama. When is it going to come? When is he going to take over games? He never did that at Alabama. It was always his teammates around him, whether it was Daron Payne, Jonathan Allen, all those studs they had. So I didn't expect much out of him as a rookie."

"I am surprised he's playing as well as he is. Whether that is the pro coaching, the veteran teammates around him, I don't know. Because the ability and the frame and the talent base has always been there. This might be a case where the Lions got great value on a player that didn't live up to the hype in college but is now starting to put it together. He is super powerful off the ball, he's got quick and super-strong hands at the point of attack. He's not a quick-twitch athlete, but he can give you some interior push in the pocket on passing downs."

"But he's kicking people's butts in there. He's nasty and the Lions have to be happy. If they drafted him to be the baddest dude in the box, they might have hit because he's keeping linebackers free and using his massive upper-body size to control guys at the point of attack."

NFL NOTES

Redskins' Peterson says he still uses belt on son

News services

Apparently, Adrian Peterson hasn't changed all that much.

The Redskins will visit the Cowboys in the running back's home state of Texas on Thursday.

And Peterson may be enjoying a resurgent season, but new comments that he made to Bleacher Report may put his future NFL status in jeopardy.

Here's what Peterson told the outlet. "I had to discipline my son and spank him the other day with a belt," Peterson said.

In 2014, Peterson, then a member of the Vikings, was charged with felony child abuse. He eventually entered a plea deal to misdemeanor reckless assault.

As a result, the league suspended Peterson for the majority of the 2014 season.

Peterson's latest statement could prompt discipline from the league again.

Rodgers a big help: Packers QB Aaron Rodgers donated \$1 million toward fire relief efforts in Butte County, Calif., where he grew up.

The two-time league MVP tweeted a video announcing his donation to the North Valley Community Foundation, and asked followers to retweet him using the hashtag "#retweetforgood."

His longtime sponsor State Farm will donate \$1 per retweet up to \$1 million.

"In Northern California, where I was born and raised, the city of Paradise burned to the ground and many of the residents that got out are now displaced in my hometown of Chico and across the north state," said Rodgers, dressed in a black "ButteStrong" sweatshirt.

SAM FARMER'S THURSDAY PICKS

Bears (7-3) at Lions (4-6)

11:30 a.m. | CBS-2 | Bears by 2½

Matthew Stafford has been sacked 29 times, and Kerryon Johnson and Marvin Jones are out with injuries.

Bears 28, Lions 17

Redskins (6-4) at Cowboys (5-5)

3:30 p.m. | FOX-32 | Cowboys by 7

The Cowboys have gotten Ezekiel Elliott going and have a smothering defense.

Cowboys 23, Redskins 21

Falcons (4-6) at Saints (9-1)

7:20 p.m. | NBC-5 | Saints by 13

The Saints are playing like the best team in football, especially when they're home.

Saints 38, Falcons 24

BEARS

Trubisky ailing, so Daniel may get 1st start since '14

Bears, from Page 1

And when it became clear he wouldn't be able to play the team's regular-season finale against the Chargers, Daniel answered the phone in the bullpen.

"I got called by (coach) Andy Reid on Thursday night," Daniel said. "Late. So really that week, I only got a red-zone practice on Friday and a walk-through Saturday.

"It's a similar timeline (with this), yeah." Now on Thanksgiving Day, Daniel is preparing to make another start — just the third of his 10-year career and his first in nearly four years.

On Thursday, the team officially listed Trubisky as doubtful for Thursday's game against the Lions — but the Bears haven't ruled him out officially, still wanting to see how his throwing shoulder progresses.

The team elevated quarterback Tyler Bray from the practice squad to the active roster Wednesday and will announce its seven-player inactive list 90 minutes before kickoff Thursday morning.

But with coach Matt Nagy saying the Bears will handle Trubisky's recovery similarly to how they recently handled things with linebacker Khalil Mack and receiver Allen Robinson, it would be no shock if the second-year quarterback experienced Thanksgiving as a sideline spectator at Ford Field.

And that, in turn, would thrust Daniel back into the spotlight. Again on short notice — this time in an ultra-quick Sunday-night-to-early-Thursday turn-around that left the Bears without a true practice this week. Just a couple of walk-throughs.

For what it's worth, Mack and Robinson each missed two games with their respective ankle and groin injuries. Nagy made it clear in both cases that the team focused its play-or-sit decisions each week around two questions. First, would playing subject the player to unnecessary risk in aggravating the injury? Second, was the player healthy enough to make significant contributions if he was given the green light?

Trubisky's injury, suffered when he absorbed a late hit from Vikings safety Harrison Smith on a fourth-quarter run Sunday night, already had Nagy and his staff lining up contingency plans Monday.

The Bears coach was effusive in praising Daniel as a potential emergency starter despite a 10-year career in which he has thrown only 78 passes.

Nagy was Daniel's quarterbacks coach with the Chiefs from 2013 to 2015.

"The No. 1 thing that you learn about Chase when you're around him is that in a really good way, he's extremely confident

ON THE CLOCK

1,425 Days since Chase Daniel's last start (Dec. 28, 2014).

in how he plays," Nagy said. "Because he's so smart, the game is not fast to him."

Nagy was at Arrowhead Stadium for Daniel's last start, that 2014 finale against the Chargers.

"Chase didn't blink," Nagy said.

Daniel completed his first nine passes and finished with modest numbers — 16-for-27, 157 yards and no interceptions. He appeared to throw an 11-yard touchdown pass to Dwayne Bowe in the second quarter. But a replay review ruled Bowe fumbled at the 1, so the score was given to Travis Kelce for his end-zone recovery. Still, the Chiefs won 19-7.

"We were able to get a win at home," Daniel said. "So it was beautiful."

The Bears hope they can produce something beautiful like that Thursday in Detroit. And if Trubisky can't go, the coaching staff has belief in Daniel given his experience, his knowledge of Nagy's offense and his study habits.

Said offensive coordinator Mark Helfrich: "He is uber-prepared every single day, every single rep to compete in practice, in meetings, in all of the things we do."

On top of that, Daniel emphasized Tuesday that the Bears' quarterback-centric offense is exciting to run.

"This offense is all based around our playmakers," he said. "It's based around the quarterback getting the ball to the playmakers in space in the open field and letting them make plays."

Just a week and a half ago, Trubisky fed his playmakers and led the Bears to touchdowns on their first four possessions against the Lions. The Bears led 26-0 in the second quarter and coasted. That's a very recent blueprint to follow.

And if there was any worry about Daniel seeing his first extended game action since August and possibly making his first regular-season start since December 2014, the Bears quarterback offered a reminder that he is tested every week at Halas Hall running the scout-team offense against one of the NFL's most ferocious defenses.

"If I were to play," Daniel said, "that for sure has prepared me. I'm going against the best defense in the league every day."

Daniel very well may be needed against the Lions. It wouldn't be the first time he jumped into action on short notice. But it would be the first time in a while.

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Bears can play it safe at QB

Haugh, from Page 1

Defining the difference between pain and injury can be valuable for a 24-year-old quarterback and coach Matt Nagy didn't make it sound like a serious ongoing concern. This marks Trubisky's first foray into the area of NFL injury ambiguity, but likely not his last, and this represents part of his growth too.

Trust the Bears to understand they have more to lose than gain by playing Trubisky if the risks outweigh the rewards. And that indeed might be true with five games left in December before the NFC playoffs — yes, the playoffs. Having a healthy Trubisky then will matter more to the Bears than it does now, with a 1½-game lead in the NFC North and a beatable opponent up next.

The Bears can defeat the Lions with backup quarterback Chase Daniel, a professional understudy paid handsomely to handle situations such as these.

Daniel signed a two-year, \$10 million contract last winter with \$7 million in guarantees as part of the team's investment in crisis management. Who knows? Starting Daniel in a potential trap game might sharpen the Bears and avoid the emotional letdown that often follows defining victories.

Forget that Daniel has thrown only three regular-season passes since 2014. The Bears merely would be asking Daniel to fill in and play a good game against a bad defense, not finish the season.

Daniel's preseason numbers suggest that is hardly too much to ask: The 32-year-old veteran completed 50 of 74 passes for 516 yards with five touchdowns and three interceptions for a passer rating of 93.1.

Those who scoff at using preseason statistics to support Daniel's credentials likely would be the first ones to introduce them if he played awful in August. An undersized 6-footer, Daniel blends good accuracy with mobility and his command of Nagy's system means he can move the chains.

The dropoff doesn't remotely resemble what the Bears experienced in 2011 when they were 7-3 and lost five straight after overmatched backup Caleb Hanie replaced injured starter Jay Cutler and ultimately got former general manager Jerry Angelo fired.

Any Bears offense under Daniel offers more efficiency than explosiveness. Without Trubisky's big arm to throw downfield, the passing game gets more horizontal than vertical.

But to think the offense would stagnate under Daniel misses one of the main points of this resurgent Bears season.

With due respect to Trubisky — who has developed well enough that the



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The Bears offense is good enough to win with Chase Daniel on Thursday in Detroit.

biggest complaint through 10 games is that he slides awkwardly — he isn't the star of the Bears offense.

Neither is wide receiver Allen Robinson, nor running backs Tarik Cohen and Jordan Howard. Nor tight end Trey Burton or the offensive line.

The star of the Bears offense is the offense. They used to say a similar thing about Lovie Smith's Cover-2 defense — an exaggeration for a unit that included a future Hall of Famer and several perennial Pro Bowlers — but the scheme really is the story behind the 2018 Bears offense.

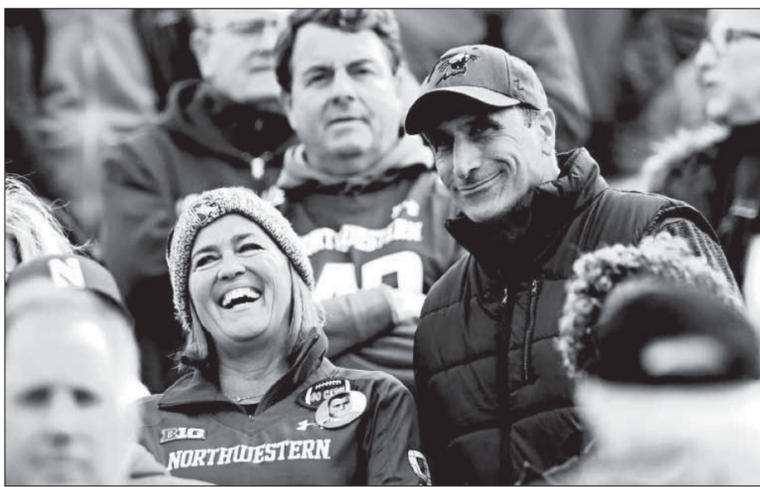
That simple truth makes the Bears largely immune to short-term injuries like the one nagging Trubisky. The success or failure of the offense doesn't ride on any individual, unless perhaps Nagy misses a game with the flu and can't call plays. The Bears are paying 25 players on offense \$71.1 million this season, but scheme outweighs skill in the offensive meeting room at Halas Hall. The most consistent element of every Bears game plan has been Nagy's schematic approach, perhaps the main reason the receivers are so open and the holes so wide. That creates equitable ball distribution and camaraderie every coach encourages. The Bears' brightest stars play on the NFL's fiercest defense, starting with Pro Bowl-caliber players Khalil Mack, Akiem Hicks and Eddie Jackson, who are becoming household names in Chicago.

It isn't a reach to wonder whether the Bears would miss any of those defensive standouts more than they would miss Trubisky, whose development once was the season's highest priority. But things change quickly in the NFL.

A funny thing happened to Trubisky on his way to developing into a franchise quarterback. In his first full season as a starter, the Bears became a playoff team. They're deep and talented enough to minimize Trubisky's absence if it helps maximize their success when he returns healthy.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL



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Mary Ellen and Frank Gaziano, parents of Northwestern defensive lineman Joe Gaziano, watch their son (97, below) at the game against Wisconsin at Ryan Field on Oct. 27.

Memory of sister inspires Gaziano

Northwestern, from Page 1

Gaziano is in familiar territory now, sitting in the meeting room for Northwestern defensive ends. He's telling the story of going to the Week 7 Patriots-Bears game at Soldier Field. The Boston-area native was wearing a Patriots hat and Tom Brady jersey and rose to his feet — all 6-foot-4, 275 pounds of him — when Mitch Trubisky threw an interception.

A man behind him hollered, "Sit down!" Gaziano waited for a TV timeout and explained, "I'm sitting down because I want to, not because you told me to."

"I got a laugh out of the crowd around me," he recalls. "Just wanted to let them know I was not going to get tooled on just because I'm cheering for my team."

Football runs through Gaziano's veins. Frank was a self-described "neck-roll linebacker" in the '80s, wearing mesh half-shirts at Lafayette College in Pennsylvania. Twin brother Joe, who years later made off with the weight bench, played center.

"The offenses ran like four plays and you could beat the receivers up," Frank says, describing a different era that almost sounds like a different sport.

Joe, the son, developed into an all-state player in football and lacrosse, a sport that helped with his agility.

"He could really whip a lacrosse ball," said Chris Bowers, Northwestern's director of player personnel. "I mean, he's fortunate he didn't hurt someone."

The Gaziano name already carried weight in Massachusetts before Joe led Xaverian Brothers to a Division I state championship. Frank serves on the state's Supreme Judicial Court, which consists of a chief justice and six associate judges.

A registered Democrat, Republican Gov. Mitt Romney appointed him in 2004.

"Joe has no interest in any legal issues," Frank says, "except staying out of the courtroom."

They still have plenty to talk about during Sunday morning breakfasts at Le Peep in Evanston.

Frank loves breaking down football and would pester Joe with questions after picking him up from high school practice before the 45-minute ride home to Scituate, Mass., on the South Shore.

"He's like, are you guys in a 4-3 this week? Any blitzes? What plays is the offense running?" Joe recalls. "I woke up at 6 in the morning, took the train in and was just tired as hell."

The sleep-deprived kid and the father — picture Robert De Niro's badgering Jack Burns from "Meet the Parents" — cut a deal.

"I would cross-examine him about practice from the parking lot until the highway, then let him sleep," Frank says. "If he didn't answer the questions, I would keep going. I reminded him: I've cross-examined drug dealers, expert witnesses, murder defendants. I can break you."

Frank smiles. Mary Ellen chuckles. They're at a tailgate in the west lot before Wisconsin's visit to Ryan Field on Oct. 27.

Joe, a redshirt junior, has 19½ career sacks, tied with Corey Wootton for fourth in program history. His 15 sacks over the last two seasons are tied for second-most in the Big Ten.

He stripped tailback Ivory Kelly-Martin to close out the Wildcats' 14-10 victory at Iowa. Last week he strip-sacked Minnesota's Tanner Morgan in the fourth quarter to essentially lock up that 24-14 triumph.

He is Northwestern's closer — and the closest thing the Wildcats have to Chicago's ultimate pass rusher, Khalil Mack.

"Joe is incredibly talented and has a relentless work ethic," coach Pat Fitzgerald

says. "He brings it every day in practice, every day in the weight room. I don't think there has been a mental error in his career, and if there has been one, it didn't hurt us."

Frank and Mary Ellen have been there to witness it all. Frank, in fact, says he has not missed a single sporting event involving Joe since the second grade.

"Lacrosse, hockey, baseball, basketball," he says. "Am I forgetting anything else?"

Replies Mary Ellen: "That's it."

On flights from Boston, Mary Ellen grades papers. She is a middle-school teacher.

On planes and in hotel rooms, Frank writes opinions that help to create legal precedent.

"You have to make time," Frank says, "because we realize this is not going to last forever."

The Gazianos are a tight family. And they were brought even closer by the loss of a child, Joe's sister Andrea.

'A very funny kid'

Joe called it the "vampire room" — the place where doctors sucked their blood. He was so young then, but he remembers the hospital visits. Andrea was diagnosed with leukemia at age 8, and thanks to bone marrow transplants from sister Cara, she survived six years.

"It was really hard," Joe says. "Having a big family helped, and we definitely became a lot closer."

"Everyone talks about facing adversity, but nothing compares to facing leukemia. If I can have an ounce of her many ounces of courage, I think I'll be all right on Saturdays. She was an amazing sister. She's an amazing role model for me."

Andrea wrote poetry. She played the flute. She left an indelible imprint on Joe.

Once he turned 18, Joe got her named inked onto his upper back. The tattoo contains a cross and banner with her initials, "AMG," and the bible passage Matthew 6:19-21 — Treasures in Heaven.

Says Mary Ellen: "I'm not a big tattoo fan, but how could you get mad with that? What can I say?"

The Gazianos have gathered this week for a special Thanksgiving. Joe and Mary Ellen have rented a house in Chicago and will host 14 family members from Massachusetts and Georgia.

What they wouldn't give for it to be 15.

"She was a very funny kid," Mary Ellen says. "She taught us a lot in her few years when she was here."

On Oct. 20 at Rutgers, the day after the anniversary of Andrea's death, Gaziano sacked quarterback Art Sitkowski, then peered into the crowd behind the end zone, looking for his parents.

"It was a sea of purple, which is awesome, but I didn't get to see any faces," he says. "That was a really cool moment."

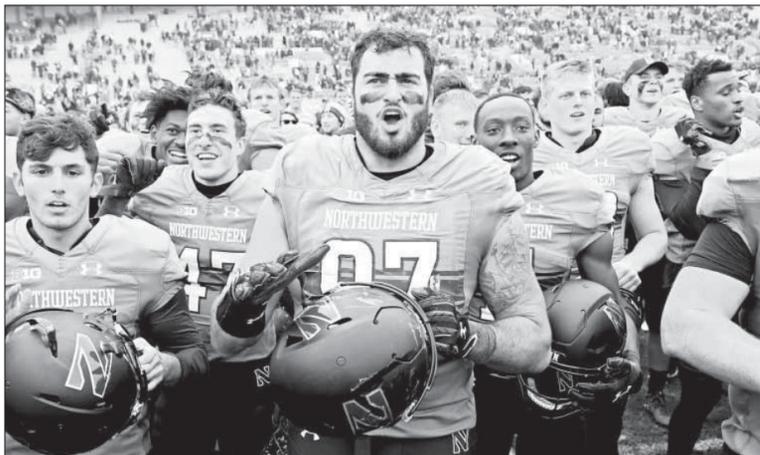
They all will be together again on Thanksgiving.

Mary Ellen might give Joe flak for all of the other tattoos on his body, including a Kraken cargo ship that represents his journey. Rest assured, Frank will quiz Joe on Northwestern's game plan to topple Illinois, which visits Ryan Field on Saturday.

They'll tell stories about Andrea but not with the goal of keeping her memory alive. It will always remain alive.

"It's with you every day," Frank says. "She inspires us every day to be better people, to do better. It's something you don't memorialize because she's always there."

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CUBS

5 who could coach Cubs' pitching staff

BY MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

With most major-league coaching staffs virtually set, the timing isn't the greatest for the Cubs to be looking for a pitching coach.

But there are still several qualified candidates available to replace Jim Hickey, who left the organization for personal reasons this week.

John Farrell

Farrell, 56, has worn many hats in his professional career but is known most for managing the Red Sox to the 2013 World Series title.

But the Cubs need a pitching coach, and pitching is Farrell's forte dating back to his 10-year pitching career with the Indians, Angels and Tigers. He later was pitching coach from 2007-10 with the Red Sox, where he supervised the ascent of Jon Lester's career.

Cubs President Theo Epstein has a bond with the Farrell family, as sons Jeremy (minor-league infield coordinator) and Shane (area scout) work in the Cubs player development/scouting departments, and Luke pitched in 20 games for the Cubs in 2018 and now is on the Angels roster.

Farrell has worked with veteran pitching staffs and has been influential in the development of Clay Buchholz and Lester. His recent duties as a scout and pitching adviser for the Reds enhances his expertise.

Farrell's experience as a manager with the Blue Jays (2011-12) and Red Sox (2013-17) shouldn't threaten Joe Maddon, as exceptional pitching has been a hallmark of Maddon's teams since he joined the Cubs in 2015.

Lester Strode

Strode, 60, deserves consideration after spending the last 12 seasons as the bullpen coach. He has been with the Cubs for 30 years.

Former players such as Jeff Samardzija and Justin Grimm have credited Strode with helping their performance while with the Cubs. But the Cubs have hired three pitching coaches since Strode joined the pitching staff in 2007, so the odds aren't in his favor.

Bryan Price

Price, 56, pitched briefly for Maddon in the Angels system and has served as a pitching coach for 14 seasons with the Mariners (2000-05), Diamondbacks (2006-09) and the Reds (2010-13).

Price was given plenty of freedom with the Reds under Dusty Baker, and his pitching staff ranked in the top third in the National League in ERA in 2012 and '13.

Price succeeded Baker as manager and held the job from 2014 until early last season, when he was fired after the team went 3-15 in its first 18 games. His overall record was 279-387 (.419).

Brendan Sagara

Sagara, 43, recently interviewed for a major-league pitching coach job with another team, according to a source.

Sagara has a fascinating background, starting with his short-lived pitching career for the Evansville (Ind.) Oilers of the independent Frontier League. Sagara was a pitching coach in independent leagues for 10 seasons while serving as a part-time scout for the Mets (2006-09) and Braves (2010-11).

Sagara's journeys took him to the Marlins organization, where he was a minor-league pitching coach for six seasons before joining the Cubs last winter as minor-league pitching coordinator.

Juan Nieves

Nieves, 53, was Farrell's pitching coach for three seasons (2013-15) with the Red Sox after serving five seasons as the White Sox's bullpen coach. Lester posted a 2.51 ERA in 21 starts in 2014 under Nieves' watch until he was traded to the Athletics.

Arm injuries in the late 1980s ended Nieves' promising pitching career, but he was highly respected during stints as a minor-league pitching coordinator with the Yankees (1992-96) and White Sox (1999-07).

Nieves was one of four coaches the Marlins didn't retain after the 2018 season. Injuries and trades had decimated the pitching staff.

Wild cards

The Twins hired Wes Johnson from the University of Arkansas to be their pitching coach despite his lack of professional experience. But more teams have looked to the college ranks recently to strengthen their pitching infrastructure.

In 2013, the Cubs hired Vanderbilt pitching coach Derek Johnson as minor-league pitching coordinator. He then went to the Brewers as their pitching coach and is now in that job with the Reds.

The timing of Hickey's departure could make it difficult for the Cubs to ask permission to talk to candidates now with other teams. Former Cubs pitching coach Larry Rothschild (2002-10) and Curt Young, who was the Red Sox's pitching coach under Epstein in 2011, are expected to remain with the Yankees and Giants, respectively.

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BULLS



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Isaiah Canaan, right, tries to drive against Bulls center Wendell Carter Jr. in the first half.

BULLS 124, SUNS 116

Hot-shooting Bulls end skid

LaVine, Arcidiacono spark attack to curtail losing streak

BY K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

So you're sitting directly behind the Suns' bench, enjoying an adult beverage and starting that holiday vibe with some NBA action at the United Center.

All Ryan Arcidiacono sees is a loose ball. Exemplifying the hustle that has defined his stint as starting point guard, Arcidiacono vaulted the Suns' bench, flipped into the first row and soaked his shorts and the fans with suds in vain pursuit of the ball. When the gritty guard sank a 3-pointer on the ensuing possession, the crowd erupted.

The hustle proved contagious. Snapping a four-game skid, the Bulls piled up 19 fast-break points and shot a season-high 56.8 percent in a 124-116 victory over the Suns on Wednesday, tying their season-high for points. Arcidiacono finished with 14 points and four 3-pointers, not missing a shot until the fourth quarter.

"You talk about plays throughout the course of the game that change the way things are going," coach Fred Hoiberg said. "When Ryan does things like that, it just elevates the energy of the entire team."

The fourth quarter is also when Zach LaVine scored 12 of his 29 points, underscoring his offensive growth. Returning from missing one game to illness, LaVine missed his first five shots. But instead of forcing shots, he stayed patient, started attacking the rim and later got his jumper working.

"I felt good," LaVine said. Jabari Parker also had his offensive game working, narrowly missing his first career triple double with 20 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists. He consistently rebounded and pushed the pace in transition, more often than not finding the open man.

"I just want to do what I can to win," Parker said. "If I score two points and we win, I'm just as satisfied."

The Bulls got a huge basket from Wendell Carter Jr. on an Arcidiacono feed with 37.3 seconds left on a nifty out-of-bounds play by Hoiberg. The basket

pushed the Bulls' lead to five, making it a two-possession game.

Shaquille Harrison delivered strong reserve minutes backing up Arcidiacono against the team that cut him in training camp. He posted nine points, four rebounds and four assists and played strong defense throughout with two steals.

"I think I'd be lying to you if I said there wasn't some extra motivation," Harrison said.

"I had a little extra energy boost." In the battle of lottery pick big men, No. 1 overall pick Deandre Ayton outplayed No. 7 pick Carter. Ayton finished with 18 points and 12 rebounds and placed Carter in foul trouble. The Bulls' rookie finished with 14 points and five rebounds.

The foul trouble even led to a surprise appearance by Cristiano Felicio, whom Hoiberg credited for helping the Bulls' pick-and-roll defense get more aggressive.

With Chandler Hutchison sidelined by back spasms, Cameron Payne stayed in the rotation for the second straight game. He started last game with LaVine out.

Payne grabbed Hutchison's reserve wing minutes in a seldom-seen rotational turn that matched the Suns' wing-heavy, smaller lineup. Payne even sank a 3-pointer to beat the first-quarter buzzer, his first such shot since Nov. 2.

"The biggest thing we emphasized the last two days of practice was getting the ball out quick and getting it up the floor quickly," Hoiberg said. "Our guys followed that."

Layups: This marked the first time since 1975 that the Bulls' last game before Thanksgiving was at home. The so-called circus trip, in which the circus used to take over the Chicago Stadium and then the United Center, typically displaced the team in late November. ... First-year Suns coach Igor Kokoskov is close with Bulls longtime international scout Ivica Dukan and attended a game at the Uvica Center in 1998 on his first trip to the U.S. Told light-heartedly the Bulls probably won, Kokoskov took the bait: "Michael (Jordan) was pretty good."

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BLACKHAWKS

CAPITALS 4, HAWKS 2

Slow start ends hope for Hawks

Failing to get a shot before Caps score twice is fatal

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — By the time the Blackhawks showed up Wednesday night in Washington, the Capitals already were in full strut.

The game was not quite eight minutes old and the Stanley Cup champions had all eight shots on net, both goals and the cockiness of a team absolutely certain it was walking away — sorry, running away — with two points.

The rest of the game was competitive and the Hawks were able to keep within striking distance. But the Capitals ran past, around and over the Hawks in those early minutes to secure a 4-2 victory at Capital One Arena.

"They could have had a couple of more, too," Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton said. "Corey (Crawford) made some saves, they missed the net on a few chances. But we played hard. I thought the effort was there and we looked like we were going to climb back into it multiple times during the game."

"We just (made) some self-inflicted wounds there that made it difficult on the road against a Cup winner. That's kind of the story today."

The Hawks went 0-for-3 on the power play, with one opportunity coming during those initial eight minutes. Not only didn't they get a shot on goal, but they never established control in the Capitals' zone until the final seconds of the power play.

Once the Hawks fell behind, Colliton began sending out Patrick Kane, Jonathan Toews and Brandon Saad more often. They each played more than 22 minutes while fourth-line wingers Andreas Martinsen (4:13) and John Hayden (2:45) had a hard time getting off the bench.

"They're playing well and that's why I played them so much," Colliton said. "Because they looked fresh and it looked like they could get us back in the game at any point, and that's what we're looking for from them."

The Hawks actually outshot the Capitals 14-12 in the first period and held a 39-27 advantage for the game. But the part of the game that matters — the scoring goals part — favored the Capitals. Tom Wilson scored 54 seconds into the game and Andre Burakovsky put home a power-play goal with 13:24 left in the first period to make it 2-0.

Wilson's momentum while scoring caused him to run over Crawford, who appeared to be stunned by the contact, but he finished the game.

Former Hawks defenseman Michal Kempny blasted home the sixth goal of his NHL career midway through the second period to make it 3-0.

Saad continued his resurgence, scoring for the third straight game as he powered down the right side and zipped a wrist shot past Capitals goalie Braden Holtby at 8:23 of the second.

Erik Gustafsson's second goal of the season pulled the Hawks within 3-2 with 14:37 left in the game. But Devante Smith-Pelly restored the Capitals' two-goal lead a few minutes later with his fourth goal of the season.

"That was tough," Duncan Keith said. "Would have been nice to keep it close but we were still there."

Scratching the surface: Forward Chris Kunitz and defenseman Brandon Manning were healthy scratches for a second straight game, while forward Luke Johnson was scratched for his third straight game. Kunitz has played in 985 career games and, if the timing is right, could play his 1,000th career game in Pittsburgh on Jan. 6. Kunitz spent nine seasons and won three Stanley Cups with the Penguins.

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Marcus Kruger tries to maneuver in front of Capitals goaltender Braden Holtby in the second period.



