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75 SHOT, 3 CHARGED

4 months after street shootout, no answers

Police backlogged; concerned residents leery about cooperating

BY ANNIE SWEENEY AND JEREMY GORNER
Chicago Tribune

In seconds, North Karlov turned into a battleground. Four people shot, cars smashed up, shell casings all over the street.

Lori Pierson got to the window in time to see gunmen still firing near Iowa Street and Karlov Avenue. She called 911 and huddled with Chicago police officers who promised someone would get back to her.

For nearly four months, Pierson did not hear from anyone. The shooting remains unsolved, like dozens of others from the first weekend in August, when at least 75 people were shot — the most violent weekend in Chicago in years.

She and her neighbors were left to wonder what was being done to keep their West Side neighborhood from becoming more dangerous. Were they losing ground in this community of Dutch colonial-style homes that some call their "Oak Park"?

"I appreciate the work police officers do," Pierson said. "They have the hardest job. Police officers and teachers. They are always under a microscope. They are always under scrutiny. I can't even fathom how hard it is to be a Chicago police officer in Chicago"

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North Karlov Avenue resident Tammy Sims said Chicago police haven't tried to talk to neighbors about an August shootout.

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LEADER DEFINED BY WIN AND LOSS

41st president triumphed abroad but lost re-election

BY DAVID LAUTER AND JAMES OLIPHANT
Tribune news services

George Herbert Walker Bush, the linchpin of an American political dynasty whose presidency saw the end of the Cold War and the close of an era of American bipartisanship that conflict fostered, has died.

He was 94.

The World War II hero, who also presided during the collapse of the Soviet Union, died late Friday night, said family spokesman Jim McGrath. His wife of more than 70 years, Barbara Bush, died in April.

The son of a senator and father of a president, Bush was the man with the golden resume who rose through the political ranks: from congressman to U.N. ambassador, Republican Party chairman

to envoy to China, CIA director to two-term vice president under the hugely popular Ronald Reagan. The 1991 Gulf War stoked his popularity. But Bush would acknowledge that he had trouble articulating "the vision thing," and he was haunted by his decision to break a stern, solemn vow he made to voters: "Read my lips. No new taxes."

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IN ILLINOIS: Praise for the former president echoed throughout the state's political landscape. **Page 35**
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Happy birthday, Illinois — where the fix was in from the start

BY RON GROSSMAN
Chicago Tribune

If Illinoisans had played by the rules to get statehood, Chicagoans would be cheeseheads. By all rights, the Wisconsin border should have been set at the southern tip of Lake Michigan when Illinois was admitted into the union, 200 years ago Monday.

That would have made a 60-mile strip of what's now northern Illinois a part of southern Wisconsin. Stripped of the smokestacks of Chicago's factories, Illinois' landscape would have been dominated by grain elevators and dairy barns. But that didn't happen.

The fix was in, even as the state of Illinois was conceived.

Some readers may wonder: "And *that* is a cause for celebration?"

But hold on, we'll deal with that presently. For now, let the record show that Illinois was born amid shenanigans worthy of future ward heelers.

The fix was orchestrated by Nathaniel Pope, Illinois' congressional representative when it was

not yet a state. His nephew Daniel P. Cook was a newspaper publisher and a leader in the movement for statehood. Cook County would be posthumously named for him, though he probably never set foot there.

Cook got the honor because he used his paper to lobby members

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G-20 nations agree on trade, migration

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State Rep. Stephanie Kifowit attends a joint Illinois House and Senate committee hearing in Chicago in January.



JOHN KASS

November moutza: State rep. vs. romaine ruiner

"I'm waiting to see what tomorrow brings," Christine Engeris-Morely wrote as I was writing this Moutza of the Month column. "We have one more day for Moutzativity to break." I like that, Christine.

Moutzativity. The perfect word for today.

Because now is the time to award the Golden Moutza of the Month for November.

There were many nominations for the hateful idiot state Rep. Stephanie Kifowit.

If you were dying of starvation in the wilderness, and she offered you some of her special "broth," would you take it? No? Nah?

Or what about the poor hapless convicts who got crazy drunk on hand sanitizer and then tried to escape prison just before they were to be released?

And what of those who say "Lord of the Rings" is racist? You morons, the Orcs aren't real. They're not even human. It's fiction. Blow on it.

"My moutza goes to the E. coli that infected romaine lettuce," said Mathew Latourette. "Caesar salad is not the same with kale, iceberg or any greens. NAH!"

And Caesar salad is not the same without anchovies, either!

You know how this works: Readers find me on Facebook and nominate their favorite candidates, and we grant the Golden Moutza.

Thrust your open palm at some jamoke, fool, jerk, creep or idiot who vexes you, and then with your fingers spread wide in the manner of my ancestors, just say "Nah!" (Here, take it) or "Feesah Etho" (blow on it).

There you go. It's a perfect moutza. And even I, moutza master that I am, am not immune from the powers of the moutza.

"I nominate YOU, John Kass, for balking at (paying for) bloodwork for your noble companion Zeus the Wonderdog," said Eve Marie. "The Raptor of Rabbits, the Guardian of the Garden deserves your loyalty!!!"

Yes, Eve, he does deserve my loyalty. And you do him great honor. Zeus the Wonder Dog is a German shorthaired pointer, a breed without peer as a family dog. We love Zeus, and everything worked out. And we're happy we didn't have to pay the

vet for all that unnecessary bloodwork.

But here's the thing, Eve. You forgot the "Nah!"

And without the "Nah!" or something like it, it's not a moutza, so I cannot possibly accept. Sorry.

Ron Smith has a good one, about a college with a politically correct way to stop potentially murderous active shooters.

"How about Oakland (Michigan) University, where faculty are being given hockey pucks to use as a 'last resort' against active shooters on campus. Hockey pucks? Nah, you hockey pucks."

I thought this one was so stupid it couldn't be real. But it is. They plan to throw hockey pucks at a potential shooter. I wonder what some wacky liberal arts colleges in Michigan will do next. Ban productions of "The Vagina Monologues" by arguing that not all women have vaginas? What? That really happened?

Reader Craig Wible wants a big fat Moutza of the Month for The New York Times. Not for its leftward political leanings, but for typical NYT food snobbery.

"Declaring the brining of turkey passé? Never!" he cried. "Unless you can pry my meat thermometer from my cold dead hands. Feesah Etho! (Blow on it)."

I love the NYT food section, but I'm on your side, Craig Wible. Call me deplorable, but wet brine is still the way to go.

Here's an odd one: an elected official nominating me for Moutza of the Month?

The Golden Moutza, writes Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas, "Goes to JOHN KASS for not acknowledging the wooden spoon I had delivered to the Tribune weeks ago. Nah!"

Pappas' gift of a wooden spoon, also known as the *koutala*, was delivered rather ominously, wrapped in a pink ribbon just for me.

But it wasn't for cooking, and Pappas knows this. Historically, Greek women have used the *koutala* on those who misbehave. Many spoons have been broken on my head and the heads of my brothers.

So, thanks for the *koutala*, Maria, but I was worried you'd use it on me.

Unfortunately, I deny your moutza. Now what about the winner?

"Kifowit the Nitwit deserves a huge moutza!" said Sheila Kelly Ames, who wasn't alone.

Ames was referring to the Democratic state representative from Oswego. Last week, Kifowit said loudly and publicly that she wanted to dump bacterial poison into the water supply of the family of Republican state Rep. Tom Breen of Lombard, who had dared to disagree with her.

Breen wondered about personal injury attorneys cashing in on lawsuits at the Downstate Quincy veterans home, where more than a dozen residents died of Legionnaires' disease.

Kifowit's response?

"I would like to make him (Breen) a broth of Legionella and pump it into the water system of his loved one, so that they can be infected, they can be mistreated, they can sit and suffer by getting aspirin instead of being properly treated and ultimately die. And we are talking about our nation's heroes," said Kifowit, a Marine veteran.

Then she claimed her comments had been "misrepresented" or "misheard." And then her political master, Democratic Boss Mike Madigan, allowed her comments to be expunged from the official record.

Lie and lie again.

"It lives forever on the internet," said Lori Treantanelli. "Kifowit was videoed making her odious speech. Stephanie Kifowit ... NAH! and FEESAH!"

Exactly. And have Boss Madigan blow on it too.

Stephanie Kifowit, you've earned the Golden Moutza of November. Oswego must be proud. Their representative would poison the families of those with whom she disagrees and lie about it.

Legionella Kifowit, you dishonor the people of your district.

Nah!

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I adore babies! But not those car-sized strollers on buses



DAHLEEN GLANTON

Recently, I was forced to face a horrible truth about myself. When taking public transportation, I am a baby stroller snob.

A friend insinuated that I might even be prejudiced against young children who have to ride city buses with their parents.

I wouldn't go that far, but I must admit that I get a little perturbed whenever I step onto a Chicago Transit Authority bus and see a stroller taking up a row of seats designated for disabled passengers.

You don't have to tell me. I know this makes me seem like a grump, especially for bringing it up during the holiday season. I'm the first to admit it's somewhat mean, even petty. But I'm sure that I'm not the only regular CTA rider who agonizes over those nearly Cadillac-sized carriages that take up an entire row of seats.

On occasion, bus drivers have been forced to pass up people waiting at the bus stop in wheelchairs because strollers already are parked in the handicapped seating areas on both sides of the aisle.

My frustration has nothing to do with the lovely babies, but something about that just doesn't sit right with me. It's more than just inconsiderate. It's probably illegal.

The debate over strollers on public transportation certainly isn't new. But I decided to do some deep soul-searching recently after witnessing a flap between a passenger and a mom who had taken up five seats on a slightly crowded CTA bus headed downtown from the North Side.

For the record, this happened before it got really cold and before the snow fell.

To fit the stroller, the mom had to fold up three seats for the disabled, then she sat in an adjacent seat and pulled the stroller close to her, blocking a fifth seat.

A middle-aged woman got on the bus, and not seeing any available seats up front, politely asked the mother to fold the stroller so she could sit down. The mother insisted that she had the right to park the stroller because "babies can't stand up."

Eventually, the mom got up from her seat and stood the rest of the way. Other passengers



RICHLEGG

chimed in. One woman said, "Babies are people too." Another responded, "But they aren't paying passengers."

Clearly, the argument was getting silly. I chose to stay out of it, but I had an opinion. I was firmly on the side of the middle-aged woman.

Being a middle-aged woman myself, I knew exactly where she was coming from. She seemed perfectly able to stand during the 20-minute ride downtown on an express bus. But that particular day, for whatever reason, she didn't want to. And she shouldn't have to.

I asked a few friends, including young people with children, to weigh in. Surprisingly only a few of them thought the middle-aged woman was being completely unreasonable.

My editor — the mother of three small children — tried to make me see it from the mother's point of view, though. She takes the bus every day, she told me, with two children in a double stroller and the third clinging to her chest. In addition, she has to haul the three bags they need for school.

She reminded me that there are some moms out there who don't have a choice when it comes to getting the kids to day care and themselves to work. They can't afford a \$200 parking space downtown. Some don't even have access to a car.

"Would it really be better for me to use a van, contributing to the congestion in our city? Or even worse, would it be better if I just gave up on city life, moved

to the burbs and drove around in a big minivan?" she asked, imploring me not to be so judgmental.

Technically, these mothers have every right to bring a stroller on board, as long as they follow the rules laid out by the CTA.

They can't park them in the aisle or block the entrance and exit doors. And for goodness' sake, they should never try to haul that big equipment on board during rush hour.

While seniors and riders with disabilities have first dibs on the priority seating area, moms are perfectly welcome to lift the row of seats up and park a stroller there when those seats are not in use.

Problems seem to arise when parents ignore that they have some requirements too, mainly being considerate of other riders.

Specifically, they are supposed to get up, fold the stroller and place it on a rack if the bus gets crowded or if an elderly or disabled passenger enters the bus. That includes people on crutches, wearing a surgical boot or using any kind of mobility device.

My editor is quick to acknowledge the parents' responsibility.

"I can't tell you how much I appreciate the people (usually older women) who jump up each morning when I'm getting on and pull the seat up so we can get on. I always thank them," she said. "And if a bus is super-crowded, we have waited for the next one, even if it makes me late."

Folding a stroller doesn't seem like a lot to ask, but

some moms seem to think that's discriminatory.

These aren't the lightweight canvas strollers that you can fold up easily and stick in a closet. I'm talking about oversize three-wheeled jogging strollers that the average person would have difficulty figuring out how to collapse.

Fellow bus riders would be perfectly willing to give a mom a hand, but some of these women have no interest in clearing a seat for anyone else. When it comes to taking public transportation, their convenience is all that matters.

Don't get me wrong. I absolutely adore babies. Sometimes, when I happen to end up sitting next to one in a stroller, I will lean over and smile. Sometimes, I'll even engage in the game of peekaboo.

But the key word here is "sitting." If it's the end of the day and I'm standing and the baby is taking up five seats, I'm not going to be in a playful mood.

My editor invited me to take the bus to work with her one morning, just to experience what it's like from the other side. I am going to pass, but maybe the next time I see a double stroller on a packed bus, I'll try not to be so annoyed.

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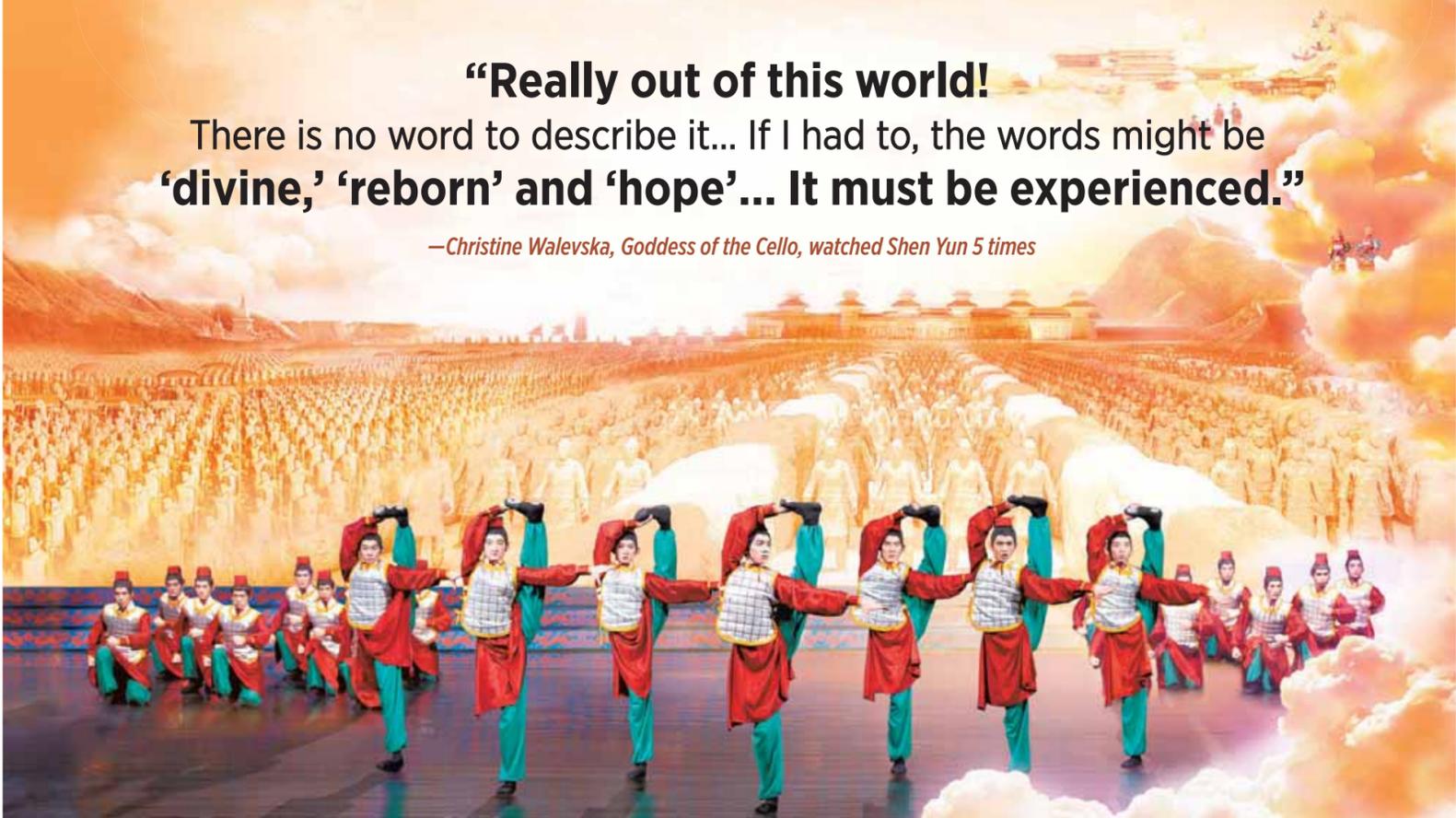
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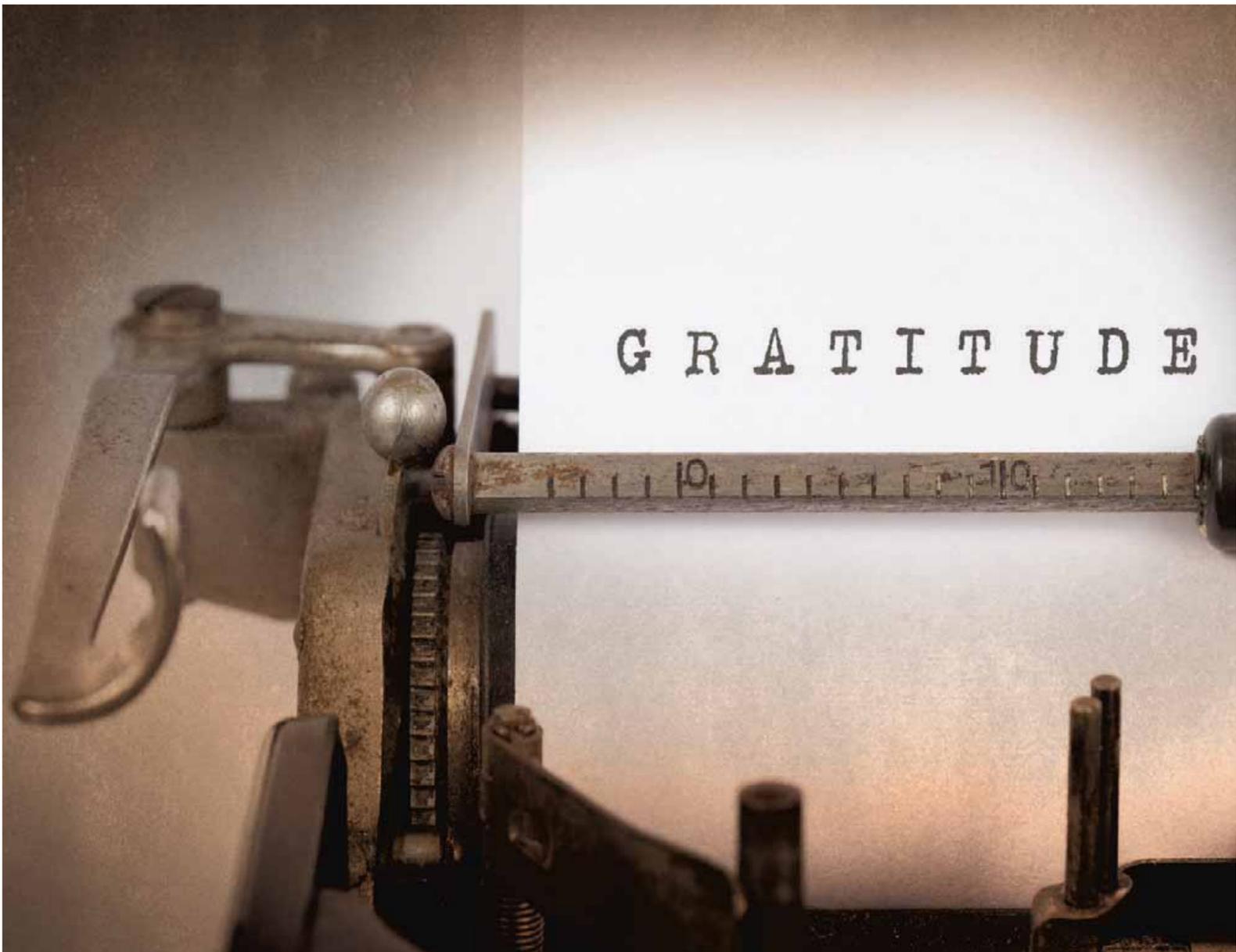
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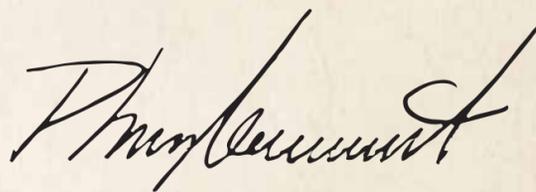
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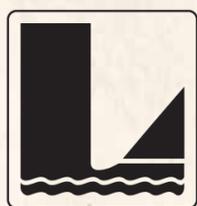
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No one represents Chicago's old-school machine politics — or what's left of it — more than City Hall's longest-serving and most powerful alderman, Ed Burke.

But in the wake of federal agents raiding Burke's City Hall and 14th Ward offices Thursday, the 21 candidates running for Chicago mayor — most of them on a proclaimed platform of reform — had very little to say about one of the most astonishing political developments in the city's recent memory.

There were no news releases, few tweets and little professed outrage.

That's because many of the race's front-runners have some form of exposure, serving alongside Burke in the city's political hierarchy, or counting him as a friend or mentor. And as the Burke investigation plays out in the final months of the Feb. 26 mayor's race, the political fallout will leave some grasping for how to reconcile their self-professed desire to change City Hall with their ties to an iconic Chicago politician in the crosshairs of federal investigators.

On Friday, at least, few of them were talking.

State Comptroller Susana Mendoza got her political start with Burke's backing and considers him a friend, even celebrating with him as a guest at her wedding. She declined to discuss his federal heat.

City Hall veteran and attorney Gery Chico worked at Burke's Finance Committee as a young researcher and long has considered him a close friend and mentor. He declined an interview.

Bill Daley is the son and brother of two former mayors who navigated the halls of power with Burke, the two families' 11th and 14th wards rooted in the Southwest Side. For decades, each represented separate pillars of power with their own fiefdoms within the city's political structure. He wouldn't talk about Burke, who has made at least \$30,000 in contributions to Daley family political funds over the years.

Neither would Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, a fellow party leader who has benefited from Burke's support in the past.

Former Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas and former Chicago police Superintendent Garry McCarthy also wanted no part of discussing how their desire to make City Hall more efficient and businesslike would intersect with Burke's potential departure.

"It seems all these other folks are running for cover and don't want to talk about him, but frankly, that underscores the fact that we've got different factions of the political machine manifested in Mendoza, Preckwinkle, Daley and Chico and others who don't want to rock the boat because they are very much wedded to the status quo," said former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot, one of the few mayoral candidates eager to discuss Burke. "It's telling that they aren't willing to step up and say, 'Look, this guy has been in office way too long, he's been allowed to amass way too much power.'"

There were a few statements issued from campaign aides who wouldn't take further questions.

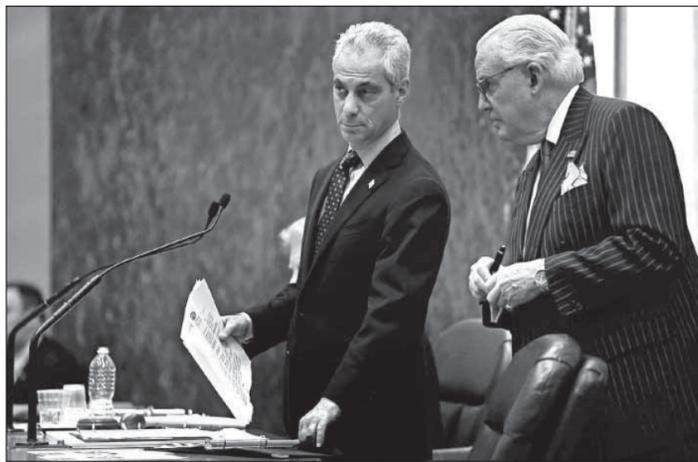
"This news is extremely troubling, and it's exactly the kind of politics we need to get away from in Chicago," Mendoza said in a statement.

What she didn't mention: Burke's brand of politics is what helped her get her start.



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Ald. Ed Burke, 14th, returns to his Southwest Side home Thursday, after federal raids on his City Hall and ward offices earlier in the day.



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Burke, right, chats with Mayor Rahm Emanuel in 2016.

Emanuel says Burke's political future up to voters in 14th Ward

By **JOHN BYRNE**
Chicago Tribune

Mayor Rahm Emanuel on Friday refused to weigh in on whether Ald. Ed Burke should step down from representing his ward or give up his Finance Committee chairmanship a day after federal agents raided the alderman's government offices, saying it's too early to know exactly what the dramatic episode means.

On the question of whether Burke should run for a 13th full term in February or retire from the council after agents pulled boxes and computers from his City Hall and Southwest Side offices Thursday, the mayor said that's up to his constituents.

"We live in a country of laws. They haven't even charged him," Emanuel said after a downtown jobs announcement. "And so, all I would say is, the decision of what happens in the 14th Ward are to the voters of the 14th Ward. And I think that's where you should respect that process, in that basis. You don't need me to guess about what are the implications."

And Emanuel would not say whether he thinks Burke should continue to run the key City Council Finance Committee — a post from which he derives much of his power — with a federal cloud hanging over him. "You're all getting ahead of yourself,"

said Emanuel, who will leave office in May. "My goal, and my job, is to focus on the future of the city of Chicago. I have six-plus months remaining."

But the mayor acknowledged the significance of the raids, in which agents covered the windows of Burke's offices in paper and spent hours inside before emerging with the materials. But Emanuel said he didn't know what they were looking for.

"It's obviously significant," Emanuel said. "You have a lot of questions. I have a lot of questions. What I don't do is literally play guesswork on this. They're going to do their job. I have my job to do."

"The fact is, they're in his office, you know what that means," he added. "What it means legally and what it means politically are different things. And the voters of the 14th Ward and the neighborhoods he has represented will make a decision about him."

Emanuel and Burke have had a sometimes rocky relationship. Burke supported Gery Chico over Emanuel in the 2011 mayoral race.

While running for his first term, Emanuel said that "shared sacrifice" in tough economic times could lead to a cut in Burke's police security detail. When Emanuel got elected, he decreased the size of Burke's detail, but let Burke remain Finance Committee chairman.

After taking a job in 1998 with the city Department of Planning and Development, Mendoza ran that year with the backing of Burke and others for an Illinois House seat that included part of Burke's Southwest Side ward. She lost narrowly, but ran again two years later — again with Burke's endorsement — and won.

After 10 years in the General Assembly, Mendoza ran successfully for city clerk in 2011 with Burke among her high-profile supporters. When Mendoza had her son in 2012, it was Burke who announced the news, at a City Council Finance Committee meet-

ing he was chairing.

Burke even was on hand in 2011 for Mendoza's wedding reception at a Joliet banquet hall, according to an online photo gallery of the event. One picture shows Mendoza in her wedding gown and new husband, David Szostak, in his tuxedo posing together with Burke, all three smiling toward the camera. An action shot shows the couple laughing as Burke, wearing his trademark dark pinstripe suit, looks upward, smiling with his fist raised as though he's mid-anecdote.