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			@TAM 6:30 NBCSN, AM-720	@FLA 6 NBCSCH, AM-720		VGK 7 NBCSCH, AM-720	

ON TV/RADIO

TIME	EVENT	NETWORK
12:30 p.m.	Battle 4 Atlantis	ESPN
12:30 p.m.	Villanova vs. Canisius	ESPN2
12:30 p.m.	UMass vs. Southern Illinois	FS1
1:30 p.m.	La Salle vs. Miami	ESPNU
2:30 p.m.	Oklahoma State vs. Memphis	ESPN2
3 p.m.	Battle 4 Atlantis	ESPN
3 p.m.	Tulsa vs. Nevada	FS1
3:30 p.m.	Northwestern vs. Fresno St.	ESPNU, WGN-AM 720
6 p.m.	Battle 4 Atlantis	ESPN2
6:30 p.m.	Charleston vs. LSU	ESPNU
6:30 p.m.	North Carolina vs. Texas	FS1
8 p.m.	UAB vs. Florida State	ESPNU
8:30 p.m.	Battle 4 Atlantis	ESPN2
9 p.m.	UCLA vs. Michigan State	FS1
10:30 p.m.	Hawaii vs. Utah	ESPN2

TIME	EVENT	NETWORK
11:30 a.m.	Bears at Lions	CBS-2, WBBM-AM 780
3:30 p.m.	Redskins at Cowboys	FOX-32, WSCR-AM 670
7:15 p.m.	Falcons at Saints	NBC-5, WSCR-AM 670

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

TIME	EVENT	NETWORK
2:30 p.m.	Colorado State at Air Force	CBSSN
6:30 p.m.	Mississippi State at Mississippi	ESPN

GOLF

TIME	EVENT	NETWORK
7 p.m.	World Cup of Golf	Golf Channel
Midnight	Hong Kong Open	Golf Channel

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

CFP Rk.	TEAM	AP	RC	PF	PA	WEEK 13/NEXT GAME	*-A.M.
1.	Alabama	1	11-0	536	144	Sat. vs. Auburn, 2:30	
2.	Clemson	2	11-0	492	133	Sat. vs. South Carolina, 6	
3.	Notre Dame	3	11-0	381	190	Sat. at USC, 7	
4.	Michigan	4	10-1	403	149	Sat. at #10 Ohio State, 11*	
5.	Georgia	5	10-1	436	185	Sat. vs. Georgia Tech, 11*	
6.	Oklahoma	6	10-1	545	338	Fri. at #13 West Virginia, 7	
7.	LSU	8	9-2	309	177	Sat. at #22 Texas A&M, 6:30	
8.	Washington St.	7	10-1	445	249	Fri. vs. #16 Washington, 7:30	
9.	UCF	8	10-0	436	204	Fri. at South Florida, 3:15	
10.	Ohio State	10	10-1	458	271	Sat. vs. #4 Michigan, 11*	
11.	Florida	13	8-3	373	231	Sat. at Florida State, 11*	
12.	Penn State	15	8-3	377	237	Sat. vs. Maryland, 2:30	
13.	West Virginia	12	8-2	409	233	Fri. vs. #6 Oklahoma, 7	
14.	Texas	11	8-3	356	285	Fri. at Kansas, 11*	
15.	Kentucky	17	8-3	263	185	Sat. at Louisville, 6	
16.	Washington	16	8-3	308	183	Fri. at #8 Washington St., 7:30	
17.	Utah	18	8-3	335	204	Sat. vs. BYU, 9	
18.	Mississippi St.	22	7-4	314	141	Thu. at Mississippi, 6:30	
19.	Northwestern	20	7-4	269	244	Sat. vs. Illinois, 2:30	
20.	Syracuse	19	8-3	447	312	Sat. at Boston College, 11*	
21.	Utah State	14	10-1	542	243	Sat. at #23 Boise State, 9:15	
22.	Texas A&M	—	7-4	342	244	Sat. vs. #7 LSU, 6:30	
23.	Boise State	21	9-2	411	244	Sat. vs. #21 Utah State, 9:15	
24.	Pittsburgh	24	7-4	333	309	Sat. at Miami, 2:30	
25.	Iowa State	25	6-4	253	208	Sat. vs. Kansas State, 6	

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BIG TEN STANDINGS

TEAM	CONF	ALL	PF	PA	WEEK 13/NEXT GAME	*-11 A.M.
Northwestern	7-1	7-4	260	244	Sat. vs. Illinois, 2:30	
Wisconsin	5-3	7-4	336	254	Sat. vs. Minnesota, 2:30	
Iowa	4-4	7-4	347	181	Fri. vs. Nebraska, 11*	
Purdue	4-4	5-6	355	306	Sat. at Indiana, noon	
Nebraska	3-5	7-7	232	344	Sat. vs. Maryland, 2:30	
Minnesota	2-6	5-6	305	320	Sat. at Wisconsin, 2:30	
Illinois	2-6	4-7	296	449	Sat. at Northwestern, 2:30	

EAST

TEAM	CONF	ALL	PF	PA	WEEK 13/NEXT GAME
Michigan	8-0	10-1	403	149	Sat. at #10 Ohio State, 11*
Ohio State	7-1	10-1	458	271	Sat. vs. #4 Michigan, 11*
Penn State	5-3	8-3	377	237	Sat. vs. Maryland, 2:30
Michigan St.	4-4	7-4	269	244	Sat. vs. Illinois, 2:30
Maryland	3-5	5-6	339	306	Sat. at #12 Penn State, 2:30
Indiana	2-6	5-6	296	331	Sat. vs. Purdue, noon
Rutgers	0-8	1-10	152	363	Sat. at Michigan State, 3

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

MVSU (1-9) at Alabama St. (3-7), 2
Colorado St. (3-8) at Air Force (4-7), 2:30
Mississippi St. (7-4) at Ole Miss (5-6), 6:30

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

EAST	*-a.m.
Oklahoma (10-1) at West Virginia (8-2), 4	
SOUTH	
Florida (8-3) at Memphis (7-4), 11*	
C. Carolina (5-6) at S. Alabama (2-9), 2	
Virginia (7-4) at Virginia Tech (4-6), 2:30	
UCF (10-0) at South Florida (7-4), 3:15	
MIDWEST	
Buffalo (9-2) at Bowling Green (3-8), 11*	
Northwestern (10-1) at Iowa (7-4), 11*	
Texas (8-3) at Kansas (3-8), 11*	
E. Michigan (6-5) at Kent St. (2-9), 11*	
Illion (4-6) at Ohio (7-4), 11*	
Cent. Michigan (11-0) at Toledo (6-5), 11*	
Arkansas (2-9) at Missouri (7-4), 13*	
E. Carolina (3-7) at Cincinnati (2-2), 2:30	
WEST	
Oregon (7-4) at Oregon St. (2-9), 3	
Washington (8-3) at Wash. St. (10-1), 7:30	

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

MIDWEST	
Purdue (5-6) at Indiana (5-6), 11*	
Michigan (10-1) at Ohio St. (10-1), 11*	
Illinois (4-7) at Northwestern (10-1), 2:30	
Minnesota (5-6) at Wisconsin (4-2), 2:30	
Rutgers (1-10) at Michigan St. (6-5), 3	
Kansas St. (5-6) at Iowa St. (6-4), 6	
EAST	
Syracuse (8-3) at Boston Coll. (7-4), 2:30	
Maryland (5-6) at Penn St. (8-3), 2:30	
Temple (7-4) at UConn (11-0), 2:30	
SOUTH	
Georgia Tech (7-3) at Florida St. (5-6), 11*	
Florida (8-3) at Florida St. (5-6), 11*	
Georgia Tech (7-4) at Georgia (10-1), 11*	
W. Kentucky (2-9) at La. Tech (7-4), 11*	
Ark. State (10-1) at Arkansas (2-9), 11*	
Navy (8-8) at Tulane (5-6), 11*	
Wake Forest (5-6) at Duke (7-4), 11:30*	
NC Central (4-6) at N.C. Central (5-15), 12:30	
Georgia Southern (8-3) at Georgia St. (2-9), 1	
New Mexico St. (3-8) at Liberty (4-2), 1	
Troy (9-2) at Appalachian St. (8-2), 1:30	
La.-Lafayette (6-6) at La.-Monroe (6-5), 2	
UAB (9-2) at Middle Tennessee (7-4), 2	
Auburn (7-4) at Alabama (11-0), 2:30	
Pittsburgh (7-4) at Miami (6-5), 2:30	
Tennessee (5-6) at Vanderbilt (5-6), 2	
Grambling St. (6-4) vs. Southern U. (6-3)	
at New Orleans, 4	
Charlotte (4-7) at FAU (5-6), 5	
South Carolina (6-4) at Clemson (11-0), 6	
Kentucky (8-3) at Louisville (2-9), 6	
SOUTHWEST	
Baylor (5-6) vs. Texas Tech (5-6)	
at Arlington, Texas, 11*	
Old Dominion (4-7) at Rice (1-11), noon	
So. Mo. (2-8) at Prairie View (4-2), 12:30	
Southern Miss. (5-5) at UTEP (1-10), 2	
SMU (6-5) at Tulsa (2-9), 2:30	
Arkansas St. (7-4) at Texas St. (3-8), 3	

TRANSACCIONS

BASEBALL	
AMERICAN LEAGUE	
Baltimore: Named Sig Mejdal assistant general manager/analyst.	
Minnesota: Released RHP Alan Benzenitz. Selected the contract of 2B Luis Arraez from Pensacola (SL). Traded RHP Nick Anderson to Miami for 3B Brian Schates.	
N.Y. Yankees: Traded RHP Drew Finley and cash to the L.A. Dodgers for OF Tim Lincecum.	
Oakland: Signed SS Cesar Hinojosa to a minor league contract.	
Seattle: Selected the contract of RHP Erik Swanson from Tacoma (PCL).	
Tampa Bay: Named Rodney Linares third base coach.	
NATIONAL LEAGUE	
Milwaukee: Agreed to terms with RHP Raisel Iglesias on a three-year contract.	
Miami: Traded LHP Dillon Peters to the L.A. Angels for RHP Tyler Stevens.	
San Diego: Selected the contract of RHP Trey Supak and OF Troy Stokes Jr. from Biloxi (SL).	
FOOTBALL	
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE	
Bears: Released DB Marcus Cooper Sr. Signed QB Tyler Bray from practice squad.	
Arizona: Re-signed WR Montay Crockett to the practice squad.	
Denver: Waived CB Adam Jones. Signed CB Brendan Langley from the practice squad and CB Linden Stephens to the practice squad.	
Detroit: Signed CB Andre Chappere to the practice squad.	
Indianapolis: Released QB Phillip Walker from the practice squad. Signed TE Je'Ron Hamm and DE Anthony Winbush to the practice squad.	
HOCKEY	
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE	
NHL: Fined Colorado F Mikko Rantanen \$2,000 for embarking on a Reassigned.	
Arizona: Assigned D Dakota Mermis to Tucson (AHL).	
Carolina: Activated C Victor Rask from the injured non-roster list. Reassigned C Clark Bishop to Charlotte (AHL).	
Los Angeles: Assigned F Michael Amadio to Ontario (AHL).	
SOCCER	
MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER	
Los Angeles FC: Signed D Eddie Sevcik from Atletico Huila (Primera A-Colombia) on a six-month loan.	

TENNIS

Tennis Integrity Unit: Banned Daniele Braccioni for life and Potito Starace for 10 years and fined Braccioni \$250,000 and Starace \$100,000 for match-fixing and associated offenses.

COLLEGE

Arkansas: Suspended DBs Ryan Pulley and Kamren Curl one game.

SOCCER

MLS CUP PLAYOFFS
Conference Championships
Eastern Conference
 Sunday: N.Y. Red Bulls at Atlanta, 4:18
 N.Y. Red Bulls at N.Y. Red Bulls, 6:30
Western Conference
 Sunday: Sporting KC at Portland, 6:58
 Nov. 29: Portland at Sporting KC, 8:40

AHL

CENTRAL	W	L	OL	SOL	PT	GF	GA
Iowa	11	4	0	0	23	63	38
WOLVES	9	5	1	0	20	62	52
Milwaukee	10	6	3	0	23	56	53
G. Rapids	8	7	0	1	17	49	52
Manitoba	8	8	1	0	17	43	59
Texas	7	6	1	1	16	57	50
Rockford	8	7	1	3	20	47	53
San Antonio	6	12	0	12	39	52	2 pts for win, 1 pt for OT/shootout loss.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS	THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Charlotte 3, Bellevue 2, OT	Hartford 4, Providence 3, OT
Utica 3, Laval 2	Syracuse 4, Binghamton 1
Iowa at Milwaukee, late	Stonington at Tucson, late
at San Diego, late	

NBA G LEAGUE	W	L	PCT	GB
Grand Rapids	4	3	.571	—
Fort Wayne	3	3	.500	½
Windy City	4	5	.444	1
Canton	2	4	.333	½
Wisconsin	1	6	.143	3

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS	THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Windy City 99, Raptors 91	Austin 102, GreenBoro 95
Grand Rapids 114, Wisconsin 112	Grand Rapids 114, Wisconsin 112
Memphis 120, Fort Wayne 118	Rio Grande Valley 94, Maine 91

LATEST LINE

COLLEGE BASKETBALL	THURSDAY
Villanova 14½	Canisius
Memphis 1	Oklahoma St.
LSU 7½	Charleston
Florida St. 16½	S. Illinois
S. Illinois 16½	Tulsa
Nevada 16½	Texas
N. Carolina 8½	N. Carolina
Michigan St. 15½	UCLA
Miami 15½	La Salle
Northwestern 5½	Fresno St.
Seton Hall 6	Grand Canyon
Utah 10	Hawaii

COLLEGE FOOTBALL	THURSDAY
Week 13	Colorado St.
at Oregon St.	at Mississippi
Miss. St. 13	at Mississippi

FRIDAY
at Ohio 23½
Cincinnati 19½
E. Michigan 13½
Buffalo 14½
at Iowa 9
Texas 9
at Missouri 23
at Toledo 18½
UCF 14
Oregon 17½
at Memphis 7
Virginia 4½
Oklahoma 2½
at Wash. St. 2½

SATURDAY
at Miami 4½
Temple 30½
Kentucky 37
at Fresno St. 5
at Michigan St. 27
at Ga. Southern 10
at Marshall 3
at Boston Coll. 7
Michigan 4½
at Northwestern 17
at Georgia Tech 17
at Duke 17
at Wisconsin 10½
NC State 7
at La. Tech 11
Old Dominion 7½
Southern Miss. 13
at Boise St. 2½
at Utah 1½
at Wyoming 6½
UAB 2½
at California 12½
Stanford 6½
at Vanderbilt 3½
Oklahoma St. 6½
at Penn St. 13½
Texas Tech 37
at Fresno St. 21½
at Iowa St. 13
at Texas A&M 3
Purdue 4
at Tulane 7
SMU 4½
at FAU 17½
Arkansas St. 11½
at San Jose St. 11
Notre Dame 11
at Alabama 23½
Nevada 13½
at San Diego St. 17
Arizona St. 1½

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at Baltimore 11

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Bears at Lions

11:30 A.M. THURSDAY AT FORD FIELD | CBS-2 | BEARS BY 2 1/2 (O/U 44 1/2)

THREE KEYS

Spread-it-around offense works

The Bears will celebrate Thanksgiving in Detroit, facing the Lions for the second time in 12 days and looking to win their fifth consecutive game. Confidence continues to rise for this team and justifiably so. Through 10 games, the Bears have shown growth and grabbed first place in the NFC North. Now comes an opportunity to snap a five-year losing streak at Ford Field. Here are our three keys.

1 Spread it around
Pregame analysis: A week and a half ago, Mitch Trubisky had arguably the sharpest game of his career, throwing for a career-high 355 yards and three touchdowns in a 34-22 romp over the Lions. The second-year quarterback may not have the opportunity to build on that success because of a right shoulder. But even if backup Chase Daniel gets the call, which seems likely, the Bears' M.O. should be the same. Take care of the football. Find the favorable matchups on each play and each series. Daniel may not have the same arm strength as Trubisky or the same ability as a scrambler. But he will have the same weapons to work with. In Week 10 against the Lions, receivers Allen Robinson and Anthony Miller combined for 11 catches, 255 yards and three touchdowns. In all, 13 Bears have caught passes this season. Six have been on the receiving end of Trubisky TD passes.

2 Ground and pound
Pregame analysis: Yes, this was a key we highlighted for the Bears' last meeting against the Lions with Matt Nagy hoping to get his running game going against a seemingly vulnerable defense. But the Bears averaged only 2.5 yards per rush in that game at Soldier Field. And over the last two games, the Lions have allowed only 110 rushing yards combined to the Bears and Panthers. That has allowed Matt Patricia's defense to climb from 31st to 26th in rushing yards allowed per play and from 30th to 24th in rushing yards allowed per game. Baby steps? Maybe. But as the Bears offense looks to lighten the load on the defense, their ability to create consistency in the running game will be important.

3 Get ahead, stay ahead
Pregame analysis: The Bears have done a terrific job of starting fast and will aim to do so again Thursday. In six of their seven wins, the Bears scored first and never trailed. A week and a half ago, against the Lions, the offense scored touchdowns on all four first-half possessions, providing a 26-0 lead and a leisurely stroll to victory. Even more significantly, Vic Fangio's defense has been lights out early in games over the last month. During the Bears' four-game winning streak, they have outscored opponents 75-10 before halftime. The defense has been on the field for 27 possessions in the first halves of those games, allowing only one touchdown and one field goal while forcing seven turnovers and 11 three-and-outs.

— Dan Wiederer



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FILL IN THE BLANK

The Bears should be most thankful for _____.

BRAD BIGGS

Khalil Mack, of course

The most unusual of circumstances in Oakland — league insiders believe it was a lack of funds to provide Mack with the contract he was seeking, not a rash decision by coach Jon Gruden — set up the kind of once-in-a-decade situation on which Bears general manager Ryan Pace pounced. Mack has taken an already good defense to another level, and the pressure the Bears generate has led to a slew of takeaways. They lead the NFL with a plus-13 turnover margin, and with 18 interceptions, they're well on their way to matching their combined total from the previous three seasons — 24. Mack makes everyone around him better, and that's why the Bears will head into December atop the NFC North and in the hunt for their first playoff appearance since the 2010 season.

RICH CAMPBELL

The Raiders' cash shortage

How else to explain why they would trade one of the best defensive players in the NFL? In fairness to the Bears, they were an ascending team before Mack became available to them at the end of the preseason. But the trade was gasoline on smoldering embers. Mack immediately became the source of an infectious confidence that has spread throughout the team, which was evident Sunday night against the Vikings. With all 11 defensive starters healthy, the Bears can beat anyone. And given Mitch Trubisky's right shoulder injury, they'll need Mack and the defense to continue leading them.

COLLEEN KANE

Khalil Mack. Matt Nagy. Vic Fangio ...

... A deep, dominant defense. A promising group of offensive weapons that includes Allen Robinson, Taylor Gabriel, Anthony Miller and Tarik Cohen. Trubisky's progress, uneven as it has been at times. Were we looking for one answer? Then I think you have to go with Pace. He traded for Mack, hired Nagy and retained Fangio, signed Robinson and Gabriel, drafted Miller, Cohen and Trubisky, built a quarterback support group and was responsible for securing a number of key defensive pieces. Has he made mistakes? Sure. Do we still need to see more from Trubisky? Yes. But as the Bears eye a turnaround from last from first, there's a lot to be thankful for, and Pace made much of it happen.

DAN WIEDERER

Jon Gruden, whom they will never be able to fully repay

Ten games into the season, the Bears have 32 sacks and 27 takeaways. Mack has eight sacks, five forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, an interception and a touchdown. And that's after a sprained right ankle significantly impeded his October production. The giving of thanks may take hours at the McCaskey household with all the people who have been instrumental in this season's rapid turnaround. Still, Mack was the greatest sports gift this city has received in 2018. All thanks to Gruden and the Raiders.

PREDICTIONS

1 writer is falling for the trap game

Brad Biggs (9-1)
Thursday games on a short week can be sloppy. The Lions have looked really good at times and discombobulated at others. They are 3-2 at home and 1-4 on the road. But the Bears have more talent and should prevail.

 **27-20**
Bears

Rich Campbell (7-3)

Assuming Chase Daniel plays, he knows who he is and who he's not. He's a ball distributor, as he demonstrated against the Chiefs' starters in the preseason. Quick, short throws and good defense will make this a Happy Thanksgiving for Chicago.

 **22-20**
Bears

David Haugh (9-1)

No matter who plays quarterback for the Bears, the defense will arrive at Ford Field healthy and hungry. And nothing about the Bears' recipe for winning has changed: Terrorize the quarterback and take away the football. The NFC North leaders keep rolling.

 **31-24**
Bears

Colleen Kane (7-3)

The Bears defense helped overcome three turnovers by the offense last week, so I'm not inclined to underestimate its impact again. With Trubisky's status in doubt, it's just another chance to show how one of the best defensive units in the NFL can win games for the team.

 **23-20**
Bears

Phil Thompson (9-1)

Short turnaround on the road with Trubisky doubtful? This has all the makings of a trap game. But you need weapons to spring a trap. The Lions, who will be without Marvin Jones and Kerryon Johnson, may have to rely on Zach Zenner.

 **23-20**
Bears

Dan Wiederer (8-2)

The Bears are on the road, on a very short week and possibly without Trubisky. After spending significant energy in Sunday night's win, the defense doesn't have enough left in the tank to carry the load again.

 **23-20**
Lions

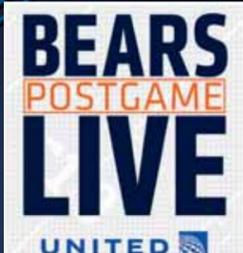
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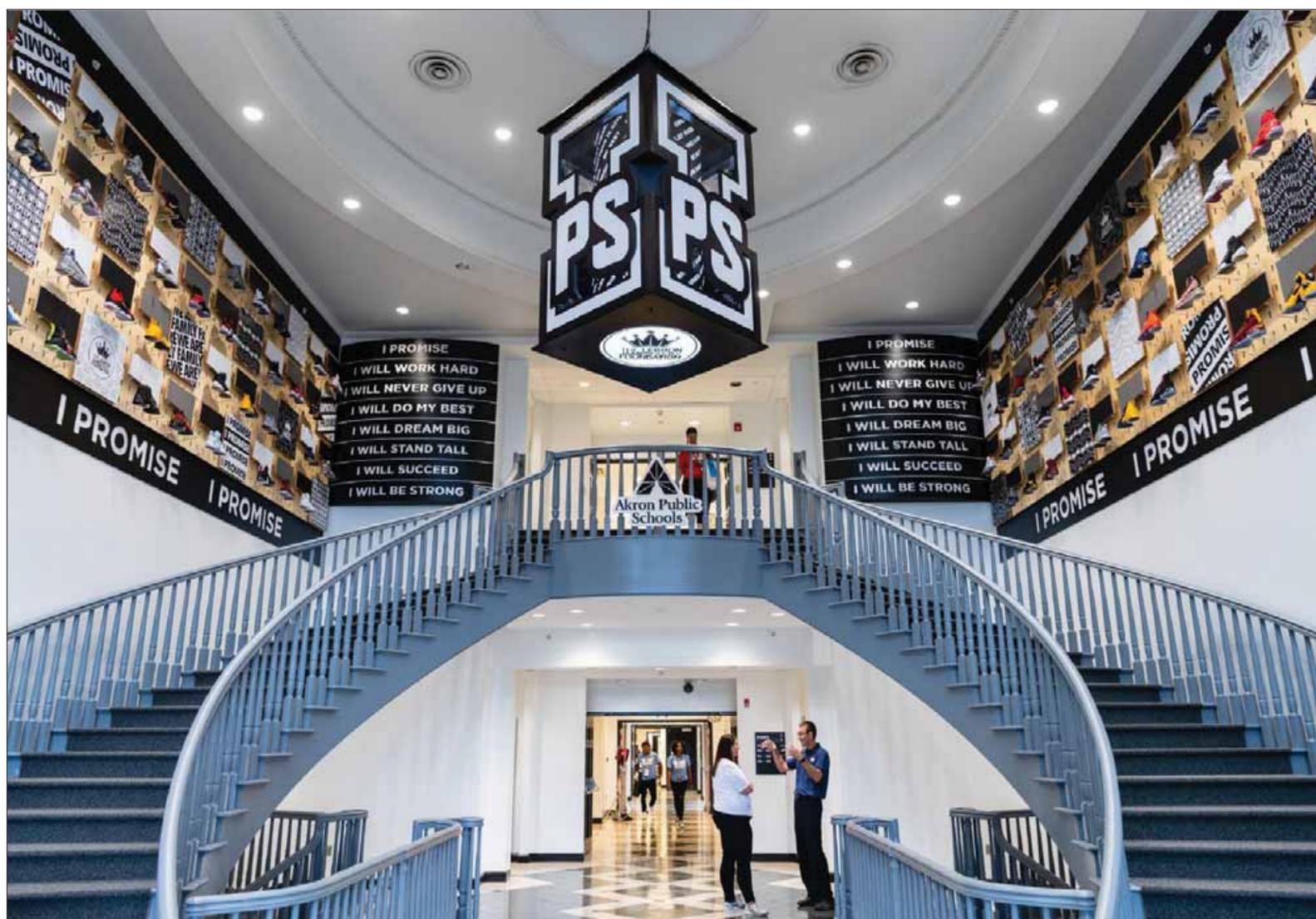



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AFTER THE GAME



eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE



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The I Promise School in Akron, Ohio is a partnership between the LeBron James Family foundation and Akron public schools and is designed to serve Akron's most challenged students.

James' school already showing great promise

BY TANIA GANGULI
Los Angeles Times

AKRON, Ohio — On the second floor of the I Promise School, a group of 16 fourth-graders sits in a circle and listens to a recording of Sara Bareilles singing about being brave. Snow falls on the trees outside the window, collecting on bare branches and dusting evergreens with white powder.

The students listen quietly to the song. A few wear school polo shirts and others wear T-shirts that say, "We Are Family" on the front in assorted colors. That's the motto of the LeBron James Family Foundation's I Promise program.

The song ends and their teacher, Bridget Casenhiser, jumps up from her stool at the head of the class. She turns off the music and asks the group what they learned from the song. They start their day by making promises.

"Don't let people bring me down," one girl says.

Another girl promises not to react poorly when somebody is mean to her. Another promises to talk to people when she's having trouble.

"My I Promise is to have courage and have strength," says a boy in a purple and gold "We Are Family" T-shirt.

A few minutes later he raises his hand to tell his teacher he likes her outfit — a pink "We Are Family" T-shirt matched with pink Nikes.

"My promise is to be brave, allow you to be brave, guide you to be brave," Casenhiser tells the students. She tells them that she is always in their corner. She tells them they all have something to offer.

At the end of July the school opened to 240 third- and fourth-graders. These students weren't selected for their high achievement — they were among the lowest performers in the school district.

These were students who experienced trauma in their daily lives, some whose parents didn't have the means to keep adult hardships from affecting their kids, who in turn had too much going on in life to properly focus on school. These were students whose test scores would take years to recover.

"It's harder work than I ever imagined day in and day out," said Michele Campbell, the executive director of the LeBron James Family Foundation. "But that's what continues to drive us."

James, who returned to Cleve-



PHIL LONG/AP

LeBron James speaks at the I Promise School in Akron, Ohio.

land on Wednesday for the first time to play as a Laker, put Campbell in charge of the project because he believes she can do anything.

He wanted it to be a public school inside the district system, rather than a charter, because he went to public schools as a child. With that comes challenges.

They have to follow the school district's parameters and protocol on various issues. The foundation can't put money into the school until the district approves it, a process that can take time.

While the school district is responsible for basic academic functions, a school district spokesman said the foundation pays for additional teaching staff to reduce class sizes, an extra hour of after-school programming, tutors, substitute teachers, building improvements, technology for students, classroom amenities and other supporting programs.

For example, the teachers have access to a personal trainer who comes weekly. The Foundation also pays for all the programs

through the school's family resource center, which can offer everything from free groceries to GED services for parents.

Every week Campbell discovers new needs.

"I never thought about laundry services," she said. "That didn't cross my mind to have that in a school. Very quickly I learned it would be really helpful to some of our families if we had laundry services there. Our children could learn a life skill, learn how to wash their school uniform and have clean clothes to wear."

The first few weeks of school weren't about hard knowledge. The kids learned how to handle their emotions and how to recover from trauma.

Social and emotional learning is implemented at schools around the country, including within the L.A. Unified School District, but it can be challenging to implement and time consuming.

Each morning's circle seeks to begin the daily conversation at the I Promise School. Campbell sees progress in attendance, in enthusi-

asm and in parent involvement. She asks for patience on harder numbers like test scores.

"Right now if you pulled our test scores, I don't think we have them yet, I guarantee you they all failed," Campbell said. "I 100 percent guarantee you none of them are where they need to be. And if a lot of them are, we're miracle workers or we picked the wrong kids."

The game-worn shoes that James donated as a fundraiser for the school still adorn the walls of the school's entrance. When someone buys a shoe, for tens of thousands of dollars, its mate sits on the wall with a plaque recognizing the donor, among them golfer Bubba Watson and his wife Angie. If the donor wants to remain anonymous, the plaque has an inspirational word.

There are those who chafe at the attention paid to the school. A few stories this summer sought to question the sincerity of James' efforts and how much money he was actually spending, given that the schools were getting public

money — the insinuation that taxpayers were paying for James' vision.

"My first reaction is I get really, really mad," Campbell said. "I'm like, these people just don't really know. And I just very quickly go back to - they don't know what's going on."

The reality is James' foundation has donated about \$3 million so far, according to Akron Public Schools. That total includes an extra \$412,101 that was authorized by the school district in October. The school has an operating budget from the state of about \$2.5 million, in keeping with state standards of school spending per student.

Exactly how much James personally donates to his foundation isn't public, but the foundation sometimes spends more on its programs than it takes in during a fiscal year.

In 2016, for example, the foundation took in a little more than \$3.4 million in grants and donations and spent \$4.6 million on programs, according to its tax returns.

If it seems like the foundation wants the school to garner attention, it's because it does. They want others to know as much as possible about their plan, their goals and their challenges because they hope this model spreads.

Right now the school educates third- and fourth-graders, but they have plan to have a full grade school from first through eighth grade by the 2022-23 school year, according to the school's written master plan.

In a fourth-grade classroom Tuesday morning, the kids are finishing their circle for the day. Before the circle, they worked on a long division problem. After the circle they'll go to art class. They can't help but go off topic sometimes while in the circle.

As Casenhiser tells the students that she believes in them, she adds that if there were ever a time when she didn't, it would be time for her to retire. So the kids want to know when that will be.

She smiles and tries to explain the intricacies of retirement, and that she isn't planning on it any time soon. One boy wants to know if next year she can go to fifth grade with them and remain their teacher.

The students all agree this sounds like a good idea.

She says she isn't sure, but wouldn't they like to try a new experience?

The students all agree they wouldn't. They like this too much.

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Nicklaus-Palmer still the standard in golf rivalries

BY DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Jack Nicklaus says if he were in a high-stakes match in Las Vegas in his prime, the most compelling opponent would be Arnold Palmer.

Never mind that he considers his toughest rival to be Tom Watson. Or that he finished runner-up to Lee Trevino in majors four times in seven years.

With apologies to the super-hyped exhibition between Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson on pay-per-view, any talk of rivalries in golf starts with Nicklaus and Palmer.

“I rarely lost to Arnold,” Nicklaus said last week before an American Cancer Society benefit. “We never ended up coming down the stretch every much.”

Nicklaus was a runner-up to him six times, including the 1960 U.S. Open at Cherry Hills as a 20-year-old amateur.

But unlike Woods-Mickelson, who never really squared off in a major until Woods’ fifth year on the tour, Nicklaus famously beat Palmer in a playoff to win the 1962 U.S. Open at Oakmont in Palmer’s backyard.

“Arnold and my rivalry became more from the two us,” Nicklaus said. “We would play together a lot. We were paired a lot. And usually we beat each other up and we ended up giving the tournament away. That’s why they talk about the rivalry. Everyone was interested in who won that day, not who won the tournament.”

Nicklaus was reminded of the 1970 U.S. Open at Hazeltine, where the tournament scoreboard had the names Palmer, Nicklaus and Gary Player at the bottom the entire week. None of them finished in the top 40.

“I’ve never seen a tournament ever do anything like that,” Nicklaus said.

Nicklaus also finished runner-up in the majors four times to Watson, all coming down to the final few holes, none more dramatic than Turnberry in 1977.

“Watson was the toughest,” Nicklaus said. “He was a kid with blinders on. I love the way Tom played.”

Trevino won by four shots at Oak Hill in the 1968 U.S. Open, then beat Nicklaus in a playoff at Merion in 1971 and denied Nicklaus the third leg of the Grand Slam a year later by beating him at Muirfield. And in 1974, Trevino got him by one shot at Tanglewood in the PGA Championship.

“He thrived on competitive moments,” Nicklaus said.

But Palmer? That was different. He said the rivalry started in 1958 when Nicklaus, an 18-year-old amateur, was invited to take part in a day honoring Dow Finsterwald.

“On the first tee we had a driving contest,” Nicklaus said. “Arnold drove it on the green. I drove it 30 yards over the green. I never let Arnold forget that. I’d say, ‘Hey AP, we had one driving contest, I hit it 30 yards by you.’ He’d say, ‘Yeah, but I shot 63 that day and you shot 67. To me, that was the start of our rivalry. Ever since we played, we always had fun with that.’

“I’d say, if I hadn’t shot 39 on the last nine holes at Cherry Hills, no one would have ever heard of you.’ And he’d say to me ‘If I hadn’t three-putted nine times in ‘62, nobody would have ever heard of you.’ That was our banter.”

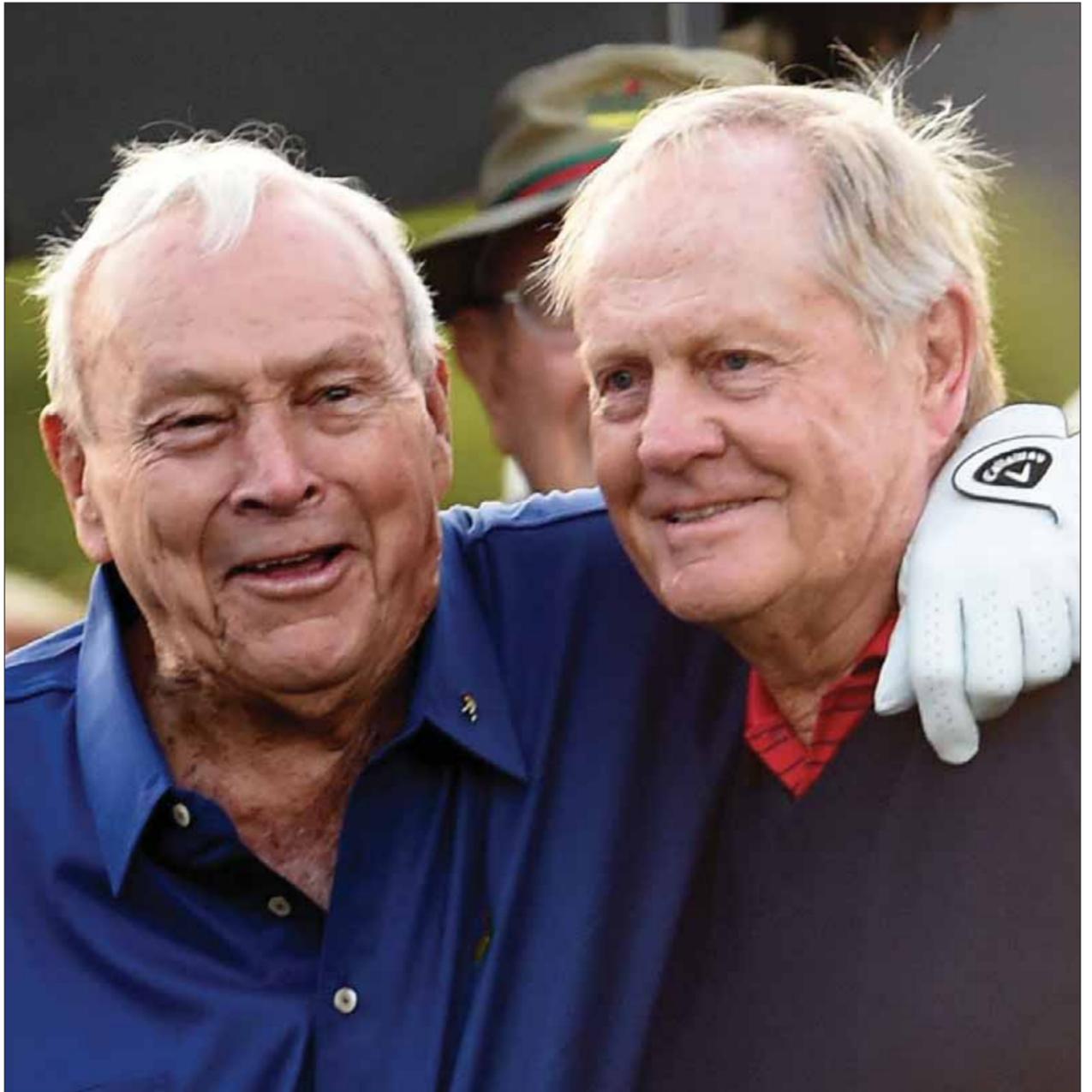
There was no social media back then. Or pay-per-view.

Champ’s bonus: Cameron Champ had an ideal start to his rookie season by winning the Sanderson Farms Championship, making all five of his cuts and earning nearly \$1.3 million. And while he lost a chance to win at Sea Island, he cashed in another way.

Champ won \$300,000 through the “Birdies Fore Love” competition by making the most birdies over the fall part of the season.

The money goes to the charity of his choice, and the 23-year-old already has the Cameron Championship Foundation geared toward STEM education and youth golf.

“Charity and giving back has always been a thing of mine and my family personally,” he said. “We didn’t come from much, but we always gave back as much as



DON EMMERT/GETTY-AFP

Hall of Famers Jack Nicklaus, right, and the late Arnold Palmer set the standard for golf’s great rivalries.



HARRY HOW/GETTY

Phil Mickelson, left, and Tiger Woods will face off in a \$9 million head-to-head match Friday in Las Vegas.

possible.”

J.J. Spaun was second in birdies and is directing \$150,000 to the United Way for low-income families affected by the California wildfires. Joel Dahmen was third and is giving the \$50,000 to the Send It Foundation to support young adults fighting cancer by providing outdoor activities. Dahmen and his brother are cancer survivors, and their mother died of cancer when he was a junior in high school.

Desert start: Rory McIlroy is skipping his traditional start in Abu Dhabi for the first time when healthy. In his place, the Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship won’t be entirely without star power. Dustin Johnson already

has said he’s playing for the third straight year. He will be joined by U.S. Open and PGA champion Brooks Koepka, who returns for the first time since his rookie year on the European Tour in 2014.

“Last time I played in 2014, I was ranked 93rd in the world, so a lot has happened since that time,” Koepka said.

Jason Gore: Jason Gore was one round away from one of the most unlikely stories on the PGA Tour.

He missed 10 out of 13 cuts on the Web.com Tour, missing time to have a procedure on his ailing back. He became licensed to sell insurance in California and was playing golf with clients. And then he got a late exemption to the RSM Classic and went into the

final round one shot out of the lead.

That’s where the dream ended. Gore shot a 2-over 72 and tied for 15th. A top 10 would have got him into the field at the Sony Open next year.

As a past champion, Gore can get in a half-dozen tournaments by his priority status and others by sponsor’s exemption as one of the PGA Tour’s more gregarious characters. He says he is asking for exemptions.

But he says he’s done with the grind on the Web.com Tour, where he has spent seven of the last 10 seasons.

“This is going to sound terrible and it’s a great place to play, the Web.com Tour, but I’m just kind of done,” Gore said. “Those kids are

really good and it’s not worth missing our child’s life at my stage. It’s an unbelievable place. But at 44, it’s not worth it for me to miss watching a son and a daughter grow up. I’m not going to sit there and beat my head against the wall against kids that I could be their dad.”

A new memory: Former British Amateur champion Scott Gregory had a rough summer, especially when he opened with a 92 in the first round of the U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills.

The year ended on a high note, however, as he shot 62 in the third round of European Tour qualifying and wound up tying for 11th. Gregory was among 27 players who earned their cards for next season.

“I’m just over the moon,” he said. “It makes up for a few of the things that I went through this year.”

Divots: RSM has extended its title sponsorship of the PGA Tour at Sea Island through 2025. Shubhankar Sharma of India won the Sir Henry Cotton Award as the European Tour’s top rookie. Sharma won twice last season. He is the third Asian to win the award in the last four years, following Jeunghun Wang (2016) and Byeong Hun An (2015), both of South Korea. The LPGA Tour season ended with only three Americans among the top 20 in the world — Lexi Thompson (5), Jessica Korda (12) and Danielle Kang (18). Eleven countries have won the last 11 times in the World Cup of Golf, a streak of parity that began with Japan in 2002.

Stat of the week: Tournaments on three other tours offered more world ranking points last week than the RSM Classic (24) on the PGA Tour — the DP World Tour Championship in Dubai (52), the Australian Open (32) and the Dunlop Phoenix in Japan (30).

Final word: “I had to apologize on 18 to Cameron because I pretty much talked his ear off. I guess I turned into Lee Trevino with no talent.” — The outgoing Jason Gore after playing the third round of the RSM Classic with Cameron Champ.



EDUARDO CASTALDO/HBO

Elisa del Genio as Lenù and Ludovica Nasti as Lila.

COMMENTARY

The story beyond the male point of view

BY ALYSSA ROSENBERG
 The Washington Post

This piece discusses some of the plot details of "My Brilliant Friend," but man oh man is the mood more the point than the plot here.

In the bravura wedding scene that opens director Francis Ford Coppola's "The Godfather," brother of the bride Sonny Corleone, played by James Caan, pinches the cheek of bridesmaid Lucy Mancini (Jeannie Linero) and later slips off with her for a clandestine liaison. From these few brief scenes, you'd never know that Lucy is a fully developed character in Mario Puzo's novel of the same name: She helps set up the Corleone family operations in Las Vegas, and the book explores her grief after Sonny's assassination and her journey back to romantic and sexual happiness.

I think about Lucy Mancini a lot, not so much because her story is a major loss to movie history, but because she represents the women in the margins who bear the consequences of the main character's decisions. And she was never on my mind so frequently as when I watched HBO's adaptation of "My Brilliant Friend," the first novel in Elena Ferrante's Neapolitan quartet, which debuted Sunday. It would be a disservice to "My Brilliant Friend" to treat it as a mere addendum to "The Godfather." But watching the movie series and the mini-series together is a powerful testament to what we gain when we see the world both from the center and the margins.

"My Brilliant Friend" fol-

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LIZ LAUREN PHOTO

Anthony Irons, from left, Christopher Donahue and John Gregorio in "The Steadfast Tin Soldier" by Lookingglass Theatre Company.

IN PERFORMANCE 'The Steadfast Tin Soldier' ★★★★★

The power of transformation

BY CHRIS JONES | Chicago Tribune

How's your week going? Let's hope more smoothly than for the tinny hero of the gorgeous new show at Lookingglass Theatre who, in short order, is tormented by a big baby, propelled from a windowsill, swallowed by a storm drain, chased by a rat, eaten by a fish, humiliated repeatedly by a Jack in the Box and ultimately, incinerated.

Security at O'Hare International Airport was enough to send you into a tailspin? You have it good, my friend, for everything is relative.

That's one lesson to be gleaned from Mary Zimmerman's brand-new adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's "The Steadfast Tin Soldier," the first

major original adaptation in Chicago from this essential theatrical artist since "Treasure Island" in 2015. I use "major" even though "The Steadfast Tin Soldier" is barely more than an hour long and does not use a lick of human speech. But the piece is major all right — it fits entirely within the overarching

concern of Zimmerman's singular body of work in Chicago theater, output which has long centered itself on the power of transformation.

We don't die, Zimmerman often has declared from a stage at either the Goodman or the Lookingglass, we merely change shape. And if you grasp that truth, these works have said, death will never separate you from those you love.

Or, as those holy prophets named Journey sang, "it goes on and on and on and on."

The other teaching moment of what

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MICHAEL GIBSON/NETFLIX

Russell, from left, Darby Camp and Judah Lewis star in "The Christmas Chronicles." Santa Claus and the children attempt to save Christmas.

TV REVIEW

Kurt Russell dons the red suit

BY COURTNEY HOWARD
 Variety

Director Clay Kaytis' "The Christmas Chronicles" isn't going to make audiences believe in the power of Christmas, let alone stoke the spirit of the holiday season, but it does exhaust itself trying.

The family-friendly adventure, about two kids whose Christmas Eve mission to capture Santa Claus (Kurt Russell) leads to helping him save the holiday, plays like a love letter to producer

Chris Columbus' previous works without ever distinguishing itself. With its saccharine score, saturated cinematography and trite platitudes, the film is formulaic and forgettable except for Russell's performance as the lovable legend.

Christmastime used to be a season filled with warmth, laughter and love in the cozy Pierce home. But since dad Doug (Oliver Hudson) died in a tragic firefighting accident, single mom Claire (Kimberly Williams-Paisley) has been scrambling to restore some

normalcy to her fractured family.

One member who is absolutely excited for Santa's return is precocious 10-year-old Kate (Darby Camp). She gets hyped for the holidays by reminiscing over home movies and recording her "Dear Santa" letter on the family's old camcorder. Her older rebellious teen brother Teddy (Judah Lewis) is not nearly as thrilled. Not only is he still mourning the loss of his father and hanging out with the wrong crowd, he's also

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Singer Devin Lima, 41, died of cancer Wednesday. A 2018 tour with fellow LFO alum Brad Fischetti was put on hold last year after Lima was hospitalized.

LFO singer Devin Lima dies of cancer

LFO singer Devin Lima died early Wednesday morning after a yearlong battle with cancer, *Variety* has confirmed. He was 41. TMZ first reported the news.

The boy band, which gained popularity in the '90s, consisted of Lima and Brad Fischetti. The pop group was initially a trio, with lead singer Rich Cronin, but disbanded in 2010 after he died of leukemia at the age of 35.

Lima and Fischetti reunited and resumed touring in 2017. They recently released their first new song in 15 years, "Perfect 10."

The duo was set to commence touring earlier this year, but put their plans on hold when Lima was hospitalized in late 2017 after doctors discovered a tumor on his adrenal gland.

LFO, which sold more than 4 million records worldwide, is best known for their hit songs "Summer Girls," "Girl on TV" (the music video featured actress Jennifer Love Hewitt), and "Every Other Time."

Their debut album, "LFO," sold more than 2.5 million copies worldwide, and scored two Top 10 hits on the Billboard Hot 100, with "Summer Girls" and "Girl on TV." Their sophomore and final album, "Life Is Good," debuted in 2001.

—*Variety*

ANDY KROPA/INVISION

De Niro, Hightower split: Robert De Niro and Grace Hightower are pulling the plug on their 21-year marriage. The Oscar-winning actor, 75, and Hightower, 63, have reportedly separated and are no longer living together, a source told *People*. The couple married in 1997 after 10 years of dating, and have two children. He was previously married to Diahnne Abbott for 12 years. A rep for De Niro did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Campbell inheritance: Three of country singer Glen Campbell's children have dropped their fight to contest the validity of two wills that exclude them from any inheritance. The siblings agreed on Monday to dismiss their complaint. The siblings had contended that their father, who had Alzheimer's disease, was subject to undue influence. A 2006 will was filed by Campbell's widow Kimberly, who was named executor of his estate.

Perry cancels tour: Joe Perry has canceled his fall tour to take time off after recently being hospitalized with breathing problems. The Aerosmith guitarist's publicist said in a statement Tuesday the 68-year-old will take the rest of the year off. He had expected to return to the road starting Nov. 30 through Dec. 16. He expects to return next year.

Nov. 22 birthdays: Actress Jamie Lee Curtis is 60. Actor Mark Ruffalo is 51. Actor Tyler Hilton is 35. Actress Scarlett Johansson is 34. Singer Candice Glover is 29.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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She seeks to teach nephew empathy

Dear Amy: My husband and I are childless by choice. We have one nephew — a delightful 5-year-old. We love spending time with him. He is, however, "spoiled" in that he regularly receives toys from his parents in exchange for good behavior.

I am concerned with what lies ahead. He has already figured out that he can get what he wants by bargaining with his parents.

Christmas is approaching and I would like to help him realize that others aren't as fortunate (to have so many toys), and steer him away from this increasing materialism. I would like him to learn empathy and charity.

Last Christmas my husband and I bought him one toy from his massive list and made a colorful "certificate" for him, informing of a donation we made in his name to a local charity. It was a charity to benefit animals. He was interested, but I'm not sure this was effective.

I keep very few toys at my home, so when he comes to visit we play more "imagination"-type games. He does not complain about the lack of things to play with; he is happy to interact with us. How do I help to guide him toward a more charitable future?

— *Auntie Em*

Dear Auntie: One of the many joys of being an aunt/uncle is that you can influence the children in your life without facing the daily challenges of learning how to be a parent. It can be a lofty perch, so I hope you don't judge your nephew's parents too harshly.

You can inspire a message of love, generosity and charity. Five-year-olds are fascinated by friendship and kinship. How can your nephew be a good friend? He can share, take turns, and demonstrate kindness and empathy. These prosocial attitudes are linked to being charitable, and you should foster and encourage him in this regard.

This Christmas season help him find a toy and take it to your local Toys for Tots collection bin. Let him put it in the bin, and talk to him about how excited the child who receives it will be. Have him pick out some cat and dog food to take to your local shelter, so the animals will have good food to eat.

Stop at a Salvation Army collection kettle. Give him some money and let him put it in the kettle. Then you do the same.

Help him make tree ornaments to give to his parents and grandparents. Let him help you make banana bread to take to a neighbor's home.

These simple acts are all ways to demonstrate your values without being too heavy-handed.

Dear Amy: I recently gained a follower on social media who seems to have a serious eating disorder and issues with body image/self-hatred.

I started to type a message urging that they reach out for help, but then I worried that this might scare them off, so I've just started sharing a lot of body positivity posts, in hopes that might provide a good example. Is there anything else I can do?

— *Concerned*

Dear Concerned: Social media can be a great tool for connecting, but reading a "distress call" from a stranger can be upsetting. It is important to understand that while it is kind to be concerned, you should not get too involved with someone who is curating their own story in ways you may not realize.

The person you are worried about is making descriptive statements that alarm you. It is appropriate for you to express alarm and suggest whatever solution you think is appropriate. It is thoughtful of you to not want to scare this person off, but you should not assume responsibility for their choices.

Dear Amy: Your answer to "Woman Ready to Roar" made me roar with anger! I could not believe my eyes when you wrote: "The fact that your overlords feel a sense of protection and condescension toward you translates into liking you." What they are really telling her is that THEY don't respect her because she is a woman. That's sexism, plain and simple.

— *Roaring Mad*

Dear Roaring: My comment was meant somewhat sardonically, but you make a great point. The next line in my answer was: "They have created an opening for you to communicate with them about advancement. Get in there, and 'roar' (professionally) for yourself!"

I hope she does.

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BOOK REVIEW

Vital portrait of growing up Native American in Chicago

By KATHLEEN ROONEY
Chicago Tribune

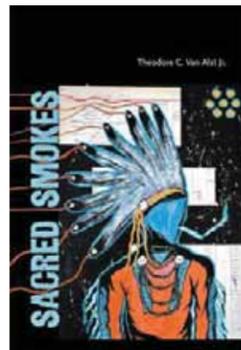
Theodore C. Van Alst Jr. opens his profound, profane and propulsive debut short story collection, "Sacred Smokes," with an epigraph from "Indians of Oregon, Plateau, and Plains." Quoting an Indian agent speaking of the Sioux tribes in the 1850s, this move tacitly recognizes that Chicago in the 1970s and '80s is perhaps not the first place one might picture when thinking of Native Americans.

And yet in the tour de force of an opening story, "Old Gold Couch," that's exactly the milieu he plunges the reader into, writing of the locality where the young narrator, Teddy, and his ne'er-do-well dad "lived in a few different places on the North Side — roach motels, converted SROs, dumpy apartments, tiny studios," playing out their lives as "a teenage gangbanger" and "a middle-aged alcoholic," two "Indians in the city, mostly unmoored and ignorant in more ways than I can count."

Irreverent, voice-driven and deeply emotional, these 12 linked stories — all seen through the keen eye of Teddy — guide the reader through an intricate and often violent landscape, a place where kids come of age, or wretchedly do not get the chance.

Van Alst is an associate professor and director of indigenous nations studies at Portland State University, but he draws on his own experiences growing up in his hometown of Chicago, rendering a setting as vivid as any of his characters.

All manner of male antisocial behavior receives exploration here, along with various forms of oppression from the



'Sacred Smokes'

Theodore Van Alst Jr.,
University of New Mexico,
176 pages, \$19.95

smallest microaggressions to the biggest systemic issues. But Van Alst never sacrifices the pleasures of a good read to any kind of agenda, and his deadly dark sense of humor and the joy he takes in language itself shine from every page.

In "The Lordsprayer," for instance, he renders a tense passage of father-son dialogue with characteristic idiosyncrasy and comic energy: "Where ya goin'/? Outtoplay./ Really?/ Guess so./ D'y'know the Lordsprayer?/ What?/ The Lordsprayer./ Our Father who art in Heaven, hal-lowed-bethyname./ No, I guess not./ Well, when you do, you can go out and play./ Well. What the (expletive) is that? The Lordsprayer? I don't know what that is. And I say so." This admission sets the story up to take an unexpected survey of the household's bookshelves, revealing assorted intellectual and psychological concerns that carry the narrator to his teens when he is moved nearly to tears reading "a mention of our people, the Blackfoot Sioux, on page 423 of 'Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee.'"

Specificity and individuality are among the best strategies for writers who seek to avoid stereotypes; if one depicts a person as just that, a person, then one is less likely to try to make them stand for an entire group of people. Van Alst depicts each of his characters — even the most unsympathetic among them — with depth and nuance.

In "Jagg'd," he delivers a portrait of Teddy's friend, Gooch, who is paralyzed from the waist down as the result of a gang shooting in which "some Harrison Gent put six bullets in his back ... reloaded and gave him one more for luck." The two of them drop acid because "Gooch loves taking acid. He also loves drinking, smoking weed, and doing tic, and hitting the rag, and everything else he can think of that I think can take him out of this ... chair."

As problematically as almost everyone in the book behaves, Van Alst shows the complicated web of reasons they have for doing so, unsentimentally but empathetically illustrating how hard each of them has to struggle to survive in a world not structured to function in their favor.

Thanking Pulitzer Prize-winning author James Alan McPherson, "the very first person to encourage my writing," Van Alst notes that when he and McPherson first met, "he told me to 'write like whatever you're saying is the most important thing being said in the world at that moment.'" In this brief, essential and absorbing collection, Van Alst does just that. Don't miss it.

Kathleen Rooney is the author of "Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk" and "The Listening Room: A Novel of Georgette and Loulou Magritte."

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A sunny band from Chicago

Louis the Child, formed by a couple of North Side kids, has gone big time

BY ALLISON STEWART
Chicago Tribune

Not long after North Side kids Freddy Kennett and Robby Hauldren met cute at a Madeon concert, they began collaborating together as electro-pop duo Louis The Child.

Their first big single, the K.Flay-featured “It’s Strange,” was a smash in 2015. Since then, things have pretty much gone as they were supposed to: The duo released a series of successful EPs (its latest, “Kids at Play,” dropped last month) and the occasional hit single (like “Better Not,” with Wafia). Kennett and Hauldren have hit the festival circuit, done the occasional well-chosen remix (“All Night,” by Chance the Rapper), and recently signed to Interscope Records, which will release their official full-length debut once the two find enough time to make it.

When the duo hit the Aragon for a sold-out show on Friday (with Valee and Wafia as openers), one dollar from every ticket sold will benefit the Greater Chicago Food Depository, as has been the case for every show on their ongoing U.S. tour.

In a phone interview, Hauldren and Kennett talked about life in the majors. The following are excerpts from that conversation:

On how they’ve progressed from virtual strangers to close friends during their musical partnership

Hauldren: It’s pretty wild to think that we’ve only really known each other as long as we’ve been doing Louis the Child to-



CAMERON POSTFOROOSH PHOTO

North Side duo Louis the Child — Robby Hauldren, left, and Freddy Kennett — released a new EP last month.

gether. We’ve maintained such a great relationship, and have been able to continue to do all this, even though we weren’t best friends before starting to make music. Our friendship only started to form through us doing music.

Kennett: We’re both doing what we love, and we allow each other to do what we do best and be ourselves, and we work hard at a common goal together. It’s pretty amazing.

On how their fanbase grew outside of the supportive confines of Chicago

Hauldren: It’s wild to be

able to go to other cities in the States and get the same kind of love that we get in Chicago. For a while, it was very much like we were just doing shows in Chicago, and the thought of getting that same kind of energy in another city didn’t feel that possible. It’s crazy to go to, like, Washington, D.C., and people are just as into us there. To feel that kind of love around the world, it’s nuts.

Kennett: Right around the time we released our first single, “It’s Strange,” it started to really pick up. Crowds started singing our lyrics, and fans were coming (to festivals) just for us.

On writing a greater share of their material

Kennett: Our job is basically the production. If we’re working with a singer and they write their own music, we’ll let them do what they want to do. I feel like that’s a fair collaboration, and it makes it fun for both people, if you can just let them go wild and be free. As a producer, it helps to let the singer go.