Chico long has been a friend of Burke's too.

His decades of intersecting with City Hall began as a young researcher for the City Council Finance Committee. He started under former Ald. Wilson Frost but continued under Burke. And when Chico left government for his first private-sector job at a law firm, it was Burke who gave a glowing referral.

"I met Ed Burke three decades ago as young staffer in City Council, and he has been a friend and supporter for decades," said Chico, who later worked as a chief of staff under former Mayor Richard M. Daley and has served as head of the City Colleges of Chicago, presi-

dent of the Park District and president of the Chicago Board of Education. "I would be saddened and disappointed if there was any wrongdoing here, but I am glad to see that Ed is cooperating with federal authorities about whatever this investigation concerns."

Burke was among the first to endorse Chico in his 2011 bid for mayor, in which he finished a distant second to Emanuel. In October, Burke lauded Chico as having the best resume to become Chicago's mayor.

"I like Gery Chico," Burke said, stopping short of a full endorsement. "As you know, he and I go back a long way. He worked for me here in City Hall. And there's probably nobody more qualified than he is."

Preckwinkle's spokeswoman Monica Trevino said "Toni's connection to the Burkes" was through the alderman's wife, Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke. Trevino said the two had worked together to reform the criminal justice system and reduce the Cook County Jail population.

"Although Toni has known Alderman Ed Burke from his days in the City Council, they were far from close," Trevino said.

They were close enough, though, for Burke to throw a political fundraiser for Preckwinkle last January at his home in Gage Park. "Chairman Edward M. Burke would like to invite you to a fundraiser in support of Hon. Toni Preckwinkle," reads the invitation to the fundraiser, which offered the status of chair for \$10,000, co-chair for \$5,000 and sponsor for \$2,500. In the weeks that followed, Preckwinkle's campaign reported tens of thousands of dollars in contributions, and in recent years Burke has contributed nearly \$13,000 to her campaign fund, records show.

Even though she is the chair of the Cook County Democratic Party, Preckwinkle is running a campaign as a self-styled progressive. Lightfoot, however, said there is nothing progressive about staying silent on Ed Burke's 50-year reign at City Hall.

"It's just astounding to me. You cannot call yourself a progressive, you cannot tell people you are for them, that you are going to put them first, that you have a different vision and you want to have a different compact with government if you are not speaking up about this issue. It is unacceptable," Lightfoot said. "This is a guy who has a lot of power, power that he doesn't deserve, and we've got to talk about this. It has implications for the Finance

Committee. We have a lot with city finances to work out, so how is that going to work with this cloud of an investigation hovering over this man? If not now, when? When are we going to break from the past?"

Amara Enyia also has sought to blaze a progressive path in her grassroots run for mayor.

She predicted voters' reaction to the federal investigation will depend on its ultimate result, but said the raids place Burke "front and center" on the public's radar even with voters who may not have known much about him.

"Alderman Burke has been in office for 50 years. He represents everything about Chicago politics and the establishment," said Enyia, a public policy consultant who is director of the Austin Chamber of Commerce. "I think him being raided by the FBI and the outcome of it will reflect on the candidates he supported and the candidates he's close to."

Drawing on hip-hop artist Kanye West's financial support for her campaign, Enyia said high-profile supporters can put candidates in a bind. She noted how she's faced political attacks from her opponents who sought to link her with West's more controversial stances and his support of Republican President Donald Trump.

"If you're supported by someone with a questionable past, then as a candidate, people expect you to explain that, to justify that," Enyia said. "The assumption is if they're supporting you, you are aligned with them as well. I've experienced that."

Illustrating the politically toxic nature of the Burke investigation, Emanuel also tried to steer clear of the issue Friday.

The mayor made the surprise announcement to drop his bid for a third term in September, and he already has begun to eye a part-time role as a political pundit after he leaves office. But Emanuel wanted no part of analyzing the Burke dynamic.

He wouldn't say if Burke should step down as Finance chairman. He wouldn't say if he should drop his bid for a record 13th full term. He wouldn't say what it could mean for the 74-year-old alderman's re-election chances.

"The fact is, they're in his office, you know what that means," Emanuel said of the FBI. "What it means legally and what it means politically are different things."

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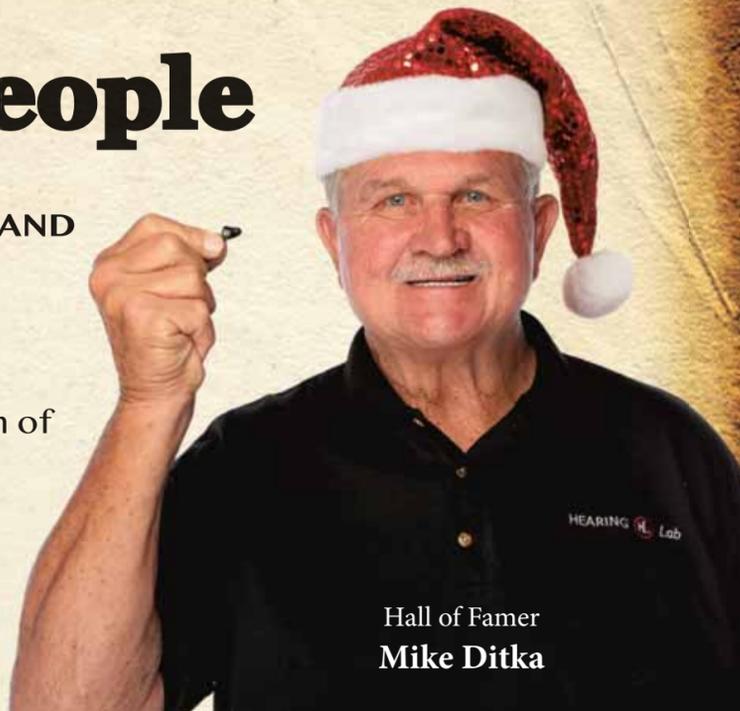


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Heart-shaped cloths carrying scent of moms and dads help soothe NICU babies, promote bonding

BY ANGIE LEVENTIS
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Chicago Tribune

First the new mother feared for the survival and long-term health of her twin boys, born precariously early and taken straight to the neonatal intensive care unit before she could hold them.

Then came a lingering worry the babies wouldn't know her as their mother.

"Sometimes I wonder if they think the nurses are their moms or if they know who we are," said Brooke Crutchfield, whose sons have spent the past eight weeks in the NICU at Rush University Medical Center.

Yet Crutchfield takes comfort in a small piece of fabric she leaves behind in each of their cribs after visiting — a 6-inch handmade cotton heart that carries her scent so the babies can sense her presence even when she has to be away from their bedside.

The cloth hearts were given to all NICU families earlier this month as part of a new program at Rush to help strengthen the bond between parents and their preemies during these often-tumultuous hospital stays.

The parents take the hearts home and wear them against their skin, the soft material absorbing the unique smell of the mom or dad.

The fabric is then placed near or under the baby's head, the scent of the parent soothing the newborns even after mom and dad return home.

"The sense of smell is one of the earliest senses they develop," said Amy Levin, a NICU nurse at Rush. "There's incredible research that's been published that this can help increase that bond."

Olfactory receptors develop in the first trimester, and studies have shown newborns can recognize their mother's natural scent from breathing and swallowing her amniotic fluid, which absorbs odorants from the maternal diet, in utero, Levin said.

She added that the sense of smell is processed in the part of the brain that controls memory, and there's evidence these familiar scents strengthen the ties between baby and parent.

The hearts are particularly gratifying to Brooke Crutchfield, 27, and her husband, 26-year-old Andy Crutchfield, who live in Wilmington, some 60 miles southwest of the hospital.

Both are back at work and can only travel to see their sons Xavier and Kai about four times a week, limited to brief periods on weeknights due to the far drive.

During visits, the parents each bring a heart laced with their individual scent for one of the boys, switching off every trip so both infants will recognize mom and dad.

"We leave, but they still have our scent," Brooke said. "So it's like they're always kind of with us."



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Brooke Crutchfield holds a cloth heart carrying her scent above her son Xavier while visiting her twin boys at Rush University Medical Center.



Andy Crutchfield wraps a blanket around his son Kai while he and his wife, Brooke, visit their children in the neonatal intensive care unit.

Comfort for mom, dad, babies

At 25 weeks pregnant, Brooke felt her contractions growing alarmingly stronger and more frequent.

When her husband timed them at roughly three to four minutes apart, they went to a local hospital in the middle of the night and were soon transported by ambulance to Rush, where physicians were able to stave off delivery.

Brooke lived at the hospital for several weeks, her belly hooked up to fetal monitors. A deceleration in the heart rate of either twin would send a flurry of nurses to her room.

On Sept. 24, she gave birth to the boys after 28 weeks and four days in the womb.

Xavier weighed 2 pounds and 7 ounces. Kai weighed 2 pounds and 9 ounces. Andy followed them to the NICU, but Brooke was wheeled back to her room to recuperate.

She describes the experience as an emotional roller coaster. While she's grateful her babies received the best round-the-clock medical care possible, the separation could often be agonizing.

After carrying them inside her for months — listening to to the rhythm of their beating hearts all day and night through the monitors, chronicling every kick and flutter and contraction — returning home to an empty nursery was painful.

"It's kind of like you get robbed of everything," she said. "You get robbed of having that normal pregnancy with babies that come home with you right away. You get robbed of that mother feeling where you get to hold your baby whenever you want."

At first, she and her husband would just look at them through the incubators, their tiny profiles nearly covered by masks from continuous positive

airway pressure machines. Then the parents could reach in and touch the delicate flesh of their newborns, whose little inky footprints were each smaller than the circumference of a half-dollar.

"You could see every vein in their bodies," Brooke said.

Even when the mom and dad were able hold the twins, they were so fragile the prospect was a bit intimidating.

"We were both kind of shying away," Andy said. "They're so small, you don't want to do anything to hurt them."

He recalled finally cuddling Kai against his naked chest, the father's body heat warming his son under a receiving blanket.

"It was all kind of surreal," he said. "You realize what you're doing and it's pretty awesome."

A NICU nurse for more than 30 years, Levin has seen a spectrum of scenarios there for both parents

and babies. Sometimes mothers are hospitalized after birth and can't be in the same room as their newborns; sometimes infants need surgery and aren't well enough to be held by their parents. There are parents who live far away or have other children to care for.

With multiples, one twin or triplet could be well enough to go home while a sibling or two might have to remain longer.

"You're balancing that you're happy that one gets to come home, but you're also sad that the other one has to stay," she said. "That can provide comfort to mom as well, knowing that I am going home with the one twin but the other will still have my smell."

The cloth hearts — which are sewn and donated by nursing students, a local quilting group and the mother of a Rush physician — are also used in reverse. After some time with the infant, the fabric becomes infused with the scent of the baby and is sent home to comfort the parents.

A study published in *Frontiers in Psychology* in 2013 found the scent of newborns on clothing worn by the infants activated reward centers in the brains of new mothers as well as women who had not given birth.

"We interpreted our results as (an) indication that body odors play an important role in the forming of a bond between mothers and newborns," said study co-author Johannes Frasnelli, a professor in the department of anatomy at the University of Québec in Trois-Rivières. "In addition to this, we know that odors ... can evoke very vivid and present memories."

'We feel like we're their parents'

The Crutchfields are now intimately involved in the care of their babies, their fingers expertly weaving in and out of tubing and wires to change a tiny diaper or stroke a sleepy head on a recent night at the NICU.

The mother and father hope to bring the twins — now almost 6 pounds each — home mid-December, around the time of their original due date.

"We're actually bonding with them, to where we feel like we're their parents," Brooke said, adding that the babies have seemed less fussy since the scent cloths were introduced.

Of the 43 babies in the NICU at Rush, roughly 90 to 95 percent have a scent cloth in their crib or incubator, according to staff.

Once a baby is discharged, the cloths are kept by the families.

Levin said parents can put them in a scrapbook or continue using them when mom and dad return to work.

After three decades in the NICU, she said she's come to see the start of life very differently than most of society, where an uneventful pregnancy and healthy, full-term baby are often expected — and sometimes taken for granted.

"The miracle is actually having a baby that is fine, because so many things can go wrong," she said. "You can have the healthiest pregnancy there is and the tiniest thing can go wrong and it can be very different. ... Giving birth to a healthy baby is a miracle."

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Feds threaten to yank funding of embattled psychiatric hospital

BY CHRISTY GUTOWSKI
Chicago Tribune

Federal authorities are once again threatening to cut off funding for an embattled Uptown psychiatric hospital beset by complaints of physical and sexual abuse of young patients, including foster children in state care.

Chicago Lakeshore Hospital officials said Friday they are "working to come into compliance with regulations" before a Dec. 15 federal deadline. With more

than 80 percent of its patients receiving Medicare or Medicaid benefits, hospital officials said the facility may shutter, reducing access to mental health services. Layoffs began within the last few days, officials said.

Also Friday, a federal judge tapped experts at a Chicago university to do an independent review of the safety of children at the hospital, and Illinois health officials said they may pull the psychiatric facility's state license.

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services stopped admitting children in its care to the hospital one month ago amid an increased number of hotline calls alleging harmful conditions. DCF also began transferring foster children out of the hospital and stationing staff inside the facility 24 hours a day to better monitor its remaining patients.

Those steps were taken under pressure from child welfare watchdog groups

and state lawmakers after separate reports about the hospital's recent problems by the Chicago Tribune and ProPublica Illinois.

The final foster child left the hospital Friday afternoon, said DCF spokesman Neil Skene. He said all are in foster homes or residential treatment facilities with support services. While transferring children, two 17-year-old boys ran away in separate incidents, but both have been located, Skene said.

The hospital pledged to work with state and federal agencies to fix the problems. It's unclear, though, what inroads Chicago Lakeshore can make before a deadline that's just two weeks away. After another threat a few months ago to cut off government funding, the hospital asked a federal judge to intervene, then withdrew its request when regulators agreed to give the hospital more time.

On Friday, Lakeshore officials would only say that

"options are being explored."

"Many of the children we serve have no place else to go, and we offer the best hope for their stabilization and return to society," Dr. Peter Nierman, the hospital's chief medical officer, said in a statement. "Frankly, this is a population that virtually no other facility wants to take, and I believe that without Lakeshore, the already tragic story of some of these children will only be further exacerbated."

DCFS launched at least its 20th hotline investigation last week. The latest complaint accused hospital staff of inadequate supervision regarding sexual activity between teenage patients. It was the fourth hotline call in recent weeks, including a Nov. 19 complaint involving a 9-year-old patient who accused a staff member of choking her while trying to restrain the child.

The hospital had only about 17 total hotline investigations in the prior three years, according to DCF's statistics. Most of this year's hotline investigations were sparked when hospital staff, who are required to report under state law, notified child welfare officials of the allegation.

The Illinois Department of Public Health, which licenses the hospital, had been inspecting Chicago Lakeshore in recent months mostly for regulatory safety issues, such as whether adequate suicide-prevention measures were in place regarding the length of telephone cords or the doors to empty rooms were properly secured. The state health department contracts with the federal government, which is in charge of Medicaid and Medicare funding.

On Friday, state public health spokeswoman Melaney Arnold said recent media reports led the agency to also investigate complaints alleging young patients were physically or sexually abused. Inspectors found the hospital staff failed to notify state health officials about the complaints as required, and that the facility often failed to take corrective action or launch sufficient investigations, according to the reports.

State health officials recommended termination of federal funding and are "looking at license suspension or revocation," Arnold said.

On the federal front, the hospital was informed of the Dec. 15 deadline to cut off funding in a certified letter dated Thursday.

"We have determined that the deficiencies are so serious they constitute an immediate threat to patient health and safety," wrote Nadine Renbarger, an associate regional administrator of the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. "The deficiencies limit the capacity of your facility to render adequate care and ensure the health and safety of your patients."

In recent weeks, DCFS repeatedly has been hauled into federal court as it battles with the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois over concerns about the psychiatric facility. The ACLU, which monitors DCFS through a decades-old federal consent decree, called for an outside review of the hospital.

During a court hearing Friday, U.S. District Judge Jorge Alonso approved the University of Illinois at Chicago psychiatry department to oversee the review, which the hospital said it welcomed.

"Chicago Lakeshore Hospital knows improvements can be made and we will continue to steadfastly make those improvements, but shutting us down is tantamount to throwing out the baby with the bathwater," hospital CEO David Fletcher-Janzen said in a statement.

Alonso also ruled that a retired federal judge will be appointed with decision-making authority to help DCFS and the ACLU iron out its frequent disputes in the consent decree case. DCFS unsuccessfully opposed the ACLU's request for a so-called "special master," instead favoring a facilitator without as much authority.

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Cops' cover-up trial heads into crucial week

Defense expected to ask judge to acquit immediately

BY MEGAN CREPEAU AND STACY ST. CLAIR
Chicago Tribune

If the three Chicago cops accused of covering up Laquan McDonald's shooting get their way, they will walk out of court this week cleared of all charges before their lawyers even call one witness.

Shortly after the state rests its case, attorneys for ex-Detective David March, former Officer Joseph Walsh and Officer Thomas Gaffney are expected to ask Cook County Judge Domenica Stephenson for a "directed finding" — arguing that the prosecution case is so weak she must acquit the officers immediately.

"The evidence is so lacking in this case, I submit this should be directed out," James McKay, March's attorney, said Tuesday in his opening statement. "The state will not satisfy their burden of proof, your honor. They cannot. ... There is no evidence that these men conspired. There is no evidence of any agreement whatsoever."

Such requests are often made, but rarely granted. And the arguments are usually brief, dry and procedural.

But little about this case so far has hewed to the usual course of Cook County criminal trials.

The defense lawyers have made no secret of their disdain for the quality of the prosecutors' evidence, calling their theories "madness" and their arguments "disingenuous."

Over three days of testimony, prosecutors have laid out a meticulous case hinging largely on paperwork filed by the three officers in the aftermath of McDonald's shooting. The reports contain statements that directly contradict the now-infamous police dashboard camera video of the shooting, and prosecutors allege each one is a building block in a blue wall meant to protect then-Officer Jason Van Dyke, who shot McDonald 16 times as the teenager walked away from officers with a knife in his hand.

"The case is clear, the case is straightforward, and it is concise," said special prosecutor Patricia Brown Holmes in opening statements Tuesday. "It boils down to what the defendants wrote on paper versus what is shown on video."

The officers' attorneys say any perceived inaccuracies in the police reports do not rise to the level of a crime and that no solid evidence has been shown of collaboration among the three to shield Van Dyke from scrutiny.

As such, arguments for a



Attorney Thomas Breen consults with his client, ex-Chicago police Officer Joseph Walsh, in court on Wednesday.



Chicago police Officer Dora Fontaine testified that another officer attributed false statements to her in his police reports.

directed finding in this case are expected to be long and brimming with righteous indignation — even though, in general, such motions are extraordinarily difficult to win.

In considering the request, a judge must, by law, view the evidence in a way that is generous to prosecutors.

"The standard (to win) is, in legalese, even in the light most favorable to the prosecution, they haven't met their burden of proof," said Jennifer Blagg, a defense attorney not involved in the trial. "So looking at the prosecution's case in the very best light."

For example, the two sides have painted vastly different portraits of Chicago police Officer Dora Fontaine, who testified that March attributed false statements to her in his police reports and directed her to fill out paperwork saying Van Dyke was injured by McDonald. The defense called her a liar, while the prosecution presented her as one of the few officers at the shooting scene willing to acknowledge the truth.

"The defense position is she's saying all this stuff just to save her own self," Blagg said of Fontaine. "In a motion for directed finding, how you would look at it is: She's coming forward and

telling the truth. ... (With) everything in the best light for the prosecution, have they met their burden?"

Blagg was on the team of attorneys who won a directed acquittal for another Chicago cop accused of wrongdoing: former Detective Dante Servin, who was cleared of involuntary manslaughter charges in the 2012 off-duty shooting of Rekia Boyd.

In "directing out" the Servin case, Judge Dennis Porter indicated that Servin should instead have been charged with murder — a circumstance likely unique to that particular case.

More recently, McKay, March's attorney, won a directed finding in October in the case of a former Chicago police dispatcher charged with shooting another woman in a road-rage incident. McKay successfully argued that the dispatcher fired in self-defense, winning an acquittal at the close of the prosecution case.

There are pitfalls to consider when trying to argue for that kind of acquittal, Blagg said. In particular, if the defense highlights too strongly the shortcomings in the state's case and then loses the request for a directed finding, prosecutors could put on rebuttal evidence later in the proceedings tailored to the defense's specific criticisms, she said.

"You have to think: OK, are we shooting ourselves in the foot by highlighting this?" she said.

It is far more common for judges to "direct out" cases during bench trials than in jury trials — a likely factor in the officers' decision to put their case solely in Stephenson's hands.

Stephenson, a longtime prosecutor before becoming a judge, will have wide leeway in making her deci-

sion. She could choose to acquit just one or two of the officers or toss out some but not all of the charges.

The defendants face charges of official misconduct, obstructing justice and conspiracy. The latter charge can prove particularly tricky for prosecutors to nail down, legal experts told the Tribune.

Exhaustive discussions Thursday about whether certain emails between CPD supervisors should be entered into the trial record turned into a de facto argument over the evidence of a conspiracy. The officers' attorneys seemed to preview parts of their expected request for a directed finding as they blasted the state's case as flimsy and disingenuous.

"Where is the evidence of an agreement? It is the most important element for a conspiracy. There is no evidence whatsoever that there was ever an agreement at any time that night," McKay said Thursday.

Attorney Ronald Menaker won a motion for directed finding in 1999 while representing former prosecutor Robert Kilander during the DuPage 7 trial, a high-profile case in which seven law-enforcement officials were charged with conspiring to frame Rolando Cruz with the murder of Naperville schoolgirl Jeanine Nicarico.

"In most instances — maybe 99 times out of 100 — they are done pro forma and not argued at any length," Menaker told the Tribune Friday. "But there are times when there is a meritorious issue that deserves considerable argument."

Kilander and co-defendant Patrick King were acquitted shortly after special prosecutors rested their case. Menaker and other

attorneys successfully argued that no evidence existed that the men entered in an agreement to railroad Cruz or that they demonstrated any criminal intent.

The judge declined to dismiss five other co-defendants from the case at that time, but his decision to acquit Kilander and King dealt a significant setback to a landmark prosecution that alleged a 10-year-long conspiracy among prosecutors and police to send an innocent man to Death Row. The remaining defendants were acquitted at the end of the trial.

"Conspiracy cases are a tough road (for prosecutors)," Menaker said. "They have to prove there is an agreement between two people to enter into a conspiracy, and that's a difficult thing to do. I don't think I've ever seen a conspiracy case where two people sit down and talk about entering a conspiracy. The evidence is almost always circumstantial."

Veteran defense attorney Joseph Lopez believes the prosecution in the Chicago conspiracy case hasn't done enough to prove the men conspired to protect Van Dyke. Though the law allows for agreements in conspiracy trials to be inferred, Lopez contends the testimony thus far doesn't suggest a tacit pact among officers.

Gaffney, for example, has been widely praised for the way he handled his interaction with McDonald that night. He prompted the call for a Taser and tried to bide time until it arrived. He urged his partner to remain calm and attempted to use his squad car to corral the teen instead of using his gun.

Gaffney did not witness the shooting because McDonald had disabled his squad car by popping the

tire with a knife. He later filled out paperwork stating that McDonald committed an aggravated assault and a battery against him, the latter of which would incorrectly imply McDonald physically touched or injured him.

Walsh and Van Dyke filled out nearly identical reports alleging a battery. Prosecutors argue that shows an orchestrated effort to exaggerate McDonald's actions in order to justify his slaying.

Lopez predicts it won't be enough to convict Gaffney and said it's possible the officer could be dismissed from the case before it concludes.

"They may have made some errors in police reports, but so what?" Lopez said. "You see mistakes in police reports all the time. It's not criminal."

While Walsh and Gaffney had nothing to do with the investigation after filing their reports in the hours following the shooting, Lopez believes March has the best defense against conspiracy charges. The detective inventoried numerous pieces of evidence — including the dashcam video that led to Van Dyke's conviction for second-degree murder and 16 counts of aggravated assault in October.

City officials may have fought to keep the video from the public, but March had nothing to do with that decision. Internal investigators, the state's attorney's office and federal prosecutors all had early access to the recording because he included it in the case file.

"There is no way to shield Van Dyke as long as that video exists," Lopez said. "And March is the one who inventoried that video."

Community organizers, however, have not been so willing to dismiss the inaccuracies as simple mistakes. Rather, they contend the totality of the evidence is overwhelming.

"It's an example of the necessity of reform within the Chicago Police Department," said the Rev. Michael Pfleger of St. Sabina Catholic Church. "This case puts a spotlight on the use of excessive force and the need to demand timely and immediate reports in the cases of police-involved shootings."

This unprecedented prosecution, he added, provides a watershed moment for the city and its citizens.

"If you're ever going to talk about building relations between community and between police, then what we need is to hold bad cops accountable," he said on the trial's first day. "Today is such a case."

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Would tower mar beauty of Unity Temple?



BLAIR KAMIN
Cityscapes

In Oak Park, home to the world's finest collection of Frank Lloyd Wright buildings, a fascinating clash of public policy agendas is taking shape, and the outcome is sure to affect Wright's masterful Unity Temple.

The first agenda is historic preservation, which preaches the value of making the past a part of the future. It achieved a triumph last year, the 150th anniversary of Wright's birthday, when Unity Temple reopened after a sparkling \$25 million restoration led by Chicago's Harboe Architects.

The second agenda is transit-oriented development, which calls for placing high-density housing near rail and bus stops, enabling people to take transit and cut down on pollution.

This philosophy, which is reshaping parts of Chicago and the downtowns of suburbs like Arlington Heights, is back in the news with just-announced plans

for a 28-story apartment high-rise at 835 Lake St. in Oak Park. The tower would be built a short walk from the Chicago Transit Authority's Green Line elevated station at Oak Park Avenue — and just down the road from Unity Temple at 875 Lake St.

That proximity has the people who safeguard Wright's buildings worried.

They fret, in particular, about the shadows the tower would cast on the 110-year-old landmark, a monumental mass of exposed concrete that houses an intimate, light-dappled worship space that is nothing short of extraordinary. Sunlight filters down from a grid of skylights and through bands of art-glass windows, creating an effect Wright compared to a "happy cloudless day."

"The minute you start to interfere with that, particularly in the morning, when services are going on — that is something that is concerning," Barbara Gordon, executive director of the Chicago-based Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy, which is devoted to protecting Wright's buildings, said Thursday.

She is also concerned because, just before Thanksgiving, the conservancy and the National Park Service nominated a group

of eight Wright buildings, including Unity Temple, for inclusion on the United Nations' list of the world's most significant cultural and natural sites.

The nomination follows an unsuccessful try in 2016 to land Wright buildings on the prestigious World Heritage list, which recognizes places of "outstanding universal value." Being on the list can help lure tourists.

Unity Temple, Gordon said, demonstrates "universal value" through its innovative use of concrete, as well as Wright's abstract geometric forms and masterful manipulation of space. Those characteristics, she said, create an architecture "that's responsive to functional and emotional needs."

"Anything that would affect that," she added, "is something we've got our eye on."

Notably, the current nomination mentions a "buffer zone" around Unity Temple that includes Wright's Home and Studio and houses by the architect on nearby Forest Avenue. It's unclear if the proposed high-rise would make the proposed buffer zone less of a buffer.