Hauldren: Every song on the EP was written by us, or co-written with the artist we performed it with. I do remember a few years ago we weren’t writing as much lyrically of our stuff, we were

mostly just producing. I think it’s made a big difference in the quality of our work, and the way it connects with us and our fans. We’ve been loving getting as involved as we can in every single aspect of our career.

On the pressure to enlist high profile guest artists for features

Kennett: That inclination is there, but we always just end up being like, “Let’s just work with whoever’s making the most real music that we connect with the most. Not, like, just Selena Gomez because she’s Selena Gomez.”

When: 9 p.m. Friday

Where: Aragon Ballroom, 1106 W. Lawrence Ave.

Tickets: Sold out; www.ticketmaster.com

Hauldren: It becomes more possible to do that, the big people are more in reach, but I don’t think we feel any sort of pressure to have to work with them.

On the inherent sunniness of Louis the Child’s music

Hauldren: With everything that’s going on in the world, especially in the States, people’s morale is down. I read something ... talking about how on the charts, so many of the songs are about sadness. So much music, even pop music, isn’t happy. We just want to make something that makes people feel happy. Times are rough. We want to be there to cheer them up, to show them you can still be happy, you still can be full of life, and you shouldn’t waste your time being sad.

Kennett: That’s been our motto for a long time, to make music that makes people happy. Music is the art form with the quickest emotional reaction time. Trying to make music that eases your anxiety a little bit, or makes you forget about whatever you were just sad about, that’s a cool thing.

Hauldren: It’s wild — when you put out this music, it’s out there forever. There’s someone who hasn’t even been born yet who’s gonna hear the EP we just put out. We’re going to be 60 years old someday and have this whole catalog of music. We both want to look back on it and be proud of it.

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John Gregorio, Kasey Foster and Anthony Irons in “The Steadfast Tin Soldier.”

Soldier

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will be a boffo holiday attraction on Michigan Avenue comes from the original story. Through all these travails, with the added burden of standing on only one shank, the soldier remains, well, steadfast, meaning that he pushes through adversity and keeps on believing in his shot at happiness. Since it’s Thanksgiving and no one wants to eat turkey in sadness, let me throw all spoiler-alert caution to the wind and reveal that he gets what the steadfast surely deserve, even though the cruelties of the real world often deny what is just.

The story is told at Lookingglass in a chocolate-box-like world. You’re greeted by a giant advent calendar — Zimmerman always has loved the opening and closing of little boxes, finding a life metaphor therein.

All of Zimmerman’s longtime visual collaborators from “Metamorphoses” and beyond are back together here: Todd Rosenthal, Ana Kuzmanic and T.J. Gerckens. Rosenthal has designed a set that nods at European pantomime (Christopher Donahue, who plays the maid, hilariously, is very much a panto dame), and

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at those classic Pollock’s toy theaters some of us craved as a kid — you may have seen those beautiful little creations by the London toy shop, with their wings and drops and hand-painted borders. Kuzmanic’s outre costumes are a feast of wit as are the puppets by Blair Thomas — also understanding that this show fundamentally is about the heart.

A four-piece orchestra sits at the front and plays an original score, co-composed by Andre Pluess and Amanda Dehnert. The music feels like it belongs to the era of the original tale, but at times it ranges subtly beyond. It’s all just perfect.

As she has shown us time and again, Zimmerman can switch the scale of the characters and yet, since we develop such a strong emotional connection to them we still believe in their realities, whether the soldier shows up in miniature form or in the full-size person of Alex Stein. The miscreant who wishes him ill — deli-

ciously played by Anthony Irons — also changes shape, as hobgoblins always do.

In its original form, “The Steadfast Tin Soldier” was a love triangle. The soldier loves a toy ballerina (here, the melancholic-but-optimistic Kasey Foster), in part because she also stands on one leg. The goblin has designs on her, too: in fact, a lot of scholars of Hans Christian Anderson argue that this is his most sensual work, even though it was still cast as a story for children.

Zimmerman downplays that aspect of the tale and, grasping the tenor of the moment, emphasizes a message of personal resilience.

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Audiobook roundup

BY JENNI LAIDMAN
Chicago Tribune

“Past Tense” by Lee Child, narrated by Scott Brick, Random House, 12:51

There’s a new Jack Reacher in town. Scott Brick — the voice of Jack Ryan in many a Tom Clancy novel, the actor on more than 800 audio titles, and the winner of multiple Audie and Earphone awards — steps in as the wandering tough guy in Lee Child’s 23rd book in this stunningly successful series. Brick replaces Dick Hill, the venerable narrator on 18 Reacher books whose voice eventually aged out of the role. Brick’s cool baritone works well for the laconic former military police officer.

Although “Past Tense” covers much familiar territory for Reacher fans — one-against-many brawls, damsels in distress — prepare for a few twists. For example, listeners wait two hours into the story before Reacher needs to hit someone — or, actually, squeeze a punk’s fist into jellied pulp. And in a Reacher vs. Gang of Thugs encounter, he actually flounders momentarily in a fight! But the real surprise is that Reacher spends most of his time schlepping from government office to government office, trying to figure out where his father grew up in the small city of Laconia, N.H. Roots research seems an unpromising premise, but it’s a nagging puzzle that reveals something a wee bit wrong with Dad’s story. The real draw, though, is the counterplot about a hapless Canadian couple checked into one very strange motel; Brick and Lee make it an exciting journey.

“Heavy” by Kiese Laymon, narrated by the author, Simon & Schuster, 6:17

Kiese Laymon doesn’t so much read his memoir, “Heavy,” as recite it like an incantation. For drama, it’s too rhythmic, but it’s about perfect for what often feels like poetry — by turns, funny, warm and painful. The title may refer to Laymon’s weight, which topped 300 pounds before a period of self-destructive anorexia. But it’s also an apt description of his life’s landscape, where racism is a molecule, a toxin, inhaled with every breath.

The book is composed as a letter to Laymon’s ambitious, proud mother, a professor at Jackson State University in Mississippi. The relationship isn’t simple. She beats him and heaps him with affection. She assigns him daily writing assignments, buys him encyclopedias “to protect my insides from white folks” and bounces checks. She tries to keep him out of trouble and subjects him to her sex life. He overeats. He starves himself. He tumbles into a gambling addiction to match hers. And always in the air are race and racism. “We all had cops rough us up, chase us, pull guns on us, call us out of our names. We all watched cops shame our mamas, aunts, and grandmamas.” Security officers ask for his ID in his own college room. And when he’s a professor, a security officer asks to see his ID as he stands in his own office, a picture of him and his mother on his desk. What’s heavy can’t be measured by a scale; it’s the weight of life.

“Boomer1” by Daniel Torday, narrated by Maggie Siff, Macmillan, 9:22

Boomers, prepare to squirm. Daniel Torday’s “Boomer1” is sure to pique defensive urges, which is part of the delicious frisson in this new book voiced by Maggie Siff. Siff provides a low-key reading that’s truest during dialog. She’s perhaps best known for her roles on the Showtime series “Billions” and on “Mad Men.”

The story revolves around three characters: millennial Mark Brumfeld, whose journalism dreams fell apart along with much of the field; his former girlfriend Cassie Black, who doesn’t notice that she’s cashing in with the sort of “new media job” that destroyed Mark’s aspirations; and Mark’s mother, Julia, whom Mark thinks of as a stay-at-home mom, unaware she ever had another life. Mark ignites a revolution when he records a series of videos demanding boomers get out of the way. “They have jobs. They have the jobs. They have all the jobs.” He wraps up each video with a call to arms: “Resist much, obey little. Propaganda by the deed. Boom boom.” But the revolt quickly lurches beyond his control. Anybody with a mask can and does claim the moniker Boomer1, telling boomers, “Retire or we’ll retire you,” and targeting boomer icons: Oprah Winfrey, Stevie Wonder, Philip Roth. Mark finds himself both at the center of events and standing on the outside, but he’s already in danger.

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Director Ben Stiller, right, behind the scenes on “Escape at Dannemora.”

Ben Stiller uncovers his serious side

‘Escape at Dannemora’ is Showtime’s latest auteur TV series

BY MEREDITH BLAKE
Los Angeles Times

BROOKLYN — Brick walls coated in grime. Rows of industrial sewing machines. Fluorescent lights. The room isn’t much to look at. But Ben Stiller is still excited about it.

On this gray morning in December Stiller proudly shows visitors around the set of “Escape at Dannemora,” the seven-episode limited series he’s directing. Deep in Brooklyn, the dank, old industrial space is a stand-in for Tailor Shop 9 at the Clinton Correctional Facility in upstate New York, the maximum security prison that in 2015 became the site of perhaps the most notorious breakout in modern memory. With an almost forensic level of detail, Stiller sketches a map of the 19th century penitentiary on the back of a script page, explaining where the shop was located in relation to the mess hall, the cellblock and the steam pipe through which convicted murderers Richard Matt and David Sweat escaped, triggering a three-week manhunt and round-the-clock news coverage.

In the series, now on Showtime, Benicio Del Toro and Paul Dano star respectively as Matt and Sweat. The inmates plotted their breakout for six months with assistance from the civilian supervisor of the tailor shop, Joyce “Tilly” Mitchell (Patricia Arquette), who is believed to have had sexual relationships with both men. Using hacksaws she smuggled to them via blocks of frozen ground beef, Sweat and Matt cut holes in the walls of their cells, tunneled through the bowels of the prison and climbed to freedom out of a manhole — a spectacular feat that immediately invited comparisons to “The Shawshank Redemption.”

But if the escape seemed like something straight out of the Hollywood imagination, Stiller is determined to ground this stranger-than-fiction tale with nitty-gritty details, bringing to life the prison sometimes called “Little Siberia” and the sordid human drama that unfolded within its walls with painstaking verisimilitude.

A multihyphenate primarily associated with comedy, Stiller is the first to concede he’s not the obvious choice for the material. His work as a director began 25 years ago with the Gen-X touchstone “Reality Bites” and continued with “Zoolander,” “The Secret Life of Walter Mitty” and “Tropic Thunder.”

“Escape at Dannemora” represents a number of firsts for him as a director: his first drama, his first fact-based project, his first TV gig since the failed Fox pilot (and cult favorite) “Heat Vision and Jack” in 1999. And, oh yeah, the first time he’s directed something with a 400-page script and a running time of 7.5 hours.

The real deal

This particular morning, Stiller has been filming take after take of a tense scene between Arquette, whose character, distracted by the escape plot, is struggling to fulfill an order for inmate clothing, and Del Toro, who tries to calm her frayed nerves. Standing in front of the raised platform where she sits, Del Toro as Matt tells her he has

“aquafina” — prison moonshine — and lures her to the backroom for a sexual encounter. The other inmates look up from their piecemeal and roll their eyes at the brazenness of it all.

“The story was always interesting for me on a human level,” Stiller says afterward. “Prisons are created by people, but people are always going to be people and have human desires and wants.”

Though Stiller didn’t follow the escape closely at the time it was happening — he was in Italy filming “Zoolander 2” — “Dannemora” co-creators Michael Tolkin and Brett Johnson, like millions of Americans, were captivated by the 2015 breakout. The writers, who were then working on the Showtime crime drama “Ray Donovan,” began to map out a series version of the story while Sweat and Matt were still on the loose. Early in the development process, Stiller was approached about directing.

“We knew we couldn’t have somebody who lacked a sense of humor,” explains Johnson, speaking by phone with Tolkin. “It’s not a comedy, but there’s a lot of stuff that’s organically funny, ironic.”

Stiller wasn’t specifically looking to do television, but he was eager to try something more overtly dramatic. So he asked Tolkin and Johnson to annotate the two scripts they’d written, marking what was fact drawn from information available at the time and what was creative license. It was about an even split, say the writers.

After months of conversation, Stiller decided to pass “reluctantly, painfully.”

“I was very, very, interested in the facts. It was the only way I could find a way into it, because it’s just so outside of anything I’d really done before,” Stiller says in a later interview, nearly a year after the day on location in Brooklyn, as he’s winding down post-production on the series. “Because it was so sensational, and so much like a movie, I really was interested in what the reality of how something like this happens in this day and age.”

Then in June 2016, the New York state inspector general released a 150-page report outlining the “chronic complacency” and elaborate efforts that enabled the escape. “Every detail you would want was in that report,” Johnson says. “Here was a story maybe as good as any novel published in the year 2015 that was sitting there on the ny.gov website for free.”

(Others have already attempted to tell the story: “New York Prison Break: The Seduction of Joyce Mitchell,” a Lifetime movie starring Penelope Ann Miller, came out last year.)

Cinematic TV

With the report now providing an abundance of facts, Stiller was ready to commit. The writers pored over hundreds of pages of interviews conducted as part of the investigation to flesh out the backstories of the main characters, including the vicious murders committed by Matt and Sweat and Mitchell’s rocky marriage to another prison employee.

Stiller weighed in on the scripts with meticulous notes. “In terms of work ethic, I’ve never seen anything even close to Ben,” says Johnson.

“Escape at Dannemora,” Stiller says, represents “the kind of subject matter that isn’t really being made by the studios anymore.”

“Now being on the other side of it,” Johnson says, “we both feel there’s no one else who could have done it.”

Johnson also points out that Stiller’s films “are incredibly cinematic. They’re not two guys sitting in a room doing fart jokes. ‘Tropic Thunder’ cinematically is as accomplished as most Vietnam war films.”

The writers also praise the director’s instinct for casting and his ability to attract big-name talent, including two Oscar winners, Arquette and Del Toro.

Arquette, whose transformation into Mitchell involved 40 extra pounds, prosthetic teeth, dark contact lenses and a thick, almost Midwestern accent, was the first of the key cast to come on board.

She had known Stiller since they worked together on the antic David O. Russell comedy “Flirting With Disaster.” Though she wasn’t surprised by his interest in darker material, she was struck by his vision for the story.

“Acting was the priority, but he really knew the shots he wanted, the lenses he wanted, where he wanted the camera,” she says. “He was, like, obsessed with this project.”

Stiller was assiduous about using real people and places whenever possible. Former inmates were hired as consultants and background players. Episodes were filmed on location at the grocery store where Mitchell bought her doughnuts, in the field near the Canadian border where Sweat was shot and captured, and even in the ramshackle trailer where Matt spent the night before he was killed — though, as Johnson notes, it was rotated 180 degrees to better capture the light.

“So my joke with Ben was that’s why our show is complete bull... There were times when I thought: Why do we need to shoot this in the real spot? It’s a field with trees.”

Perhaps more understandable was Stiller’s insistence on filming in Dannemora, and he faced skepticism from locals who wondered why “Zoolander’s” “Blue Steel” guy was making a movie about their suddenly infamous town.

“I think they were a little cautious. That might be a kind word,” he says with a laugh. “I really understood why they felt skeptical. They heard it was me directing so they might have assumed it was going to be a comedy: ‘Oh, they’re going to make fun of us.’”

Stiller was instrumental in winning over wary officials, Tolkin says. “Ben went out of his way to make himself available to the community. There isn’t a mantelpiece in the county that doesn’t have a selfie with Ben. He really convinced them he wasn’t going to make them the butt of the joke.”

The production was ultimately granted permission to film scenes in the north yard of the prison and surrounding streets, including the manhole from which Sweat and Matt emerged. And while they were permitted to tour inside the facility, they could not take any pictures. So production designer Mark Ricker sketched the cellblock and recreated it, in all its claustrophobic glory, at a Queens studio.

Stiller was even able to meet with Sweat, who was originally imprisoned for murdering a police officer in 2002 and is now in solitary confinement. Over a five-hour meeting, Sweat provided further details about the breakout and his time on the run

with Matt.

“He was pretty candid,” Stiller says, noting one major exception: “There were certain things he wouldn’t talk about, or we feel he wasn’t telling the truth about, in terms of his relationship with Joyce Mitchell.”

Both Sweat and Mitchell have denied their relationship was sexual, although they exchanged intimate letters and were often seen going into the backroom of the tailor shop together. Their scenes together in “Escape at Dannemora” are one of the areas where the creators have taken some necessary liberties.

Other times reality was deemed a little heavy-handed: Stiller ultimately cut a scene in which Sweat and Matt wondered how long it took Tim Robbins’ character to escape in “The Shawshank Redemption” because it felt “too meta,” Stiller says, even though it was based on Sweat’s account.

Stiller’s commitment to detail lends “Escape at Dannemora” a palpable sense of place. The series captures the austerity and isolation of Dannemora, the kind of rural, working-class community that has historically been overlooked by Hollywood — and, to some extent, Washington. Donald Trump announced his candidacy for presidency during the breakout, a fact that’s deftly woven into the backdrop of the story.

Stiller’s dedication also extended to his willingness to break with the usual practice in series television and direct every episode of “Dannemora” — joining the rarified list of film directors (Steven Soderbergh, David Lynch, Spike Lee) who’ve helmed entire seasons of television — a feat of endurance not unlike cutting through the walls of a prison with a hacksaw. Stiller’s been actively working on the project for more than two years, four times longer than it took Sweat and Matt to carry off their escape.

While the gritty subject matter made him “very, very grateful to be able to leave at the end of the day,” he says, “the amount of work that we had to get through in a certain amount of time was probably the most oppressive part of it.”

It helped that he wasn’t acting in the series. “I found it really freeing to be able to finally do all the things as a director you want to do, that you can’t do when you’re acting, which is basically be in two places at one time.”

For Del Toro, having a single director alleviated his anxiety about crafting a coherent performance in a long-form series that, out of necessity, filmed out of order with scenes from multiple episodes sometimes shooting in a single day.

“Ben really had the whole show in his head. Not only did he have an idea of the arc of the characters emotionally but also about the journey of the seven episodes, how they all had a different feeling, but collectively told one story. That really helped every department. It was essential for it to be what it is,” he says.

Stiller looks forward to viewers recreating his own journey through the story.

“My hope is that people will watch it and go, ‘Oh, that couldn’t happen,’ and then if they do the research, they might see that, ‘Oh, my God, that actually did happen,’” he says. “It’s just like a movie — and it is — but it’s also far more interesting than that.”

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WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Emily Blunt

"20/20" (7 p.m., ABC): The new episode "Mary Poppins Returns: Behind the Magic — A Special Edition of 20/20" previews one of the most anticipated releases of this holiday season, a sequel to Disney's "Mary Poppins." Hitting theaters a week before Christmas, this new film finds the nanny, now played by Emily Blunt, popping back into the lives of her former charges, the now-adult Jane and Michael Banks (Emily Mortimer and Ben Whishaw).

"The 92nd Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade" (9 a.m., 2 p.m., NBC): "Today" co-hosts Savannah Guthrie and Hoda Kotb, along with weatherman Al Roker, host this year's edition of the beloved holiday event that has become a Thanksgiving tradition for many American families. In addition to colorful floats, character balloons and marching bands, the three-hour telecast also will feature appearances by John Legend, Barenaked Ladies, Martina McBride and Rita Ora.

"The National Dog Show" (12 p.m., NBC): Two new American Kennel Club-sanctioned breeds — the Nederlandse Kooikerhondje (sporting group) and the Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen (hound group) — are included in the competition as John Hurlley and AKC-licensed judge David Frei return to co-host this Thanksgiving Day event, which has become a Turkey Day TV mainstay. NBC Sports correspondent Mary Carillo reports from inside the ring.

"Christmas at the Palace" (7 p.m., Hallmark): Longtime friends and colleagues, Katie (Merritt Patterson), a choreographer, and celebrity ice skater Jessica (Brittany Bristow) are in the tiny country of San Senova for the last show of their tour, when they bump into Alexander (Andrew Cooper), a handsome gentleman who clearly suffers from a lack of holiday spirit.

"I'm Coming Home" (9 p.m., ABC): Emmy and Tony winner Kristin Chenoweth is among the celebrities returning to her roots and reflecting on people and events who helped shape their lives in this new special that counts Whoopi Goldberg among its executive producers. Actress-comic Tiffany Haddish and actor-writer-director Tyler Perry also share stories about their childhood and what this trip back home means to them. The hour is capped by a surprise payoff for old friends and loved ones as each of the stars gives back in some way to their community.

"'Tis the Season: A One Tree Hill Cast Reunion" (9:03 p.m., 2:04 a.m., Lifetime): Several alumni of the long-running nighttime soap "One Tree Hill" are appearing in Lifetime Christmas movies this season, so they reconnect in this new one-hour special, which also includes some other surprise guests. Among the former colleagues appearing in this program are Hilary Burton, Danneel Ackles, Antwon Turner, Tyler Hilton and Stephen Colletti.

TALK SHOWS

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Lin-Manuel Miranda; journalist Brooke Baldwin; actress Laura Benanti.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

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Friend

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lows Elena Greco (Elisa del Genio as a child, Margherita Mazzucco as a teenager) and Raffaella Cerullo (Ludovica Nasti and later Gaia Girace) through their youths in a tenement neighborhood in postwar Naples. Their district is dominated by a loan shark (Antonio Pennarella) and the Solara family, who profited from the black market during World War II. Elena, known as Lenù, and Raffaella, who goes by Lila, are outstanding students — Lila through native genius and Lenù through hard work — and the series explores the ways in which their intelligence might allow them to escape the Neapolitan cycle of poverty, even as their gifts separate them from their peers and from each other.

Lives like Lenù's and Lila's are incidental in the cinematic world of "The Godfather." "My Brilliant Friend" shows us the richness and tragedy that lie beyond that male-defined frame.

In "The Godfather," domestic violence is an ugly cog in some larger plot mechanics. Knowing that Sonny's sister, Connie (Talia Shire), is regularly abused by her husband, Carlo (Gianni Russo), the family's enemies instigate a brawl between them as part of a plot to lure Sonny out of the family compound and murder him.

Where Carlo is an up-jumped schemer and a tool in larger plots, "My Brilliant Friend" paints a deeper and more disturbing portrait of intimate violence. Lenù's mother, Immacolata (Annarita Vitolo), furious that her daughter might escape the drudgery of housework and child care that has defined her own life, goads Lenù's father, Vittorio (Luca Gallone), by saying he isn't enough of a man to hit his daughter properly. Even as Vittorio beats Lenù, he insists to Imma-



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"My Brilliant Friend" reveals the story beyond the male-defined frame put forth by movies like "The Godfather."

colata that the girl will go to school. He's strong enough to insist that his daughter be given a chance at a better life, but too weak to refuse to beat that same child. Lila's father (Antonio Buonanno) is even weaker: He throws Lila out a window when she demands to go to middle school, then blames the child he's left bleeding in the street for provoking him.

Love, sex and romance also carry different risks for the men of "The Godfather" and the women of "My Brilliant Friend." In "The Godfather," affection for the men of "The Godfather" and the women of "My Brilliant Friend" is a piercing testament that violent machismo knows no nationalities.

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and disfigured by her boyfriend, who is "not an Italian," and by the young man's friends. Don Corleone's pledge to mete out justice introduces him to the audience as someone much greater than a common thug. The scene also presents such brutal violations of young women as essentially American behavior; "My Brilliant Friend" is a piercing testament that violent machismo knows no nationalities.

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cartels, the shifts of power in the casino business and the Corleones' efforts to manipulate Hollywood. "My Brilliant Friend" tallies the cost to the Peluso family, who lost their carpentry shop to loan sharking, and their father, Alfred (Gennaro Canonic), to prison after he is framed for murder by the Solaras.

By some of the cruder metrics in use in today's cultural discourse, it might be tempting to use these differences to declare "My Brilliant Friend" morally superior to "The Godfather," and thus to anoint it the better piece of art. That would be overreach, both on critical and political grounds.

Coppola's adaptation of "The Godfather" is one of the greatest movies of all time. And it is better-remembered than Puzo's novel because of the judicious edits the screenplay makes to the book: Lucy Mancini's story is a female window into the Corleone family, but her story is also influenced by midcentury sexual attitudes that make it remarkably dated. "My Brilliant Friend," by contrast, is sometimes slowed down by its fidelity to Ferrante's novel, particularly in its preservation of voice over narration from Lenù's perspective.

Fortunately, one of the ways out of the traps of contemporary cultural conversation is to recognize that we don't have to choose between these two remarkable pieces of art. Both stories — the portrayal of the Italian-American struggle to assimilate in "The Godfather" and the portrait of Italian women clawing toward freedom and self-actualization in "My Brilliant Friend" — contain their own powerful truths.

Watching them together isn't a competition. The degradation and poverty that define "My Brilliant Friend" show us just how far the Corleones came. And the indifference men show to women in "The Godfather" shows us just how hard Lenù and Lila will have to fight to escape.

Christmas

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lost the belief that Santa exists.

The siblings' world turns upside down once Kate unearths old video footage of an arm — possibly belonging to Saint Nick — tossing presents under their tree. She hatches a plan to get Santa on camera for online acclaim. In order to do this, she ropes Teddy into her scheme, blackmailing her brother with footage of him and his friends boosting a car. Instead of waiting for Santa to come to them, Kate and Teddy stow away on his high-tech sleigh.

Their ride-along quickly descends into calamity when they cause Santa to lose his concentration, his never-ending red velvet sack of presents and the magic hat that allows him to spring from rooftop to rooftop. With his sleigh damaged, those lost items strewn about Chicago and the

clock ticking on the night's deliveries, Santa and the kids team up to save the world from losing their Christmas spirit. Only it's the audience who loses their spirit as the high jinks unfold.

Kaytis and screenwriter Matt Lieberman rip a page from Columbus' playbook by setting the majority of the film in Chicago, but also by reharsing similar scenarios from "Adventures in Babysitting" and "Home Alone." There's even a blues-themed musical number, "Santa Claus Is Back in Town," sung by Russell with backup band Little Steven & the Disciples of Soul — which is almost as lively as "Babysitter's Blues," courtesy of Russell's magnetism, charisma and innate likeability. The star makes the unfolding shenanigans tolerable, playing Santa as a kind of jovial emcee with sincerity, pathos and gravitas.

The narrative follows a predictable path and fails to

mine the "fish out of water" scenarios it sets up — like the irony of stealing a car from a car thief, or the hilarity of the kidnapping that's misunderstood by the police. This situational absurdity may have looked good on paper, but it isn't executed with any zest or zing. Plus, we could also live without the groan-worthy and worn-out line about Santa's famed "Ho, ho, ho" being "fake news."

The action set pieces are hollow computer-generated spectacles that don't provide the characters with much-needed narrative drive. The kids' sleigh ride, jumping through space portals at warp speed, is garishly green-screened. Kate and Teddy's reindeer ride through the streets of Chicago and into the sky could also use a better sprinkling of Hollywood magic.

Santa's rascally team of elves provide the slapstick and pratfalls but are clearly a sanitized version of Columbus' rambunctious "Grem-lins." Kate's descent into the presents portal, akin to Alice's infamous tumble down the rabbit hole, is the lone sequence that dazzles or embodies any sense of childlike wonder.

While the visual effects let audiences down, Paul Denham Austerberry's production design and Kimberley Zaharko's art direction pick the proceedings back up. The sleigh's dashboard is a mix of modern and retro automobile instrumentation. Santa's workshop looks gorgeous, with a video screen wall that plays children's requests and a towering apothecary cabinet for filing letters to the North Pole. Luis Sequeira's costume designs of Santa's red leather, fur-laped wardrobe add a modern sheen to the classic iconography, setting up a running gag in which Santa is constantly disgruntled by how the media have portrayed his look and persona.

THURSDAY EVENING, NOV. 22

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	The Big Bang Theory	Young Sheldon ©	The Big Bang Theory	Murphy Brown (N)	S.W.A.T.: "Ghosts." © ㉔	News (N) ▶	
	NBC 5	(7:15) NFL Football: Atlanta Falcons at New Orleans Saints. (N) (Live) ㉔						
	ABC 7	20/20 (N) © ㉔		Meghan's New Life: The Real Princess Diaries (N)		I'm Coming Home (N) © ㉔	News at 10pm (N) ▶	
	WGN 9	♦ (6:30) Family Classics: Big © ㉔				WGN News at Nine (N) © ㉔	WGN News at Ten (N)	
	Antenna 9.2	Growing	Growing	Growing	Growing	Growing	Growing	Growing
	This TV 9.3	Overboard (PG,'87) ** Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell. ©				Mixed Nuts (PG-13,'94) ** © ▶		
	PBS 11	Anne of Green Gables (NR,'16) Ella Ballentine, Sara Botsford.		Anne of Green Gables (NR,'17) Ella Ballentine.		The Good Stars	Anne of Green ▶	
	The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)	The Game	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©	
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	WKRP Cincinnati	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett	
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek: "Charlie X." ©	Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ▶		
Bounce 26.5	Scandal ©	Family Time	Mann &		Nothing to Lose (R,'97) ***			
FOX 32	MasterChef Junior: Celebrity Showdown (N) © ㉔				Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family		
Ion 38	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime ▶			
TeleM 44	♦ (6) Titanic (PG-13,'97) *** Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet. ©				Chicago (N)			
CW 50	iHeartRadio Music Festival Night 2 © ㉔				The Good Wife ©	Chicago ▶		
UniMas 60	♦ Night at Mus.		The Nanny Diaries (PG-13,'07) ** Scarlett Johansson.		Invisibles ▶			
WJYS 62	History	Skywatch	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Christian	Dn. Carson	Monument	
Univ 66	Jesús		Dando gracias en familia con NBL			Noticias (N)		
CABLE	AE	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam ▶
	AMC	♦ (4:30) The Godfather (R,'72) ****		The Godfather, Part II (R,'74) **** Al Pacino. ▶				
	ANIM	Crikey! It's the Irwins ©	The Secret of		The Secret of		The Secret ▶	
	BBCA	Planet Earth: Life ©	Chimp Sanctuary (N) ©		Chimps (N)		Africa ▶	
	BET	♦ (6) Madea's Witness Protection (PG-13,'12) **				Big Momma's House 2 (PG-13,'06) **		
	BIGTEN	♦ Ohio State	Campus	Tiebreaker ©		Hy-Vee	Campus	Michigan ▶
	BRAVO	Overboard (PG,'87) ** Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell. ©					Overboard (PG,'87) ** ▶	
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed	Weekend	Liv. Healthy
	CNBC	Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		Shark ▶
	CNN	Anthony Bourdain Parts	Anthony Bourdain Parts	Anthony Bourdain Parts	Anthony Bourdain Parts	Anthony ▶		
	COM	Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG,'09) ** Kevin James. ©				The Hangover Part II (R,'11) ** © ▶		
	DISC	Life Story: "Home." ©		Life Story: "Power." ©		Life Story: "Courtship."		Life Story ▶
	DISN	Zombies (NR,'18) Milo Manheim. ©		Under-Sea		Good Luck	Good Luck	Raven
	E!	♦ The Princess Diaries **		The Parent Trap (PG,'98) *** Lindsay Lohan, Dennis Quaid. © ▶				
	ESPN	♦ (6:30) College Football: Mississippi State at Mississippi. (N) (Live)				SportsCenter (N) © ▶		
	ESPN2	♦ College Basketball (N)	Score. (N)	College Basketball (N)				
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity (N) ©			The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Chopped: "Plum Luck."		Chopped ©		Beat Flay (N) Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby
	FREE	♦ (5) Zootopia Ratatouille (G,'07) *** Voices of Patton Oswalt, Ian Holm. ©						700 Club ▶
	FX	♦ (6) Despicable Me 2 *** Minions (PG,'15) ** Voices of Sandra Bullock. ©						Pets ▶
	HALL	Christmas at the Palace (NR,'18) Merritt Patterson.				Road to Christmas (NR,'18) © ▶		
	HGTV	Hunters (N) Hunt Intl (N)	Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Hunters	
	HIST	Forged in Fire: Bladesgiving (N) ©						Forged ▶
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	Playhouse	Playhouse	Pee-wee's Playhouse ©	Playhouse	Playhouse	Playhouse	
	LIFE	The Christmas Contract (NR,'18) Hilary Burton. ©				One Tree Hill (N)	Christmas ▶	
	MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)	
	MTV	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.
	NBCSCH	♦ White Sox	Chicago Cubs Classic: "2018: Arizona Diamondbacks at Chicago Cubs." (N) ▶					
	NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Legally Blonde (PG-13,'01) ** Reese Witherspoon.			Friends ©	
OVATION	♦ (6:30) A Good Year (PG-13,'06) ** Russell Crowe.				The Wine Show (N)	Outbreak ▶		
OWN	Greenleaf	Greenleaf			Greenleaf ©	Greenleaf ▶		
OXY	Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago ▶		
PARMT	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©		
SYFY	(7:08) Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 (PG-13,'11) *** ©					Futurama		
TBS	(7:15) The Wizard of Oz (G,'39) **** Judy Garland. ©				Guest Book	Guest Book		
TCM	Life With Father (NR,'47) *** William Powell. ©				(9:15) You Can't Take It With You ▶			
TLC	Long Lost Family ©		Long Lost Family ©		Long Lost Family ©	Long Lost ▶		
TLN	IMPACT	Wretched	The Atkins Live		Life Today	Like You	Humanit ▶	
TNT	Iron Man (PG-13,'08) *** Robert Downey Jr. ©				Iron Man 3 ('13) *** ▶			
TOON	Gumball	Gumball	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	
TRAV	The Dead Files ©		The Dead Files ©		The Dead Files (N) ©	Haunted ▶		
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	
USA	Real Country ©		Real Country ©		Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	
VH1	♦ (6:30) The Goonies (PG,'85) *** Sean Astin. ©				Mrs. Doubtfire (PG,'93) *** © ▶			
WE	Diary of a Mad Black Woman (PG-13,'05) ** Kimberly Elise. ©				Diary of Mad ▶			
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	
PREMIUM	HBO	The Greatest Showman (PG,'17) **		My Bril. (Subtitled-English) My Brilliant Friend © ▶				
	HBO2	♦ (6) You've Got Mail **		The Post (PG-13,'17) *** Meryl Streep. ©		Camping ©		
	MAX	Avatar (NR,'09) *** Sam Worthington. ©				(9:45) Sphere ('98) ** ▶		
	SHO	(7:15) Office Christmas Party (R,'16) ** ©				Escape at Dannemora	Meet ▶	
	STARZ	Frozen (PG,'13) *** ©				(8:45) Spider-Man: Homecoming (PG-13,'17) *** ▶		
STZNC	♦ What Women Want **		The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG-13,'08) *** Brad Pitt. ▶					

Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Nov. 22): You're a powerful force this year. Steady routines increase your creative capacities. Make an incredible connection. Winter communication and connection lead to shifting professional horizons. Adventures and investigations this summer lead to a creative challenge.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Explore, investigate and learn this month under the Sagittarius sun. The full moon also initiates a new phase in communications, connection and intellectual discovery.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Lucrative collaborations arise with the sun in Sagittarius. Work together for shared goals. Reach a full moon turning point around income and finances.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Partnership flowers under the Sagittarius sun. Simultaneously, this full moon in your sign illuminates new personal growth. Turn toward a new possibility.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 6. Nurture your health, energy and work this month. This full moon shines on a spiritual fork in the road. Ritual and symbolism provide peace.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Romance and fun are favored this month, with the sun in Sagittarius. Tonight's full moon illuminates a new social phase as friends come and go.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Domestic renovation satisfies this month. Also, this full moon sparks a career shift toward current passions. Finish projects before beginning a new professional phase.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. This full moon illuminates a new educational direction. Experiment with new concepts. Travel reveals new perspectives. Take notes.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Your income rises this month under the Sagittarius sun. Shift directions with shared finances over two weeks with this full moon.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Reach a turning point in a partnership under this full moon. Compromise and collaborate for shared commitments. You're strong and growing stronger this month.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 6. Prioritize rest, planning and organization this month. Switch up your physical health and fitness routines with this full moon.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Enjoy socializing and teamwork under the Sagittarius sun this month. Change directions with a romance, passion or creative endeavor under this full moon.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. The sun in Sagittarius shines on your rising career. Domestic changes require adaptation under the full moon. Support your household through this new phase.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



"Let's try another one. Jerry blinked, Kate's giving Jon the finger, and Jess is choking."

Bridge

Both vulnerable, South deals

North

- ♠ A J 7 4 2
- ♥ 8 7 5
- ♦ 10 6
- ♣ A 7 6

West

- ♠ Q 10 5 3
- ♥ K 10
- ♦ J 8 5 2
- ♣ K 9 2

East

- ♠ K 9 8 6
- ♥ 9
- ♦ A K Q 9 7 4 3
- ♣ 3

South

- ♠ Void
- ♥ A Q J 6 4 3 2
- ♦ Void
- ♣ Q J 10 8 5 4

What would you bid with the East hand in this position? Today's deal is from the semi-final of the World Championship Rosenblum Teams held in Orlando. We think expert support could be garnered for three different actions — five diamonds, double, and pass. One expert commentator reviled pass as being impossibly timid, but we think pass would get at least some support from experts.

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
4♥	Pass	Pass	?

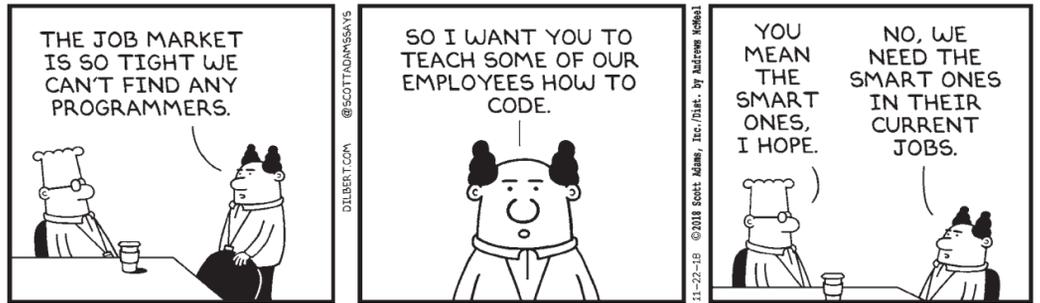
At one table, East chose to double. West, quite reasonably, left the double in and South scored two vulnerable overtricks. A spade lead allowed South to take both the losing trump finesse and the winning club finesse.

At the other table, East chose to bid five diamonds. Good choice, you say. South bid six clubs, North converted to six hearts, and East doubled. The same spade lead allowed the same result — 12 tricks. The doubled, vulnerable slam, however, scored much more than the doubled, vulnerable game with two overtricks.

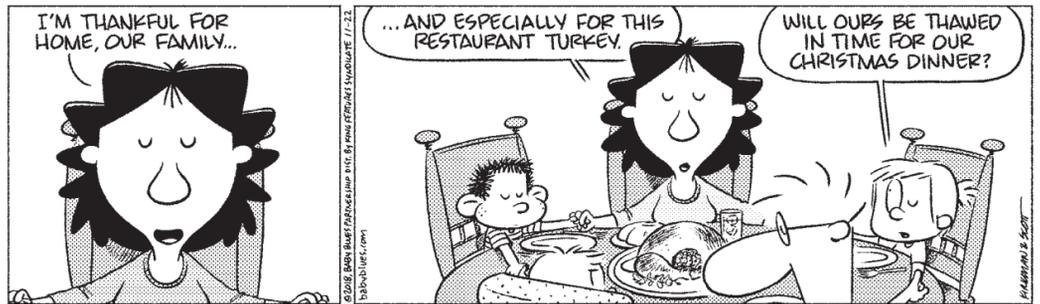
So, back to our original question. The commentator who reviled the pass couldn't be found after the hand, but there were many players praising the virtues of that action, after the fact, of course.

— Bob Jones
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Dilbert By Scott Adams



Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



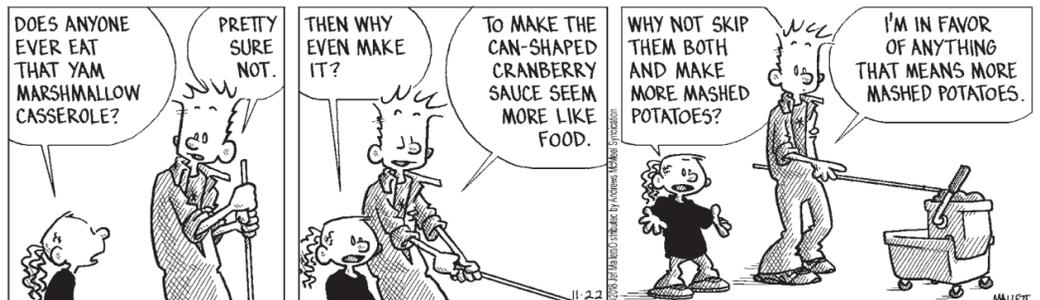
Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



Mr. Boffo By Joe Martin



Frazz By Jef Mallett



Classic Peanuts By Charles Schulz



Pickles By Brian Crane



Dick Tracy By Joe Staton and Mike Curtis



Animal Crackers By Mike Osburn



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THURSDAY, NOV. 22 NORMAL HIGH: 45° NORMAL LOW: 30° RECORD HIGH: 69° (1913) RECORD LOW: 4° (1880)

Sun comes out Thursday, finally warmer Friday

LOCAL FORECAST

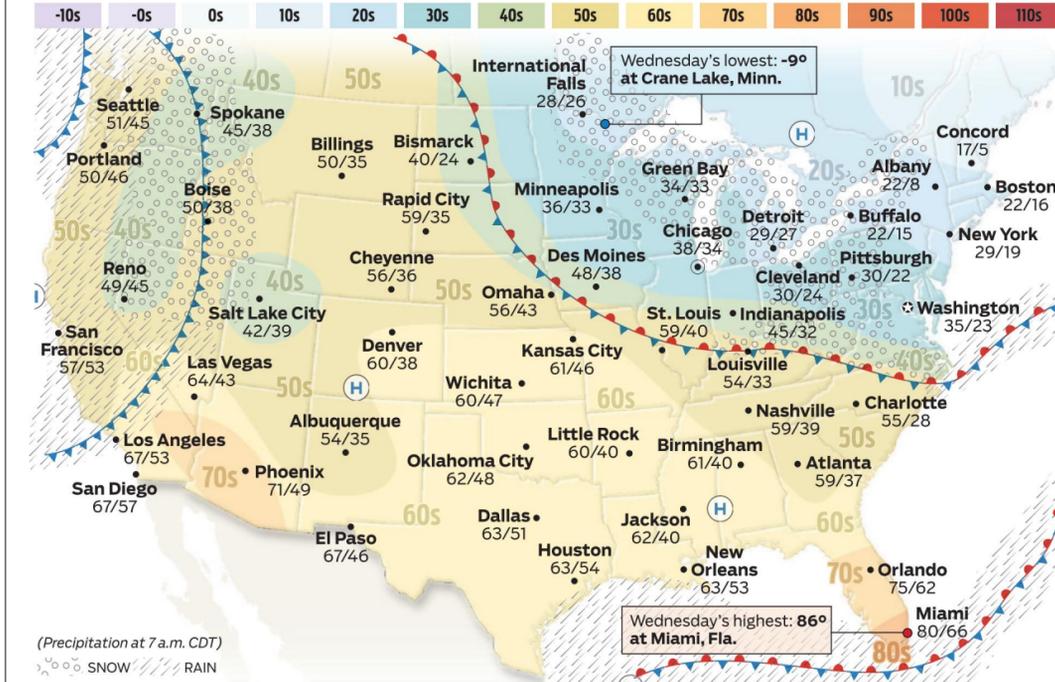
HIGH 38 **LOW** 34

■ **Thanksgiving Day.** Canadian-source high pressure will be centered north of Lake Huron – Chicago resting in the southern edge of the colder air with southeast winds 8 to 18 miles per hour over our area.

■ A mix of sun and clouds – temperatures peaking in the upper 30s north to lower 40s south.

■ Partly cloudy skies along with brisk southerly winds keep temperatures in the low to middle 30s overnight.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Southerly winds and some sun Thursday look to be precursors to a warming trend that has been a long time coming. Since Oct. 21, Chicago temperatures have averaged 40.9 degrees, the second coldest for this period since records began back in 1871.

Winds will strengthen out of the south Thursday night, continuing into Friday when afternoon temperatures could hit the 50-degree mark in some locations – the warmest we have seen here in three weeks. The southerly winds will also bring an increase in moisture from the Gulf of Mexico, and combined with a weak cold front that will move through our area from the west, it should result in rain in the area Friday night.

After a brief break in the clouds Saturday, a late fall storm system looks to bring rain Sunday, followed by a changeover to wet snow.

FRIDAY, NOV. 23

HIGH 49 **LOW** 41

Morning sun. Clouds increase ahead of low pressure. Southerly winds could boost afternoon temps into upper 40s, lower 50s. Warmest day in 3 weeks. Rain from west and continues overnight.

SATURDAY, NOV. 24

HIGH 50 **LOW** 37

Rain moves east early, but still cloudiness with peeks of sun, especially in the afternoon. Southwest winds 10-20 mph boost temperatures again into the upper 40s to lower 50s. Mostly cloudy overnight.

SUNDAY, NOV. 25

HIGH 45 **LOW** 29

Clouds thicken, lower. Rain over area by early afternoon, as low pressure approaches from west. Winds shift north. Low pressure departs overnight. Colder with rain changing over to possibly accumulating wet snow.

MONDAY, NOV. 26

HIGH 34 **LOW** 22

Blustery and colder with occasional snow showers. Daytime temperatures hover in the low-mid 30s. North to northwest winds 20-30 mph. Partial clearing and cold at night.

TUESDAY, NOV. 27

HIGH 29 **LOW** 20

Partly cloudy and cold. High temperatures 30-35. Clear and cold overnight. Northwest winds.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28

HIGH 31 **LOW** 26

A mix of sun and clouds and continued cold – high temperatures barely make it into the lower 30s. Partly cloudy overnight. Northwest winds.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
Do you have details on the 1975 Thanksgiving eve snowstorm? The snow was so heavy that I couldn't make it from Elk Grove to Rock Island.

Tom Schatterman,
Elk Grove Village

Dear Tom,
That storm occurred 43 years ago, on Nov. 26-27, 1975. The snow began Wednesday afternoon with the intensity increasing throughout rush hour. The heavy snowfall clogged highways and canceled flights, paralyzing holiday travel. Snowfall on that Wednesday totaled 7.5 inches, and when the snow finally ended early on Thanksgiving morning, Midway Airport, then the city's official site, had logged 8.6 inches. The 8-inch snow cover that morning tied 1895 for the holiday's deepest cover. More recently, a Thanksgiving eve snowstorm in 2004 brought 4.3 inches to the city, also causing major travel disruptions.

Write to: ASK TOM
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WGN-TV meteorologists Steve Kahn, Richard Koeman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

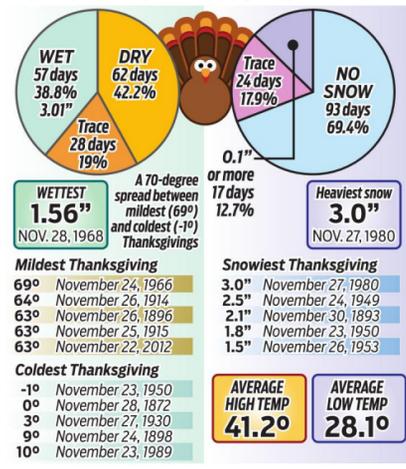
Hear Tom Skilling's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.



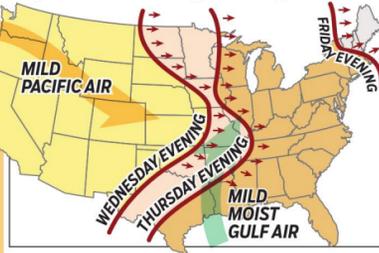
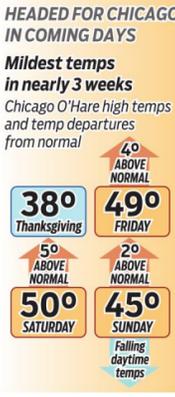
Brief late-week warmup to follow chilly Thanksgiving

THANKSGIVING DAY STATISTICS

Precipitation breakdown 147 years (1871-2017)
Snowfall breakdown 134 years (1884-2017)



THE EASTWARD SPREAD OF ABOVE-NORMAL TEMPERATURES



CHICAGO DIGEST

WEDNESDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	39	22	Midway	38	29
Gary	37	30	O'Hare	36	30
Kankakee	37	24	Romeoville	38	24
Lakefront	39	31	Valparaiso	39	28
Lansing	36	27	Waukegan	33	27

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2018	NORMAL
Wed. (through 6 p.m.)	0.00"	0.10"
Season to date	1.38"	4.1"
Year to date	44.05"	33.69"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Wed. (through 6 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	3.6"	4.1"
Normal to date	0.7"	0.6"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Wind SE 12-25 kts.	S 12-26 kts.
Waves 4-6 feet	3-5 feet
Wed. shore/creeper water temps	41°/41°

U.S. SNOW COVER

NOV. 21	2018	2017
Area covered by snow	22.3%	11.4%
Average snow depth	0.9"	0.9"

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

Wednesday's reading **Good**
Thursday's forecast **Moderate**
Critical pollutant **Ozone**

SUNDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	6:49 a.m.	4:24 p.m.
Moon	4:30 p.m.	5:51 a.m.

PLANET RISE SET

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	7:46 a.m.	4:54 p.m.
Venus	3:55 a.m.	2:47 p.m.
Mars	12:48 p.m.	11:32 p.m.
Jupiter	7:03 a.m.	4:35 p.m.
Saturn	9:39 a.m.	6:48 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	5:30 a.m.	16° ESE
Mars	6:15 p.m.	37° S
Jupiter	Not visible	
Saturn	5:15 p.m.	13° SW

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

SHOWSTOPPING NEWS

Chicago's own Chris Jones, covering theater news and reviews from Chicago to Broadway.

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— HOMES —



Timeless table

Opt for a fresh look with white china.
Designers name their top picks

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Say goodbye to these 5 2018 home design trends

BY LAUREN WHITE
HomeAdvisor

The year 2018 has been a great one for home design, giving us a renewed focus on wellness and timeless choices. But not every style choice was made to last. Christina Birtcher, a top-rated interior designer with Three Roses Interiors in Portland, Ore., predicts we'll leave these five up-to-the-minute trends behind in 2019.

1. Midcentury modern minimalism.

Clean lines and decluttered spaces were popular in 2018. But Birtcher believes we will soon tire of the totally streamlined look and throw in a dash of nature.

"I am seeing more influences from Morocco and reduction of the midcentury modern minimalist for more vintage, organic and layered textures incorporating bespoke pieces," she says.

Birtcher also predicts a new take on the all-white color palette. "All-white kitchens and baths will remain popular, but I think homeowners will incorpo-



DREAMSTIME

Blush tones, midcentury minimalism and accent walls are on the chopping block for 2019.

rate organic texture within them," she says. "I think marble and lighter wood tones will continue into 2019."

2. The no-wallpaper rule.

Design trends have encouraged a complete rejection of wallpaper since the

1980s. And people have been replacing busy, old-fashioned wallpaper in favor of beige and white walls ever since. But Birtcher is confident that new styles of wallpaper will be all the rage in 2019.

"My favorite new trend is the re-emergence of

wallpaper," Birtcher says. "It appears that it's making a comeback, and I am loving this new trend! I believe it will be with us for a while. There is so much creativity, texture and art that we are seeing being transformed into beautiful papers."

3. "Blush."

The Pantone Color Institute selected Rose Quartz as its Color of the Year in 2016, alongside a dusty blue called Serenity. This launched blush and rose gold into mainstream home design — popularly paired with creamy whites and marble finishes.

Birtcher predicts that in 2019, interest in these shades will be exhausted. "I don't believe the blush pink and rose golds will continue," she says. "I believe they are difficult for most people to incorporate into their homes. I think metallics will replace this look."

It seems Pantone would agree. The institute released a 200-color collection of metallics called Pantone Metallic Shimmers in October, and it's certain to inspire fashion and product designers into the coming year.

4. Accent walls.

Bold accent walls have been a popular design choice for many years. But Birtcher thinks that 2018 is the last year this look will trend for a while, as we lean

toward more calm, neutral looks.

Birtcher is prepping her clients for the change. "If my clients really want that look, I try to incorporate it with just a hint of a darker hue, but not anything that is a huge contrast," she says.

5. Offset horizontal tiles.

Style options for tile expand with every year, given enhanced manufacturing technology, new designs and easy peel-and-stick products. But as with anything that presents near-limitless possibilities, some experiments stick and some get tired quick.

Birtcher thinks horizontal mosaics are tired. "Tiny, offset horizontal tiles in contrasting colors on a backsplash for the kitchen and in bathrooms are so busy, and I think this product dates the home," she says. "Using a softer pattern tile, coordinating granite splash or subway tile is a much better alternative. It will retain a time-honored element in the space without dating it and making your eyes blur."

Decorative dividers add interest, privacy

BY KATHRYN WEBER
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Homes once comprised a series of boxes. Each box, or room, served a purpose but often felt cut off from the rest of the house. Today's homes are open and enable more togetherness and a feeling of spaciousness. However, there are times when you might want a cozier feel but still crave the sense of open space. The decorative answer? A room divider or partition.

Today, dividers have come a long way from old three-panel, Japanese paper-style folding screens. Dividers come in a variety of styles and options that give you more decorative possibilities and function. Their unique textures also are a big design plus.

Outside the box: Consider an open-style panel divider. A pair on either side of a living room opening says something intriguing awaits. One such divider is the Charlayne 3

Panel Room Divider (www.wayfair.com). With its updated look, the divider can also be used to create a reading nook that doesn't feel cut off.

Added drama: To create sections or areas of a room and preserve views and light, a grouping of Posner Stixx Room Divider panels (www.allmodern.com) can be made as large or small as you like and create a unique space delineating option. Each comes as a set of four; with their metal

hooks, they provide a dramatic design statement that makes the divider appear to float in the air and retain an airy open look.

Distinct design: To give your room real panache, look for unique materials such as glass, tile, wood or metal. A chain mail curtain (www.mesh-curtains.com) would be at home in an industrial loft or a contemporary design.

Give your dining room panache and privacy with a single cable wine rack



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Dividers don't have to be solid, hinged panels anymore.

(www.buoyantwine.com). These cables hold wine bottles that appear as though they're floating in place. Place five

single lines in the center of the dining room to create a wall effect, or hang one or two lines on either side of the opening.

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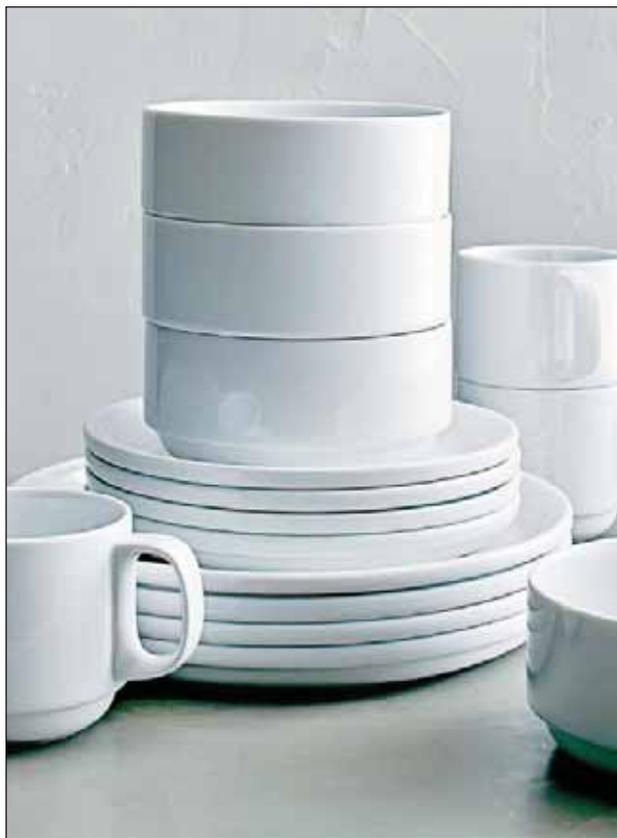
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Tastemakers pick best white dishes

Timeless and versatile, a basic set of white china will take you far

BY LINDSEY M. ROBERTS
The Washington Post

It's entertaining season, and maybe you're hosting Thanksgiving for the first time. Or maybe you're getting married and merging households. Whether planning a dinner or planning for the future, you're going to need dinnerware. And experts agree: Choose white china.

Interior designers, cookbook authors, food stylists and home design bloggers choose white dishes because of their timelessness and versatility.

"White is the perfect option because it always looks fresh, and it's so easy to add to or update, or keep it fancy or make it everyday, because you can go every direction and it's never

off-putting to anyone," says Michel Smith Boyd, an interior designer in Atlanta and one of this year's style spotters for High Point Market, a home furnishings and design event. "You can add personality with bread plates, glasses, a charger. If you have a basic set of white, it will take you so far."

Just as there are many shades of white, there are also many different types of white dinnerware, so we asked tastemakers for their advice and recommendations.

"I'm obsessed," says Boyd about Crate & Barrel's stackable porcelain Logan bowls (\$44.95 for eight, www.crateandbarrel.com). "What I look for more than anything for daily use is something sturdy that will

mix with what I already own. These bowls stack, with an almost-3-inch rim. ... They're kind of contemporary." Pieces of the Logan collection are sold individually or in sets of eight (eight dinner plates, for example), and eight four-piece place settings would run \$179.80. To set a trendy table this season, Boyd says to think about white dinnerware mixed with two other elements: Muted neutral pottery and wooden serving spoons or, if you lean modern, black cloth napkins and accent dishes in a primary color.

Nik Sharma, food blogger and columnist for the San Francisco Chronicle and author of the cookbook "Season: Big Flavors, Beautiful Food," loves color in his food, not in his dinnerware. "I like color, especially in vegetables and salads. Sometimes ingredients like balsamic vinegar

are so dark, and then when you put them on a dark plate, you can't see them. I like to see them," he says. He likes a warmer white for entertaining and uses the stoneware textured dinnerware set from West Elm often (\$129 for four place settings of dinner plates, salad plates, bowls and mugs, www.westelm.com). Each type of dish from the set is also sold in sets of four; dip bowls are also available.