The team for the tower, Chicago's Golub & Co. and Chicago architects Solomon

Cordwell Buenz, on Monday night unveiled renderings for the project during a meeting at Oak Park's Nineteenth Century Club.

The renderings show a 299-foot, 256-unit building, which would be the tallest in Oak Park. The height limit set by the current zoning for the site is 45 feet, said Village Planner Craig Failor.

The architects stress that their plans are preliminary. "We have done shadow studies. We'll be doing more," John Lahey, SCB's chairman, told me.

Gordon, who spoke with the developers before the meeting, said the studies show that the tower would cast shadows on Unity Temple's sanctuary in the morning. She couldn't say, however, how long the shadows would last.

At Monday's meeting, a Golub & Co. executive noted that an eclectic six-story apartment building to the east of Unity Temple already casts shadows on Wright's masterpiece.

But "it's not a 28-story shadow," Gordon said. "Do you want to add to that shadow and make the shadow grow?"

Because the developer has yet to submit a plan to the village, the debate is still taking shape.

Residents also have ex-



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Golub & Co. is proposing a 28-story, 256-unit residential tower for the parcel at 835 Lake St. in Oak Park.

pressed concerns about shadows the tower would cast on nearby Scoville Park and whether the proposed high-rise will include affordable housing.

Oak Park, it should be noted, already is far down the road of transit-oriented development.

Recently built residential high-rises there include the 21-story Vantage building, a Golub & Co. development. The high-rises have helped make the suburb's downtown a vital shopping,

restaurant and cultural hub. But this latest transit-oriented plan requires special attention.

Unity Temple, after all, is the finest public building of Wright's Chicago years and home to one of the most beautiful rooms in America.

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More women traveling to Ill. for abortions

State considered a haven amid restrictive Midwest

BY ANGIE LEVENTIS
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Chicago Tribune

One woman came to Chicago by bus from Indianapolis in mid-2017, pregnant but with medical complications that would have made labor and delivery potentially dangerous. Another woman traveled here from Wisconsin in March because she didn't have the financial means or will to have a baby.

Although they were strangers, 28-year-old Timna Axel hosted them in her Uptown neighborhood apartment for a few nights before and after their abortions at local clinics. Axel is a volunteer with Midwest Access Coalition, a Chicago nonprofit that helps defray the costs associated with traveling to terminate a pregnancy, including lodging, food and transportation.

"It seems like a lot of these (nearby) states have increased the barriers to abortion and other health care for women in recent years," she said. "It doesn't seem right there should be this island of health care access in Chicago."

More women are crossing state lines to have abortions in Illinois, according to the latest statistics from the Illinois Department of Public Health, which were



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Timna Axel is a volunteer with Midwest Access Coalition, a nonprofit that hosts folks traveling to Illinois for abortions.

released earlier this week.

Last year, 5,528 women traveled to Illinois from other states to terminate pregnancies, almost a thousand more than the 4,543 women who came from out of state in 2016. The total number of abortions statewide during the same period increased slightly, from 38,382 in 2016 to 39,329 in 2017, according to annual state reports. Of those, about 1,000 abortions each year were provided to women whose home states were marked "unknown."

While the data doesn't indicate the reason for out-of-state travel, Illinois is generally considered a reproductive rights haven amid the more restrictive Midwest, where women often face waiting periods, gestational limits, fewer clinics and other hurdles.

To Mary Kate Knorr, executive director of Illinois Right to Life, this status is a

badge of dishonor.

"The increase in abortions performed on out-of-state women is indicative of how truly regressive we are when it comes to protecting pre-born children in our state," she said. "Illinois is an outlier amongst our neighbors, whose legislatures have consulted science and found that discouraging abortions is in the best interest of their residents."

But Terry Cosgrove, president and CEO of the abortion rights advocacy group Personal PAC, praised Illinois as one of the few states in the middle of the country where women have access to this safe and legal medical procedure.

"So many states around us are enacting dangerous restrictions that put the health and lives of women at risk, so women have no choice really but to come to Illinois," he said. "It isn't anything but pure mi-

sogyny."

Across the country, 19 states adopted 63 new abortion restrictions in 2017, according to the Guttmacher Institute, a research group that supports abortion rights.

Some of the greatest shifts have recently been in Iowa, which last year passed a 20-week limit on the procedure as well as a 72-hour waiting period, though the waiting period portion of the law was immediately blocked by the courts.

"When access to abortion is politically restricted, those who have the means to travel will do so, and those without means are left most vulnerable," said Becca Lee, spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood of the Heartland. "If someone can travel, they may be forced to take time from work, incur additional expenses, take time from family and make other sacrifices in order to access a safe, legal abortion procedure — and they shouldn't have to."

Planned Parenthood of the Heartland also had to close four clinics in Iowa last year due to state defunding. Three of the clinics were in the eastern side of the state, near the Illinois border.

Caitlyn Dixon, executive director of Iowa Right to Life, said Iowa abortion numbers have been at "historic lows" the past few years, and she attributes the decrease in part to some of

these recent anti-abortion measures. While she acknowledged that some women might be heading to other states, she doesn't believe travel accounts for the entire drop.

"I think women are simply choosing not to terminate," she said. "I believe that this decline goes hand in hand with the climate in Iowa, particularly after seeing the results of this last election," including a Republican incumbent governor staving off a pro-abortion rights Democratic challenger.

A recent study from the University of California at San Francisco found that, compared with other regions of the U.S., the Midwest had the fewest number of abortion clinics based on the population of women of childbearing age.

Even within the Midwest, the availability of abortion providers differed drastically state by state. For example, Illinois had about two dozen clinics, roughly one for every 120,135 women of reproductive age. Whereas in neighboring Wisconsin, researchers found three facilities providing abortions, about one for every 423,590 women, according to data collected in early 2017.

Abortion laws continued to fluctuate in many Midwestern states in 2018, though those changes wouldn't have had an impact on the most recent figures in Illinois.

As of October, Missouri

was down to one abortion clinic statewide due to requirements that abortion providers have admitting privileges at local hospitals. Missouri also mandates a 72-hour waiting period.

Earlier this year, Iowa passed a so-called "heartbeat bill" that would ban abortion as soon as a fetal heartbeat can be detected, as early as six weeks into pregnancy, but the measure was temporarily blocked by the courts; a similar bill is moving through the Ohio legislature.

In contrast, Illinois in late 2017 passed controversial legislation that affirmed abortion rights — expanding taxpayer-subsidized abortions and keeping abortion legal even if *Roe v. Wade* were ever overturned.

Edwin Yohnka of the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois said the rise in out-of-state travel for abortion "fits a pattern that we have seen the past few years."

"While other states in the Midwest have imposed increasing restrictions and limitations on the ability of a woman to access health care, including abortion care, Illinois has largely moved to keep such health care more accessible," he said. "As a state that imposes relatively fewer unnecessary and punitive barriers, we should expect women to seek care in Illinois."

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Former Chicago Federation of Labor President Dennis Gannon got an annual pension of \$150,000-plus after he retired from a \$56,000-a-year city job.

Union leaders' pensions get a reprieve

State's high court rules 2012 changes unconstitutional

BY RAY LONG
Chicago Tribune

When Illinois lawmakers found out seven years ago that major labor leaders were significantly pumping up their taxpayer-funded pensions by basing them on their larger union salaries, state officials swiftly approved a law to rein in the windfalls.

Union executives cried foul, however, saying the changes spurred by a Chicago Tribune/WGN-TV investigation were an overreach. And after a lengthy legal battle, the Illinois Supreme Court has sided with the unions, ruling the changes unconstitutional and striking a blow to lawmakers' reform efforts.

The court's unanimous ruling last week that once again illustrated how difficult it is to cut back public pensions. Justices cited a provision in the Illinois Constitution stating that pension benefits, once granted, "shall not be diminished or impaired."

If that sounds familiar, it's because the court has turned to that same provision to throw out major efforts by both state government and City Hall to

reduce pension costs in recent years.

The city ruling led Mayor Rahm Emanuel to increase property taxes, boost the 911 emergency telecommunications fee attached to phone bills, and put in place a new sewer and water bill tax to start contributing more money to four city pension funds covering police, firefighters, municipal employees and laborers.

The state still has to fix its woefully underfunded government worker pension system, which carries a shortfall of more than \$100 billion. A small part of that debt is due to a long-running practice at the Capitol of approving pension sweeteners for political allies. In September 2011, the Tribune and WGN found that nearly two dozen labor leaders from Chicago stood to reap benefits that could cost ailing local pension plans tens of millions of dollars over the course of their retirements. At one point, federal authorities subpoenaed records on the inflated city pensions.

The law allowed union members to take a leave of absence from their public employment to work in high-ranking union jobs, earn years of public service credit for their union time and base their taxpayer-

funded pensions on the more lucrative union positions. Union official pension benefits also could be based on a labor leader's last four consecutive highest-paid years in the decade before retirement.

The Illinois General Assembly approved a series of changes designed to base the pensions of union officials on their salaries and tenure from the lower-paid government workers positions. Then-Gov. Pat Quinn signed the reforms into law in January 2012. The state Supreme Court, however, found those changes violated the state constitution, which protects pension benefits once they're granted.

"We find nothing in the case law, in the text of the pension clause, or in the constitutional debates on the clause that would support the state's argument that the particular benefit conferred here is not entitled to protection," according to the opinion written by Justice Robert Thomas.

"The state's contention that the delegates and voters did not intend that the benefit at issue would be protected by the pension clause is pure speculation and appears to be manifestly inaccurate," the opinion continued.

The suit that overturned the state law was brought

by blue- and white-collar city employees as well as Chicago teachers and their unions against their public pensions funds. The law's constitutionality was defended by the attorney general. Union reps had no comment after the ruling.

Some historical context: Since the 1950s, city workers who take leaves of absence to work full time for unions have been able to remain in city pension funds if they choose. The time they spend at their union jobs counts toward their city pensions.

But few labor leaders took the deal until the law was changed in 1991 to base those workers' city pensions on their union salaries instead of their old city paychecks, dramatically boosting the amount they could receive. Because that 1991 law bases city pensions on the labor leaders' union salaries, they received retirement benefits that far outstrip the modest salaries they made as city employees. On average, their pensions are nearly three times higher than what the typical retired city worker receives.

High-profile examples that triggered the 2012 changes included: ■ Liberato "Al" Naimoli, president of the Cement Workers Union Local 76. He retired from a \$15,000-

a-year city job that he last held a quarter-century ago. Naimoli received more than \$13,000 a month from the city laborers' pension fund as he continued to earn nearly \$300,000 annually as union president.

■ James McNally, former vice president of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150. He received nearly \$115,000 a year even though at the time he retired, in 2008, he had not worked for the city in more than 13 years. He was 51 when he started collecting a city pension.

■ Dennis Gannon, former president of the Chicago Federation of Labor. In 2004, he began receiving more than \$150,000 a year after retiring at age 50 from a \$56,000-a-year city job that he had left nearly 13 years earlier. He received his city pension while collecting a salary of about \$200,000 from the federation. As in most cases, Gannon told the Tribune at the time that he was only following the law in filing for a city pension.

The state Supreme Court ruling tossed out the changes for workers and retirees who already were covered by the pension system before the law took effect in January 2012.

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Plainfield official resigns in dispute

BY ALICIA FABBRE
Chicago Tribune

A top official in Plainfield Township has resigned after admitting she stored her boat and jet skis rent-free on township property.

Andi French was the administrator of Plainfield Township, where she'd worked for 21 years before resigning Monday, effective immediately.

French had been placed on leave last month. In a separate letter to Township Supervisor Tony Fremarek dated Monday, the same day French resigned, she wrote that she "will be tendering you ... a personal check in the amount of \$1,300 representing rent for 13 months of storage of our boat and jet skis in the Plainfield Township Community Center."

French wrote that the money was intended to cover rent from October 2015 to March 2016, as well as for October 2016 to March 2017 and for October 2018. She described the \$100 per month as "the customary area rental rate."

Fremarek said township officials were not allowed to accept the check from French, so they declined the offer. "We as a board feel betrayed by someone we trusted; who we believed was acting in the best interest of the township," he said after a special meeting Monday at which the township board accepted French's resignation.

Fremarek said French's two daughters were also employed by the township but were terminated Monday. He said their duties included driving the township shuttle bus, answering phones and updating information for the township cemetery. French's father has worked for the township's highway department since 2004, officials said.

Fremarek noted the township does not have a policy regarding nepotism. He added that the township board was unaware that French, who was made a full-time employee in 2016 and collected an annual salary of \$80,000, had been storing personal possessions at the community center on Des Plaines Street. The building is owned by the township but primarily used by the park district.

French did not return calls seeking comment.

Alicia Fabbre is a freelance reporter.



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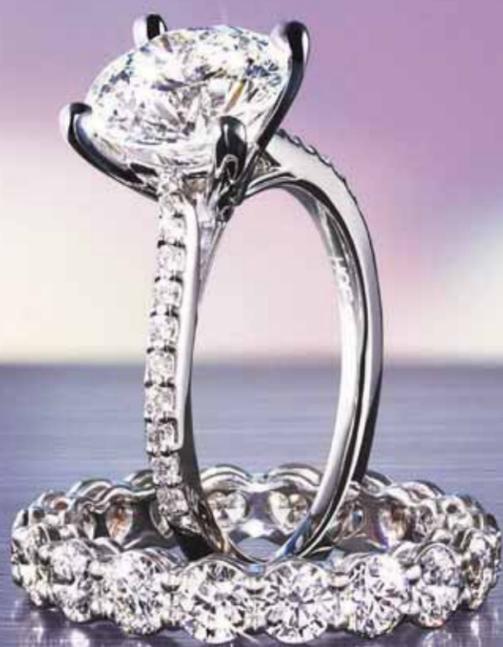
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What it takes for storm to be a blizzard

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS
 Chicago Tribune

Now that power is back for most Chicago-area homes and we've dug out from the snowstorm that dumped 8.4 inches of snow on Chicago and grounded more than 1,000 flights, it's started to warm up, but that nightmare of a storm still seems to linger, like the chairs marking dibs on parking spots.

For instance, you might be wondering if you get to call that colossal snowstorm — one on a shortlist of worst November snowstorms of all time (or since 1884) — a blizzard, especially with the rare blizzard warnings issued before the storm hit.

Unless you also work with Andrew Krein at the National Weather Service and are a meteorologist like him, chances are you're not sure.

Krein says two criteria must be met for a winter

storm to be an official blizzard. First, there must have been sustained wind speeds of greater than 35 mph. With wind speeds recorded at 50 mph at the airport in Wheeling, 49 mph in LaSalle and 39 mph at DuPage Airport, we're halfway to being able to call the storm a blizzard.

Up next, visibility must have been reduced to below 3/4 of a mile for a period of no less than three hours. The weather service issued warnings about reduced visibility at the height of the storm, so that's a no-brainer, right? "No, we didn't record those conditions for a sustained period of three hours," Krein said. So, he says, by technical standards, the storm from Sunday into Monday was not a blizzard.

But what about all that snow? The power outages, closed schools and grounded flights? "Snow isn't actually part of the equation, although of course to meet the visibility reduc-

tion, snow would likely need to be falling," Krein said.

As for the power outages — in total, about 350,000 ComEd customers lost electricity during the storm — and travel disruptions, Krein says, of course, those are important aspects of a storm. The human element and whether everyone made it through all right are what matter most.

"It was technically not a blizzard, but it was certainly an impactful storm," he said. "I think for a lot of people who went through that, they don't care what it's called, they still have no power."

And meteorologists won't be angry at those who use the term "blizzard" for last week's storm. "For what people think about when it comes to the word blizzard, that's what you picture," a storm like the one last week, Krein said.

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Old Navy T-shirt 'worst Chicago map ever'?

BY LIAM FORD
Chicago Tribune

There are a lot of Chicago neighborhood maps, but Zach Freeman thinks he's found the worst ever, on an

Old Navy T-shirt — one the retailer now says it will replace with one bearing another, more accurate design.

Freeman, 35, who does freelance writing on come-

dy for the Tribune, tweeted out a picture of the T-shirt on Thursday. He was out looking for pajamas for his young children last Saturday and saw the T-shirt at the Old Navy in Oak Park.

"May have found the worst Chicago map ever — on a shirt at Old Navy," Freeman tweeted. "Wicker Park has its own listing but #2, #13 and #14 sum up the entire south and west sides."

Indeed, every neighborhood from Galewood to Little Village to Lawndale to Austin and the Island is part of the "Far West Side," according to the map. Englewood, West Englewood, Gresham, Marquette Park, Brighton Park and a host of other neighborhoods are part of the "Southwest Side."

After Old Navy became aware of the issues with the shirt, which has been available for three years, the retailer through a spokeswoman pledged to have one with "a new design in the near future."

Old Navy has "long offered T-shirts in Chicago with designs that celebrate this amazing city and its many unique neighborhoods," spokeswoman Liz Nunan said in an email.

"As a brand rooted in inclusion, it's our intention to ensure all people, and all neighborhoods, in the great city of Chicago are represented," she said.

The boundaries of Chicago neighborhoods often are haggled over, although aldermen tried to settle disputes with a 1993 ordinance defining neighborhood boundaries that says, "No person shall name or rename a Community Area or Neighborhood without the passage of an ordinance."

But while the city's website notes, "Different people may have different perspectives on the names and locations of specific neighborhoods" no map used in Chicago likely would mash



ZACH FREEMAN

An Old Navy spokeswoman pledged to replace this T-shirt with "a new design in the near future."

together Kenwood, Oakland, Hyde Park and South Shore and call them "South Chicago Shore."

A spokesman for the city department in charge of official maps said Old Navy has a robust presence in Chicago, which might excuse a mistaken T-shirt.

"The shirt's designer may be clueless about city neighborhoods, but Old Navy isn't," said Peter Strazzabosco, deputy commissioner with the Planning and Development Department. "The company just opened its sixth Chicago store that's bringing 50 new jobs to Morgan Park."

It's not the first time Old Navy has used a dubious Chicago neighborhood map, but the last time one sparked controversy, in 2014, it was a stylized map that didn't draw real boundaries.

The likeliest source for the map Freeman spotted appears to be a 2007 map of Chicago "districts" available on Wikimedia Commons that's not used on any Wikipedia page.

When he first saw the T-shirt, Freeman said to himself, "Oh, cool, a map of Chicago." Then he looked at the map legend listing 21 neighborhoods and thought, "What kind of map is this?"

Freeman thought it was odd that neighborhoods such as Rogers Park — which on the map includes part of Edgewater — were marked, but West and South Side neighborhoods weren't.

"If all of Austin and Englewood and Hyde Park are not showing up here, why would Rogers Park?" he said.

Freeman, who also is a lecturer in computer science at the University of Chicago and moved to Chicago a decade ago, said a couple of the neighborhoods he's lived in aren't anywhere on the map. Lincoln Square is part of something called Lakeview/North Center, and, more egregiously, Albany Park is part of neighborhood No. 1 — O'Hare.

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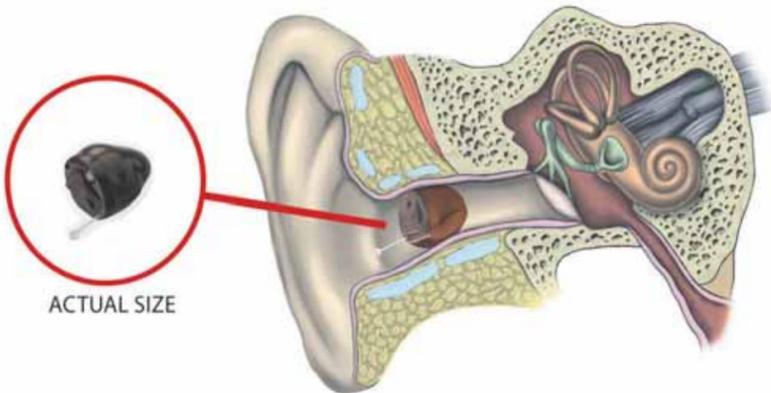
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Let's stop telling kids what to like based on gender



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

NBA star Stephen Curry made a basketball-loving girl's dreams come true last week when he responded to her plea to offer his signature sneakers in her size.

He also gave the rest of us a reason to talk about some of the strict boy/girl nonsense we inflict on kids' stuff.

A 9-year-old girl named Riley Morrison wrote a letter to the Golden State Warriors point guard asking why his Curry 5 shoe wasn't

available for girls.

"I asked my dad to buy me the new Curry 5's, because I'm starting a new basketball season," she wrote. "My dad and I visited the Under Armour web site and were disappointed to see that there were no Curry 5's for sale under the girls section. They did have them for sale under the boys section, even to customize. I know you support girl athletes because you have two daughters and you host an all girls basketball camp. I hope you can work with Under Armour to change this because girls want to rock the Curry 5's too."

Her dad shared the letter on Twitter and Instagram, hoping Curry's people would see it.



VAUGHN RIDLEY/GETTY

Steph Curry had a brilliant response to the girl who wants to buy his sneakers. Let's follow his lead.

They did. "Unfortunately we have labeled the smaller sizes as 'boys' on the website,"

Curry wrote in a letter to Riley, which is posted on his Twitter page. "We are correcting this NOW! I want to make sure you can wear my kicks proudly — so I am going to send you a pair of Curry 5s now AND you'll be one of the first kids to get the Curry 6. Lastly, we have something special in the works for International Women's Day on March 8th, and I want you to celebrate with me! More to come on that, but plan to be in Oakland that night!"

Whee!

Do McDonald's next, Steph. The one by my kid's swim lessons, where we sometimes stop for a post-dunk Happy Meal, still asks, "Boy toy or girl toy?" in the drive-through. (I'm always tempted to say, "You have

Madonna back there??")

Next, do stores that label their toy aisles "boys" and "girls," as though Legos have a gender.

Let's kick the habit of telling kids what they're supposed to like based on the body parts they were born with.

Let's encourage them to develop their own tastes and listen to their own voices to decide what colors they want to wear, what toys they want to play with, what heroes they look up to.

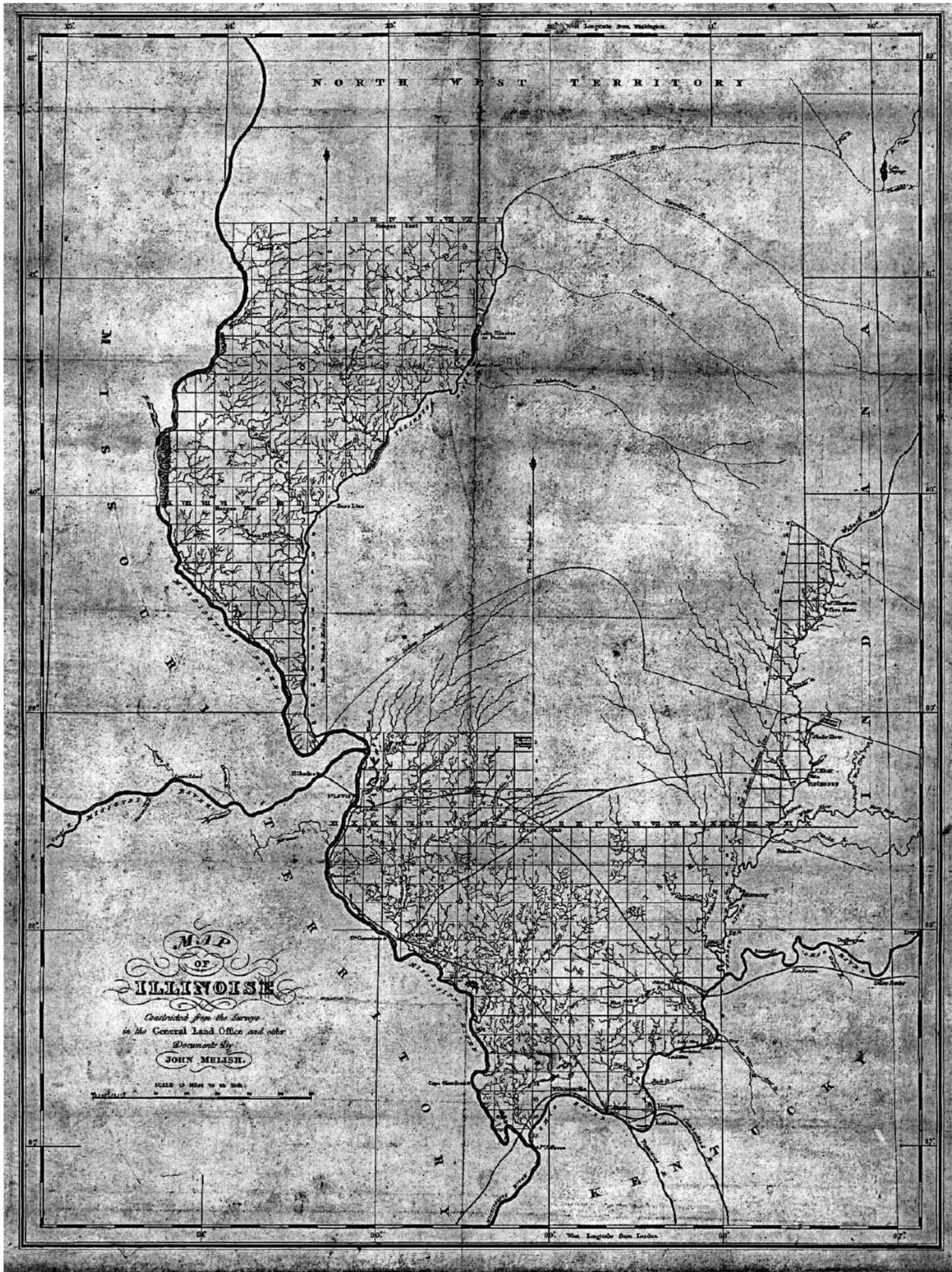
Let's save our correcting and redirecting for the stuff that actually might harm them. ("I don't want you to play with steak knives, bud. Too dangerous." "We can't do a tank top in December, sweetie. Too cold.")

Children deserve the space to figure out who they are and who they want to become without our pointless judgment and narrow lanes. We need to help them make wise, safe choices, and we need to celebrate, not discourage, the ones that are a little unconventional.

Like Riley's dad did. Like Steph Curry did. We don't all have the reach or the money of an NBA star, but we can follow his lead on dismantling the same ol', same ol' way of doing business when it comes to kids' stuff.

Enjoy those shoes, Riley. And thanks for nudging us to have this conversation.

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A map of Illinois dated April 1818 and constructed by John Melish from surveys and other documents in the General Land Office.

In Illinois, fix was in at the start

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of the local legislature to pass a resolution asking that Illinois become a state. It was sent to Washington, where Pope was in a good position to shepherd it through Congress. He was on the committee that considered Illinois' application for statehood.

But Cook and Pope had a problem. Illinois didn't meet the requirements for statehood.

A territory was supposed to have 60,000 inhabitants before being bumped up, and Illinois was a thinly populated slice of the western frontier. There was a loophole: Congress could set a lower bar, and Pope persuaded his fellow legislators to grant Illinois that exemption. Pope seems to have claimed there were 40,000 Illinoisans, though a special census could only find 34,620 of them. And even that number might have

been inflated by counting migrants who were just passing through Illinois on their way farther West.

Meanwhile, as the statehood bill was passing through committee, Pope moved to replace the description of Illinois' northern border from Lake Michigan's southern tip to "north latitude 42 degrees 30 minutes." That added 8,500 square miles and 14 future counties to Illinois. For years, Wisconsinites screamed: "Foul!"