To Myquillyn Smith, advocate for "cozy minimalism," white is the obvious choice for dishware. It can be dressed down for everyday use and dressed up for dinner parties, just like a great pair of jeans. "I want a simplified collection of dishes that stack easily, look great together and take a beating from our family," she says, recommending the Avesta stoneware from Project 62 (\$19.99 for four

three-piece place settings of dinner plates, salad plates and bowls, www.target.com). As the North Carolina blogger writes in her new book, "Cozy Minimalist Home: More Style, Less Stuff," "the home exists to serve the people and not the other way around."

Apilco's Tuileries dishes will "last a lifetime," says Katie Jacobs, an entertaining expert from Nashville, Tenn., and author of "So Much to Celebrate: Entertaining the Ones You Love the Whole Year." "They'll never scratch. They're restaurant-grade." (\$383.80 for four place settings of dinner plates, salad plates, soup plates, cups and saucers, www.williams-sonoma.com).

For holidays, she'd pair them with a paper tablecloth, a big bowl of Christmas ornaments and a place card, "an additional touch

that makes your guest feel special." Some pieces are also sold individually and in sets of four.

Newlyweds Elyse Maguire and her husband had a shortlist when they registered for china: It must be dishwasher-safe, slightly edgy and fancy enough for dinner parties. Together they agreed on Spin Ceramics' reinforced white bone china in the Free Loop pattern (\$135 for one dinner plate, one salad plate, one soup bowl, one cup and one saucer, www.spinceramics.com). "They are very simple but have an organic, asymmetrical design," says Maguire, the Parsons School of Design graduate and textile designer who founded a knitwear company on Cape Cod. "They make an elegant place setting for dinner parties but they're still practical enough to use every day."



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

You should protect hybrid tea, floribunda (above) and miniature roses in late November or after there has been a hard freeze of 18 F or three nights of temps in the low 20s.

Seasonal maintenance for roses depends on the type

BY TIM JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Do I need to do anything special to my roses this fall? I have heard that they need special winter protection.

— Beth Jefferson, Rogers Park

The proper maintenance program for your roses this fall will depend on which kind you are growing; there is not a general recommendation for you to follow. Landscape roses do not require any special maintenance in the fall and should be treated like other shrubs in your garden. If any landscape roses were newly planted this year, they will benefit from a top dressing of mulch, like any other newly planted shrub. One to 2 inches of mulch will be plenty to help them get established. They do not need to be cut back and mounded with compost, which I see done in many home gardens.

David Austin roses, though, can benefit from

some extra winter protection, as will any grafted roses. Some examples of roses that do not require mounding with mulch or compost in the fall include flower carpet roses, knock out roses, Meidiland roses, rugosa roses, fairy roses, Carefree Delight and Carefree Wonder. For the most part, just leave them alone for winter. Prune them to remove dead wood, thin and shape as needed this winter. It is OK to lightly prune them now if they need to be neatened up.

You should protect hybrid tea, floribunda and miniature roses in late November or after there has been a hard freeze of 18 degrees Fahrenheit or three nights of temperatures in the low 20s. Generally this happens around Thanksgiving at the Chicago Botanic Garden, with the work of covering being completed in the first week of December, even if the temperature minimums have not been met. There have been a few nights in the low 20s already at the garden.

The roses are cut to

about 18 inches to make them easier to mound. Miniature roses tend to be smaller, so they may not need any pruning. It is best to clean up and remove any foliage that is infected with black spot before covering the plants. If you have not been spraying your hybrid roses with fungicides on a regular basis all summer, then you will likely have black spot present. Roses that are heavily infected with black spot will generally lose most of their leaves by late summer.

The garden uses well-aged horse manure, which is made up primarily of sawdust from a stable, to mound the roses. Approximately 15 inches of the compost is mounded over the base of the plants. This is removed in early spring as temperatures begin to warm — typically in early April, just as the roses are starting to leaf out.

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HOME REMEDIES

Your pre-winter tasks: Clean appliances, do safety checks

BY PAUL F. P. POGUE
Angie's List

By now, you've probably completed all the major home maintenance tasks to get ready for winter, such as changing your HVAC filters, weatherproofing your home, getting a furnace inspection and so forth. But in the midst of all this, you may be wondering what you're missing. Sometimes the smallest details give you the biggest headaches. But you can head those off by attending to these simple tasks.

Handle the easily missed home tasks: Many tasks around the home build up over time — and you might not even think about them, even during a major household cleaning. Take some time to go through your house and hit all the smaller things you rarely think about.

Give your dishwasher and refrigerator a good cleaning. All that buildup inside the dishwasher can slow down its effectiveness, and you'll appreciate a fresh refrigerator when holiday cooking gets going.

Take a look at all your appliances for cleaning

needs. You probably keep your microwave and oven reasonably clean already, but they could likely use a good scrub. Toasters and toaster ovens build up crumbs, so take out the lower crumb trap and clean it out.

Check your clothes dryer lint trap and the outgoing hoses for lint buildup. Long-term lint can create a fire hazard. Consider hiring a professional to clear out your dryer vents.

Your garbage disposal builds up gunk that's both smelly and damaging to the disposal itself. Clean it by running water and emptying ice cubes into the disposal, then let water run for a minute. Chop up a lemon and feed it down the disposal to get rid of unpleasant smells. Don't use caustic drain cleaners on the disposal, which can corrode its innards. Also, don't forget to clean the rubber splash gasket on the drain, which accumulates nasty buildup as well.

Preserve household safety: The coming of winter, with larger crowds in your home, more electrical usage underway and heaters operating, makes

safety an even bigger priority. Take this opportunity for a regular safety review.

Test your smoke detectors, overhead fire sprinklers, carbon monoxide detectors and any other major safety sensors in your home. You don't want to lose precious minutes because you overlooked a AA battery replacement.

Check your fire extinguisher and make sure it's up to date. If you don't have one, get one; an extinguisher is a vital safety tool in any home. Make sure everyone in your family knows where it is and how to use it in an emergency.

Review your home evacuation plan with your family, including alternate routes out of the house and where to meet if you get separated.

If you don't already have a home emergency kit full of FEMA-recommended gear, make sure you compile one. It should include first aid; safety and survival basics; and enough food, water and medication to sustain everyone in your household for three days. If you do have one already, check it and make sure everything's in good order. You'll be glad you did in the event you need it.



ANDREY POPOV/ISTOCK

You'll appreciate a fresh, clean refrigerator when holiday cooking gets going.

Avoid building blues with detailed planning

BY TIM CARTER
Tribune Content Agency

My oldest daughter and son-in-law are building a new home in Downeast Maine. It's their first home, and you can imagine they're excited. It's a good thing they're young and full of energy because the building process can be stressful and full of surprises.

The project was delayed for a number of reasons, but this isn't unusual. Perhaps it's happened to you. You may have had to go back and forth on pricing. Your construction loan might have taken longer than you thought it would to process and close. Or maybe your building permit took a week longer to process than you wished.

The weather can also create delays. Deciding to build in the late fall in Downeast Maine where rain can happen three times a week makes it very challenging to get a foundation up and out of the ground. Another key point is you may have a nice surprise under the thin soil as you dig. It's not uncommon to hit solid bedrock, or "ledge" as it's affectionately called by the locals.

When you hit the ledge, it's time to bring in the blasting boys. This creates an additional delay as local requirements almost always state you have to alert neighbors to give them time to prepare for the ground-shaking experience.

I've discovered through the years that the best way



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Building in the late fall, when rainfall can be frequent, creates all sorts of challenges. Prepare for mayhem with a set of plans and written specifications.

to prepare for this mayhem is to create a detailed set of plans and some written specifications. Great plans and specifications become your north star and prevent poor decisions on a stressful day.

My daughter took the time in the spring to create a very detailed set of plans. I helped her by creating a stack of hand drawings using my colored marking pens. I've discovered over the years the use of different colors to represent different building materials helps communicate how

things connect to one another.

Architects and builders call these details on building plans. These detailed drawings usually highlight a specific spot or location of the house and put it under a magnifying glass. Looking at one of these details you can almost always visualize exactly how you're supposed to do something.

Details are very helpful to the tradesmen out in the field. Think of the many details on a set of plans as the step-by-step instruc-

tions you might use to assemble a large piece of Scandinavian furniture!

An example of a detail might be how you connect a deck railing post to the floor joists of a deck. The detail would show a specific metal bracket, the through bolts and other smaller bolts that connect the bracket to the post, and other deck framing.

It's a good idea on your plans to create elevation drawings. These are simple drawings of what a wall might look like in a room as if you took a photo after the

house is complete. The elevations might show the exact placement of towel bars, toilet-paper holders, light fixtures, mirrors and even moldings that might be in a bathroom. You'd even see measurements so things end up exactly where you want them.

The written specifications can prevent arguments and ensure you get great materials on a job. A standard set of plans might just say the builder needs to provide a vapor retarder under a concrete slab. Your idea of a vapor retarder

might be far different from the builder's.

I had my daughter call out a special vapor retarder that meets a specific ASTM standard and is a super high-quality product. It costs just a little more than the subpar vapor retarder you might buy at a big-box store.

It's important to realize you shouldn't wait to pick out the things that will be used on your new home. You might as well pick things out in the planning stage rather than during the job. If the builder and his subs see on the plan the exact fixtures or things you're using, they can get online at the job site and download special drawings from the manufacturers that show rough openings, the electrical and plumbing connections, and other details that help them save time and your money.

Even with great plans and specifications, there's going to be some stress. You'll want to visit the construction site as often as possible to ensure everything is being done as it's supposed to be. Fortunately, my daughter and son-in-law are staying in a rental home that's less than 10 minutes away from their building site. They can stop by each day if they want, and I encourage them to do just that and take as many photos as possible to document the work in progress.

You can build a great new home, but please invest the time in a great set of plans and specifications to make the building experience a happy one!

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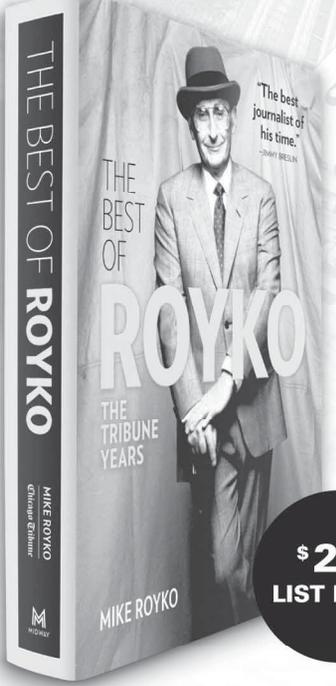


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LGBT homebuyers make strides but still vulnerable

BY NATALIE CAMPISI
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Fifty years after the Fair Housing Act was enacted in the U.S., the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community is making some strides in homeownership.

Part of the reason for the gradual uptick in LGBT homebuyers can be traced to the Marriage Equality Act, which is an outcrop of the civil rights movement that ushered in the Fair Housing Act, says Jeff Berger, founder of the National Association of Gay & Lesbian Real Estate Professionals, or NAGLREP.

A report by NAGLREP, which surveyed 458 of its members about the state of homeownership in the LGBT community, showed advancements in as well as persistent roadblocks to homeownership.

"From a real estate perspective, the LGBT community is a viable part of home sales. And we're seeing that in the data. According to our recent survey, 49 percent of respondents reported that more married LGBT couples bought a house this year, a 2 percent increase from last year's survey," Berger says.

Furthermore, 62 percent of NAGLREP members reported that there are more LGBT homebuyers with children, which they believe is partly a result of the Marriage Equality Act.

The LGBT population not only is buying more houses, it's also scaling up. A majority of NAGLREP respondents, 41 percent, believe their clients will upsize rather than downsize when they buy their next home.

Additionally, 27 percent stated that their clients will buy a second home while 48 percent stated that LGBT homeowners will make major renovations to their existing home.

Berger cites the enor-

Members of the LGBT community not only are buying more houses, they're also scaling up.

mous buying power of the LGBT community as one reason it's significantly contributing to the real estate industry. In 2015, the U.S. adult LGBT population had \$917 billion in combined buying power, according to an analysis by Witeck Communications.

"This is a huge number and it's important that people realize the power this community has," Berger says.

Organizations like the National Association of Realtors have aligned with the LGBT community and prohibited its members from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation.

Although the real estate industry as a whole has been supportive of the LGBT community, discrimination based on sexual orientation still exists, says Camilla Taylor, director of constitutional litigation for Lambda Legal, a civil rights organization dedicated to the LGBT community.

"First of all, there are still no explicit protections from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation on a federal level with respect to credit," Taylor says.

That means mortgage lenders can deny same-sex couples a home loan based on their sexual orientation with little to no legal re-

course. In the meantime, members of the LGBT community can use the Fair Housing Act prohibiting discrimination based on sex as a way to protect themselves. The act doesn't mention sexual orientation, but LGBT advocates argue that discrimination against a same-sex married couple constitutes discrimination on the basis of sex.

"A lender can deny applicants if John is married to Tom, but if he were married to Sally then it would be OK. That is discrimination based on sex because it's the sex of Sally or Tom that makes all the difference," Taylor says.

"We've won a few court rulings at the lower-court level holding that the Fair Housing Act should be interpreted that way. But the law is still relatively unsettled."

The group's goal is to win appellate court precedent making that interpretation explicit.

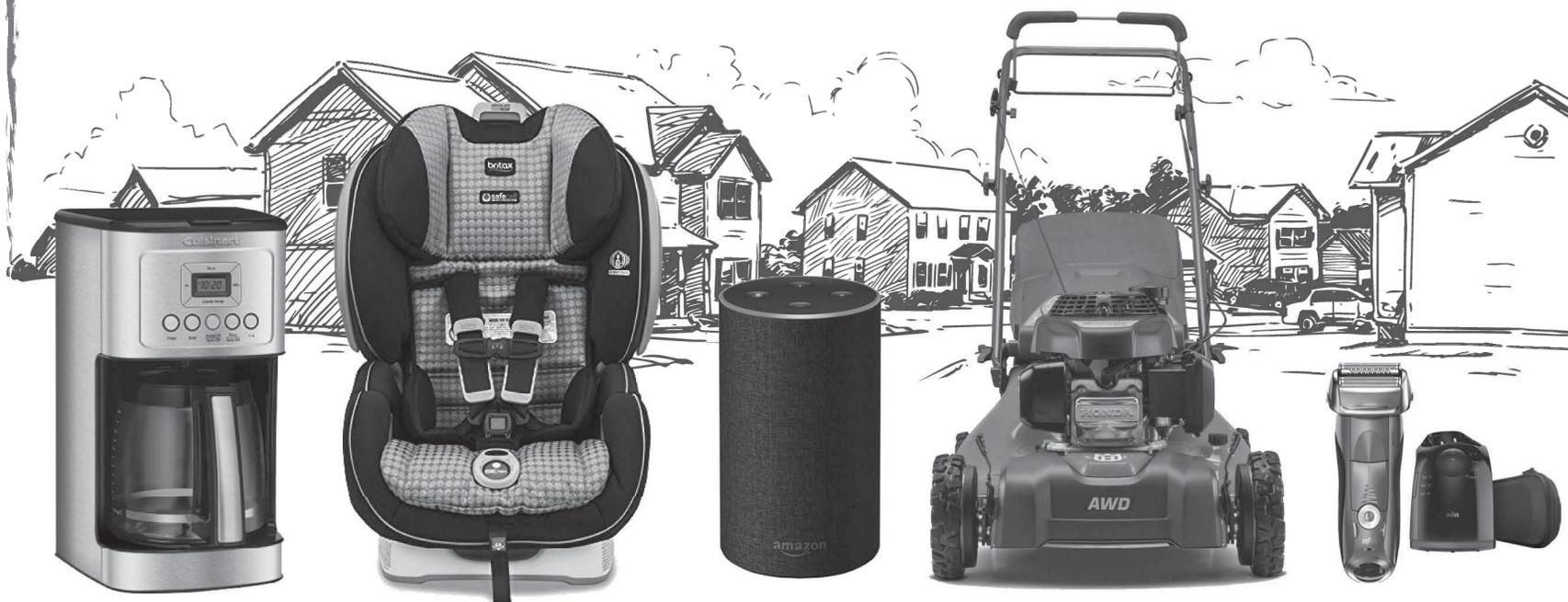
In the longer term, advocates and supporters of the LGBT community are backing the proposed Equality Act. That bill, introduced to Congress in May 2017, would amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, sex and gender identity in credit and housing.

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2019 Kia Stinger — a family car?

Our 2019 Kia Stinger GT2 test car came with extra-cost Ceramic Silver paint and all-wheel drive. The price tag came to \$52,300 (including destination charge of \$900). This is our story:

How it looks

The cabin looks sharp, with an abundance of aluminum trim to brighten up the black dashboard and a lovely two-tone treatment with high-contrast red leather seats against a black base. The red is a darker hue so its not garish, the round air vents evoke aeronautics, and the whole thing looks like it could be ripped from the pages of a Restoration Hardware catalogue.



Kia has been on a decade-long design streak, culminating,

for now, in the Stinger. The car looks sensational, whether you're looking at the base model or this loaded Stinger GT2. Personally, I think the hood vents are a little much, but every other line and detail is exactly right.

Same goes for the interior, though Kia should've used round outboard air vents instead of what looks like the business end of an electric shaver. Satin aluminum trim and gloss black detailing add plenty of contrast, and the thick, flat-bottom steering wheel promises performance. I didn't mind the red leather, either, because its a darker, more subtle hue.

How it feels

This is an unexpectedly roomy car but is best used to transport four people even if five can technically fit.

In GT2 trim, the Stinger has premium Nappa leather and 16-way power adjustment for the driver and 12-way power adjustment for the front passenger. Heated front seats are standard in all Stingers, and all but the base 2.0T and GT versions include ventilated front seats.

Rear seat room is surprisingly generous. Legroom is acceptable and foot space is snug, but the cushion itself sits high off the floor with great thigh support.

The front seats sure are comfortable, with lots of adjustments to help achieve an ideal position. And I agree with you about the plastics around the cabin. People paying more than 50 large for a vehicle will be a little miffed whenever they tap on some of the lower trim pieces.

How it drives

The Stinger GT is quick thanks to its 365 horsepower at 6,000 rpm and 376 lb.-ft. of torque between 1,300 rpm and 4,500 rpm. Use launch control and Sport mode, and you can try to beat Kia's claimed acceleration time of 4.7 seconds to 60 mph. The company also says the Nurburgring-tuned GT can achieve a top speed of 167 mph.

Premium fuel is recommended for this engine, which is rated to get 21 mpg in combined driving when paired with AWD. I got 19.7 mpg on my test loop, and we closed out the week with 22 mpg even after nearly 500 miles of driving.

Power delivery is seamless, and the digitally enhanced engine sounds great. The 8-speed automatic delivers smooth, perfectly timed shifts, and when using the paddles in Sport mode downshifts are rev-matched while upshifts are sharp and snappy. With AWD, up to half of the engine's power is delivered to the front wheels for extra traction.

Would we buy one?

I do adore the Kia Stinger, and the car grows on you the more time that you spend with it. This is an entirely unexpected car from a brand historically best known for building affordable little econoboxes, and it appears that nobody else knows about the car, or possesses the self-confidence to buy one, or thinks that dropping this kind of coin on a Kia can result in a truly luxurious and gratifying ownership experience.

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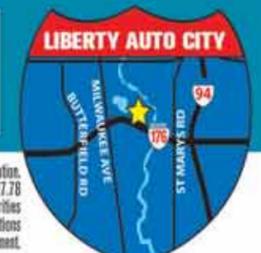




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The holidays are a special time that children seem to find their dreams can suddenly show up under the tree — or out in the yard. With the best wooden swing sets on the market, parents have trusted their children's holiday dreams to Rainbow for more than three decades.

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According to Tim Johnston, owner of Rainbow Play Systems stores located in Vernon Hills and Naperville, special Black Friday promotions include free delivery and installation, the absolute lowest prices of the year, 25 percent off all options and accessories, six-month no-interest financing, and a choice of installation now or in the spring. In addition, Johnston says trampolines will be on sale for 45 percent off normal prices during the four-day sales event.

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Rainbow Play Systems wooden swing set is an ideal family holiday gift.

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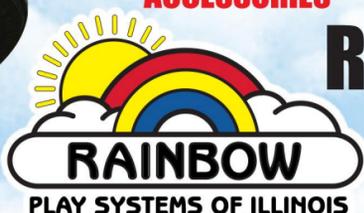
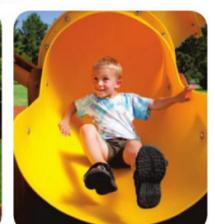
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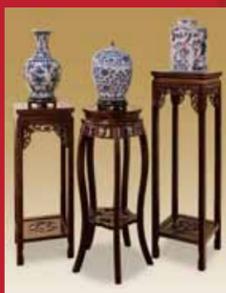
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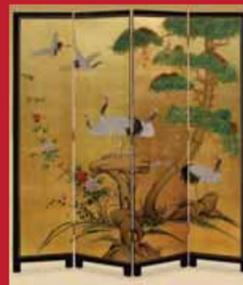
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Viking Ski Shop has ideal gifts for snow lovers

Dreams of a white Christmas always come with an ulterior motive for skiers and snowboarders, eagerly awaiting a heavy blanket of snow to cover the slopes. And Viking Ski Shop has been filling the holiday wishes of those enthusiasts for more than 50 years.

Paul Engbretson started working part time at the Chicago location in 1980 and still is with the company, serving as hard goods manager at the Barrington store, which opened in 2007. "I said I needed to be part of it," the DePaul University graduate says of walking into the North Side store and asking for a job all those many years ago.

The spacious Barrington outlet features well over 75 models of skis, with a similar number of board choices, offered at price points ranging from value to premium to appeal to a broad spectrum of buyers of all ages. For example, Viking sells the Swiss-made Stockli premium-performance ski, which Engbretson describes as "just a pleasure to ride on. When you know how to drive a ski, this is like a fine sports car."

But it also stocks the midlevel Brahma ski, from Austria, that he says "is a very well-liked ski that can make a lot of people happy." And on the budget side is the Rossignol Experience line, which comes with the bindings included.

Myriad boots, helmets, gloves, hats, jackets, goggles, socks and just about



I/OX Turbo Fan ski goggles includes a fan to reduce moisture.

anything else to make time on the slopes more enjoyable and safer can be found in the store. Warmth and comfort are key. "Without that, you don't want to be out there," Engbretson says.

Fit is imperative when it comes to boots and helmets, he says, so well-trained employees work with buyers to customize products. "Service has been our specialty from the beginning," proclaims Engbretson, who describes the fitting process as "part art, part science and voodoo sometimes."

Viking also features cutting-edge pin technology on some of its boots. The hinge system allows downhill and Alpine skiers to navigate across a mountain like a cross-country skier, giving them access to backcountry locations otherwise out of their reach.

An emerging focus in equipment is women-specific designs, part of a by-women, for-women marketing strategy by manufacturers, Engbretson says. The difference is in the details, he says, taking into account

a woman's bone structure, arch height and heel width.

Engbretson says a good pair of goggles is an often-overlooked piece of equipment. He says science shows that goggles will keep a skier's or boarder's fingers warmer than glasses. One premium pair from Scott includes a battery-powered fan that reduces moisture, thereby eliminating fog and improving visibility.

And for anyone who can't stand being outside in freezing temperatures, from skiers and snowboarders to hunters and Bears fans, Engbretson points to the perfect solution: the Hotronic foot heating system, which he likens to a crockpot in a boot. A thin, 2½-inch battery-powered disc goes in by the toes, keeping feet at a toasty 90 degrees or higher for 8 to 10 hours before recharging.

Viking Ski Shop is located at 3422 W. Fullerton Ave. in Chicago, 773-276-1222; and 131 W. Northwest Hwy. in Barrington, 847-381-1188. For more information, visit vikingskishop.com.



Viking Ski Shop offers a variety of equipment that will make great gifts for ski enthusiasts on your holiday shopping list from skis, snowboards, boots, helmets and outerwear. The Viking Ski experts will help answer all your questions.

Treetime Christmas Creations enhances holiday traditions

Annual visitors to the Treetime Christmas Creations forest of trees in Lake Barrington will tell you that this year there are more trees, even more sensational displays, and a "must-see" atmosphere for anyone who loves the enchantment and the tradition of the holidays.

According to Laurie Kane, owner of the 8-year-old business that specializes in premium artificial Christmas trees and decorations, every year is different and much of the change comes from talking to customers.

"Each year we continue to offer new products and services based upon our customers' feedback and we present them in even more sensational displays. We continually design new tree styles to add to our forest of trees and incorporate the latest in technology," Kane explains. "We want our customers to come into the store every year to enjoy the ambience and get into the Christmas spirit. We change the set-up of the store each year to showcase the latest Christmas trends and offer new design inspiration."



Treetime Christmas Creations in Lake Barrington has all your holiday decorating needs from trees to ornaments and wreaths.

Black Friday special discounts

Kane says Black Friday at Treetime is always exciting and it comes with a huge selection of special discounts plus two or three tree models that are especially steeply discounted for the day. "We keep the details a secret until we post the specials online as we leave for our own Thanksgiving celebrations on Wednesday night," she says.

Certain to be a hit this season is a new multifunction color-change LED light set, offering customers the best new technology in a complete light set for unlit or live-cut trees — indoors or out.

"These sets allow up to one-thousand lights to function together from a single remote control for synchronized functions. They use our SmartLIT LED that allows any bulb

to burn out or even be removed from the strand without causing the rest of the lights to fail," Kane explains.

One tree, the Contemporary Curves concept, is like a half-wall tree that looks beautiful from every direction. It's space saving and slim or broad depending on which direction you view it from.

Part of what makes the Treetime Christmas

Creations experience so unique is the lengths the staff go to in order to offer distinct gifts and decorations. "We travel the world to find unique pieces for our customers. We go to the extent of designing our own unique tree styles and lighting to provide options that you simply can't find elsewhere."

Price ranges
Treetime's trees range

in style from small and inexpensive table-top trees (\$30 range) to 40-foot commercial tower trees (\$30,000). In between, Kane says they offer styles and price-points to meet most needs. A basic unlit 7½-foot tree (by far the most common height due to the prevalence of 8-foot ceilings) with a simple design starts around \$150.

While she is running a business, Kane says for her it is still very personal. "It's all about watching a child walk into the store and say 'Wow!' I love providing a place where we can help people find the decorations and gifts that will make them smile and help them celebrate with their family and friends," she says. "I love helping someone find the perfect Christmas tree that allows them to sit and enjoy the lights after a long day. I love sharing celebrations, traditions and setting the stage for people to pass down holiday memories through the generations."

Treetime Christmas Creations is located at 22102 N. Pepper Road in Lake Barrington. For more information, call 847-527-8880 or visit treetime.com.

Get your tickets for dazzling 'iMagician' at Harris Theater before they disappear

Starvox Touring, Inc. presents Jamie Allan's "iMagician," a show combining trickery and illusion with technology, which is making its U.S. premiere in Chicago at the Harris Theater, 205 E. Randolph St., for a limited two-week engagement for the holiday season Dec. 22 - Jan. 6, 2019.

As the United Kingdom's original "technology magician," Allan and his team incorporate classic magic with cutting edge technology to create a unique theatrical experience. Allan's use of high-powered laser beams, digital tablets and social media "exceeds

all expectations" according to a review in The Sun in London.

"I'm beyond thrilled to bring my original production of magic and technology to Chicago. It's a city which I know appreciates innovation and all the fun a magical show can deliver," says Allan as he readies the debut of his first new production in America.

Highlights at the Chicago engagement include:

- The Laser Levitation: A jaw-dropping illusion in which performers fly over the stage, supported only by laser beams.
- Houdini 2.0: Tackles the

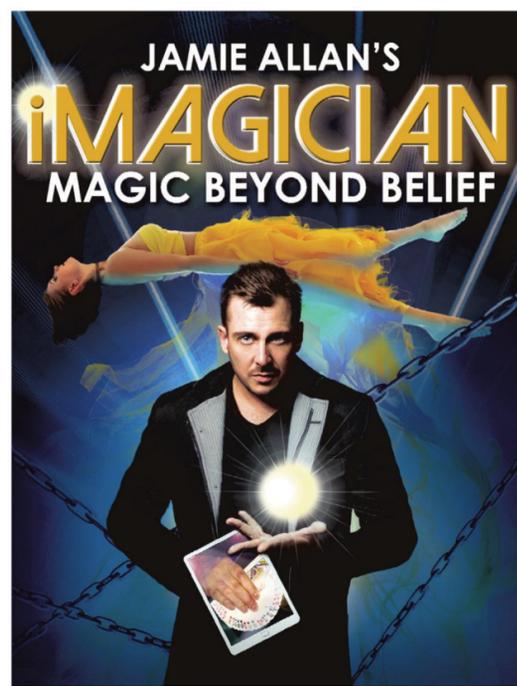
legendary Harry Houdini's most dangerous illusions while incorporating modern technology, such as combining immersive video mapping technology with a thrilling underwater escape.

Allan has toured the U.K. for three years with "iMagician," which opened at the Garrick Theatre in London's West End in 2015.

Holding the accolade of being the most televised British illusionist of the last decade, Allan first showcased his iMagic on ITV's "This Morning" in 1995 when he was just a teenager. Allan has since per-

formed his signature iPad illusion "Digital Art" live on the BBC One Show, "Grand Cabaret Du Monde," "BBC Breakfast," "The Slammer" and "Penn and Teller: Fool Us." He has also been seen as a star mentor on ITV1 in the prime time show "Get Your Act Together," has appeared as the special guest star on "Michael McIntyre's Big Show," and was a winner of ITV prime time show "The Next Great Magician."

Jamie Allan's "iMagician" is a production of iMagician Live and presented by Starvox Touring, Inc. For more information, visit imagicianlive.com.





Theatre at the Center unveils show titles for 2019

Irving Berlin's *White Christmas* — The Musical, the iconic holiday favorite, "Million Dollar Quartet," hailing Elvis, Johnny Cash and other recording icons, and "The Pajama Game," the Tony Award classic musical, are among the 2019 Season show favorites announced by Linda Fortunato, artistic director at Theatre at the Center (TATC), the only professional theater company in Northwest Indiana.

"I am delighted to share Theatre at the Center's 2019 line-up," says Fortunato, who will direct and choreograph "White Christmas," as well as two other shows for next year.

"Our season is book-ended with two shows that I've wanted to bring to our audience for several years — "Million Dollar Quartet" and "White Christmas." The balance of the season has three funny and charming productions in three very different styles — a 1930s style tap dance musical, a touching family story, and a classic American musical. It promises to be an exciting season full of laughter, dance, memorable characters and great music."

Theatre at the Center, 1040 Ridge Road in Munster, Indiana, launches the season with "Million Dollar Quartet" (Feb. 14 to March 24, 2019) written by Colin Escott and Floyd Mutrux. Inspired by a real event from Dec. 4, 1956, the show chronicles when Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins gathered at Sun Records in Memphis for what became one of the



A new production of "Steel Magnolias" drew large audiences to Theatre at the Center in Munster in February for the launch of the 2018 Mainstage Season.

greatest jam sessions ever. This thrilling musical invites audiences into the recording studio for the true story of one unforgettable night. These four legends bring down the house with hits including "Blue Suede Shoes," "Great Balls of Fire" and "Walk the Line." "Million Dollar Quartet" will be directed by Daryl Brooks.

"Dames at Sea" (May 2 to June 2, 2019) follows Broadway wannabe Ruby as she arrives in New York City with just a pair of tap shoes in her suitcase and a prayer in her heart. She falls in love with a sailor who also happens to be an aspiring songwriter. He helps Ruby land a job in the chorus, and she gets

her chance in the spotlight when the star becomes ill. It's a playful romp filled with song, dance and lots of laughs. "Dames at Sea" will be directed and choreographed by Linda Fortunato.

"Over the Tavern" (July 11 to Aug. 11, 2019) is a hilarious and touching slice of Americana. Heaven help 12-year-old Rudy after he tells his ruler-wielding teacher Sister Clarissa his plans to shop around for a more fun religion. The Pazinski family lives in a tiny apartment above the neighborhood bar they own. They face the real and often comical struggles of life in this funny and touching semi-autobiographical

play by Tom Dudzick.

"The Pajama Game" (Sept. 12 to Oct. 13, 2019), with music and lyrics by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross and book by George Abbott and Richard Bissell, is the Tony Award winner for Best Musical that inspired the film starring Doris Day. There's trouble at the Sleep-Tite pajama factory when workers demand a raise of 7½ cents. Both sides are standing strong. But when the head of the union grievance committee meets her new supervisor, love changes the game. This musical comedy romance includes favorites such as "Steam Heat," "Hernando's Hideaway" and "Hey, There."

"Irving Berlin's *White Christmas* — The Musical" (Nov. 14 to Dec. 22, 2019), with music and lyrics by Irving Berlin and book by David Ives and Paul Blake is Linda Fortunato's holiday highlight to conclude the 2019 season. Audiences will celebrate the holidays with this stage adaptation of the film which starred Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney and Vera-Ellen. Song and dance duo Bob and Phil follow singing sisters Betty and Judy to their Christmas show at a quaint Vermont lodge in this family classic packed with Irving Berlin favorites including "Blue Skies," "I Love a Piano," "Count Your Blessings,"

"Sisters" and, of course, "White Christmas." "Irving Berlin's *White Christmas* — The Musical" will be directed and choreographed by Linda Fortunato.

Founded in 1991, the 410 seat Theatre at the Center is a year-round professional theater at its home in The Center for Visual and Performing Arts in Munster. Theatre at the Center is the only professional theater company in Northwest Indiana, offering Broadway favorite performances and special event concerts with family programming all in an elegant and accessible venue with free parking.

Sales for new Season Subscription patrons began Oct. 9. Individual tickets for any of the five Mainstage shows of the new 2019 Season are on sale beginning Dec. 11.

The season schedule for Mainstage show performances are 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays with a 3 p.m. matinee Saturdays; 2:30 p.m. Sundays and select Thursday and Sunday evenings. Individual ticket prices range from \$42 to \$46. To purchase individual tickets, call the Box Office at 219-836-3255 or tickets.com at 800-511-1552 as authorized ticket agents to avoid fraudulent third party ticket broker websites and outlets. Group discounts are available for groups of 11 or more. Student tickets are \$20 and gift certificates are also available.

For more information, call 219-836-3255 or visit theatreatthecenter.com.

China Furniture and Arts showcases Asian décor

Featuring one of the most extensive collections of Asian-style furnishings and décor in the country, the showroom of China Furniture and Arts is a true hidden gem.

Located in Westmont, the shop has an array of everything from handcrafted rosewood furniture, to grand scaled statues, Chinese screens, jade decorations, and much more just a short drive from the city. Not strictly a local business, China Furniture and Arts has long catered to the furnishing needs of households and businesses across the nation through its online store chinafurnitureonline.com.

As recognition for China Furniture and Arts products has grown throughout the years, its digital platform has even helped gain the attention of Hollywood. Its unique products have been featured in scenes from numerous high-profile movie and TV productions including "Iron Man 3," "Fresh Off the Boat," "Black Mass," "House of Cards," and several others. One of its greatest contributions has been to the New York Stock Exchange, where a life-sized gong is used on the trading floor during special events.

Today, with a growing

inventory of more than 2,000 items and a 15,000-square-foot showroom, it is no wonder that people across the country have taken notice. However, it was not always that way. The quantity of products available to the public is a privilege afforded from a long time of building and developing with virtuous business practices.

Although having travelled a long way, whether décor or furniture, each piece is true to its stylistic origin in Asia. Each is selectively chosen in person, through direct communication. A voyage is made four times a year in order for these unique pieces to be selected. During the selection process, close attention is awarded to material, quality, durability, and overall beauty. From the time of selection, all of the pieces are then assembled together, and sent directly to the Midwest, rendering the entire process intimate and personal. There simply is no middleman for China Furniture and Arts.

The main drive of this company, at the end of each day, is witnessing the satisfaction of each client that requests its service. Envisioning how a piece will fit in different interior

settings is an essential step when deciding which pieces are featured in the collection. Everyone has different taste, and this is a happily accepted challenge for China Furniture and Arts. In order to meet the needs and standards of every potential client, its carpenters have focused on creating designs that blend elements of both East and West in interesting ways.

With contemporary interior design trends constantly changing, China Furniture and Arts has adapted by offering custom design services and also modifying pieces to serve modern day purposes. By doing so, not only can vintage pieces be repurposed, but authenticity and traditional beauty can also be preserved in each product.

Although one can get a glimpse of the breadth of products offered by visiting the online store, nothing compares to witnessing the beauty of each piece in person. A visit to the China Furniture and Arts showroom in downtown Westmont is a client experience incomparable to any other. Upon entry through a long hallway, one is greeted by a tranquil koi pond and soft instrumental Chinese music. While



China Furniture and Arts in Westmont features quality handcrafted Asian-style décor.

strolling the breathtaking showroom, take a sip of the offered tea, and take in the fact that you are amongst the presence of the largest selection of traditional Chinese solid rosewood furniture in the nation. Jade, porcelain, and bronze sculptures surround you. One can easily get lost in thought looking through numerous antiques, hand-painted Tibetan cabinets or even furniture with delicately inlaid mother of pearl.

The experience can best be summed up by the company's second-generation business owner Joe Chou. In a recently published interview by Voyage Chicago, he states, "The showroom is truly like no other. We treat it like a museum filled with pieces from various eras and Chinese dynasties throughout thousands of years."

HAND-PAINTED JEWELRY BOXES



Looking for a truly unique gift for that special someone? China Furniture and Arts carries a wide selection of hand-painted

wooden jewelry boxes and chests that are unlike anything else. With features like mirrored lift tops, felt lined compartments, and solid brass hardware, each one is expertly crafted for practical use. Coming in various sizes, shapes, and colors, there are plenty of styles to choose from. The boxes offer a great way for a loved one to store jewelry and trinkets, but aside from that, each piece is beautifully decorated and can stand alone as a charming bedroom accent. China Furniture and Arts is located at 35 S. Cass Ave. in Westmont. For more information, visit chinafurnitureonline.com.

Simply put, every aspect of the showroom is captivating. For anyone who values traditional craft or the type of quality that lasts

for generations, the trip is well worth it.

China Furniture and Arts is located at 35 S. Cass Ave. in Westmont.

25 ways to celebrate holiday season

The holiday season is marked by various gatherings of friends and family, decadent foods, cocktails, traveling and gift exchanges.

The National Retail Federation says consumers will spend an average of \$967 during the holiday season. However, the joy of the holidays also is about all of the memorable experiences that tend to make

the season so beloved.

With that in mind, here are 25 ways to make the holiday season that much more merry.

1. Visit with an elderly or housebound neighbor and share conversation.
2. Donate gently used toys to a children's hospital.
3. Research the history of the holiday and share it with people you care about.

4. Make handmade Christmas tree ornaments.
5. Donate money to a charity or other good cause.
6. Encourage "pay it forward" movements in your community. Start by doing something simple like buying a coffee for a complete stranger.
7. Feed birds facing the cold, winter weather.
8. Take a ride or walk around the neighbor-

hood to look at decorated houses.

9. Make a fire in a fire pit in the yard and toast marshmallows while sipping hot chocolate.
10. Binge watch holiday movies.
11. Attend the concert of a children's choir.
12. Help a friend decorate his or her home.
13. Host a tree-trimming party.

14. Schedule a day for baking cookies.
15. Sing Christmas carols at a nursing home.
16. Put together care packages of items and send them to troops overseas.
17. Share the holidays with a military family whose spouse is in service and can't make it home.
18. Offer to shop for someone who is homebound due to age, a chronic illness or injury.
19. Visit Chicago to look at Christmas window displays.
20. Buy and hang real

mistletoe ... and use it.

21. Make a new friend and invite him or her to a holiday party for the first time.
22. Babysit a newborn so his or her parents can get errands done or just catch up on rest.
23. Volunteer at a soup kitchen.
24. Share the religious traditions of your holiday with someone of a different faith.
25. If weather permits, go sledding, build a snowman or have a snowball fight.

Holiday GIFT GUIDE

'Cirque Dreams Holidayze' lights up holiday stage

From the moment the curtains open to reveal a 24-foot-tall holiday tree with its 30 living, breathing decorations, outfitted by 3,000 Swarovski crystals, the stunning visual elegance of "Cirque Dreams Holidayze" is superseded only by the audience's applause, cheers, oohs and ahhs of appreciation throughout the next 90 minutes of the performance.

Cirque Dreams Holidayze arrives at the Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St., Chicago, as the perfect family event to welcome in the holiday season with pure, unabashed excitement.

The best way to imagine what you might experience at Cirque Dreams Holidayze is to visualize a Broadway musical with elaborate production numbers, combined with spectacular contemporary circus acts, blended with ballet and opera style. Each one of the more than 20 scenes in the show tells a different story of the season.

"Cirque Dreams Holidayze" is both technically and visually complex with scenic components, elaborate holiday themed props and fascinating costumes. Director Neil Goldberg has conceived and directed "Cirque Dreams Holidayze," "Cirque Dreams Unwrapped" and "Cirque Dreams Celebration," all holiday inspired theatrical shows for theaters, tours, casinos and international venues. "Cirque Dreams Holidayze"



"Cirque Dreams Holidayze" arrives at the Chicago Theatre featuring a 24-foot-tall holiday tree with its 30 living, breathing decorations.

is now in its 11th season of touring the country and it has become one of the most successful holiday stage spectaculars today.

According to Goldberg, one of the many visions in creating "Cirque Dreams Holidayze" was to bring people together, inspire dreams, celebrate holiday memories and capture the spirit of the holiday season. "Cirque Dreams

Holidayze" pays tribute to many faiths, cultures and demographics so audiences can share the gift of a traditional entertainment experience at this time of the year.

With more than 300 imaginative costumes, 20 world-class astonishing acts, the finest singers, original music and seasonal favorites, "Cirque Dreams Holidayze" celebrates Thanksgiving, Chanukah,

'CIRQUE DREAMS HOLIDAZE'

When: Wednesday, Dec. 12, through Sunday, Dec. 16

Where: Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St., Chicago

Tickets: 312-462-6300

For more information: msg.com/the-chicago-theatre

Christmas and New Year's in a breathtaking spectacle that will leave audiences of all ages marveling at soaring acrobatics, gravity

defying feats and extravagant theatrical production numbers.

For tickets, call 312-462-6300; or visit msg.com/the-chicago-theatre.

Holiday activities abound in Northwest Indiana

Anyone searching for holiday activities throughout Northwest Indiana this season can look to the South Shore Convention and Visitors Authority for a host of ideas.

"The South Shore offers an array of things to do from parades and holiday markets to winter hikes and holiday exhibits," says Erika Dahl, communications director for the South Shore CVA.

"A Christmas Story" Comes

Home exhibit attracts thousands of families during the holidays to relive the holiday movie classic. Outdoor adventurers can enjoy quiet hikes at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, Gabis Arboretum and Friendship Botanic Gardens and there are plenty of opportunities to see live entertainment at the theater or one of the local brewpubs or wineries, Dahl adds.

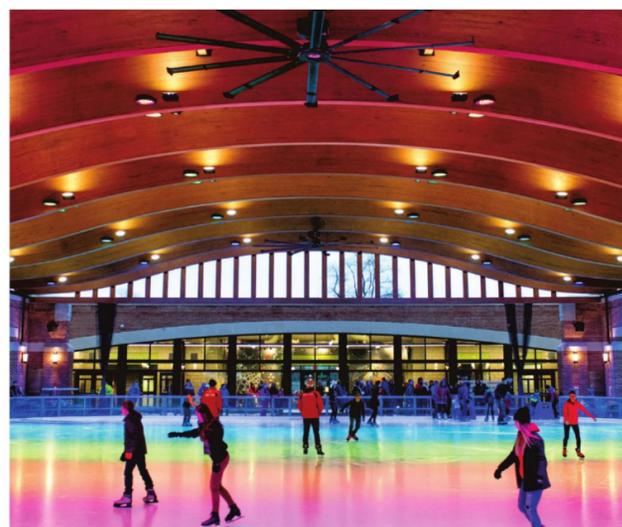
Holiday performances in-

clude "Miracle on 34th Street" at the Theatre at the Center in Munster, "A Christmas Story — The Musical" at the Marian Memorial Auditorium in Whiting, "Plaid Tidings" at the Towle Theater in Hammond and "It's a Wonderful Life — The Musical" at the Memorial Opera House in Valparaiso.

"Holidays in the South Shore are a magical time of year. Local businesses, downtowns and residents get into the spirit with twinkling lights, special events and visits from Santa," Dahl says.

She urges guests to stop in the Indiana Welcome Center in Hammond to view six animated window displays that depict iconic scenes from the movie, "A Christmas Story." Downtown areas including Valparaiso, Crown Point and Whiting all have special events such as Shop Local on Saturday, Nov. 24, tree lightings and special events with Santa.

"There are plenty of indoor and outdoor opportunities for all ages. Families can get on the ice to skate, speed down the



The William E. Urschel Pavilion in Central Park Plaza in Valparaiso provides the perfect setting for ice skating in the winter months.

dunes on a sled or visit Fair Oaks Farms for an educational day on the farm," Dahl says. "Adults can sip on handcrafted wines and ciders while enjoying good conversation with friends or take in the arts with a show, see 'The

Nutcracker' or stroll through a local art gallery."

Plan your weekend getaway at mytrip.alongthesouthshore.com. For more information, call 219-989-7979 or visit alongthesouthshore.com.



The Indiana Welcome Center in Indiana features a variety of holiday trees.

Gifts for readers

These gift ideas are sure to please book lovers and avid readers on your holiday shopping list.

1. Umbra Conceal Book Shelf

One of the challenges of being an avid reader is where to store books. When a room is too small for a tall bookcase, floating bookshelves are a good solution. This pack of three shelves can be placed in interesting patterns on the wall turning a stack of books into an interesting art installation. The first book placed on the L-shaped bracket becomes the base for additional books. Each shelf can hold books up to 10 inches wide and supports up to 20 pounds of books. This is a welcome gift for readers who have limited space for book storage. Shelves install easily and can be used instantly. This item is available at the Container Store for \$34.99.

2. Over Tub Caddy

Enjoy the pleasure of reading in a hot bathtub with this over tub caddy. The caddy is made of rust resistant steel and is adjustable to fit most standard sizes of tubs. It also has plastic coated arms that avoid scratching the tub surface. There is a book holder in the center of the caddy that can adjust to a variety of angles to make reading comfortable. There is also a spot that can hold a glass of wine, a cup of coffee or other relaxing beverage. A holder for

a taper candle is also included for delightful reading ambiance. Caddy is also available in teak. Find it for \$29.99 at Bed, Bath and Beyond.

3. LapGear Tablet Pillow

Reading in bed or on the couch means holding your tablet or book which can be uncomfortable over long periods of time. This LapGear pillow is ideal for holding your tablet or book relieving the stress on hands and arms. The pillow is lightweight and filled with microbeads that provide a sturdy, safe base for holding your tablet and conforms to the contour of your lap. There are side pockets that can hold a stylus, cellphone or other accessories. The pillow comes in several colors. This item retails for \$16.79 at Office Max.

4. Sony Noise-canceling On-ear Headphones

Shut out unwanted noise and conversation when you are trying to enjoy a good book with these noise-canceling headphones. These lightweight headphones reduce ambient noise by 95 percent and are comfortable to wear. Not only do they reduce noise, wearing these headphones makes it clear to others that you are not currently open to having a conversation. The headphones also feature a 12–22,000 Hz frequency response for pristine bass, mids and treble when you want to listen to music or your favorite



audio book. The headphones have a convenient 80 hours of battery life when used for music. Best Buy offers it for \$49.99.

5. White Electronic Dictionary Bookmark

When you stumble upon the phrase, "the walls were adumbrated by the dim light" in your thrilling detective novel, you may be stumped by these descriptive words and miss the clue. This electronic bookmark can quickly define "adumbrated" as "faintly indicated," which explains why the victim never saw the killer hiding behind the bookcase. The sleek design allows this electronic dictionary filled with 38,000 definitions to be used as a bookmark. A single lithium battery powers the dictionary. This is an ideal gift

for young readers who can be stumped more often by unknown words. This item retails for \$24.95 at Barnes & Noble.

6. Oraton Rubber Stamps Library Embosser

Some books are so good that they need to be kept forever. Make your mark on your favorite books with this personalized embosser. Lending books you love to others is a little safer when you have embossed your name inside the cover on the title page. The embossing plate is 1.635 inches, which means your name will be easily seen. If you plan to hand the books down to others in the future, this embossed stamp helps to make it clear who originally owned the book. Be sure to

7. Book Light

When not in use, this book light closes into just another tome on the bookshelf. But when you are ready to read, flip it open for whimsical illumination. The light can be changed from white, red, green or purple allowing mood lighting to match the book being read. Magnets hold the book open and flat to maximum brightness. To change the color, close the book and reopen it. The light uses three AAA batteries. When finished reading, close the book light and slip it back onto the bookshelf. Thinkgeek.com offers it for \$19.99.

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Holiday GIFT GUIDE

Rosemont Theatre welcomes beloved holiday traditions

2019 schedule includes popular favorites

To kick off the Holiday season, Rosemont Theatre will debut "The Hip Hop Nutcracker," a holiday mash-up for the whole family that re-imagines Tchaikovsky's classic score through explosive hip hop choreography.

A dozen all-star dancers, on-stage DJ and an electric violinist will bring the traditional Nutcracker story to life in contemporary New York City. This show celebrates love, community and the magic of the holiday season and will take place one night only at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1. Tickets range in price from \$25-\$75.

The beloved TV classic "Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer" will soar off the screen and onto the Rosemont Theatre's stage this holiday season with "Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical." The production is an adventure that teaches audiences that what makes them different can be what makes them special, speaking to the misfit in us all. Performances will take place at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, and 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8. Tickets range in price from \$25-75.

Rosemont Theatre will also debut "Carol of the King, The Irish Dance Christmas Spectacular," led by former lead dancer from Michael Flatley's "Lord of the Dance" and founder of Two Step Productions, Justin Boros. Two Step Productions is now bringing Irish dance and Christmas together to turn an age-old tradition into an exciting Irish dance Christmas spectacular that everyone will enjoy. There will be one performance only at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9. Tickets range in price from \$25-75.

This year will mark the 34th

anniversary of the Christmas tour and release of "Mannheim Steamroller Christmas," an album that revolutionized the holiday season music category. The show features classic Christmas hits as well as a selection of Fresh Aire compositions from Mannheim Steamroller, along with dazzling multimedia effects. Grammy Award-winner Chip Davis will direct and co-produce the tour performances with MagicSpace Entertainment. The event will take place one night only at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15. Tickets range in price from \$39-\$95.

Rosemont Theatre will close out the holiday season with the holiday classic "A Charlie Brown Christmas Live on Stage." Adapted from Charles M. Schulz's timeless story of the spirit of Christmas, the production features the unforgettable music of Vince Guaraldi, as well as a concert of beloved holiday carols performed by the Peanuts characters. Performances will take place at 1 and 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22. Tickets range in price from \$25-\$65.

Moving into 2019 — Six more great shows

• **"The Rat Pack is Back!"** (Direct from Las Vegas) returns at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan 25. When the Rat Pack gets together onstage, it's magic. There are no card tricks and no rabbits popping out of hats, but when David DeCosta (Frank), Drew Anthony (Dean), and Kyle Diamond (Sammy) hit the stage, it's there — the same magic that filled the room when these three icons performed at the Sands during the '60s and '70s. This amazing tribute show "The Rat Pack is Back!" takes audiences back to an era when the Strip had live music and entertainers knew how to work the crowd.



"Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer: The Musical" takes the stage at Rosemont Theatre Dec. 7 and 8.

The show features all the great hits from Frank, Dean and Sammy. The Rat Pack banters back and forth with their adoring fans via jokes, skits and all their great songs, including "Volare," "New York New York," "My Way," "That's Amore," "Old Black Magic," "Fly Me To The Moon," "Candy Man," "Got A Lot of Living To Do" and "Memories Are Made of This."

• **"MJ LIVE"** (Direct from Las Vegas) returns at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan 26. The No. 1 Michael Jackson Tribute Concert in the world featuring all his biggest hits including "Billie Jean," "Beat It," "Dangerous," "Smooth Criminal," "Black & White," "Bad," "I Want You Back," "Man in the Mirror," the hit list goes on and on. Relive the energy, excitement, spectacle and pure joy of this legendary superstar and his music. Witness the awesome sound, lighting and effects. Feel the energy from the MJ LIVE band and mega talented MJ LIVE dancers. Sing and dance to the greatest hits of all times.

• **"One Night of Queen Performed by Gary Mullen & The Works"** (from UK) is a spectacular live concert, recreating the look, sound, pomp and showmanship of arguably the greatest rock band of all times. 2019 marks the 20th anniversary of this amazing show and its fifth time at the Rosemont Theatre. Fans of Queen will delight in this note for note experience of mega-hits such as "Bohemian Rhapsody," "We are the Champions," "Killer Queen,"

"You're My Best Friend," "Crazy Little Thing Called Love," "Radio GaGa," "Under Pressure," "Another One Bites the Dust" and many more. One show only at 8 p.m. Friday, March 29. Tickets range from \$25-\$65.

• **"Get the Led Out — The American Led Zeppelin"** at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 2. Get The Led Out is a group of amazing professional musicians who are passionate about their love of the music of Led Zeppelin. It's been their mission to bring the studio recordings of "the mighty Zep" to life on the big concert stage. This is not an impersonator act but rather a group of musicians who were fans first, striving to do justice to one of the greatest bands in rock history.

• It's Saturday Night Fever every night with **"The Australian Bee Gees Show — A Tribute to the Bee Gees"**. One of the most successful and adored acts in musical history is recreated in a multi-media concert event. You'll hear hits like "Staying Alive," "You Should be Dancing," "How Deep is your Love," "Jive Talkin'" and the hits keep coming.

The performers authentic take on the trio's clothes, style and moves showcase five decades of the Brothers Gibb's success as rock and Disco legends. In 2015, The Las Vegas Review Journal named them Best Tribute show of the year. The Australian Bee Gees. One show only at 8 p.m. Friday, May 3. Tickets range from \$35-\$75.

• **"The Music of ABBA Starring Arrival"** was founded in 1995 in Gothenburg, Sweden and very soon became one of the world's most popular and best selling ABBA shows. The band has toured in 60 countries and since 2005, they have toured the U.S. more than 50 times and is the absolute best and most authentic ABBA show there is.

Hits like: "Dancing Queen," "Mamma Mia," "Does Your Mother Know," "Take A Chance," "SOS," "The Winner Takes It All," "Super Trouper," "Money, Money, Money," "Waterloo," "Honey Honey," "Fernando," "Chiquitita," "Knowing Me Knowing You," "Thank You For The Music," "Lay All Your Love On Me," "Gimme Gimme Gimme" and many more are delivered with such accuracy that it's hard to believe that it's not the real ABBA on stage. Arrival from Sweden performs in ABBA inspired clothing. Most of the original outfits used by ABBA were made by Owe Sandström.

This production has all the features a great ABBA show needs: lovely costumes, extremely talented musicians and breathtaking singers. Millions of people all around the world celebrate this show as the best ABBA show in the world; in fact this is the only ABBA show the world needs. One show only at 8 p.m. Friday, May 10. Tickets range from \$35-\$85.

Rosemont Theatre is located at 5400 N. River Road in Rosemont. For more information, visit rosemont.com/theatre.

Gifts for the little ones in your life

Bring the on the joy this holiday season with some top picks for kids age 12 and under. Whether it's a rad coding robot or looking cool with the accessories of the moment, your kids will love these hot finds.

1. LEGO Harry Potter building kit — "Hogwarts Great Hall"

Invoke the excitement and magic of Harry Potter with the LEGO Hogwarts Great Hall building kit. This intricate, four-level structure features a fireplace, the spiraling Grand Staircase tower, potions room, treasure room and much more to recreate favorite scenes from the popular book and movie series, plus imagine new ones. The kit includes 10 mini figures of your favorite characters, buildable creatures and a multitude of accessories like a head table with seats and "floating" candles. This item is available for \$99.99 from lego.com.

2. Melissa & Doug Giant Stuffed Tiger

With a plethora of plushies to choose from, the veteran toy store, Building Blocks, can't be beat for popular items like super soft Squishables and perfectly sweet Pusheen toys. But it's the hard-to-find classics, like the oversized lions, unicorns and dragons, that keep folks coming back for that perfect gift. This authentic-looking, jumbo stuffed tiger by Melissa & Doug will become your child's new best friend, and an instant memory-maker for years to come. This item is available for \$79.99 at buildingblocks.com, or visit the two locations in

Chicago's Lakeview and Wicker Park neighborhoods.

3. Tokidoki Camo Kawaii Small Backpack

This unique toy store in Chicago achieves a specific goal of bringing together designer toys, art and pop culture. With an enviable selection of Tokidoki toys and gear, Rotofugi is a one-stop shop for coveted accessories (check out the new Donutella and Adios Star knit beanies), an endless variety of blind boxes, and DIY vinyl figures of your favorite characters. The small backpack from the Tokidoki Camo Kawaii Collection is stylish and oh-so-cool, with rose gold hardware and removable Palette mascot charm and rainbow pom pom. This item is available for \$62 from Rotofugi boutique in Lincoln Park or rotofugi.com.

4. Core Balance Board Trainer

If you've got a little surf, snow or skate boarder on your hands, give them an edge with the Core Balance Board Trainer. Perfect for building up core muscles and promoting balance and stability, this board was created by a company that knows skateboard design and how to enhance rider skill level. Equipped with a smooth rolling fulcrum and four removable stoppers, this balance board was constructed from planks of Canadian maple and built to last. This item is offered for \$69.95 from walmart.com.