Should the tale of their state's origins leave preeminent, and Illinoisans squeamish, let's consider the alternative:

What if Pope hadn't worked his magic? Chicago would be in Wisconsin. There wasn't much on the site of what would become the Windy City in 1818, but like real estate agents say, location is everything.

To the east were the Great Lakes, which con-

nect with the St. Lawrence River and the Atlantic Ocean. To the west was the Des Plaines River, which connects with the Illinois and Mississippi rivers and ultimately the Gulf of Mexico — except for a small gap that was carved out with a canal. That made Chicago a transportation hub, and it became not only a metropolis but a lodestone for creative talents.

Except for Pope's machinations, Carl Sandburg and Nelson Algren might be remembered for their roles in the Wisconsin Renaissance. Louis Sullivan and Mies van der Rohe could be known worldwide as members of the Wisconsin School of modern architecture.

Cities have slums as well as boulevards, and that inspired Jane Addams to establish Hull House, a pioneering social-service agency, on Halsted Street. Her partners in the ven-

ture fought for reforms — like not treating young offenders as hardened criminals. But for Pope's map, Wisconsin would hold the honor of establishing the nation's first juvenile court.

To the south would be a truncated Illinois. Its license plates wouldn't read "Land Of Lincoln." For without the northern region Pope tacked on, its populace would have been indifferent, at best, to slavery and even pro-South in the run-up to the Civil War. Could Lincoln have emerged from that political environment and gone off to end slavery and save the Union?

But he could and did because Pope, an abolitionist, bound southern and northern Illinois together. Ever since, our state has been a wondrous pastiche.

We celebrate big-city novelists like Saul Bellow and small-town poets like Vachel Lindsay, the bard of

Springfield. Our schoolchildren learn that Barack Obama served an apprenticeship at a South Side community group, a legacy of Jane Addams.

Yet old-timers reminisce about elections that pitted the Chicago machine against the Downstate vote.

We even debate who most unabashedly continued the tradition of Pope and Cook. Was it Paul Powell, a Downstater who, contemplating spoils of an election victory, said he could "smell the meat a-cooking?" Or the saloon-owning Ald. Paddy Bauler who proclaimed: Chicago "ain't ready for reform?"

So blow out those 200 candles, and cut me a slice of the birthday cake. I'll lift up a glass and offer a toast: "Here's to you, my beloved Illinois. For better and for worse, you're forever the land of wink and nod."

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Chicago school board sues feds

Alleges unlawful halting of grant funds over abuse

By **JUAN PEREZ JR.**
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The Chicago Board of Education sued the U.S. Department of Education and Secretary Betsy DeVos in federal court on Friday for revoking millions of grant dollars over the school district's alleged failures to protect students from sexual violence.

Alleging a "radical departure" from past government practice, the district's lawsuit said federal authorities unlawfully halted a \$4 million payment meant to help transform three neighborhood Chicago Public Schools campuses into citywide magnet programs.

According to the district's lawsuit, federal authorities denied the district an opportunity to dispute the halted funding, offered CPS no justification for the move and did not comply with procedural requirements before setting out the decision.

"Chicago Public Schools is filing suit in an effort to restore millions of dollars in funding that was abruptly and unlawfully taken from low-income students without providing the district with the opportunity to appeal the decision," CPS spokeswoman Emily Bolton said in a statement. "The district has made, and will continue to make, significant improvements to how it prevents and responds to allegations of abuse and, even more importantly, how it supports victims."

Elizabeth Hill, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Education Department, said the department does not comment on pending litigation.

The Education Department moved in September to withhold the grant dollars, following a Tribune investigation into the way CPS has handled allegations of sexual abuse and misconduct.

In an internal memo justifying the funding cutoff, the department's civil rights office said it had "identified serious and pervasive violations under Title IX," the federal law that protects students from gender-based discrimination and from abuse and harassment that interfere with schooling.

That memo also expressed frustration with the district's slow and incomplete responses to federal investigators who are looking into student complaints filed in recent years.

The school board's lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court, asks a judge to reverse federal authorities' decision and to keep the government from sending the money to other school systems until the case is settled.

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Houses are reflected in the 900 block of North Karlov Avenue near the scene of a shooting in August that left four people injured.

4 months after shootout, no answers

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at this time.

"But it is still," she said, her voice trailing off. "This is our community. It's frustrating, of course. It's disappointing."

The lack of progress, and the rise in fear, bring home some of the consequences of the Chicago Police Department's yearslong struggle with clearing cases.

The department's record for solving shootings that were not fatal was 15 percent in 2017. But that includes shootings that happened in prior years. When you look at just shootings in the calendar year, the clearance rate falls to 7 percent.

For the weekend in early August, at least three people have been arrested so far. The Tribune has been examining what happened over those three days and in the months since, hoping to shed light on the challenges of solving crime and how failing to clear cases impacts the cycle of violence.

Across the city, a strong strain of resignation and suspicion surfaces in interviews with victims, witnesses and neighbors about that weekend.

While some of the same frustrations are felt on North Karlov, neighbors also speak of spirit and pride. And they clearly want more from their Police Department.

"Resources, information and community respect," summed up Sue Lenzen, a local community beat rep.

Deputy Chief of Detectives Brendan Deenihan said the surge of violence that weekend, especially during the early Sunday hours, could explain why an investigator didn't speak with Pierson. But he told the Tribune that someone should have called her.

"We've got to take ownership of what we didn't do right," he said. "And that should be reconciled."

'This is a good house on a decent block'

On a quiet late afternoon this fall, before the clocks rolled back and cold hit the city, Pierson's neighbor was putting the finishing touches on Halloween decorations as kids played in the front.

Pierson said she moved to Karlov in June when she was priced out of other Northwest Side neighborhoods. There, she found a tidy frame home with the original 1908 woodwork. And good neighbors.

"We have a lot of activity ... questionable foot traffic," Pierson acknowledged. "But for the most part I feel safe. I know who my neighbors are. I talk to them. I live on a good block. This is a good house on a decent block."

Another neighbor, who asked that her name not be used for safety, said she used to gaze at her block from her daily commute to work, dreaming of living there.

"They call our block 'Oak Park,'" the resident said, referring to the upscale suburb not quite 3 miles west. "That makes me feel like we put our work in. I tell people you don't have to move out to the suburbs. You can have the same thing as everybody else."

But the threats are never far away.

Their block is just north of Chicago Avenue, a stretch of manufacturing firms and small businesses that also harbors illegal



When a battle erupted in August, Lori Pierson watched from a window. She'd moved to Karlov in June.

drug markets and suspicious street traffic. A few blocks farther north is Augusta Boulevard, a smaller but equally worrisome street where corner drug markets flourish and young gang members loiter.

The neighborhood is in the Harrison police district, the most violent of the 22 districts in the city. But officers who work here say this pocket is not as dangerous as the rest of the sprawling district.

At least so far, residents worry. It had already been a tough summer for the neighbors on Karlov before the outburst in August.

In June, a longtime couple on the block were robbed leaving their home, the attacker quietly walking up behind them in the early morning hours. A month later, a 59-year-old woman was shot and killed in an attempted carjacking around the corner.

Then came the morning of Aug. 5, a Sunday.

'Not my first time going through this'

The reports of gunfire started coming in around 12:50 a.m. from Karlov and Iowa, some from the Police Department's ShotSpotter sensors. Over the radio, police reported seven rounds at an address on Karlov. Ten more after that.

The shooting erupted during a party on the 900 block of North Karlov, where about 20 people had gathered, according to Deenihan, the deputy chief of detectives. Witnesses said shots were exchanged between someone in a dark blue Cadillac and people on the street. The Cadillac crashed into two cars, and a spent rifle casing was found in the back seat.

As many as 80 casings from seven guns were scattered across the block as the shooting spilled across Iowa and down Pierson's block. She was on the couch, watching TV, when she heard the screech of tires and the repeated blast of gunfire. She dove to the floor. Venturing toward the window, she saw someone crash into a parked car and gunmen on foot, still firing.

Out on the street, Dennis Jeter raced to his car where his friend was in the front seat. "They shooting!" she yelled.

Jeter, who was on the block at a relative's house, lunged across her and felt burning pain in the back of his thigh. He and another victim got themselves to the hospital. Two others were taken by ambulance.

Jeter said he was questioned by police at Stroger Hospital, but he could not offer much help.

"It was all right," Jeter said. "I felt they treated me like how they should. Like a regular person. They was doing their job. They was asking me, did I see anything. Did I know who it was? (I said) no, I did not know what was going on."

Another victim of that night's shooting, a 30-year-old man who did not want to be named, remembers Stroger overflowing with gunshot patients. He said he talked to officers but expressed reluctance about cooperating.

"I don't want to be part of none of that," he said. "It ain't no more I can do."

The man said he had been shot before, but didn't get into details. "It's not my first time going through this."

The investigation

The investigation into the shootings on Karlov would continue for the next 24 hours as police closely guarded the crime scene that stretched an entire block.

A detective already working another shooting that busy weekend was assigned as the lone investigator on the scene that morning, Deenihan said. Other detectives were sent to Stroger. Evidence technicians dusted the Cadillac for fingerprints, but the deputy chief said it does not appear investigators reached out to the owner of the car.

The shooting happened as violence was spiking over the weekend, with about 35 people shot in seven hours. Even before the weekend, many detectives were being assigned at least a shooting a day because of the usual rise in violence during the summer.

The pace is fast and all the more frustrating because the victims were "less than cooperative," Deenihan said. "It can be difficult to stay motivated. You cannot compel people to cooperate."

But longtime residents near the

shooting said they don't recall a door-to-door canvass or any follow-up work by detectives. Misinformation filled the vacuum. More than one resident said they believed someone had been killed, for example. And they thought a gun had been recovered.

"All I saw was uniformed officers, and not one attempted to talk to anybody on this block other than to give commands as to where you could or could not go," said Tammy Sims, who has lived on Karlov for 18 years.

One resident said he approached officers right after the shooting to show them his house had been hit. He, like the others, said he has not heard any updates since.

"They did what they had to do, and that was it," said the resident, who asked not to be named because he feared retaliation. "They look at it as a done deal."

Asked what it felt like to see violence go unsolved, the man took on an almost apologetic tone. "I'm just being up front with you. What it is, is another black man and nobody cares."

Trusting the system

Some residents on the block said they don't know which officers to trust and whether they even want to help. They talk of moments when they called police to report something and the responding officers didn't get out of their squad car, instead motioning for the resident to walk up to them on the street, where all their neighbors can see.

They have seen random street stops on Chicago Avenue that bring a show of force to the area as cars are checked for proper registration and licensing and other potential violations. Why aren't those officers not simply dispatched to their streets to protect them, they wonder.

They have also witnessed policing that works. They remember the names of officers who gave them cellphone numbers and told them to call anytime. And they did.

Sims said residents may not want to speak immediately to police for many reasons. She suggested police keep trying.

"Of course I want you to ask me.

Give me the opportunity to either tell you or not tell you. Don't assume I am not going to tell," Sims said. "You might eventually get a yes."

A few blocks from Karlov, Sue Lenzen and her twin sister, Sandy, who are 57, live in the home where they were born. Their neighborhood is known as K-Town, historically associated with gangs and gunfire. But the name is a source of pride to the Lenzens.

Driving through her neighborhood, Lenzen points to the houses where she played as a kid, the schools she attended and the big Chicago Transit Authority yard soon to be converted to a police academy.

She knows the problem buildings and the blocks where it is best to keep your foot on the gas. She knows some people are hesitant about talking to police. But some officers are too quick to assume her neighbors don't care.

"Get to know these good people," she said. "And some not-so-good people."

Lenzen said she and her sister have been asked many times why they stayed. For one, they cannot afford to move. And they don't want to.

"There's a lot of good people here on the West Side," she said.

So instead, the Lenzens help run the local Beat 1111 meeting.

'That is what we are asking for'

Beat 1111 is roughly bordered by Division Street on the north, Kinzie Street on the south, Cicero Avenue on the west and Pulaski Road on the east. The beat meetings are regularly held at Piccolo Elementary School, about four blocks from the August shooting.

Last month, a small but lively group gathered inside the imposing red brick building with stone columns in front. Many of them were on Karlov the night of the shooting.

Pierson, who regularly attends these meetings, sat in the middle of the auditorium. At a meeting in September, she asked why she never heard an update from detectives.

"I said, is that normal? Is that the normal lag time, the normal turnaround time?" Pierson recalled asking.

Pierson said the officer told her that unfortunately it was because they were backlogged.

At the November meeting, Pierson pressed the three officers about the shooting. Did you get any traction, she asked.

The district officer running the meeting had no answer. Lenzen turned to him to emphasize the question.

"The follow-up," she said in her typical blunt style. "Have they made arrests? That is what we are asking for."

The officer nodded, looked down at his notebook and wrote down her request.

Late Thursday, days after the Tribune contacted the Police Department to ask why Pierson wasn't contacted, she got a call.

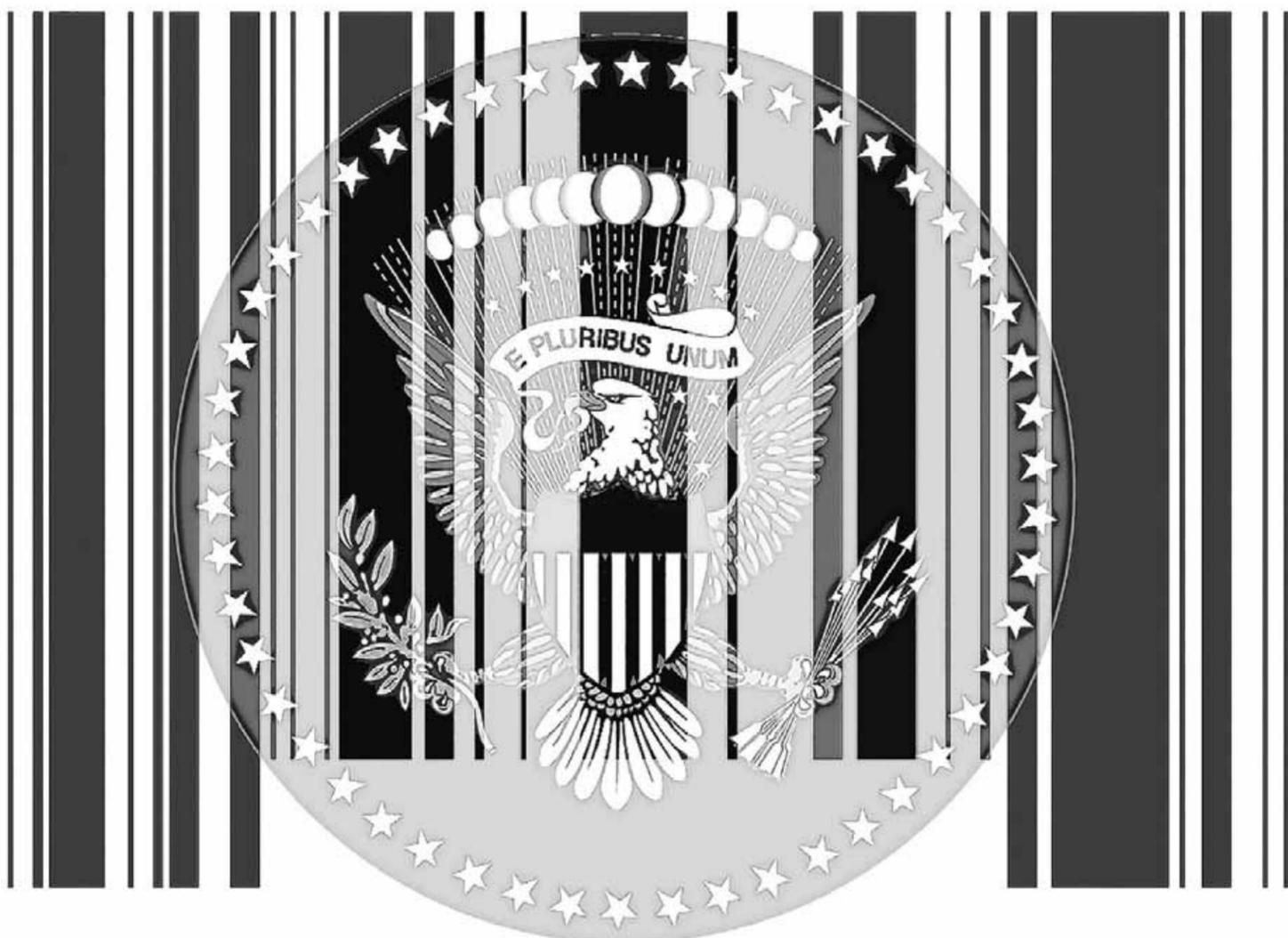
Two detectives wanted to speak to her about the shooting.

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TRUMP AND THE FOR-PROFIT PRESIDENCY



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Some types of sharks have to swim continuously to keep oxygen coming in; to be still is to perish. Donald Trump is similar, except his unceasing drive is trying to make money. He could no more stop merely because he is running for president or serving as president than he could take a sabbatical from breathing.

The charges unveiled Thursday against his former fixer, Michael Cohen, suggest just how irrepressible Trump's avarice is. Trump had sought real estate and other deals in Russia for three decades, and he had long wanted to put up a signature building in Moscow. "TRUMP TOWER-MOSCOW is next," he tweeted after a 2013 visit.

He bragged about the Russian big shots he knew. He said President Vladimir Putin might become his "new best friend." Donald Jr. made several business trips to Russia. Son Eric was quoted as saying the Trump Organization had no funding prob-

lems: "We have pretty much all the money we need from investors in Russia."

In 2015, Trump signed a letter of intent to build a hotel in Moscow, but the project never came about. The Trump Organization claimed it gave up the effort in early 2016, suggesting that he had no reason to use the campaign to ingratiate himself with the Russian government for the benefit of his bottom line.

The charges filed against Cohen by special prosecutor Robert Mueller tell a different story. Cohen now admits he lied to Congress in testifying that the negotiations ended in January 2016. In fact, they continued, with Trump's knowledge, until as late as June of that year. This aberrant behavior makes perfect sense if you assume that Trump's original motive for running was pecuniary rather than political — burnishing his brand and setting himself up for bigger things once the campaign was over. Anything that enlarged his fame could only help his quest for lucrative deals abroad.

At some point, it doubtless occurred to him that just as running for president could help him make deals, making deals could help him in running for president. We learned last year that Felix Sater, a Russian immigrant and Trump business associate, pursued the

Moscow building partly to help the campaign. "I will get Putin on this program and we will get Donald elected," he wrote in an email to Cohen.

Trump has repeatedly claimed he has no investments or business interests in Russia, and on Thursday, he said Cohen is lying. "I didn't do the project," he insisted, in a formulation that was beside the point. On Friday, he tweeted that it was "very legal & very cool" for him "to run for President & continue to run my business."

Legal, yes, but sleazy. A tycoon who operates a company while seeking the White House is hopelessly compromised by the temptation to use his political platform for personal profit. But what uptight fussy budgets see as problematic, Trump sees as a golden opportunity. Conflict of interest? He lets nothing conflict with his interests.

If Trump has investments, loans or business schemes in Russia, or hopes to, they would explain a lot, such as his refusal to disclose his tax returns, his strange divergence from Republican (and Democratic) norms on policy toward Russia, and his canine eagerness to stay on Putin's good side.

Aside from what they may reveal about Trump's stance on Russia, the Cohen charges are a reminder that Trump has treated every aspect of his

campaign and presidency as a chance to cash in. His "winter White House" is his Mar-a-Lago Club in Florida, where people pay to gain proximity to the president. After he was elected, the price to join doubled, to \$200,000.

His Washington hotel has profited from governments that patronize it. The establishment, in a building owned by the federal government, is one basis for a lawsuit that a federal judge allowed to proceed, saying, "Plaintiffs have plausibly alleged that the president has been receiving or is potentially able to receive 'emoluments' from foreign, the federal, and state governments in violation of the Constitution." Among the governments enriching him through the hotel is Saudi Arabia — another unsavory regime Trump has gone far to appease.

The broad pattern of his behavior raises the central question: Is his priority the welfare of the American people or the prosperity of his own business empire? But the question answers itself.

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CHANGE OF SUBJECT

BY ERIC ZORN



Patient told to crowdfund; clinic was harsh but fair

The good news is that Hedda Martin now has the OK to get a heart transplant. Her friends and family reported

Wednesday that doctors will soon implant a left-ventricle assist device in the chest of the 60-year-old resident of Grand Rapids, Mich., to treat the congestive heart failure triggered by aggressive chemotherapy treatment for breast cancer. The device is a stopgap until a suitable heart becomes available for transplant.

The bad news is that Martin would still be a no-go had it not been for a nationwide GoFundMe campaign that has raised nearly \$31,000 for her treatment.

And yes, in many ways this is a depressingly familiar story. There are an estimated quarter-million medical-related GoFundMe campaigns every year (though only about 10 percent reportedly meet their goals), an ongoing national scandal.

Why you may have heard of this one is that the transplant-rejection letter Martin received Nov. 20 from a clinic in her hometown prompted outrage and went viral after she posted it online.

"Your medical situation was presented to our multi-disciplinary heart transplant committee," the letter said. "... The decision made by the committee is that you are not a candidate at this time for a heart transplant due to needing a more secure plan for immunosuppressive medication coverage. The committee is recommending a fundraising effort of \$10,000."

In short, beg or die!
Incoming Democratic U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York tweeted a copy of the letter to her 1.4 million followers with the annotation, "Insurance groups are recommending GoFundMe as official policy — where customers can die if they can't raise the goal in time — but sure, single payer healthcare is unreasonable."

It was retweeted 28,000 times.
The clinic (not an insurance group), the Spectrum Health Richard DeVos Heart and Lung Transplant Center, came in for its share of online abuse and mockery. Some referred dryly to the transplant committee as a "death panel." And although medical privacy laws prohibited administrators from commenting on Martin's case specifically, the clinic posted a general statement on its website to address the controversy.

"Transplant eligibility is a complex process," the statement said. "The ability to pay for post-transplant care and lifelong immunosuppression medications is essential to increase the likelihood of a successful transplant and longevity of the transplant recipient. We help patients understand the



Hedda's Heart Transplant

Hedda Martin, of Grand Rapids, Mich., would not have been cleared to get a heart transplant had it not been for a GoFundMe effort.

long-term health implications of a transplant along with their total financial commitment, such as post-transplant medication expenses paid to pharmacies of their choice."

Specifically, according to Martin's GoFundMe page, the clinic determined that Martin, described as "an active dog walker and pet sitter," looked unlikely to be able to cover the 20 percent copay her insurance plan would charge for two years of anti-rejection drugs.

In the spirit of don't hate the player, hate the game, I'm siding with the clinic officials here.

Their only mistake, if you want to call it that, was putting so bluntly in writing that Martin needed to go the crowdsourcing route to save her life. Such an idea is merely implicit in most other denials of care.

Donor organs are in short supply, and immunosuppressive drugs are expensive. It would be irresponsible — a waste — for any medical facility to implant such organs into patients who don't have the wherewithal to pay for the care and medication to optimize their chance for long-term survival.

Now, of course "irresponsible" is far too mild a pejorative for a health care system in the richest nation in the world that withholds vital care from those without means;

that reduces people to begging strangers in order to save their lives.

It is not up to Spectrum Health or to Martin's insurance company to fill the gaps. It's up to us to craft a system of universal care that renders GoFundMe irrelevant to the gravely ill.

I should stop saying 'you should ...' and you should too

Too often I hear myself phrasing friendly suggestions using the dreaded word "should," as in "You should read my column" or "You should listen to my podcast" or "You should subscribe to my email newsletter."

Great ideas all but poorly phrased. "Should" is presumptuous and commanding, a potential trigger word for those who value their own autonomy and believe they don't need to be told what to do, thank-you-very-much.

It's friendlier, less prescriptive and more effective to say, for example, "My column today might interest you," or "This week's 'Mincing Rascals' was a hoot" or "Children wake up in the night crying for my newsletter."

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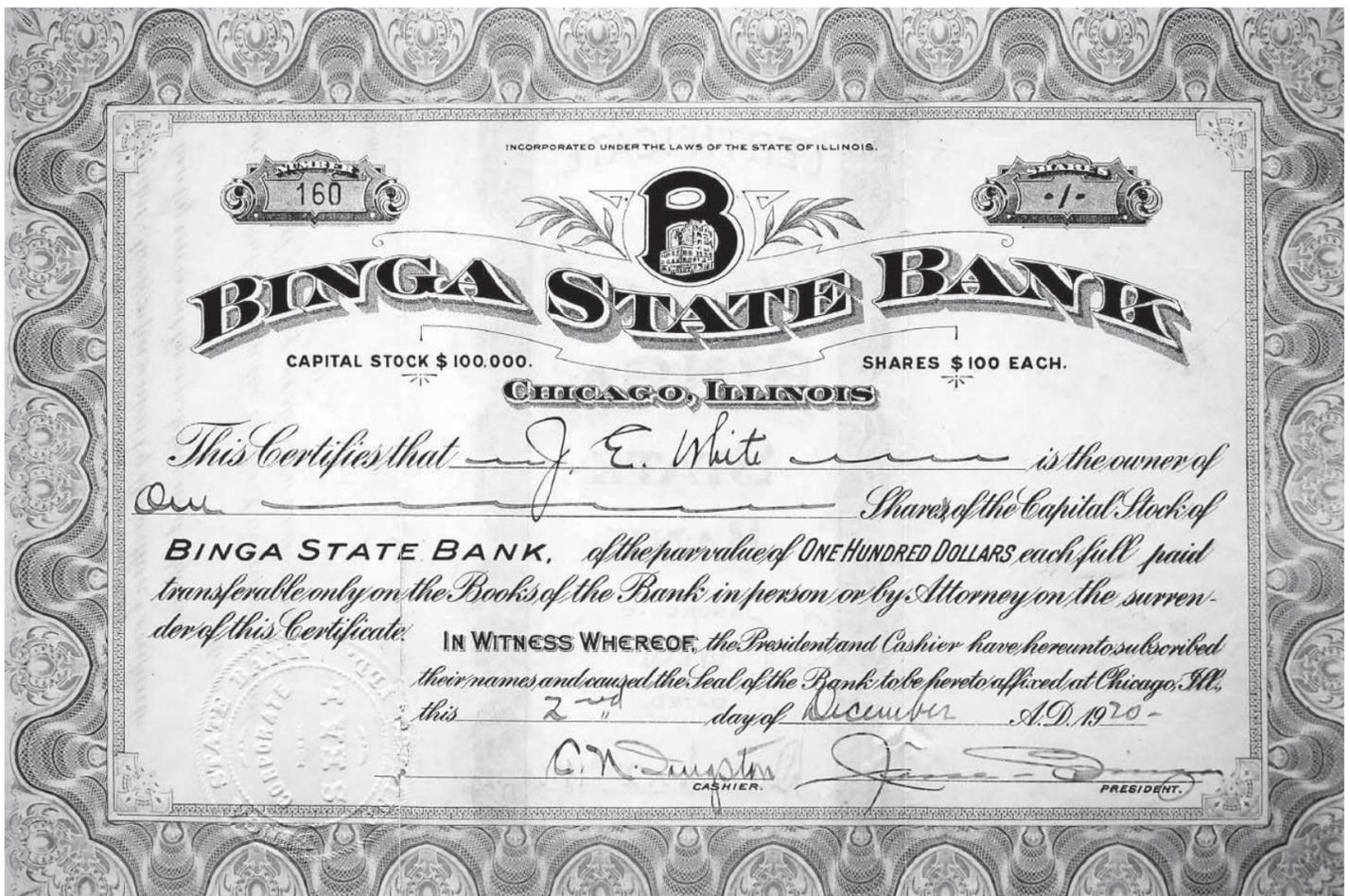
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CHICAGO FLASHBACK

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A stock certificate is displayed at the Harold Washington Library Center. Binga State Bank enabled black people to get loans that white bankers resisted giving them.

Chief of city's 1st black-owned bank emboldened community

BY RON GROSSMAN

Jesse Binga surely had his trials and tribulations, including multiple bombings of his home. Yet the story he told a Tribune reporter was a classic rags-to-riches tale. Who then could guess the final twist?

James O'Donnell Bennett set the scene of their encounter in a May 8, 1927, article: "Such he is as he sits at his 30 square feet of glass-topped table in his marble and bronze bank in the heart of the black belt. There he sits, as quietly dressed as he is quietly spoken, with close to two million dollars worth of deposits on his mind."

Binga recalled having \$10 in his pocket when he arrived in Chicago. Thirty-four years later, he owned a huge chunk of real estate on South State Street between 34th and 74th streets. He was the president of Binga State Bank, the city's first black-owned bank, and was married into the family of John "Mushmouth" Johnson, gambling king of the South Side.

To what did he attribute his good fortune? Bennett asked. "My greatest asset in business — I wouldn't say it was altogether my integrity," Binga replied. "It was partially the disposition of the average white man to underestimate my knowledge of real estate values. They wouldn't believe that a colored man could take almost any old building and whip it into shape."

Far from being blind to his business acumen, some white people feared it. When the bombings of his home began, the Tribune noted: "White men have said Binga 'has rented too many flats to Negroes in high-class residential districts.'"

The attacks were so regular that the Tribune covered them like chapters of a saga with a continuing plot line: "As usual, the pillars of the front porch were blown out of place and scores of window panes in the neighborhood were shattered," the paper noted of a 1921 bombing, the seventh to target Binga's residence in two years.

Binga had dramatically defied Chicago's division of streets where blacks were, and were not, supposed to live. In 1917, he bought a home at 5922 South Park Ave. (now King Drive) in the all-white Washington Park neighborhood.

He hired armed guards and offered a \$1,000 reward for information about the bombings. But witnesses couldn't, or wouldn't, say more than that "a young man wearing a soft hat pulled down over his face jumped out, ran to the porch, tossed a package on it and scooted back to the car."

When Chicago was racked by deadly race riots in 1919, the police moved black residents out of white neighborhoods. Binga had no intention of leaving.

"I will not run," he told a Daily News reporter. "The race is at stake and not myself."

He felt the same way about his bank. To ensure Bennett understood that, Binga gave the reporter a guided tour after the 1927 interview. He pointed to cashiers, tellers and audi-

tors, proudly noting that this one had a degree from Oberlin College, and that one graduated from the University of Michigan or Northwestern University.

"I get a big thrill out of that," Binga told the Tribune reporter, "out of the thought of these educated young people making a career with permanency in it — not condemned to hit-or-miss occupations."

As a young man, Binga led a hit-or-miss life. Born in Detroit, he had alternated barbering with huckstering during years of wandering through the Midwest. He became a Pullman porter in California, came to Chicago to see the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893, and stayed on peddling vegetables from a horse and wagon.

In the winter months, with produce unavailable, he needed another product to hustle. So he opened a real estate office at 3331 S. State St.

"His capital at that time consisted of half a month's rent, three old rickety chairs, a small flat-top table, an old worn-out stove resting on two legs, and a brick," as The Broad Ax newspaper would recall for its black readership.

Binga rented an apartment in the same building as his office, fixed it up with skills he learned during his job-hopping years, and re-rented it at a substantial profit. That formula shortly enabled him to assemble considerable property holdings.

"I could do the repair work myself," Binga explained to Bennett. "Many a night I've worked all night on boilers and plumbing, and wiping joints, and mending stairs, and hanging paper."

In 1908 he opened a bank, the natural corollary to his real estate business. That allowed blacks to get the loans that white bankers were reluctant to make them; in turn, it encouraged blacks to open savings accounts in his bank.

As his capital grew, he could take on ever-larger projects — such as the Binga State Bank building that dazzled Bennett. Next door, at 35th and State streets, he built the five-story Binga Arcade, an office building that rivaled those in the Loop when it opened in 1929.

By then, Jesse and his wife, Eudora, ("Mushmouth's") were pillars of black Chicago's high society. The Broad Ax newspaper gushingly described a Christmas-season gala the Bingas threw for 300 guests at the Vincennes Hotel in 1922:



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Bank President Jesse Binga also built the five-story Binga Arcade, an office building that rivaled those in the Loop when it opened in 1929.

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"The gentlemen attending this very brilliant affair were all in full evening dress, including white gloves and so on, and it is reasonably safe to state that at no time in the history of Chicago have so many elegantly gowned ladies assembled together as were present at the twilight party," it reported.

The party-giving ended a few years later. As the Binga Arcade neared completion, Binga was already planning a second bank. It would be the capstone of his career — he was in his 60s — and had bought land for it on what's now King Drive near 46th Place.

Investors were buying in to the project, and no wonder: Binga's hunches were golden, weren't they? Then the stock market tumbled and crashed in October 1929.

That not only killed the projected bank, but it also speedily destroyed Binga's financial empire. His customers panicked. He pumped in tons of his own money in a desperate but unsuccessful attempt to keep the Binga State Bank solvent.

On July 31, 1930, the state auditor ordered the bank closed, the Tribune explaining: "Many depositors out of employment have been forced to draw heavily upon their savings."

Eudora accused Binga of mismanaging their family's money. "Mushmouth" reportedly left her a sizable inheritance.

The auditor found irregularities in the bank's books. Where was the

money collected for the proposed bank? When an answer wasn't forthcoming, Binga was indicted for alleged embezzlement.

When the case was tried in 1932, the jury couldn't reach a verdict, but Binga was retried and convicted. Court watchers were struck by a change in his demeanor, as the Tribune reported:

"Binga, who had sobbed out a denial of the charges against him during the first trial, accepted the guilty verdict at the second trial and the sentence imposed yesterday without a show of emotion."

Perhaps he was drained by his mounting losses. His wife had died seven months earlier.

Binga was sentenced to up to 10 years in prison. But in 1936, Clarence Darrow, the famed defender of lost causes, appeared on his behalf before the parole board. The pastor of St. Anselm Catholic Church presented a petition in favor of parole signed by 10,000 black Chicagoans. Some had lost their savings when his bank folded.

Released two years later, Binga worked as a handyman at St. Anselm. He returned to the South Park Avenue home from which arsonists couldn't drive him. But by the time he died in 1950 he'd moved in with a nephew.

Although his bank and the Binga Arcade are gone, his home remains. But perhaps his most eloquent memorial is the judgment Darrow offered the parole board:

"I have known Binga for 30 years and he is a man of fine character. He lost his fortune trying to keep his bank open."

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EDITORIALS

What Emanuel should say: Amend the Illinois Constitution

The average Chicago firefighter hired before January 2011 can retire at age 50 with just 20 years on the job. If that firefighter lives to full life expectancy, he or she will receive pension compensation worth more than \$1.3 million.

That firefighter will have contributed a small fraction of that total. Taxpayer money and investment returns make up the rest of the pension formula.

The pension rules for Chicago teachers and police, and to a lesser extent municipal workers and laborers, create similar imbalance. The amount they invest into the system isn't commensurate with the benefits they receive.

That research from the Civic Committee of the Commercial Club of Chicago eight years ago connected the dots on pension inputs and outputs in a way that hadn't been done before. It demonstrated then and now why the city struggles with rising unfunded liabilities in its employee retirement accounts. The math doesn't work. The city underfunded the system. Pension boards inflated expected investment returns. And workers didn't pay enough up front.

Not even a reformed Squeezy the Pension Python, former Gov. Pat Quinn's cartoon mascot of pension constraints on budgets, could fix this mess.

The political opportunity

Mayor Rahm Emanuel on Dec. 12 is scheduled to address the city's rising pension costs. Even with more money (courtesy of higher taxes) flowing into city worker retirement funds, they remain alarmingly underfunded.

Here's what we hope Emanuel will say: With a new governor, a veto-proof state legislature, a soon-to-be new Chicago mayor — and with mayors statewide struggling to meet pension obligations — it's time to row together toward the only comprehensive solution. Amend the Illinois Constitution.

Unlock the handcuffs of Article 13, Section 5: "Membership in any pension or retirement system of the State, any unit of local government or school district, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, shall be an enforceable contractual relationship, the benefits of which shall not be diminished or impaired."

That language — drafted at the 1970 Illinois Constitutional Convention and strictly interpreted in 2015 by the Illinois Supreme Court — has been described by critics as a suicide pact. Eventually the inability to reduce benefits will drive the city of Chicago, the state of Illinois and hundreds of municipalities statewide, and their pension funds, into insolvency. The

alternative? A tax burden so onerous, residents and businesses will continue to flee.

Reworking that amendment and giving elected officials the ability to adjust pension benefits going forward is the only transformative solution for Illinois. It is the most pro-growth, pro-taxpayer, pro-jobs pathway the state's leaders could embrace. But it will require them to stand up to public employee unions.

It also is the most honest fix for the workers relying on that money. Arizona taxpayers, suffocating under a similar pension clause, loosened their constitution's language in 2016 and this year, tying retiree automatic pay increases to a regional cost-of-living index, capped at 2 percent. Arizona Democrats and Republicans in the legislature overwhelmingly supported putting the measures on the ballot, and organized labor pushed for passage as a way to stabilize retirement funds.

Illinois grants most of its retired public workers raises of 3 percent, compounded annually. The raises far outpace federal cost-of-living adjustments and what is offered in the private sector.

That Madigan-Cullerton moment

Remember, Democrats in Illinois who will have veto-proof majorities in the House and Senate come January already are on record supporting pension reform. The 2013 legislation that curbed the growth of pensions and pushed up age requirements was shepherded through the legislature by House Speaker Michael Madigan and Senate President John Cullerton. The bill targeted those 3 percent compounded COLAs that are crushing taxpayers. So adjusting the constitution to permit those changes, which the high court rejected, doesn't have to be a knock-down, drag-out battle. It's a restatement of what they already are on record supporting. It should be enshrined as an amendment.

That's what we hope Emanuel will say. Here's what we're afraid he'll say: Borrow.

Emanuel in midsummer floated the idea of selling \$10 billion in pension bonds to bolster the city's funds. They're only 26 percent funded, despite the largest property tax hike in modern history and increased city fees that were supposed to shore them up.

'A risky, speculative gamble'

But borrowing would put taxpayers at greater risk. The idea is a gamble — hop-



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ing that interest payments to investors don't outrun the return on investment of the \$10 billion they lend to the city. It's a proposition most industry groups view as perilous with taxpayer money. The Bond Buyer, an industry publication, reports that the Government Finance Officers Association views pension bonds as "a risky and speculative gamble." Why would aldermen put their constituents, already burdened with high taxes, at additional risk?

Borrowing would be wrong. It would be more of the same. It's what got us into this mess. It is not the answer.

Giving elected officials more flexibility to manage government finances shouldn't be a scary proposition, or so we're told. Illinois Democrats including Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker are asking for flexibility in another section of the constitution, the flat tax. They want to amend the constitution and implement graduated tax rates that could be altered by the legislature at will.

Isn't it only fair, then, to dial back the limitless burden that pension obligations place on taxpayers? Put both amend-

ments on the ballot for voters to decide. Is giving voters the option to ease the rigid pension clause a fair trade for asking them to adopt a graduated income tax?

Emanuel's 'two roads'

When he was first elected, Emanuel wrote a letter to Springfield leaders about the need for pension reform.

"If our pension system is not reformed, Chicago has two roads to take: We can watch each of our funds go bankrupt ... and be unable to pay the hard-working people who have paid into their retirement funds, or we will be forced to raise property taxes by \$1.4 billion per year, triple what we now pay toward pension costs," he wrote.

He should abide his own warning. The city can't tax its way out of this mess. It can't borrow its way out. With the limited political capital the outgoing Emanuel has left, he should apply it toward real change. Amend the constitution. Gather leaders from around the state. Start the movement on Dec. 12.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

By the time Western officials had figured out what and where the Kerch Strait was, the Russian leader had sewn up his naval operation, taking around two dozen Ukrainian sailors prisoner (shooting and wounding at least three of them), and impounded their vessels. Not bad for a Sunday outing. Meanwhile, over in the EU cocoon, Germans debated whether the U.N. refugee compact would be legally binding and the French squabbled over the price of gasoline. And the U.S.? Lost somewhere in Trumpland. In case there were any lingering doubts over the efficacy of Western efforts to rein in Russia, Moscow's latest aggression made it pretty clear that the attempts to coax Vladimir Putin into de-escalating the confrontation with Ukraine have failed. No degree of sanctions, German-led "dialogue," or even genuflection has made much of an impression on (him). Arguably, the situation has gotten worse; the more brazen Putin becomes, the more helpless the West appears.

Matthew Karnitschnig, Politico EU

There are two contradictory truisms about people under the influence of alcohol. One is that, intoxicated, they become their real selves: mean or weepy, loving or angry, violent or desperate. (According to the Roman historian Tacitus, ancient Germanic tribes would hold wartime negotiations drunk, reasoning that it made all parties incapable of hiding anything.) But the other thing we like to say about drunks — often while shepherding someone ... out of a party or a bar — is that "He's not himself" or "This isn't her."

So which is it: Are we always ourselves, or are our selves tenuous, warped by company and context? "Influence" suggests some alchemy between the two — between an internal self and an outside pressure — and makes no claims about which is stronger. Power is overtly coercive, but influence is wily: It can slip into your consciousness without your noticing and start renovating.

Annalisa Quinn, The New York Times

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PERSPECTIVE



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After weeks of vote counting, Utah U.S. Rep. Mia Love conceded to Democratic challenger Ben McAdams, who finished with about 700 more votes.

A BLACK REPUBLICAN DREAM DEFERRED — AGAIN



CLARENCE PAGE

Rep. Mia Love was a rising star in Republican Party ranks until she wasn't.

Even before the America-born daughter of Haitian immigrants was elected to Congress in 2014, she was given a prime speaking spot at the 2012 Republican National Convention.

There she raised the sort of excitement in the Grand Old Party's conservative ranks that Rep.-elect Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York has awakened in the Democrats' left wing section.

Even I, as an African-American who is old enough to remember when both parties competed vigorously for black votes, felt encouraged to see Republicans applaud a woman of color in the Obama era, countering the Party of Lincoln's image as a bastion of white male power in the era of President Barack Obama.

She won Utah's 4th Congressional District by 7,000 votes in 2014 and was re-elected by 54 percent of the voters in 2016.

But her rising star seemed to fizzle this past Monday. After two weeks of vote counting, Love conceded to her Democratic challenger, Salt Lake

County Mayor Ben McAdams, who finished ahead by about 700 votes, less than 1 percent of the total.

Even that paper-thin victory was a surprise in a district where fewer than 15 percent of the voters are registered Democrats.

But a bigger surprise came during Love's otherwise gracious concession speech. She went off on President Donald Trump, who mocked her in his first post-midterms news conference for losing, even before the final vote was tallied.

"Mia Love gave me no love, and she lost," Trump said. "Too bad. Sorry about that, Mia."

Trump called out Love and several other Republicans who had lost their political bids after failing to accept his invitation to be invited to come out and give what he called his public "embrace" in their campaigns.

Now that she had lost re-election, she said in her concession speech in Salt Lake City, she is free to speak her mind and she did, particularly about Trump. "The president's behavior toward me made me wonder: What did he have to gain by saying such a thing about a fellow Republican?" Love questioned. "It was not really about asking him to do more, was it?

Or was it something else? Well, Mr. President, we'll have to chat about that."

Actually, Trump had little to gain from his personal attacks except a little self-prescribed therapy after the drubbing his party took in losing control of the House. When Trump is confronted by stress-inducing realities, he sometimes stages surly and combative exchanges with reporters, if only to entertain his conservative base.

Love was not loving any of that.

"However, this gave me a clear vision of his world as it is," she continued. "No real relationships, just convenient transactions. That is an insufficient way to implement sincere service and policy."

That's the basis of the Grand Old Party's problem with minority voters, she said; "It's transactional, it's not personal."

"You see, we feel like

politicians claim they know what's best for us from a safe distance, yet they're never willing to take us home," Love said, "... and into their hearts, they stay with Democrats and bureaucrats in Washington because they do take them home — or at least make them feel like they have a

"No real relationships, just convenient transactions. That is an insufficient way to implement sincere service and policy."

— Rep. Mia Love, about President Donald Trump

home."

With that, she was describing an ideal of politics at its best: a process that responds to the voters' needs in a way that makes all feel their voices are being heard.

Yet I wonder: Why did it take her so long to make her feelings known about Trump after voting with his agenda almost 96 percent of the time, according to an analysis by the website FiveThirtyEight?

I am not alone.

"She (Love) was silent for the most part during her entire time in the House," Howard University political scientist Michael Fauntroy, author of "Republicans and the Black Vote," told me after Love's speech. "Now she wants to talk about decorum and all these kind of things, it just doesn't sound impressive coming after the fact."

Fauntroy sounded pessimistic about any growth in black Republican ranks as long as the party continues its Trumpian swing to the far right.

That was a major mission for Mia Love. Now she's headed out the door. But she's young. We may see her again on the national scene. Besides, there doesn't appear to be a stampede rush of other young Republicans of color to take her place.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

CTA courtesy

I was saddened to read about the discourtesy of CTA passengers to Bill Ploplis, who had to stand while other younger passengers sat and ignored him (Voice of the People, Nov. 20).

On behalf of the people of Chicago, I apologize to you.

Like you, Bill, I am an older American, and I often use the CTA trains and buses. I am able to stand, even while holding my packages.

But I frequently receive offers from young people to take their seat in a crowded bus or train. I thank them for their courtesy as I tell them I am able to stand for the journey. It's gratifying to me that there are so many thoughtful young people.

I hope your future experiences on the CTA are better. I hope you will thank people who offer you their seat. And I hope you will offer your own seat if you see someone even older than you or even less able to stand.

— Frank L. Schneider, Chicago

Give up that seat

This morning on the train, a gentleman got on and he was walking with a cane. It was obvious he was having difficulty balancing correctly. The train was very full because of other train issues. He stood there for a moment as others passed, and I was just getting up to offer him my seat when another woman noticed him and offered hers. He accepted graciously.

There were several young men, millennial age range, sitting close by. One in particular looked up, saw the situation and went back to looking at his phone. Mind you it was two women who were getting up to offer their seats. Not one man.

— Gwen Cooper, Melrose Park

TIF should include parks

The city of Chicago's proposed tax increment financing district for the Cortland/Chicago River on a 168-acre site along the North Branch Industrial Corridor proposes to spend \$800 million dollars for public infrastructure improvements be-

tween North Avenue and Armitage Avenue. Most of these improvements are targeted for roads and transit specifically to make possible Sterling Bay's Lincoln Yards development on 70 acres of the TIF area.

What the proposed TIF fails to include are public dollars to build a large recreational park in the area. This is unacceptable for a development that estimates an increase of nearly 10,000 new residents.

By the city's own park development standards adopted in the CitySpace Plan, the goal is to provide 5 acres of park space for every 1,000 people by 2020. To meet the city's standard, at least 50 park acres should be required for the Lincoln Yards development alone.

The communities bordering the Cortland/Chicago River TIF area list the 24-acre North Branch Park Preserve as their highest priority. One can understand their frustration to see the unveiled TIF plan without park funding. Instead, almost all proposed TIF projects for the Cortland/Chicago River TIF are for concrete roads and bridges to serve the Lincoln Yards development.

As the Tribune's editorial stated, Lincoln Yards will transform the Northwest Side, "for better or for worse." ("Lincoln Yards TIF deserves thorough vetting," Nov. 19.)

To get it right, to ensure a better future for the city, the TIF process should be slowed down, reviewed and amended to include \$100 million in TIF funding for land for the North Branch Park Preserve.

— Erma Tranter, past president, Friends of the Parks, Chicago

Who's going to pay?

Much has been said and written about the humanitarian responsibilities of the U.S. regarding the Central American migrants seeking asylum here. Also in the headlines is the United States budget deficit of \$779 billion for this past fiscal year, with an estimated deficit of \$1 trillion for next year.

Our Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid programs are currently unsustainable. How can we possibly take on any new debt? We cannot afford it. It's basic arithmetic.

If I handled my personal finances the way the government handles its money, I'd be broke and homeless.

The Democrats/liberals are hellbent on helping these people, and I applaud them for this. Why don't they just send them money out of their own pockets and not mine? Set up a GoFundMe page, which is the craze these days.

— Mike Rice, Jefferson Park



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G-20 agrees on trade, migration

China, U.S. reach 90-day cease-fire in trade disputes

By ANGELA CHARLTON, LUIS ANDRES HENAO AND PETER ORSI
Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Leaders of the world's top economies agreed Saturday to repair the global trading system as they closed a Group of 20 summit that saw the Trump administration at odds with many allies over the Paris accord on climate change and issues like migration.

At the same conference, the United States and China reached a 90-day cease-fire in a trade dispute that has rattled financial markets and threatened world economic growth.

The breakthrough came after a dinner meeting Saturday between President Donald Trump and Chinese leader Xi Jinping at the Group of 20 summit in Buenos Aires.

In another long-sought concession to the U.S., China agreed to label fentanyl, the deadly synthetic opioid responsible for tens of thousands of American drug deaths annually, as a controlled substance.

The joint statement signed by all 20 member nations said 19 of them reaffirmed their commitment to the Paris climate accord, with the United States, which withdrew from the pact under Trump, the lone holdout.

The official communique acknowledged flaws in global commerce and called for reforming the World Trade Organization, but it didn't mention the word



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Chinese leader Xi Jinping, left, and President Donald Trump's dinner came amid a trade dispute between the two nations.

“protectionism” after negotiators said that they had met resistance from the United States.

The final language of the statement says, regarding climate, that 19 nations that are signatories to the Paris accord reiterate their commitment to it while the U.S. reiterates its decision to withdraw. It also notes a recent U.N. report that warned damage from global warming will be much worse than previously feared, and expresses support for an upcoming U.N. climate meeting in Poland meant to nail down how countries will meet promises made in the Paris accord.

The nonbinding agreement was reached after marathon talks by di-

plomats stretched through the night and into daylight, amid divisions between member nations. European Union officials said the United States was the main holdout on nearly every issue. Trump has criticized the WTO and taken aggressive trade policies targeting China and the EU.

A senior White House official said the joint statement meets many U.S. objectives and stressed that it includes language about WTO reform. The official also noted other elements such as language on workforce development and women's economic development and a commitment by China to doing infrastructure financing on “transparent terms.”

According to the official, the unusual language on climate was necessary for Washington to sign on, and Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Russia had appeared sympathetic to the U.S. position but stayed with the other countries.

Still for Trump, his Saturday evening meeting with China's Xi was the marquee event of the president's two-day trip to Argentina after he canceled a formal sit-down with Russian President Vladimir Putin over mounting tensions between Russia and Ukraine.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Trump agreed not to raise U.S. tariffs on Chinese imports as scheduled on Jan. 1, when tariffs

on \$200 billion of Chinese goods were set to increase to 25 percent from 10 percent.

She added that the two countries will “immediately begin negotiations on structural changes” around intellectual property protections, cybertheft and other U.S. priorities.

The White House said that if the two sides don't reach agreement within 90 days, then Trump will impose the tariffs.

The Washington Post, meanwhile, quoting a report in China's state-run Xinhua news agency, said that the two sides had agreed that “no additional tariffs will be imposed after January.”

Trump and Xi are seek-

ing a way out of a trade war between the world's two biggest economies, while also saving face for their domestic audiences.

Trump has already imposed import taxes on \$250 billion in Chinese products, but Trump agreed to hold off on plans to raise tariffs Jan. 1 on \$200 billion in Chinese goods.

China, meanwhile, has slapped tariffs on \$110 billion in U.S. goods.

China on Saturday also agreed to label fentanyl a controlled substance, the White House said.

U.S. officials for years have been pressing the Chinese government to take a tougher stance against fentanyl, which is 50 times more powerful than heroin.

Most U.S. supply of the drug is manufactured in China.

Sanders said the decision means that “people selling fentanyl to the United States will be subject to China's maximum penalty under the law.”

Trump also canceled a Saturday news conference, citing respect for the Bush family following the death of former President George H.W. Bush.

Russia's Putin, meanwhile, eventually got his chance to talk with Trump — but their brief exchange over Ukraine didn't accomplish much.

The two men spoke Saturday on the sidelines of the G-20 — just long enough for Trump to ask Putin what he is up to in Ukraine, and for Putin to respond.

“I answered his questions about the incident in the Black Sea. He has his position. I have my own. We stayed in our own positions,” Putin told reporters.

For Alaska, earth moved but damage was limited

Stricter building codes after '64 tremor were key

By RACHEL D'ORO AND MARK THIESSEN
Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The magnitude 7.0 earthquake that rattled Alaska's largest city cracked roads and collapsed highway ramps, but there were no reports of widespread catastrophic damage or collapsed buildings.

There's a good reason for that.

A devastating 1964 Alaska earthquake — the most powerful on record in the United States — led to stricter building codes that helped structures withstand the shifting earth Friday.

“Congratulations to the people of Alaska for being really prepared for this earthquake,” U.S. Geological Survey Geophysicist Paul Caruso said Saturday. “Because a magnitude 7.0 in a city like that, you know, it could have been significantly worse.”

Gov. Bill Walker said sometimes people, including himself, grieve about stringent building codes.

But he's “really glad” they were in place as he only had minor water damage at his home.

“Building codes mean something,” he said Friday.

The quake was centered about 7 miles north of Anchorage, which has a population of about 300,000. People ran from their offices or took cover under desks. A 5.7 aftershock arrived within minutes, followed by a series of smaller quakes.

The two big back-to-back quakes knocked items off shelves, disrupted power, broke store windows and briefly triggered a tsunami warning for islands and coastal areas south of the city.

Walker issued a disaster declaration, and President Donald Trump declared an emergency, allowing the Federal Emergency Management Agency to coordinate disaster relief.

There were no reports of deaths or serious injuries.

Still, aftershocks Saturday continued to fray nerves, with people worrying about being caught in more massive shakers.

“They're disturbing, and I'm not putting anything away that could fall until they calm down,” Randall

Cavanagh, an Anchorage attorney, said following a restless night at home. “I kept waking up.”

By mid-morning, there had been about 550 aftershocks, including 11 with magnitudes of 4.5 or greater, Caruso said.

The aftershocks should be weaker and less frequent in the coming days, but officials can't say for sure when they'll stop, he said.

Anchorage Mayor Ethan Berkowitz said the extent of damage was “relatively small” considering the scale of Friday's earthquake. He also credited building codes for minimizing structure damage.

“In terms of a disaster, I think it says more about who we are than what we suffered,” he said Saturday at a news briefing, adding that Anchorage was prepared for such an emergency.