5. Botley The Coding Robot

Make learning to code simple and fun with Botley the Coding Robot. It has never been easier



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to incorporate a love of programming with playtime, thanks to the activity set's easy-to-use cards and punch button remote. Kids can create obstacles and then guide Botley through a predetermined path, and even instruct the robot to carry small objects from one place to another. With Botley's capacity for coding up to 120 steps, including if/then logic, a new adventure can begin with each unique set of commands. This item is available for \$74.95 at fatbraintoy.com.

6. Pikmi Pops Giant Pikmi Flips — Gigi the Unicorn

The outrageous Pikmi Pops craze continues, with the release of the Giant Pikmi Flips series. Available in a variety of brightly hued, Pikmi creatures, the newest member of the Pikmi family is Gigi

the Unicorn, a reversible, cotton candy-scented plushie that turns from a large puff ball into a Pikmi with one flip. But that's not all! Inside are two more smaller Pikmi animals, plus more surprises like small badges, gel pens, temporary tattoos and notebooks. These lovable toys are available for \$44.99 at target.com.

7. Tomoloo Self-Balancing Hover Board

Satisfy your kid's need for speed with the Tomoloo Q2-C Self-Balancing Hover Board. Equipped with Bluetooth music capabilities and flashy LED lights that sync with the beat, this must-have toy is on everyone's list. The self-balancing feature ensures riders will enjoy every second from the first moment they step aboard, and whether riding it indoors or out-



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side, the Tomoloo's durable tires can handle the adventure. Plus, with the top UL2272 safety rating, parents can focus on all the fun while the kids master tricks and zoom about on this high-tech gadget. This item is offered for \$179.99 from amazon.com.

8. Hedgehog Nightlight

What better way to ensure sweet dreams and restful nights than with this whimsical Hedgehog Nightlight? Light up your child's room with this cool piece that is made in Italy and designed by artist and professor, Ramin Razani. Featuring two light intensities for day and night, an LED lamp and USB cable, the comforting glow will make sure your little one is set for sleep. This item is available for \$79.99 at mcchicagostore.org, or visit the MCA Store in Chicago.

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'Wizard of Oz' will be Broadway-caliber show

The Wizard of Oz" is set to entertain holiday season audiences of all ages, now through Jan. 6, 2019, at Paramount Theatre, 23 E. Galena Blvd., in Aurora.

Acclaimed Chicago director Amber Mak, who dazzled audiences with Paramount's production of Disney's "The Little Mermaid," and made kids of all ages believe in Santa again with "Elf The Musical," is now taking audiences over the rainbow and into another fantastical world with "The Wizard of Oz."

According to Mak, some of the special moments in the show will utilize contemporary puppetry where in the past they might have been actors in costumes.

"We're going to deliver some delightful surprises, particularly when we bring to life some of the fantasy elements of the land of Oz. The trees that come to life and start talking. The crows that tease the Scarecrow. The field of poppies and the flying monkeys," she says. "Just wait until you see the cyclone that whisks Dorothy off to Oz."

Certain to warm hearts this holiday season, the entire family can experience this one-of-a-kind musical theater extravaganza at one of the region's best venues, Paramount Theatre-Aurora. Located in downtown Aurora, the 1,855-seat Paramount Theatre remains nationally renowned for the quality and caliber of its presentations, historic beauty and superb acoustics. It is the center for performing arts, entertainment

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and arts education in the second largest city in Illinois.

As Paramount's New Works Development Director, Mak, a Kansas native herself and veteran performer of eight stagings of "The Wizard of Oz," has turned heads creating blockbuster family musicals in downtown Aurora for three consecutive holiday seasons. With so many young people in the audience, it's a responsibility she takes very seriously.

"I know that many families will be bringing their children to Paramount this holiday season to see their very first live theater production. That's an important responsibility," says Mak. "That's why we plan to totally wow them with a blockbuster staging of one of the most famous stories of all time, performed by an incredibly talented cast and Broadway-caliber stagecraft."

The weekly performances will run Wednesday-Sunday, with



"The Wizard of Oz" will be performed now through Jan. 6, 2019, at Paramount Theatre in Aurora.

evening shows every night and matinee shows on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. Single tickets to "The Wizard of Oz" range

from \$36 to \$69.

"The Wizard of Oz" has some scary moments and is suggested for ages 5 and older. For tickets,

visit paramountaurora.com, call 630-896-6666, or stop by the Paramount box office 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.



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A few ideas for the hard to shop for person

Sometimes it is hard to find something special for someone who buys the latest and greatest as soon as it hits the stores. Here are a variety of creative gift suggestions for the person who has everything.

1. Corderoy Cruiser

In case you missed it, vinyl has made a comeback. Whether this would be a throw-back gift or introducing the younger generation to retro music appreciation, the Crosley UO Exclusive Corderoy Cruiser Bluetooth Record Player could be a lot of fun. The classic-looking turntable is paired with today's Bluetooth technology and even comes in playful '90s-inspired colors including rose, honey and slate. This is a new spin on a vintage favorite. This item retails for \$99 at Urban Outfitters stores or urbanoutfitters.com.

2. Dashing Disney

For the lady on your list who has discerning taste, but also is a child at heart, consider a special bag

from the Disney X Coach collection. Choose from red or black and each has a playful picture of Minnie Mouse embossed into the leather and detailed with glitter. Choose from a simple wallet, a crossbody messenger bag or a tote. Each has multiple inner pockets and comes packaged in a special Coach Disney gift box. This is sure to make their holiday season magical. They retail between \$125 to \$325 at Coach stores and select department stores or coach.com.

3. Crank up the cool factor

Almost everyone has a cooler, some may even have multiple sizes. But, if they don't have a Yeti it might be a great update they didn't know they needed. The coolers come in lots of shapes and sizes. Find the size that meets their lifestyle. Big Ravinia fans? Maybe try the Hopper Two 30 Cooler. Like to bring a six pack on the boat? Try the Roadie 20 Cooler. Big-time campers? Maybe the Tundra 65 is in order.

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could stay cold for days and the ice doesn't even melt with the special Permafrost Insulation. This item is sold for \$199.99 to \$349 at Dick's Sporting Goods stores or dicksportinggoods.com.

4. A real winner

Cubs fans can find subtle yet sophisticated ways to fly the "W." Smathers & Branson makes a Chicago Cubs "W" Flag Needlepoint belt that is classy enough to wear to work and makes a total team statement. The dark navy belts feature chestnut colored leather and a solid brass buckle. Every belt comes packaged in a handmade wooden gift box making this belt a home run. This item retails for \$165 at Ellen's on Elm, 841 Elm St. in Winnetka, or smathersandbranson.com.

5. Night at the museum

Sometimes an experience creates a lasting memory rather than adding another "thing" to an already full collection. Chicago museums have come up with a variety of after-hours

events for a different twist on a visit. Adler After Dark offers adults 21 and older unlimited shows and unique entertainment on the third Thursday most months of the year. Cocktails and other alcoholic beverages as well as snack items can be purchased. \$20 admission can be purchased at adlerplanetarium.org. If you are thinking of trying not to add one more item to the toy box consider the Dozin' with the Dino's at the Field Museum. Children ages 6 to 12 can enjoy special activities and a flashlight tour of the exhibits. The best part is they get to sleep in the Genius Hall of Dinosaurs. Tickets are \$65 at fieldmuseum.org.

6. Personalized pancakes

Art and technology meet for breakfast and the outcome is like a 3D printer for pancakes. The PancakeBot can be loaded with designs into the machine by an SD card or they can come up with their own design using the special software. Want to see what others are doing with

their pancake creations? There is even an online community where people share their designs. All the clever chef has to do is load the batter and watch their work of art become an edible feast. This item retails for \$299.99 at Crate and Barrel or crateandbarrel.com.

7. 3D doodles

Taking creations to a whole new level, the Polaroid Draw 3D Pen can make drawings come to life. The pen is like a hand-held 3D printer. It can be filled with different colors of filament or choose from the natural colors collection that look like wood. Make any art project jump off the page or create a variety of pieces that can be assembled to create 3D figures or designs. An LED display shows the temperature of the pen and how much filament is left. Because the pen heats up on one end it is recommended for ages 12 and older. The pen recharges and comes with a starter kit of 65 feet of filament. This item can be found for \$48 at Nordstrom or online at amazon.com.



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Great gift ideas for under \$25

Do you need some fun gift ideas that won't break the bank? Here are some suggestions for gifts under \$25.

1. Escape the everyday

Escape rooms are all the rage, but what if your recipient is more of a homebody?

Escape Room in a Box the Werewolf Experiment involves 19 puzzles that need to be solved in order to escape. This Mattel, team-based game involves cooperation between two to eight players and can also keep everyone on the cutting edge with the option of connecting the game through Amazon Alexa. Teenagers to adults can unlock the fun with this challenging game that includes both mental and physical puzzles.

The game retails for \$21.99; widely available at stores such as Target or target.com.

2. Scratch Map

For someone who loves to travel, getting to a new destination can feel like winning the lottery.

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It is a fun way to track where you have been and where you want to go next.

This can be a fun tracker for the whole family. It retails for 22.95 at Paper Source, with 10 locations in Chicago and the suburbs or papersource.com.

3. Happy feet

It doesn't matter if they are a serious executive or a silly teen, a

fun pair of socks out in the open or hidden under a pair of dress pants can lighten any mood. There is no shortage of options from hamburgers and hot dogs to cats and dogs or the Andy Warhol dollar socks. Happy Socks has something to fit every personality. Some are even limited editions.

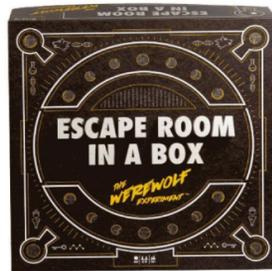
The socks retail for \$12-\$14 per pair at Sock Obsessed in Chicago or happysocks.com.

4. Metallic dots

Put together a gift filled with fun and bubbles for the adult in your life. Pair two of the festive Metallic Dots stemless Champagne flutes or wine glasses with a bottle of Champagne or their favorite wine and you are ready to celebrate the season. The silver and gold dots make it perfect for ringing in the new year or a little bit of effervescence any night of the week. It retails for \$4.95 each at Crate and Barrel stores or crateandbarrel.com.

5. Guac-Lock

Sometimes it is the small things that can make a big difference. You make a fantastic batch of guacamole, but when you grab your tortilla chips and get ready to dip in, it has already turned brown. If you know someone with an avocado obsession or the best guacamole recipe, the Casabella Guac-Lock will change their life. It can hold 12 to 24 ounces of guacamole and double as a serving dish for parties and gatherings. The specially designed container helps squeeze air out, protecting the delicious creation from browning and providing longer lasting dining and dipping. This retails for \$19.99



at Container Store locations or containerstore.com.

6. Warm it up

Walking through the Windy City or just sitting at your desk in a cold office, the Eddie Bauer Rechargeable Handwarmer will turn the winter toasty. The compact hand warmer looks like an iPod and weighs only 2.22 ounces. It comes with a lanyard for carrying and a USB charging cable. Once fully charged, the hand warmer has a three and a half hour run time. It also comes in a variety of stylish colors including black, red and green — per-

fect for the holidays. It is available for \$17.50 at area Eddie Bauer locations or eddiebauer.com.

7. Guitar lunch box

Who doesn't want to be a rock star at lunchtime — or anytime? Whether for a musician or just a music lover, this unique lunch box will not only be fun to carry, but also a great conversation starter. The 11-by-6-inch design offers plenty of space for food, drinks or a snack. It comes complete with clip closures and a carrying handle that look like the real deal. It retails for \$20 at Anthropologie

stores or anthropologie.com.

8. Eat What You Watch

Bringing binge watching to a whole other level, Eat What You Watch is the cookbook for movie lovers. Many well-known movies feature scenes with restaurants or cooking. These 40 recipes were curated by Andrew Rea from the show "Binging with Babish." Think Boeuf Bourguignon from "Julie & Julia" or something sweet from "Chocolat." It's like wine pairing for movie lovers. Hardcover retails for \$20 at Barnes & Noble stores or barnesandnoble.com.

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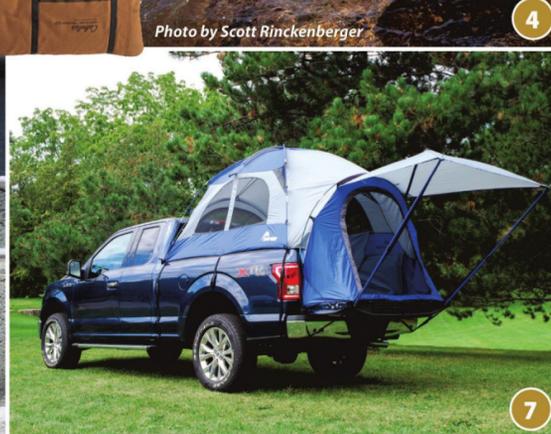
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Gifts for the adventure lover

Whether it's hitting the off-road path or hitting the sack after a long day outdoors, here are some gift ideas that will help you dress, stay warm and get to wherever you are going in style.

1. Montana snow shoeing

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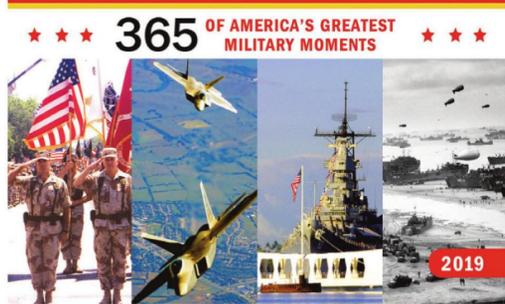
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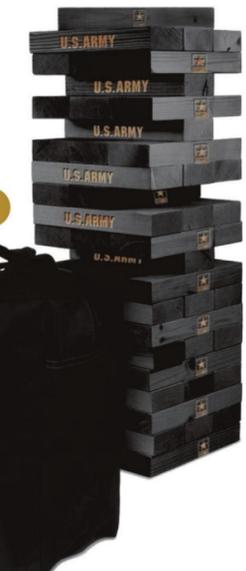
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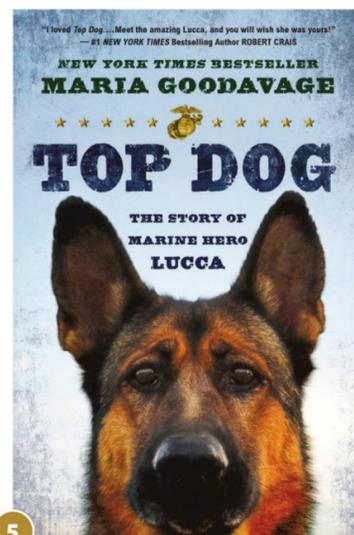
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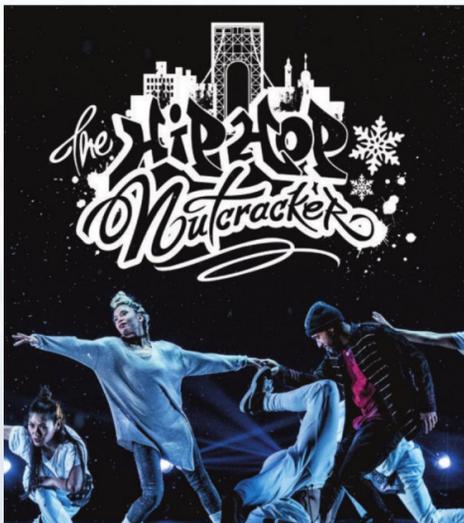


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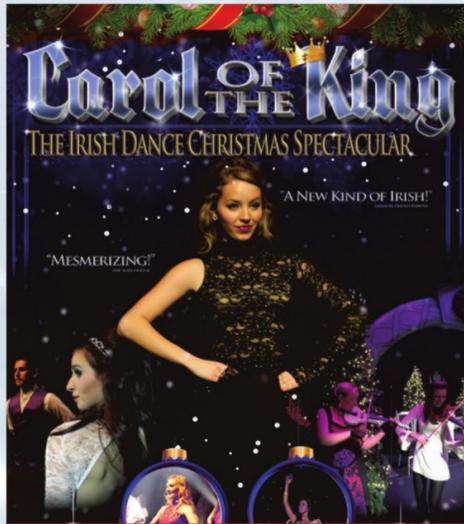
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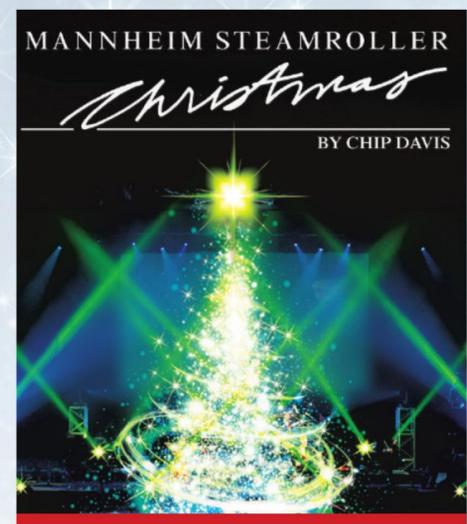


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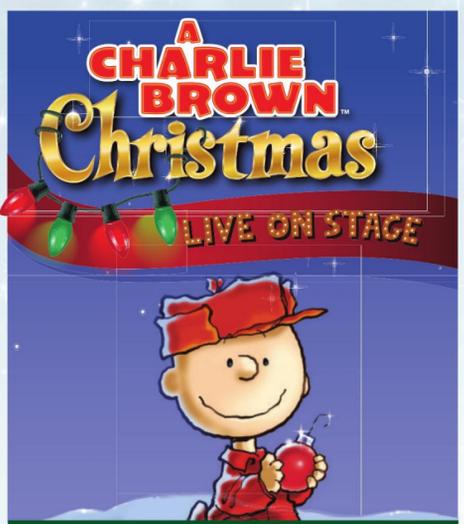


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SLICE OF LIFE

For Octavia Spencer, it's more than a role

BY TRE'VELL ANDERSON
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Octavia Spencer is at the point in her career where she can be selective about work. An Oscar for her supporting role in 2011's "The Help" — and nominations for 2016's "Hidden Figures" and last year's "The Shape of Water" — almost necessitates it.

But that doesn't mean she's chasing only awards-bait movies. Take, for example, her latest role in Sean Anders' "Instant Family." The comedy follows Rose Byrne and Mark Wahlberg as a couple looking to adopt children. But they find themselves in over their heads when they welcome a trio of siblings into their home.

Spencer shares most of her scenes with comedian Tig Notaro as a pair of adoption counselors who help the new parents find their way.

Spencer talked about the role. She also talked about serving as a producer for one of the year's most popular film festival offerings, "Green Book," about a white bouncer who becomes the driver of a black pianist on a concert tour in 1960s America. The following is an edited transcript.

Q: What about "Instant Family" made you say yes?

A: It always depends on what that script says, because if it's not on the page, there is little chance that you're going to get any magic in front of the camera. The scripts have to be dynamic. And when I read this script, I just remember going through all of these emotions. I laughed and cried.

And the funny thing is, I had been toying with the idea of really trying to figure out if my life, right now, is conducive to bringing kids into it, making a home for kids. Then this project comes along and it's, like, "Oh, Lord, what are you trying to tell me?" (Laughs) It just touched me and resonated with me in a way that was very personal. And when I met with the director Sean Anders, who also co-wrote it, and found out it was based on his life — and that they actually lived a lot of the stuff in the script, all of that resonated



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Oscar-winning actress Octavia Spencer has two films out this month, "Instant Family" and "Green Book."

with me.

Q: Did you speak to actual foster counselors to prepare for the role?

A: Yeah, they definitely had counselors there at our disposal. ... There was so much about the system that I was unaware of.

Q: Like what?

A: I did not realize that it's such a hardship for teenagers to find families. And when you think about it, of course it is. Everybody falls in love with the cute little baby or the cute little toddler or the kid that's just starting first grade. But teenagers need homes and love as well. And how many of them age out of the system when they are barely ready to be on their own and they basically comprise a huge number of the homeless population. That was heartbreaking for me to realize that.

One of the things I really enjoyed about the film was the dia-

logue was just so real. My favorite line that you say in the foster care group is, "I love seeing white people fight." (Laughing) And I was, like, "Me too! I really do."

Q: What was it about that story in "Green Book" that made you want to get involved as a producer?

A: I grew up in the South and all of this stuff preceded me, but I know it well. When I heard that they were doing a movie about the green book (a guide listing the hotels and businesses that served black people), I was kind of curious. I was asked to read the script to be a consulting producer, if I so wanted that role. And I read it and I thought, "Well, you have two very strong men as characters and as actors — both Viggo (Mortensen) and Mahershala (Ali) — and they were weighing in on the script and liked where things were going. So I felt like they did a great job in the research and, again, when you see it

on the page — when it is apparent that the script has the capacity or the potential to move you in a way — you want to be a part of those types of stories, especially in these trying times.

And, sadly, some of the scenes that were represented in the '60s are very much a part of what we're living today. So I wanted to be a part of this movie for the social implications. Because if you have these two men from disparate backgrounds who are forced in a situation, one as an employee and one as an employer, to be with each other for an inordinate amount of time, they have to find a way to work with each other. They have to find a way to see each other as human beings, and that's what happens.

I heard somewhere, "Is it another white savior movie?" And I had to laugh at that because there's nothing white savior about it. It's about two men saving each other. And that's one of the things that I really valued, that Ma-

hershala's character, Don Shirley, does a lot to save and change Viggo's character, Tony Lip, as much as it's Tony's job to save and protect Don Shirley. So there's a lot of give and take, and a lot of learning that both of these men have to experience. And at the end of it, they grow.

Q: Is it surprising to see the response that it's gotten thus far?

A: (Director Peter Farrelly) had put together about 20 minutes of the movie (in advance), and I felt like I did when I watched "The Help" and when I watched "Hidden Figures" ... that sense of hope, that things can change, that people can work together and see each other as human beings. Pete has such a beautiful hand with levity, and I think sometimes that levity lends itself as a wonderful teaching tool. Because if you can laugh at a moment that is tense and scary and you don't know what's about to happen, the lesson that you learn from it will more than likely take, if it's not confrontational.

Q: Is there any difference in your approach to looking at projects to act in versus producing?

A: No, I don't even look at roles, per se. I look at projects as a whole, because you could have an amazing script and a brand-new director who's only directed a two-minute short film and somebody's given him millions of dollars and you're supposed to trust that.

I look at all of the creative. I look at the script, first and foremost. And then I look at whether or not my role is significant enough or if it warrants me taking the role or if it should go to someone else who needs it or deserves that opportunity. They definitely have to be movies that I want to see, movies that will somehow have an impact. If it's about pure escapism, then great. Sometimes you need to get away from your problems. But if it's about life and introducing information and enlightening people in a way that they hadn't been before, that's usually what I gravitate toward.



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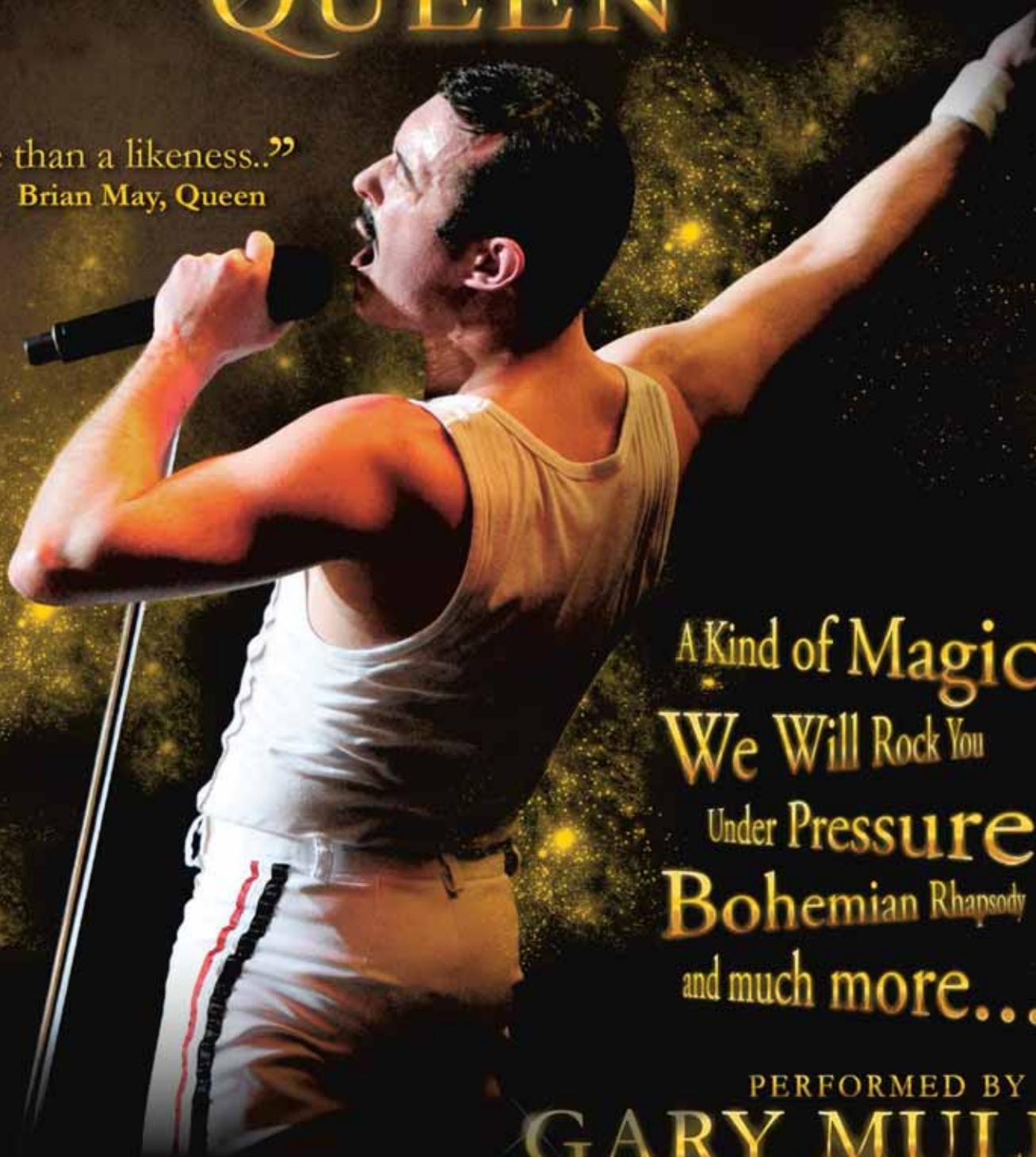
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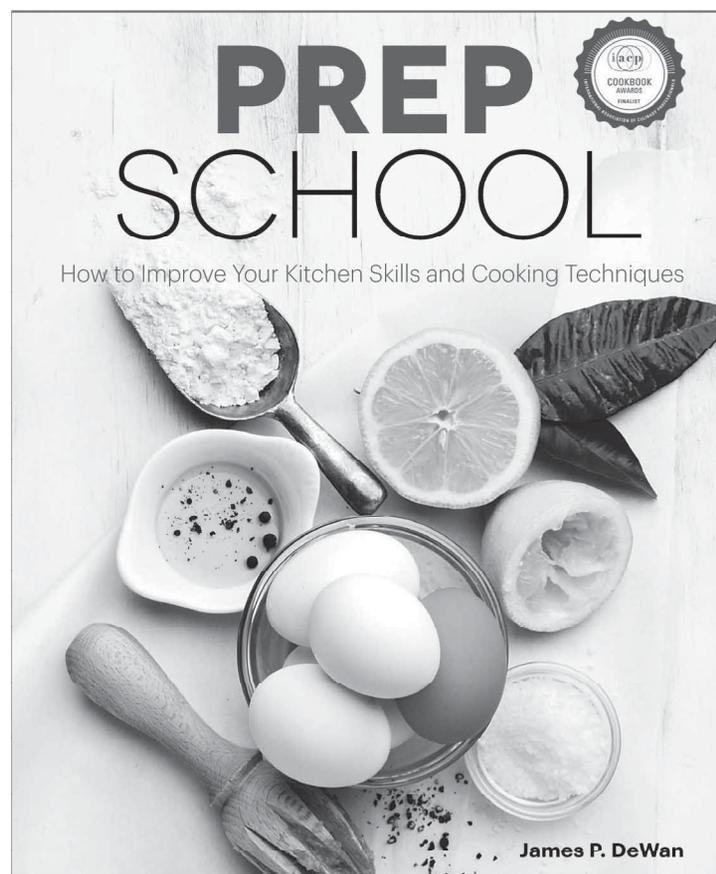
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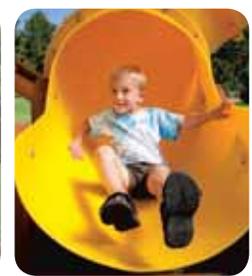
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