“People pulled together. We followed the plans that were in place. We looked after one another. And when people around the country and around the world look at this, they're going to say, ‘We want to do things in the Anchorage way because Anchorage did this right,’” Berkowitz said. After the first earth-



CHRIS RIEKENA/AP

Excavation work begins Saturday near the Mirror Lake exit of the Glenn Highway near Eklutna, Alaska, to prepare the road for repaving. The highway was damaged by quakes.

quake, Alaska's largest hospital activated its incident command center, but the trickle of patients into the emergency room at Providence Alaska Medical Center in Anchorage was more like a normal workday and not a mass casualty event. The injuries were described as minor, and there were no patients with life-threatening conditions.

“The flow of patients into the emergency department was similar to a typical Monday,” hospital spokesman Mikal Canfield said Saturday. “It wasn't a situation where there was a mass rush of people.”

Roads didn't fare so well, as reports of extensive dam-

age came in. The Alaska Department of Transportation counted about 50 sites with damage, including eight considered major. Most of the damage was to highways north of Anchorage.

The agency also was planning to conduct bridge inspections Saturday.

Transportation officials said in a release that the aftershocks continue to contribute to settling and additional cracking. Rock falls exacerbated by the aftershocks were causing some problems on the Seward Highway south of Anchorage.

Normal operations resumed at Ted Stevens An-

chorage International Airport after flight operations were suspended Friday, Transportation Department spokesman Meadow Bailey said.

The 800-mile trans Alaska oil pipeline was shut down for hours while crews were sent to inspect it for damage.

Anchorage's school system canceled classes through Tuesday while it examined buildings for damage.

Alaska's 1964 earthquake, with a 9.2 magnitude, was centered about 75 miles east of Anchorage.

It and the tsunami it triggered claimed 130 lives.

County liable for jailing woman 96 days without seeing judge

By JEFF AMY
Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — There are two remaining questions left for a Mississippi woman who sued over being jailed 96 days without seeing a judge: Will the U.S. Supreme Court get involved, and if not, how much will she get paid?

U.S. District Judge Sharon Aycock ruled that Choctaw County and Sheriff Clay Halford are liable for violating Jessica Jauch's constitutional rights. She



SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Jessica Jauch was arrested on traffic charges in 2012.

set a March jury trial to determine damages. However, the county and Halford are asking the U.S. Supreme Court to take up

the case. If the high court refuses to hear the appeal, as happens in most cases, the county will be out of legal options.

Jauch, now 36, was arrested on traffic charges in 2012 and held after being served with a drug indictment. While in jail, she says she was forced to temporarily sign over her daughter's custody rights to her mother. After finally seeing a judge, she was appointed a public defender and made bail. She was eventually cleared of the drug charge

after undercover video didn't show her committing a crime.

In Choctaw County, like many rural Mississippi counties, circuit court only meets twice a year, and the next meeting was months away. The sheriff said he didn't have to take Jauch before a judge until court met because she'd already been indicted on a felony drug charge, thus establishing probable cause for her detention.

Aycock originally agreed with that argument, dis-

missing Jauch's case in 2016. But the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeal was critical of Aycock's ruling, reinstating Jauch's case in 2017 and calling her detention “unjust and unfair” and “alien to our law.”

It's unlikely Jauch could ever collect money from judges because they're generally immune from lawsuits.

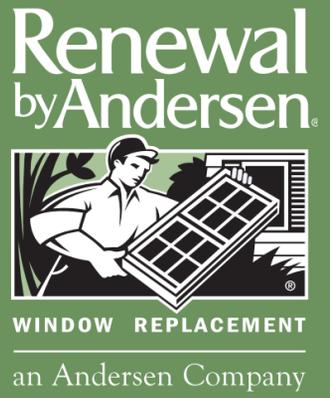
The county also argues that state law doesn't always require someone who is indicted to be arraigned before a judge and says the

legal principles at hand weren't clearly established enough for everyone to understand them.

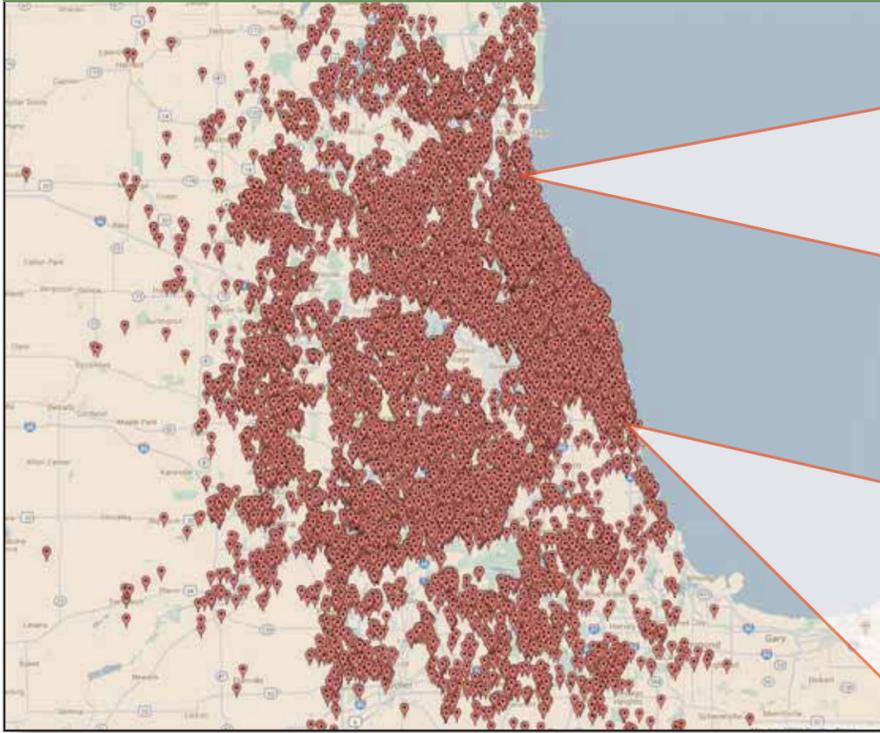
Jauch's lawyers say the law was long-settled and that Halford is the one to blame for breaking it.

“The sheriff, who is the chief executive of the county with respect to detention operations, chose to adopt a policy of doing nothing, and that choice caused a deprivation of constitutional rights,” wrote Victor Fleitas and Michael Kirkpatrick.

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Big trouble at Little Free Library

Pro-Trump vandals hit D.C. neighborhood with book box dedicated to former first lady

BY MICHAEL E. MILLER
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Little Free Library went up a week after the inauguration, its wooden walls painted to evoke the White House eight blocks away. But if the book box coincided with President Donald Trump taking office, its tiny plaque pined for the previous administration. “In Honor of Michelle LaVaughn Robinson Obama,” it said. “Lawyer, writer, and First Lady of the United States.”

For a year, few seemed to notice the dedication.

Then the attacks began. The library’s small glass window was smashed in the spring. Its plaque was ripped off over the summer. And when neighbors replaced the plaque with a photo of the former first lady, that, too, was quickly torn down.

Then, last month, Obama’s name was crossed out and replaced with another.

“Trump’s,” the vandal wrote in black marker.

“Who would do that?” wondered Maureen Dolan-Galaviz, who erected the library outside her home in early 2017. “If there is one thing that should be off limits it’s the idea that we all deserve access to books.”

Once a source of neighborhood unity, the library has — like so much in the United States these days — become a point of tension.

The vandalism has unfolded in Dupont Circle in a city where just 4 percent of voters supported Trump.

Police say they have not received any reports about the incidents.

But residents say the attacks on the library, which holds about 20 books free to anyone passing by, have unnerved them. Some consider the vandalism to have been driven by racism toward the family of the first black president to occupy

the Oval Office. To others, the culprit is simply deranged.

“I’ve never seen the vandal,” said Debby Hanrahan, 79, as she walked past the dilapidated library one morning. “None of us have time to stand guard and protect it.”

“We are a neighborhood of writers and readers,” she added. “For somebody to have something out for a little library, I just can’t fathom it.”

Since it began in Wisconsin in 2009, the Little Free Library movement has spread to every state and 88 countries, according to the nonprofit organization.

Today, there are more than 75,000 of the book exchanges around the world, including at least 115 in the nation’s capital.

Dolan-Galaviz had wanted to build one long before she moved into the English basement of the redbrick Victorian rowhouse in late 2014.

But when the 32-year-old documentary film producer took a job in Texas early last year after more than a decade in the Washington area, she decided it was finally time to act.

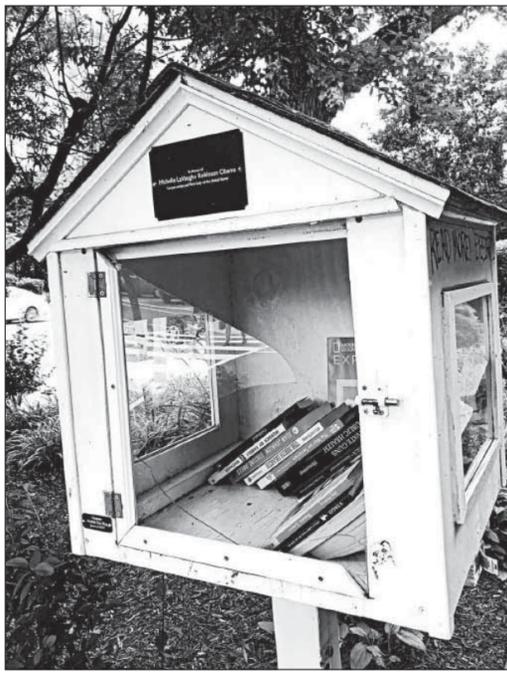
She asked her handyman to build it where the garden met the sidewalk and to paint it like the White House, which she could see from the sidewalk in front of her house.

Dolan-Galaviz had always been an admirer of Obama.

But as the first lady’s time in office wound down, the filmmaker immersed herself in her subject.

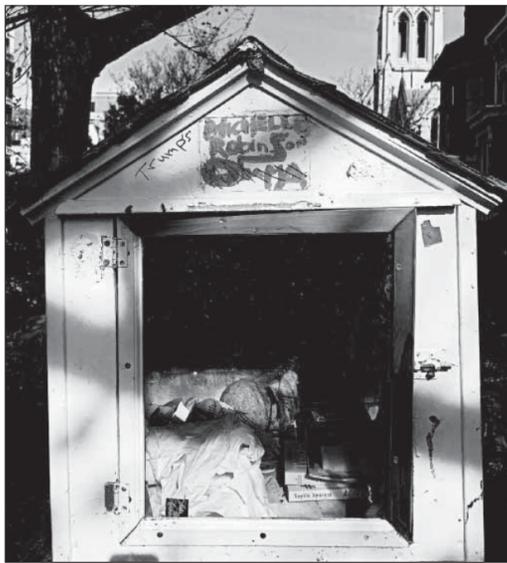
“I started reading more about her and her background in Chicago, and her really humble beginnings,” she said. “I had this deep connection to her.”

Dedicating the library to Obama just as the Trumps were entering the White House was also a subtle act of defiance.



MICHAEL E. MILLER/WASHINGTON POST PHOTOS

This Little Free Library dedicated to Michelle Obama has been vandalized several times. Above, the glass and door were broken. Later, vandals wrote Trump’s name on it.



“I think the whole city was reeling from the realization that the Obamas were going to be out,” Dolan-Galaviz said. “This was a way of saying, ‘We are still here.’ It was a little act of

not rebellion, but standing our ground.”

Before they moved, Dolan-Galaviz and her husband filled the library several times with books they’d read.

Soon, other neighbors began adding their own books to the mix, from dog-eared paperbacks to pricey first-edition classics. One day this spring, the selection included “The Complete Vegetarian Cookbook,” “The War on Terrorism” and the dark memoir “Murder by Family.”

More often than not, the titles tilted toward politics.

“Dupont Circle is a very political neighborhood,” said Paul Hazen, who lives a few houses down from the library and would drop off hardcovers on current affairs and watch as they disappeared.

One day, the 62-year-old nonprofit executive snagged a book on Afghan cooking.

“I normally wouldn’t buy that,” he said. “But it’s interesting to try the recipes.”

But then the library began attracting more attention for what was written on its outside than what was contained within.

First someone wrote “eyesore” on it, although it wasn’t clear if the word was meant as criticism or merely a tagger’s moniker. Then came the broken window and the missing plaque.

With Dolan-Galaviz in Texas, it fell to others to repair the damage.

One neighbor swept out the glass and painted over the graffiti. Another covered the library in patriotic decorations for Election Day, including a smiling portrait of Michelle Obama above an American flag.

But the vandal — or vandals — struck again, tearing it all down.

“Help restore the book exchange,” someone wrote on the broken window.

So someone did, replacing the window with a new one.

“Michelle Robinson Obama” appeared again in bronze painted lettering.

Yet it was only a few days before a vandal crossed out her name and christened the library for Trump.

A friend in Washington recently told Dolan-Galaviz

about the window and plaque, but she wasn’t aware of the “Trump” tag until she was called by a reporter.

“Oh my gosh. Who are these monsters?” she said. She wondered if “this was some kind of partisan thing, or hate for Michelle. ... What if this is a racist thing?”

Vandalism against the libraries is rare, according to Margret Aldrich, who works for the nonprofit.

In a survey of Little Free Library stewards earlier this year, only 6 percent reported a significant case of vandalism, she said.

But those few cases cut deep.

“When stewards call us, they say it really feels like a personal attack,” said Aldrich, who has also written a book about the little library movement. “What Little Free Libraries stand for is community and coming together, so it is disheartening to see something happen to a Little Free Library in a neighborhood. But it’s also incredibly heartening to see the outpouring of support that comes after an incident.”

Aldrich hoped the former first lady might rally support for the little library, which is located roughly a mile from her house in Kalorama.

“She has a new book out,” Aldrich added. “Maybe she’ll donate one.”

As she walked past the library with a bag of Christmas cactuses for her grandkids, Hanrahan hoped authorities would put an end to the vandalism.

“The funny thing is that there is a camera right there,” she said, pointing to a District police camera a few feet from the book box but aimed in a different direction. “I want to turn it around.”

As for the “Trump” tag atop the library, Hanrahan wasn’t worried that the new name would stick.

“Good luck with that,” she said. “He’s not exactly interested in education.”



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Rep.-elect Mike Levin, D-Calif., Rep.-elect Ilhan Omar, D-Minn., and Rep. Terri Sewell, D-Ala., on Friday discuss House priorities when the new Congress convenes in January.

Dems aim to push reforms in 1st bill of new Congress

House legislators target tax returns of president, ethics

BY LISA MASCARO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Democrats on Friday unveiled more details of their first bill for the new Congress, a good-government package that would limit big money in politics, make it easier for citizens to vote and require presidents to disclose their tax returns.

The legislation, called H.R. 1, sets the tone for Democrats as they take the majority in January, though prospects for passage are murky. Republicans will still be in charge of the Senate and the White House and it’s unlikely they’ll sign off on some of the proposals, which are still in the works.

Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi voiced optimism about prospects for the legislation.

“Our best friend in this debate is the public,” Pelosi said.

The bill would create automatic national voter registration while expanding access to early and online registration. It would increase federal support for state voter systems, including paper ballots to prevent fraud.

Political groups would need to disclose donors, and members of Congress would be barred from serving on corporate boards.

In a nod to President Donald Trump’s resistance to releasing his tax returns, the bill would require presidents to do so. It also would create a Supreme Court ethics code.

Several incoming Democratic representatives joined Pelosi and the bill’s primary author, Rep. John Sarbanes, D-Md., in promoting the package.

They said that tackling ethics and transparency out of the gate in 2019 could help with other priorities such as expanding access to affordable health care and immigration reform.

“We have to have a government voters can trust, and this is the first step to building a govern-

ment they can trust,” said Rep.-elect Veronica Escobar, D-Texas.

Sarbanes hopes to have the legislation ready for the first day of the next Congress, Jan. 3. Much of it will be modeled on legislation Democrats introduced in May.

That resolution called for all states to establish independent redistricting commissions to draw the boundaries for future congressional districts, a move designed to reduce partisan gerrymandering.

Democrats kept the focus Friday on telling Americans they heard their desire in the election for a federal government that is more open, transparent and ethical.

“What we heard from the American public is that they didn’t want to just send us here to resist and to only work on oversight,” said Rep.-elect Ilhan Omar of Minnesota. “They wanted to make sure that we were insisting on furthering a set of values. For us, it is a priority to make sure we are restoring hope in our democracy.”

Leftist takes reins in Mexico

Migrants, economy and Trump among hurdles that await

BY CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN AND MARIA VERZA
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador took the oath of office Saturday as Mexico’s first leftist president in over 70 years, marking a turning point in one of the world’s most radical experiments in opening markets and privatization.

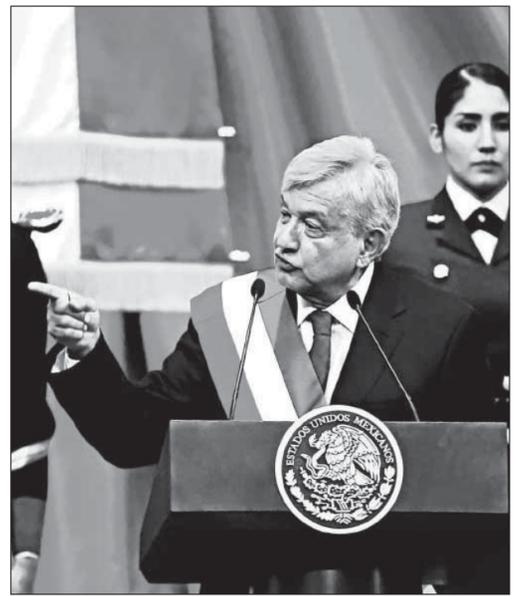
In his first speech to Congress, Lopez Obrador pledged “a peaceful and orderly transition, but one that is deep and radical because we will end the corruption and impunity that prevent Mexico’s rebirth.”

Mexico long had a closed, state-dominated economy, but since entering the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs in 1986, it has signed more free trade agreements than almost any other country and privatized almost every corner of the economy except oil and electricity.

Now, though, Lopez Obrador talks a talk not heard in Mexico since the 1960s: He wants to build more state-owned oil refineries and he’s encouraging Mexicans to “not to buy abroad, but to produce in Mexico what we consume.”

Even so, Lopez Obrador has tried to send conciliatory signals to financial markets, roiled in the weeks before he took office.

“I promise — and I’m a man of my word — that the investments of foreign and international investors will be safe, and we will even



GETTY

President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador says he will work with the U.S. and Canada to develop Central America and southern Mexico, so people won’t have to emigrate.

create conditions that will allow them to get good returns,” he said, “because in Mexico there will be honesty, rule of law, clear rules, economic growth and confidence.”

But he also harkened back to his hero, ex-president Lazaro Cardenas, who nationalized the oil industry and redistributed land during his administration.

“We are going to govern for everyone, but we are going to give preference to the most impoverished and vulnerable,” Lopez Obrador said. “For the good of all, the poor come first.”

The first foreign dignitaries that Lopez Obrador greeted were U.S. Vice President Mike Pence and Ivanka Trump, the daughter of and senior adviser to Donald Trump.

“I want to say that since July 1, the day I was elected, I have received respectful treatment from President Donald Trump,” Lopez Obrador said.

But he faces a challenge with a caravan of thousands of Central American migrants camped out on the border, which Trump threatened to close to keep them out.

Lopez Obrador said he

wanted to reach an agreement with the governments and companies in the U.S. and Canada to develop Central America and southern Mexico, so people wouldn’t have to emigrate — “to address in that way — and not with coercive measures — the migration phenomenon.”

Lopez Obrador was clear in blaming extreme market-oriented policies he calls neoliberalism for Mexico’s problems.

The rowdiest response from Congress came when Lopez Obrador pledged “not to persecute officials of past administrations,” saying “revenge is not my strong suit.”

Legislators responded by counting loudly to 43 — the number of students kidnapped and disappeared in September 2014 — to remind Lopez Obrador of his promise to establish a truth commission to find out what happened to the students — a pledge he repeated Saturday.

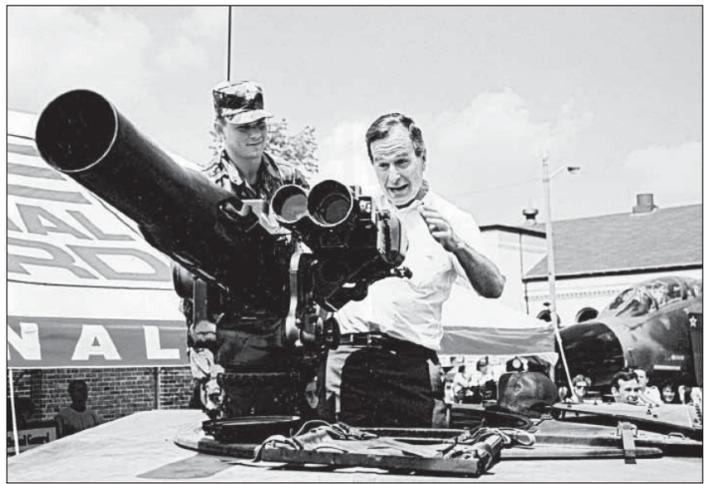
Prosecutors have said they were kidnapped by corrupt police and turned over to a drug gang that killed them and burned their bodies.

GEORGE H.W. BUSH 1924-2018



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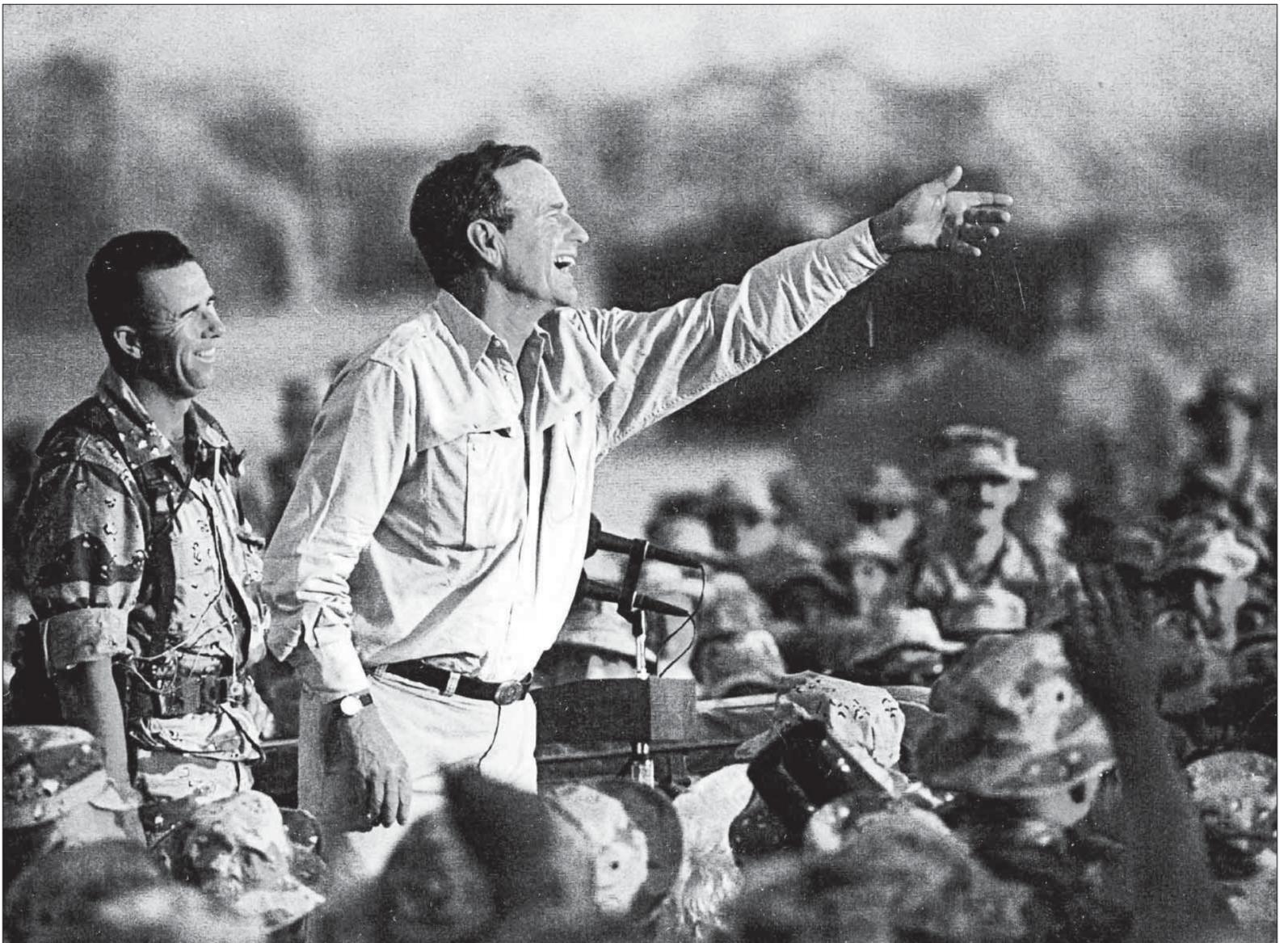
Presidents George H.W. Bush, from left, Ronald Reagan, Jimmy Carter, Gerald Ford and Richard Nixon attend the dedication of Reagan's presidential library.



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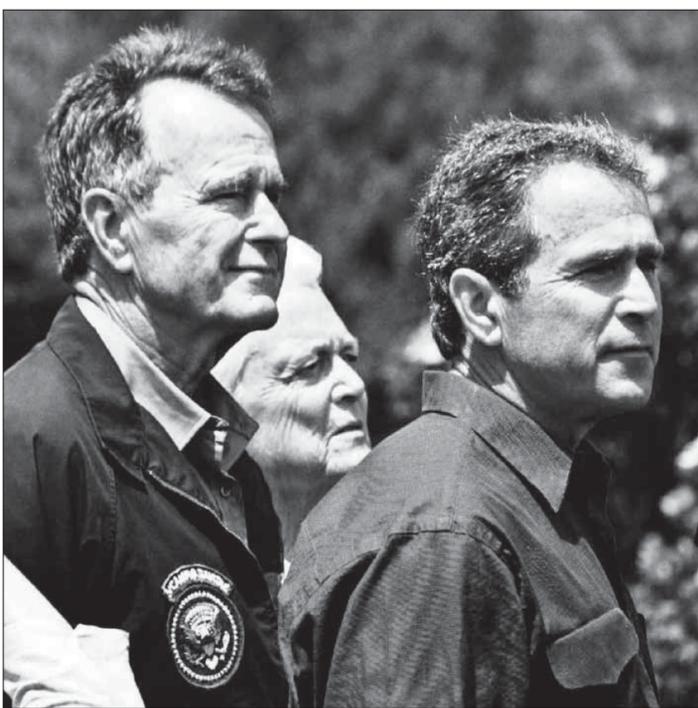
Bush gets a close look at a TOW missile launcher at the Illinois State Fair. Three days earlier, Bush accepted the GOP presidential nomination.

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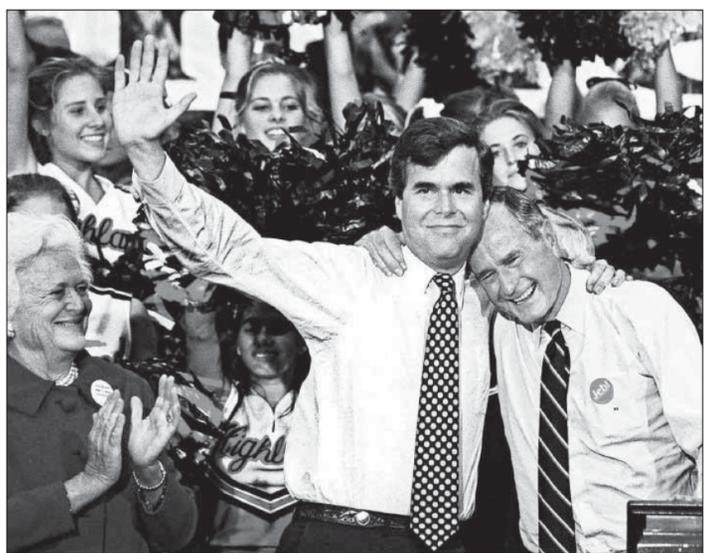
FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE 1990

President George H.W. Bush tosses presidential tie clips to Marines at a desert encampment in eastern Saudi Arabia. For a time, Bush rode foreign policy triumphs to wide popularity.



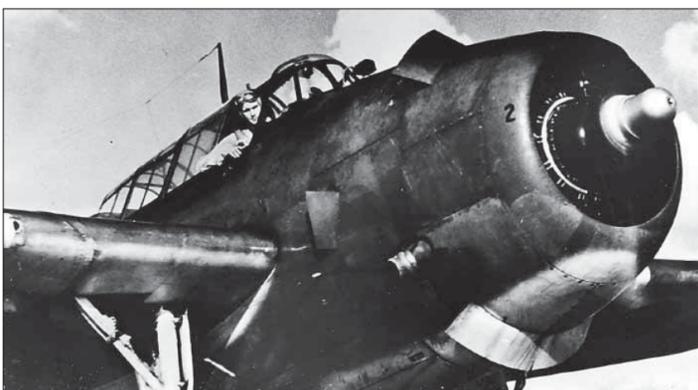
FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM 1999

Bush, shown with wife Barbara, and son George W. Bush, who was elected president in 2000. Barbara died in April of this year.



ORLANDO SENTINEL 1994

Bush embraces son Jeb, at a rally in Orlando, Fla. The younger Bush ran unsuccessfully for president in 2016.



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Bush, who flew a VT-51 Avenger in World War II, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and three Air Medals. He enlisted in the Navy on his 18th birthday.



AP PHOTO 1999

Bush gets some help after landing a 75th birthday parachute jump in College Station, Texas. He landed near his library and museum.

41st American president

Bush, from Page 1

During his single term in the White House, the Berlin Wall fell, newly democratic states sprang up across Central and Eastern Europe, the Soviet Union came to an end. And in the Middle East, the U.S. military launched its most successful offensive since World War II.

For a time, Bush rode foreign policy triumphs to wide popularity; his approval ratings were higher than those of Reagan. Yet, he would end up humbled and humiliated, undermined by a revolt within his own party when he broke his pledge not to raise taxes, buffeted by economic decline, then defeated for reelection in 1992, receiving less support than any incumbent president in 80 years.

The chasm between Bush's achievements and his standing with the American public is a paradox that defines but doesn't fully explain the legacy of the 41st president of the United States.

That legacy would, however, live on in part through his son, George W. Bush, who in 2000 would be elected president and go on to win the second term that had eluded his father. The son's own trials — and key decisions in which he departed from his father's course — would result in a more generous reappraisal of the elder Bush's tenure.

The 43rd president issued a statement Friday following his father's death, saying the elder Bush "was a man of the highest character."

"The entire Bush family is deeply grateful for 41's life and love, for the compassion of those who have cared and prayed for Dad," the statement read.

The two were the second father and son to share the presidency, after John and John Quincy Adams. In 2016, his second son, John Ellis, known as Jeb, sought the Republican presidential nomination but was badly beaten by the eventual winner, Donald Trump.

Bush was the last in a remarkable line of eight-American presidents, beginning with Dwight Eisenhower, whose lives had been shaped by World War II and the rivalry with the Soviets that followed it. His tenure marked a dual transition — from presidencies dominated by the Cold War to a renewed focus on domestic affairs and from an America still largely run by the long-dominant white, Protestant establishment of which he was a product to a nation both more diverse and fractious.

His inability to master those transitions doomed a presidency to which he initially had appeared ideally suited by background and training.

Until his defeat in 1992 at the hands of Bill Clinton, George H.W. Bush — as he became known after his son's rise to power — had lived what many called a charmed life, one largely dedicated to government service.

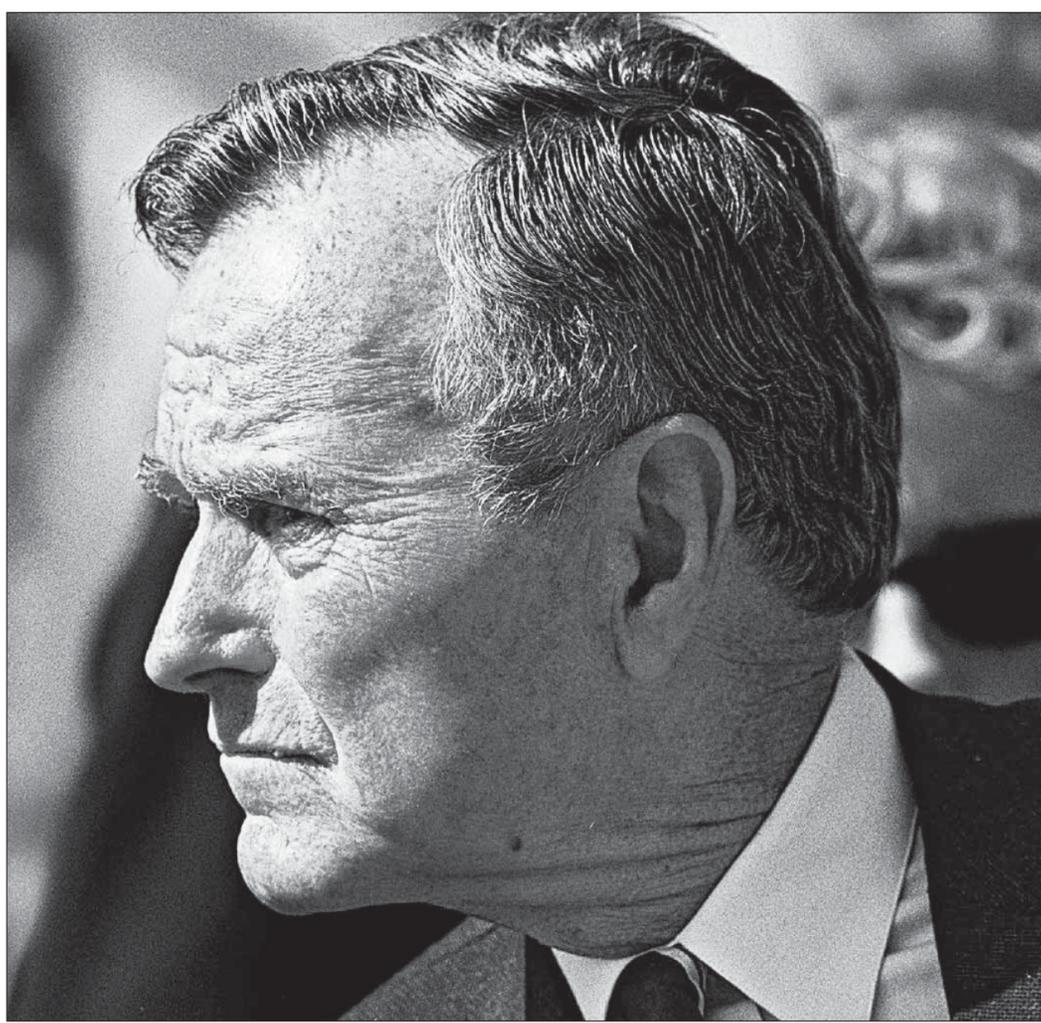
He had been a college athlete, a Navy pilot and war hero, a business success, a congressman, a diplomat, the director of the nation's intelligence service, vice president and, finally, president.

But while he was adept at rising within the inner circles of business and government, he often seemed out of place when trying to communicate with voters.

His post-presidential life, too, defied easy categorization. While he earned millions of dollars giving speeches and serving on corporate boards, he also re-emerged in the public eye for his humanitarian work with former rival Clinton in the wake of the tsunami that devastated southern Asia in 2004 and Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

In 2010, President Barack Obama awarded Bush the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

He is survived by sons, George, Jeb, Neil and Marvin; their daughter, Dorothy; 17 grandchildren; seven



War hero, father and president were among the titles for George H.W. Bush, whose life was largely dedicated to public service.

Praise echoes across state's political landscape

By Stacy St. Clair
Chicago Tribune

Shortly after receiving a plum assignment on the influential House Ways and Means Committee in 2003, then-rookie U.S. Rep. Rahm Emanuel received an unexpected phone call from former President George H.W. Bush.

The call was surprising in both its tone and content, given that Emanuel had helped oust Bush from the White House a decade earlier and the two men stood firmly on opposite sides of the political aisle. Bush — who had also been appointed to the powerful tax-writing committee as a freshman congressman in 1967 — simply wanted to tell Emanuel how much he thought the Chicago Democrat would enjoy the new post.

"That's who President Bush was as a person and as a patriot," the Chicago mayor said in a statement Saturday. "And that is how he will forever be remembered."

Similar praise for Bush echoed across Illinois' political landscape as both Republicans and Democrats hailed the 41st president for his decency and dedication to public service. Many highlighted Bush's civility toward his adversaries, suggesting it could provide a needed example amid today's toxic political climate.

"In public life and in private conversations, the Naval officer who fought in the last World War and the President who helped end the Cold War, never allowed



Then-Vice President George Bush hoists Rafael Thompson, 5, at Chicago's Columbus Day Parade in 1986.

policy disagreements or political differences to overshadow the fact that we are all Americans working towards a better country," Emanuel said.

U.S. Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., called Bush one of the "greatest, most qualified presidents of our time." In a statement, the Channahon Republican paid tribute to Bush's Thousand Points of Light initiative, which encouraged Americans to join together and help one another. "The embodiment of servant leadership, George H.W. Bush made his mark on America, the world and the hearts of millions," Kinzinger said. "As a nation, we mourn the loss of our 41st president — a true patriot who sought to build a kinder and gentler nation."

U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth, an Army veteran who lost both legs while

flying a helicopter mission in Iraq, acknowledges she and Bush had political differences, but she praised him for his role in ending the Cold War and for guiding the country through difficult times. The Illinois Democrat, who often uses a wheelchair, also expressed her gratitude for his support of the Americans with Disabilities Act, a civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in areas of public life such as schools, jobs and transportation.

"I did not agree with President Bush on every issue but will be forever grateful he signed the landmark Americans with Disabilities Act into law, which has helped our country become more inclusive and made it possible for people of all abilities to participate in society and lead full, meaningful lives," she said in a message posted on her

social media accounts.

Bush was also remembered Saturday at Chicago's legendary Billy Goat Tavern, an establishment where politicians of all stripes have stumped for decades. Bush made a surprise visit to the restaurant in 1991 and was immediately greeted with owner Sam Sianis' trademark shouts of "Cheezborger! Cheezborger!"

In keeping with the Billy Goat's unwritten laws, Bush ordered a double cheeseburger and then a rib-eye sandwich for good measure. He asked questions about Chicago and listened as Sianis, a Greek immigrant, shared his life story. The then-president shook hands with everyone who entered the restaurant and specifically inquired about Tribune columnist Mike Royko's whereabouts.

Royko — a Billy Goat regular who had been extremely critical of Bush — refused Sianis' request to come and meet the president, Sianis recalled in a phone interview Saturday. Instead, Royko wrote in the next day's newspaper: "The country is going to hell in a hand basket, and the president of the United States wants to know on what part of the bar I rest my elbows? Or forehead?"

Sianis, however, said his friend Royko missed the mark on Bush. "The whole city stopped by to see President Bush, and he was very nice to everybody," he said. "He was the best one."

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great-grandchildren; and three siblings. A daughter, Robin, died of leukemia in 1953.

George H.W. Bush was born in Milton, Mass., on June 12, 1924, and raised in Greenwich, Conn., one of New York's wealthiest suburbs. His father, Prescott Bush, was a leading light of the Eastern establishment and a U.S. senator.

During Bush's senior year at Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass., the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, plunging the United States into war. When he enlisted on his 18th birthday he became the youngest pilot in the Navy. But his naval career nearly ended after his plane was struck over the Pacific by Japanese anti-aircraft fire. His plane aflame, he delivered his bombs on target before bail-

ing out. For his exploits, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Rotated home in time for Christmas in 1944, Bush two weeks later married Barbara Pierce. After graduation from Yale, Bush turned down a job offer on Wall Street from his uncle Herbert Walker and decided instead to take his wife and son George to Texas to seek his fortune in the oil business. By Bush's early 40s, oil had made him a millionaire.

Bush began to carve out a career in politics, serving two terms as a congressman from Texas and failing twice at a bid for a U.S. Senate seat. President Richard Nixon named him ambassador to the United Nations in 1970, where he served for two years.

Nixon yanked him from that world, however, naming him chairman of the

Republican National Committee just as the Watergate scandal was brewing. True to his code of personal loyalty, Bush defended Nixon until the end. President Gerald Ford rewarded him by naming him as the U.S. representative to China, but recalled him to take over the CIA, then under assault from Congress for improprieties around the globe.

In the Iowa caucuses, the first official contest of the 1980 presidential campaign, Bush scored a stunning upset over the overwhelming favorite, Reagan. In a few weeks, however, Reagan recovered and defeated Bush decisively in the New Hampshire primary.

Bush's candidacy was memorable chiefly for his description of the Reagan campaign's supply-side economic proposals. "Voodoo economics," he

called it. He uttered the phrase only once, but he never heard the end of it.

By May, Bush was forced to drop out of the race. But he had made enough of an impression for Reagan to select him as running mate.

But as the 1988 presidential election approached, a new obstacle to his ambitions loomed in the form of the Iran-Contra scandal and suspicion about his possible role. Though it required him to confess being "not in the loop," the vice president repeatedly denied any knowledge of the deal to trade arms to gain the release of hostages held by Iran, and his candidacy weathered the storm.

Bush arrived at the GOP convention a perceived underdog to the Democratic Party nominee, Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis. He found it difficult to

articulate what he wanted to accomplish as president — "the vision thing," as he once famously called it. Still, he carried 40 states and 54 percent of the popular vote.

In the fall of 1989, barely a year after his election, the Berlin Wall fell and the pillars of the exhausted Soviet Union began to crumble. Reagan received most of the credit for what Americans perceived as their victory after four decades of the

Cold War. But Bush was able to ride a surge of hope and optimism that stirred the nation and the world, even as critics complained that

he was too slow to react to the convulsive changes.

Then, in the summer and fall of 1990, Bush made two decisions — one foreign, one domestic — that came to define his term in office.

On Aug. 2, 1990, Iraq's dictator, Saddam Hussein, sent his army across the border to quickly overrun his country's tiny, oil-rich neighbor, Kuwait. Within weeks, Bush had set in motion a massive U.S. military buildup, the largest since the Vietnam War. With minimal debate or explanation, he made the reversal of Iraq's aggression the central purpose of his presidency.

Bush personally undertook the diplomatic mobilization. He succeeded in orchestrating, through the United Nations Security Council, a worldwide embargo against Iraq, along with authorization for a multinational military force based in Saudi Arabia.

In January 1991, after a massive air bombardment, a U.S.-led coalition of forces launched a ground offensive that achieved victory within 100 hours.

Even as Bush orchestrated the Gulf War alliance, he was wrestling with Congress over how to handle the large budget deficits he had inherited from Reagan. Democrats insisted they would accept the spending cuts Bush sought only if he agreed to higher taxes. Bush's budget director, Richard Darman, and some congressional Republicans urged the president to accept a deal. Others, led by the House's third-ranking Republican, Newt Gingrich, opposed the idea.

Late in 1990, Bush accepted a compromise — breaking his "no new taxes" vow. The move helped tame the deficit. But it set off a revolt that weakened Bush within the party.

Then, in 1991, Bush's nomination of Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court, and the accompanying sexual harassment allegations that turned Thomas' confirmation hearing into national theater, further boosted partisan animosities.

The final blow came from a recession that took hold in 1990 and raised unemployment during the rest of Bush's presidency.

Meanwhile, he faced a youthful rival in Clinton, who seemed to signal a new American era, and he was dragged down by a third-party challenge from Texas billionaire Ross Perot, who drained votes from Bush.

At the end, Bush received 38 percent of the popular vote, a shocking outcome 21 months after the swift and nearly bloodless liberation of Kuwait had made many view his re-election as inevitable. No incumbent had done so badly since William Howard Taft in 1912.

Despite his family's political accomplishments, the elder Bush disliked the idea that his family was viewed as a "dynasty" with a "legacy."

"Those two words, 'dynasty' and 'legacy' — irritate me," Bush told *The New York Times* in 2000. "We don't feel entitled to anything."

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GEORGE H.W. BUSH 1924-2018



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Caroline Western, 3, of College Station, Texas, checks out a statue of George H.W. Bush inside the Bush Presidential Library and Museum on Saturday. Bush, 94, died Friday.

Trump sets national day of mourning for Bush

BY DEL QUENTIN WILBER
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — President Donald Trump designated Wednesday as a national day of mourning for former President George H.W. Bush, putting aside a long-running feud with the Bush family and praising the former president for having “led a long, successful and beautiful life.”

Trump also signed an executive order on Saturday directing federal agencies and departments to close “as a mark of respect for George Herbert Walker Bush.”

“Whenever I was with him I saw his absolute joy for life and true price in his family,” Trump said earlier on Twitter. “His accomplishments were great from beginning to end. He was a truly wonderful man and will be missed by all!”

Bush, who was president from 1989 to 1993 and vice president under President Ronald Reagan from 1981 to 1989, died Friday night. He was 94.

Sarah Huckabee Sand-

ers, Trump’s press secretary, said a state funeral would be held Wednesday at the National Cathedral in Washington. Trump plans to attend the service, Sanders said in a statement.

Bush’s death prompted an outpouring of praise from lawmakers, former presidents and foreign leaders who recalled his long career in public service and his leadership during the final years of the Cold War and a successful U.S. military offensive in Iraq.

Former President Barack Obama, who recently visited Bush in the hospital, said in a statement: “While our hearts are heavy today, they are also filled with gratitude. Our thoughts are with the entire Bush family tonight — and all who were inspired by George and Barbara’s example.”

The Trumps were informed of Bush’s death Friday night while in Buenos Aires, attending the Group of 20 summit.

The president had been scheduled to give a press conference Saturday but

announced he was canceling the event “out of respect for the Bush Family and former President George H.W. Bush.” He said he would hold a news conference after the funeral.

It will be the first major national funeral service that Trump will attend as president.

He did not attend the last major funeral in Washington, that of Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. The president and McCain had a contentious and testy relationship, and Trump was not welcome at McCain’s service, also at the National Cathedral, on Sept. 1.

He has also had a frosty relationship with the Bush family and skipped the funeral of former the former president’s wife, Barbara Bush, who died in April.

But on Saturday, the president and his wife, Melania, in a statement hailed Bush for “his essential authenticity, disarming wit, and unwavering commitment to faith, family, and country.”

The Associated Press contributed.

For Bush, Pearl Harbor attack changed arc of life

He joined Navy, emerging a hero and future leader

By RACHEL SIEGEL
The Washington Post

George H.W. Bush died on Friday, just a week before the country marks the 77th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor — an event that would change his life.

The future 41st president was a high school senior on Dec. 7, 1941. He was walking on the campus of Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass., when he heard that Pearl Harbor had been bombed. According to Bush biographer and presidential historian Jon Meacham, Bush wanted to serve immediately.

“It was a red, white, and blue thing,” Bush would later recall for Meacham’s biography, “Destiny and Power: The American Odyssey of George Herbert Walker Bush.” “Your country’s attacked, you’d better get in there and try to help.”

Bush initially decided he wanted to become a pilot — and fast. But he was lured by naval service, inspired by the grandeur of the Navy’s power, and its reputation for camaraderie and purpose. A combination of flying and the Navy fit just right.

That winter, Bush was not yet 18. He would go home for his last Christmas out of uniform. And at a dance, he would set his eyes on his future wife, Barbara Pierce. She was 16.

On June 12, 1942, Bush turned 18 and graduated from Andover. After commencement, he left for Boston to be sworn into the Navy. Nearly one year later, Bush became an officer of the U.S. Naval Reserve and earned his wings as a naval aviator. He was assigned to



GEORGE BUSH PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

George H.W. Bush is rescued by the Navy submarine, USS Finback on Sept. 2, 1944, after his plane was shot down.

fly torpedo bombers off aircraft carriers in the Pacific theater.

At dawn on Sept. 2, 1944, Bush was slated to fly in a strike over Chichi Jima, a Japanese island about 500 miles from the mainland. The island was a stronghold for communications and supplies for the Japanese, and it was heavily guarded.

Around 7:15 that morning, Bush took off with William G. White, known as “Ted,” and John “Del” Delaney. Just over an hour later, their plane was hit.

Bush continued to steer the plane, dropping bombs and hitting the radio tower. He told White and Delaney to parachute out, then climbed through his open hatch to maneuver out of the cockpit.

“The wind struck him full force, essentially lifting him out the rest of the way and propelling him backward into the tail,” Meacham wrote.

Then he hit the waves.

Fifty feet away bobbed a life raft that Bush managed to inflate and flop onto. But the wind was carrying him to Chichi Jima, so Bush began paddling in the opposite direction with his arms.

“For a while there I thought I was done,” Bush told Meacham.

He was alone, slowly grasping that White and Delaney were gone. Hours passed. He cried and thought of home. Barbara would soon receive a letter from him saying “all was well,” but she had no way of knowing it was dated before his plane had been hit.

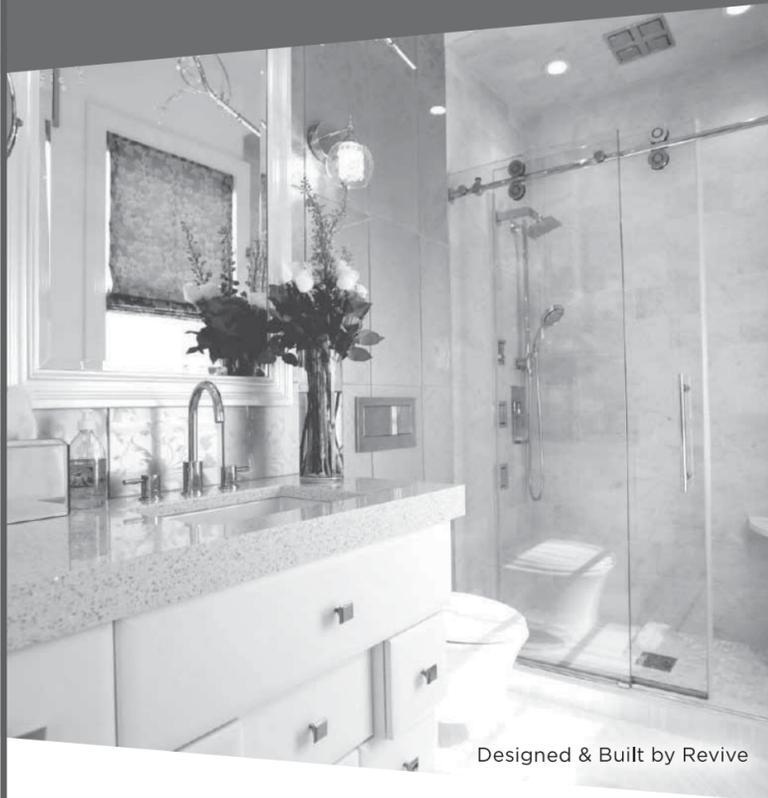
Bush, who would win the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism under fire, thought he was delirious when, suddenly, a submarine rose from the depths.

“Welcome aboard, sir,” greeted a crewmember.

“Happy to be aboard,” replied the future commander in chief.

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Worst riot in a decade engulfs Paris; Macron vows action

PARIS — France's most violent urban riot in a decade engulfed central Paris on Saturday as "yellow jacket" activists torched cars, smashed windows, looted stores and tagged the Arc de Triomphe with graffiti.

Protesters angry about rising taxes and the high cost of living clashed with riot police, who fired tear gas and water cannon.

From the G-20 summit in Argentina, French President Emmanuel Macron

denounced the violence, saying those who attacked police and vandalized the Arc de Triomphe will be "held responsible for their acts."

It was the third straight weekend of clashes in Paris with activists dressed in the fluorescent yellow vests of a new protest movement.

Police said at least 110 people, including 20 police officers, were injured in the violent protests and 224 others were arrested.

125 women and girls whipped, raped, clubbed in South Sudan

JUBA, South Sudan — One hundred and twenty-five women and girls have been raped, whipped and clubbed in attacks so shocking that some aid workers in South Sudan say they are left speechless.

Doctors Without Borders on Saturday said the "dramatic increase" in sexual violence occurred over 10 days, between Nov. 19 and Thursday, as the women and girls walked

to a food distribution site in Bentiu in Unity state. By contrast, the medical charity's Bentiu clinic treated 104 survivors of sexual assault in the first 10 months of this year.

A midwife with Doctors Without Borders said victims included pregnant and elderly women and girls as young as 10. U.N. officials said the attacks were carried out by men in military uniforms and civilian clothing.

Number of missing after California fire reduced to 49

PARADISE, Calif. — The number of people listed as missing after Northern California's catastrophic wildfire has been whittled to 49.

The figure announced Friday night by the Butte County Sheriff's Office shows authorities have made significant progress in accounting for survivors of the deadliest wildfire in state history. Two weeks ago, the number of people listed as

unaccounted for was 1,300.

The Nov. 8 wildfire all but leveled the town of Paradise and ravaged neighboring communities. Thousands were forced to flee, and in the aftermath many survivors scattered to other towns or cities and did not tell authorities or relatives they were safe.

Anyone not reached by a friend or relative is listed as missing until tracked down by authorities.

Pompeo: No 'direct' proof linking prince, writer's death

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Michael Pompeo said Saturday that the U.S. has "no direct evidence" linking Saudi Arabia's crown prince to the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, but declined to address reports that the CIA concluded that Mohammed bin Salman was involved.

"I have read every piece of intelligence that is in the possession of the United States government and when it is done, when you complete that analysis, there is no direct evidence linking him to the murder of Jamal Khashoggi," Pompeo said in an interview Saturday with CNN from the Group of 20 meeting.

The Wall Street Journal reported Saturday that it had reviewed excerpts of the CIA's report, which indicated "medium-to-high" confidence of Salman "probably ordering his death."

In Britain: Universities and Science Minister Sam Gyimah became the latest to quit Prime Minister Theresa May's government because of Brexit, saying Saturday that the divorce agreement with the European Union would leave Britain outnumbered and outmaneuvered in future negotiations.

In Germany: Thousands of people marched Saturday in Berlin to demand that Germany speed up its exit from coal-fired power plants, a day before the opening of a U.N. climate summit in neighboring Poland. The protest in the German capital and a simultaneous march in Cologne were organized by environmental groups.

OBITUARIES

DONALD P. DOHERTY 1927-2018

Ex-mayor of northwest suburban McHenry

By BOB GOLDSBOROUGH
Chicago Tribune

Donald P. Doherty was mayor of northwest suburban McHenry for 12 years before serving on the McHenry County Board for another 16 years, in both roles taking part in a period of dramatic growth for the area.

"He loved McHenry," said Doherty's son Jay, president of the City Club of Chicago. "He was always very interested in public service and community service, and he lived and loved McHenry. That, along with my mother, was the garden spot of the universe for him."

Doherty, 91, died of Legionella on Nov. 21 at the JourneyCare CareCenter hospice facility in Woodstock, his son said. A lifelong McHenry resident, Doherty had contracted Legionnaire's disease at his home at the McHenry Villa independent senior living community.

The Illinois Department of Public Health on Friday said that tests have confirmed the presence of the Legionella bacteria in the plumbing system of McHenry Villa.

Doherty grew up on a small farm and graduated from McHenry High School. He served in the Army before returning home and earning a degree in pharmacy from Hynes School of Pharmacy in Chicago, his son said.

Doherty spent his entire career at Bolger Drug Store, a corner pharmacy on Green Street in downtown McHenry that his uncle had owned. He ran the drugstore until closing it in February 1989, said his daughter, Carmel Ray.

In 1961, Doherty ran to replace longtime mayor George Freund. Doherty won election, and he won re-election in 1965 and 1969. During his 12 years as mayor, Doherty worked to build McHenry from a little village to a larger community, including annexing outlying areas and extending water and sewer lines to the southern and western parts of the city, where there had



FAMILY PHOTO

Donald P. Doherty was mayor of suburban McHenry from 1961 to 1973.

been new development.

"He really expanded it and really helped the community grow," Jay Doherty said.

Colleen Jackson, Doherty's daughter, said her father's political mantra was to focus on his own goals and perspective, and not on those of his opponents.

"He said he always remembered the words of a colleague, (former McHenry City Clerk) Earl Walsh, who said to always just talk about yourself and what you're promoting for McHenry and what you think is in the best interests for the citizens of McHenry," Jackson said. "He said to never talk nasty about your opponents. Everybody's got different ideas, but they (the voters) want to know yours."

Doherty lost a re-election bid for mayor in 1973 to a City Council member, Joseph Stanek. That December, he became chairman of the McHenry County Planning Commission.

Doherty ran for the McHenry County Board in 1976 as a Democrat and won. He then split from the Democratic Party in 1980 to run for re-election on a Citizens Party ticket. He lost re-election that year but won election to a four-year term in 1986 as a Republican.

In late 1988, Doherty was appointed to lead the board's important Health and Agriculture Committee. In that capacity, he oversaw consideration of a controversial issue in

McHenry County surrounding where and whether to situate a county-run landfill.

"He was the quintessential small-town public servant," said former McHenry County Board member Donna Schaefer, who later was McHenry Township Supervisor. "If there was an issue, Don would go and meet with people. Everything was very relationship-based."

Schaefer said she first got to know Doherty in 1988, during his effort to become board chairman. She noted that although she chose to support his opponent, Ann Hughes, Doherty remained close friends with her.

"That never in any way affected our friendship," Schaefer said. "This is what a nice man he was. We continued on to be good friends until he died."

Doherty won re-election in 1990 and again in 1992 and 1994. After that, his fellow board members chose him to serve as the board's vice chairman.

Doherty opted not to run for re-election in 1998.

Sue Conway Meyer, McHenry's mayor from 2003 until 2017, called Doherty "an honest man who had so much integrity." "When I became mayor, Mr. Doherty reached out to me and offered me his friendship and confidence and for the 14 years that I served as mayor, he was a wonderful mentor," she said. "When he gave me advice, I trusted him because I knew he was telling me what he would do and that was good. He was the consummate servant-leader who led by example."

Doherty's wife, Rosalie, died in 2010.

Doherty is also survived by six other daughters, Celeste Heidemann, Cynthia Henderson, Christine Ludwig, Carolyn Sweeney, Connie Bopp and Catherine Brodbeck; another son, Joseph; a sister, Mary Jean Hopkins; 21 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.



VADIM GHIRDA/AP

Romania hails the century mark: A man clings to a tree he scaled to get a better view of a military parade Saturday in Bucharest where thousands came out to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the nation becoming a modern-day state.

Allegations of election fraud roil N.C. race, delay final result

TAR HEEL, N.C. — The Democratic chairman of North Carolina's elections board resigned Saturday, saying he did not want his partisan views to undermine a widening investigation into alleged election fraud in the 9th Congressional District race.

Andy Penry, chairman of the nine-member State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement, said in a statement that he was stepping away to allow the investigation to continue "free of attempts at distraction and obstruction so that the truth can be revealed." Penry has fielded criti-

cism from North Carolina Republican officials, who have pointed to his Twitter posts — which include a number of tweets highly critical of President Donald Trump — as evidence that the board's investigation is partisan and baseless.

Penry's decision came after the nine-member elections board of four Democrats, four Republicans and one unaffiliated voter agreed Tuesday unanimously to delay certification of results in the 9th District election amid allegations of an effort to fill in or discard absentee ballots of Democratic voters.

Republican Mark Harris leads Democrat Dan McCready in the race by only 905 votes, according to unofficial returns.

On Friday, the state board voted 7-2 to continue investigating the fraud allegations, leaving open the possibility that a new election could be called.

The state board has collected at least six sworn statements from voters in rural Bladen County who described people coming to their doors and urging them to hand over their absentee ballots, sometimes without them being filled out.

Pope worries about homosexuality in clergy

— Pope Francis has been quoted in a soon-to-be published book as saying that having gays in the clergy "is something that worries me" and remarking that some societies are considering homosexuality a "fashionable" lifestyle.

Italian daily Corriere della Sera's website Sat-

urday ran excerpts of the book in the form of an interview in August that Francis gave a Spanish-born missionary priest, Fernando Prado, about religious vocations.

Francis was quoted as describing homosexuality within the walls of seminaries, convents and other

religious places where clergy live as "a very serious question."

Still, Francis, as he has in the past, stressed that gay Catholics contribute to the life of the church.

The book "The Strength of Vocation" will be published in 10 languages this week.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON DECEMBER 2 ...

In 1804 Napoleon was crowned emperor of France.

In 1823 President James Monroe outlined his doctrine opposing European expansion in the Western Hemisphere.

In 1859 militant abolitionist John Brown was hanged for his raid on Harper's Ferry the previous October.

In 1939 New York's La Guardia Airport began operations as an airliner from Chicago landed at one minute past midnight.

In 1942 a self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction was demonstrated for the first time, at the University of Chicago.

In 1946 fashion designer Gianni Versace was born in Reggio Calabria, Italy.

In 1954 the Senate voted to condemn Wisconsin Republican Joseph McCarthy for "conduct that tends to bring the Senate into dishonor and disrepute."

In 1961 Cuban leader Fidel Castro declared himself a Marxist-Leninist who would lead Cuba to communism.

In 1970 the Environmental Protection Agency began operating under director William Ruckelshaus.

In 1982 in the first operation of its kind, doctors at the University of Utah Medical Center implanted a permanent artificial heart in the chest of retired dentist Dr. Barney Clark, who

lived 112 days with the device.

In 1993 Colombian drug lord Pablo Escobar was shot to death by security forces in Medellin.

In 1999, in Northern Ireland, a power-sharing Cabinet of Protestants and Catholics sat down together for the first time.

In 2001 in one of the largest corporate bankruptcies in U.S. history, Enron filed for Chapter 11 protection.

In 2003 the Supreme Court ruled unanimously that after knocking, police do not have to wait longer than 20 seconds before breaking into the home of a drug suspect.

In 2014 the Chicago City Council overwhelmingly approved raising the city's minimum wage to \$13 an hour from \$8.25 by mid-2019. **Also in 2014** the government of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu collapsed as he fired two ministers who led parties in his ruling coalition, ending a protracted political crisis.

In 2015 a couple loyal to Islamic State opened fire at a holiday banquet for public employees in San Bernardino, Calif., killing 14 people and wounding 21 others before dying in a shootout with police.

In 2016 thirty-six people died when fire erupted in an illegally converted warehouse in Oakland, Calif., during a dance party.

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Anderson, Oscar R.

Oscar R. Anderson Jr. Beloved husband of Eileen G. Anderson nee Erickson. Loving father of Karen Preusser, Janice (Donald) Victorine, and Linda (Robert) Vogel. Cherished grandfather of Jessica, Matthew, Kaitlin, Samantha, and Alex. Memorial Services to be privately held by the family.



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Anderson, Patricia O.

Patricia O. Anderson nee Karls, age 76, formerly of Darien and Plainfield; beloved wife of Don; loving mother of Karrie (Bruce) Anderson-Bird, Christopher (Gene) Anderson and Holly Anderson; cherished grandma of Christina Anderson, Justin Bird and Elizabeth Bird; devoted sister of Gail Junokas and Frank Karls; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Tuesday 9:15 A.M. from **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien to Our Lady of Peace Church. Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Clarendon Hills Cemetery. Visitation Monday 3-6 P.M. In lieu of flowers, donations to Dream Catchers (Justin's Special Olympics Team), C/O Judi Sturgell, 1163 Buckeye Lane, Decatur, IL 62521 are appreciated. For info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Begovic, Todor 'Ted'

Todor "Ted" Begovic of Berkeley, age 92. Beloved husband of the late Heidi Begovic, nee Zimmerman; loving father of Mark (Mona) Zimmerman and the late Lilli-Ann Zimmerman; proud grandfather of Alexandra Zimmerman and Nicole Giovanazzi; dear brother-in-law of Win (Noreen) Zimmermann and Armin (the late Marie) Zimmermann. 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, December 7, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until time of Chapel Service 11:00 a.m. Interment St. Luke Cemetery. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Berger, Nancy M.

December 14, 1921 - November 7, 2018 On November 7, 2018, Nancy M. Berger of Los Angeles, California passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family. She was born Nancy Jane Mock to Hallie Kahn Mock and Frederick George Mock on December 14, 1921 in Michigan.

Nancy grew up in Buffalo, New York, with her older brother Alan F. Mock. In 1952, Nancy married Robert S. Berger, a Captain in the U.S. Navy and the President of the Rittenhouse Paper Company, in Chicago, Illinois. Nancy raised her two daughters, Jill and Kathy in Highland Park, Illinois, where she pursued her love of art, entertaining, cooking, traveling, and made lifelong cherished friendships.

As Rittenhouse expanded, Nancy and Robert moved to Los Angeles, California in 1966. In Los Angeles, Nancy became involved in many philanthropic and humanitarian causes. She served on the board of Planned Parenthood Los Angeles and become the President of the UCLA Arts Council. Her leadership efforts and timeless elegance were captured by the artist William Turnbull, who created a column in her honor that lies in the renowned Franklin D. Murphy Sculpture Garden at UCLA.

Nancy is survived by her two daughters: Jill de Jong Gross (Martin Pollock) and Kathy de Jong Albert; her four grandchildren: Amy Albert Rantala (Lance), Julie Gross Jazayeri (Peter), Benjamin Albert (Kristen) and Andrew Gross (Tamara); her eight great-grandchildren: Charlie, Wil, Parker, Liam, Hallie, Edie, Jet and Dashiell, and her loving nieces and friends. With gratitude for her amazing caregivers and loving family and friends, Nancy's charm, inspiration and elegance will continue to inspire us all.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Planned Parenthood of Los Angeles or JDRF Foundation To Find A Cure.

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Bigoness, Robert H.

Robert H. "Bob" Bigoness, 57, of West Bend, WI, cherished son of Richard and the late Mary Ellen nee Hughes; beloved brother of Maureen Netzel, Michael (Peggy), Patty (Jim) Lewicki and the late Thomas; loving uncle of Tom, Kellie (Sean), Amanda (Brandon), Patrick, Joe, Maddie, Grace and the late Brian. Visitation Tuesday 3:00 - 9:00p.m. at the **Countryside Funeral Home and Crematory** 333 S. Roselle Rd. (1/2 mile south of Irving Park Rd.) Roselle. Funeral Wednesday 9:15a.m. to St. Matthew Catholic Church. Mass 10:00a.m. Following mass, cremation will be private at the Countryside Crematory. (630) 529-5751 or www.countrysidefuneralhomes.com.

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Boyer, Alan "Irv"

Alan "Irv" Boyer, 92, beloved husband of the late Marilyn; adored friend of Helen Siegel; loving father of Julie Boyer, Craig (Felice) Boyer and Rachel (Mark) Lee; cherished Papa Turkey of Robby (Klara) Boyer, Michael Boyer, Jamie (Doug) Krefman, Elana Abt, Jeremy Lee and Nathan Lee; devoted son of the late Rose and Morris Buyer; treasured brother, uncle, cousin and friend of many. Chapel service Monday 2:30 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice. For information and condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Brahos, Helen T.

Helen T. Brahos passed away on Thursday, November 29, 2018. Devoted daughter of the late Nicholas and Bessie Brahos. Dear sister of The Hon. O. John Brahos, the late Socrates (the late Jean), the late Nestor, the late Orestes and the late Byron Brahos. Fond aunt of Nicholas and great aunt of Heather. Family and friends will meet Tuesday morning at St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church, 5649 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60660 for visitation from 11:30 a.m. until time of funeral service at 12:00 p.m. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. Kindly omit flowers. Memorial donations may be made to St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church. Arrangements by John G. Adinamis Funeral Director, Ltd. For more information please call 847-375-0095.

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Carlson, Victor

Victor Carlson, 84, of Chicago, formerly of Los Angeles and Baltimore passed away Nov. 25, 2018. Dear brother to Richard (Sharon) Carlson, Irene Irwin and the late Edward Carlson. Victor was the curator of prints and drawings at Baltimore Museum of Art and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Services pending. Info: www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com (773) 472-6300.



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Coleman, Leonard

Leonard Coleman, age 99, of Vernon Hills, formerly of Highland Park, beloved husband for 65 years of Harriette, nee Bell; loving father of Ann Krehmeyer; dear brother of the late Morrie (late Roz) Coleman and the late Aaron (late Doris) Coleman; cherished brother-in-law of Marty (Irene) Bell; treasured uncle and friend to many. Service Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. at The Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Rd., Buffalo Grove. Interment Westlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Lyric Opera, www.lyricopera.org. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



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Costello, Charles F 'Chuck'

76, of Las Vegas, NV, passed away November 24, 2018. Born in Chicago, IL, resided in Bloomingdale, IL from 1968 - 2018. Beloved husband of Marilyn (nee Rizzo), loving father of Scott (Heather) and Pam Costello, cherished grandfather of Kylie and Cori Costello, fond brother of Sarah (Nick) Castiglione and Charlotte (Dick) Madsen. Avid sailor and longtime member of Columbia Yacht Club. Retired from 40 year career in the baking industry, was active in the Baker's Club of Chicago. Private service 12/2/18, Las Vegas. Celebration of Life, Spring 2019, Chicago. In memoriam can be made to Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health, Las Vegas, NV.

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Daluga, Richard B.

Deacon Richard B. Daluga (Lieutenant Colonel, US Army, Retired)

Deacon Richard Daluga—soldier, philosopher, man of God—took his leave of us on November 27, 2018 to go on the Great Adventure.

Rich was born July 15, 1934 to Kathryn E. (Ballard) Daluga and Julius F. Daluga of Waukegan, Illinois. After graduating with the class of 1952 from Waukegan Township High School, he was the first of his family to graduate from college. Rich procured a congressional nomination to the United States Military Academy at West Point, graduating with the class of 1957 and receiving his commission as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry. After USMA, he became Airborne and Ranger qualified. He served 24 years in the Army, including two tours of duty in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam conflict. He was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal for Valor, the Republic Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, and the Meritorious Service Medal.

His military career took him and his family to the four corners of the earth—16 duty stations, 9 states plus the District of Columbia, Vietnam, Laos, and Germany, moving into 20 homes altogether. In his lifetime, Rich set foot in 49 out of 50 states. (Sorry, Arkansas.) On returning from his first combat tour, Rich completed post-graduate school at the University of Massachusetts, receiving a Master of Arts in English Literature in 1968, whereupon he returned to West Point to teach that subject. He attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and retired from active duty in 1981. He then earned an MBA from the University of Hartford in 1983, and worked as a software quality assurance specialist until his retirement in 1999.

Family and lifelong friends kept Rich grounded through years of toil, travel, and war. Married in 1957, he and his wife Patricia (Eisenhart) Daluga shared 61 years together. One of his proudest accomplishments was seeing all three of his children, Catherine D. Kohlmann (Jim), Josephine M. Daluga (David Schultz), and John R. Daluga (Susie), graduate from college, marry for life, and become solid citizens.

In addition to his wife and children, Rich is survived by three grandchildren: Kevin Kohlmann, Alexandra Schultz, and Maximilian Schultz. Rich's Catholicism was a source of profound comfort throughout his life. Rich and Pat's faith in the Church was as unwavering as their faith in each other, and they dedicated themselves to both. In service to God, Rich was ordained a Deacon by Bishop Daniel P. Reilly on April 22, 1995 at St. Paul's Cathedral in Worcester, Massachusetts. He served nine years at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Milford, MA and eleven years at St. Thomas More Catholic Community in Henderson, Nevada until his retirement in 2014 at the age of 80. Rich and Pat continued in shared ministry as their health permitted.

Viewing will be 7:00-9:00 o'clock with Vespers at 8:00 Friday, December 14, 2018 at St. Thomas More Catholic community, 130 North Pecos Road, Henderson. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11:00 o'clock Saturday, December 15, 2018 also at St. Thomas More Catholic Community. After cremation, burial will be at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Boulder City, NV. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Thomas More Catholic Community.

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Dempsey, Elaine Biggs

Elaine Biggs Dempsey, May 26, 1927 - November 26, 2018. Elaine was a 62 year resident of Clarendon Hills. She was a 1945 graduate of Morgan Park High School, a 1949 graduate of University of Colorado and a 1975 graduate of Erikson Institute. An early childhood educator, she taught at the College of DuPage Early Childhood Program and the Bensenville Home Society's Head Start program. Elaine was instrumental in the founding of the DuPage Children's Museum, work she called her proudest achievement. She is survived by four daughters, Anne Lee (Mark), Elizabeth Reis, Sue Taylor (Rick) and Catherine Dempsey-Sims, four grandchildren (John Reis, Alyssa Lee, Bryce Piper, David Lee), one great grandchild (Oliver Lee), brother Alfred Biggs (Ruth) and many beloved nieces, nephews and dear friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, George H. Dempsey, her daughter-in-law, Lucinda ("Pete") Dempsey-Sims and her sister, Phyllis Biggs Kultgen Piel. A funeral Eucharist will be held 2pm, Saturday, December 8, 2018, at the Church of the Holy Nativity (Episcopal), 275 S. Richmond, Clarendon Hills, IL 60514 with a reception following at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the DuPage Children's Museum, 301 N. Washington St., Naperville, IL 60540.

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Dite, Geraldine "Jerry" D.

Geraldine "Jerry" D. Dite, nee Garvey; Age 99; Beloved wife of the late Robert; Cherished mother of Robert (Rachel), James (Mary Fran) and Kenneth (Patti Marschke); Adored grandmother of Brian (Audrey Molenda), Timothy, and Brendan (Elise); Dear sister to Jeanne (the late Milton) Flyke; Fond aunt to Marikaye Long, Daniel, Marty (Jane) Flyke and Diane Mellott. Proud great aunt to many. Jerry's family would like to express their deepest and sincerest gratitude and appreciation to the caring staff of Smith Village assisted living and Little Company of Mary Hospice Care. Visitation Monday 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Funeral Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to St. Cajetan Church, 2445 W. 112th St., Chicago, IL 60655; Mass 11:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, SSND Development Office, 345 Belden Hill Rd. Wilton, CT. 06897 or <https://ssnd.org> or Emilie's fund at Smith Village 2320 West 113th Place Chicago, IL 60643. For Funeral info: (708) 422-2700 or www.curleyfuneral-home.com



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Dooley, Dolores M

A Resident of Schaumburg for 19 years, Formerly of Hoffman Estates since 1967. Visitation for Dolores M. Dooley (nee Jayko), 92, will be held Friday, Dec. 7 from 1:00-8:00pm at **Michaels Funeral Home & Cremation Care**, 800 S. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg. Family and friends will gather for 11:00am funeral mass at St. John Cantius Church, 825 N. Carpenter St. Chicago proceeding to interment at St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery, Palatine.

Born Dec. 21, 1925 in Chicago to the late Anthony and the late Clara (nee Milkowski), she passed away peacefully Nov. 17, 2018 in Arlington Heights. She achieved a Registered Nurse's degree and license. A nurse for 45 years, Head Nurse for 17. Creator of the Day Surgery Program for Alexian Brothers Hospital, she helped 3 other Chicago area hospitals create their programs, the most successful hospital programs of the modern era. The protocols she wrote are still used today by the hospitals. She wrote, staged, directed and made all the costumes for her Church's Christmas pageant for 25 years.

Dolores was all about family, loved celebrations, and staged many a party or get together, organizing the Family's Picnic's & Cousin's Caroling Party every year for 25 years for an extended family of 150. And always was available to help the neighbors, and the neighborhood's kids, and the entire extended family. Dolores was the adoring wife of 50 years to the late Harry; loving mother of Patrick, Michael, Miriam (Courtney) Ladd, Colette (Dennis) Robertson, John (Julie), Harry (Katherine) and the late Joan Mary (Paul) Carter; fond grandmother of 13; proud great grandmother of soon to be 15; loving sister of Marie (Norbort) Kwiatek and Connie (Ralph) Bostler; beloved aunt, cousin, and dear friend to many. She will be missed by all those whose lives she touched. For information please call 847-891-2900 or for guestbook please visit www.michaelsfh.com

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Durkin, Mary Frances

Mary Frances Durkin, 75, of the south side of Chicago. Beloved daughter of the late Agnes, nee Flynn and John Durkin. Both parents native of County Sligo, Ireland. Loving sister of Thomas (Fran) Durkin, Patricia Durkin and the late Rev. John Durkin, the late Kathleen (John) Obenland and the late Margaret Durkin. Proud aunt of many nieces and nephews. Life long employee of Palos Community Hospital. Out of the fullness of her strength she cared for the sick. Then she fed them. She did no harm. Family and friends are gathering Saturday, December 8, 2018 at Mary, Seat of Wisdom Church, 920 Granville (on Cumberland), Park Ridge at 10:15 am. Funeral Mass celebrated at 11:00 am. Memorials in Mary's name may be given to the charity of your choice. Interment will be on family lot in Ireland. Funeral arrangements entrusted to **M J Suerth Funeral Home**, 877-631-1240 or www.suerth.com.

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Erickson, Doris

Doris M. Erickson, age 78, of McHenry, passed away on Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at Advocate Good Shepard Hospital in Barrington. Doris was born May 1, 1940, in Konigsberg, Germany, the daughter of Alfred and Kathie (nee Jorgels) Doehring. On October 5, 1996, Doris married Steven Erickson at Faith Presbyterian Church in McHenry. Doris working as a cosmetologist enjoyed doing hairstyling. She enjoyed her art projects. In her younger days, Doris had the opportunity to attend the Art Institute of Chicago.

Doris is survived by her loving and supportive husband, Steven Erickson; daughters, Christine (Richard) Anderson, Susan (Dan) Bieniek, and Tracy Rakoncay-Evans; 3 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, Alfred and Kathie 'Katie' Doehring; daughter, Barbara Rakoncay; and brothers, Frederick, Christopher, and Bernard Doehring.

Visitation will be held Monday, December 3, 2018, from 4-8 p.m., at Faith Presbyterian Church, 2107 W. Lincoln Road, McHenry. Visitation will continue on Tuesday, December 4, 2018, from 5-7 p.m. at **Colonial Funeral Home**, 591 Ridgeview Drive, McHenry. A Memorial Service will be held at 7 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with Rev William Torgeson officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family in Doris' name.

Doris' memory will live on through her generous donation to Gift of Hope. For more information, visit www.colonialmchenry.com or call 815-385-0063

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Farrell, Donald E.

Age 89, a resident of Yorkville, formerly of Frankfort, passed away on Friday, November 30, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Charlene (Collings); loving father of Donna (Ron) Ahlberg and Deirdre (David) Micheli; cherished grandfather of Ian (Kaitlin Summers) Follansbee, Abigail (Alex Offerman) Follansbee, Alexandra Ahlberg, and Madison Ahlberg; also survived by numerous loving nieces and nephews, and his beloved dog Daisy. He was preceded in death by his son Carey Farrell, mother Myrtle Farrell (Schroiber), and brothers Francis and Kenneth Farrell. Donald was a United States Korean War Army Veteran. He enjoyed gardening, adored his pets, and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and dear friend to many, who will be deeply missed and never forgotten. The family will receive friends at Kurtz Memorial Chapel, 65 Old Frankfort Way, Frankfort, IL 60423 on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 from 6:00 PM until time of Memorial Service at 7:00 PM. Interment private. Info www.kurtzmemorialchapel.com or 815-806-2225.



Ahlberg; also survived by numerous loving nieces and nephews, and his beloved dog Daisy. He was preceded in death by his son Carey Farrell, mother Myrtle Farrell (Schroiber), and brothers Francis and Kenneth Farrell. Donald was a United States Korean War Army Veteran. He enjoyed gardening, adored his pets, and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and dear friend to many, who will be deeply missed and never forgotten. The family will receive friends at Kurtz Memorial Chapel, 65 Old Frankfort Way, Frankfort, IL 60423 on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 from 6:00 PM until time of Memorial Service at 7:00 PM. Interment private. Info www.kurtzmemorialchapel.com or 815-806-2225.

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Feiwell, George S

George S. Feiwell, 91, died peacefully at home on November 28, 2018. George lived an adventurous life befitting of his colorful personality. As a young adult, George worked as a rancher in Wyoming and performed in rodeos, and later racing both cars and boats. George obtained both an undergraduate and law degree from the University of Iowa, graduating law school in 1953. George was one of the great lawyers of his generation, practicing in local, state, and federal courtrooms in a career spanning over six decades. George was especially proud of trying what at the time was the longest jury trial in the Northern District of Illinois, a trial that lasted for over five months. In his later years, George focused primarily in the Domestic Relations Division of Cook County, and continued to be a zealous advocate for his clients.

Predeceased by his parents, Morris and Mable Feiwell; loving wife, Marilyn Jane Feiwell; brother Robert Feiwell; and sister, Elinor (Stanley) Jarow. Survived by son, Todd Feiwell, daughter, Annie (Scott) Diamond; grandchildren Lauren, Eli, Madilyn, and Dylan; and devoted companion Jan Kramer. Shiva will be held Monday, December 3, from 3 to 7 p.m. at The Standard Club, 320 S. Plymouth Court, Chicago, Illinois. Funeral will be private. Donations can be made to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, The Chicago Yacht Club Foundation and the American Cancer Society.

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Forde, Michael J.

Proud U.S. Army Reserve Veteran. Beloved husband of Mary "Maureen" (nee Lally) Forde. Dear brother of the late Patrick (Mary), Thomas, Kathleen (late John) Prendergast & late Walter (Frances) Forde. Fond brother-in-law of Loretta,

Joseph (Mary), Peter (late Theresa), Seamus, Thomas (Kathleen), late John & late Vincent Lally. Kind uncle & great uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Tuesday, December 4th from 3 until 8 p.m. Chapel prayers Wednesday, December 5th, 11:00 a.m. at the **Kerry Funeral Home & Cremation Care Center**, 7020 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights proceeding to Saint Alexander Church, Mass 11:30 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Please omit flowers, Masses would be appreciated. www.kerryfh.com - (708) 361.4235 - www.facebook.com/kerryfuneral



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Forney, Donald

Donald A. Forney passed away peacefully at the age of 81 and now joins his loving father, Merle, and mother, Hildegarde. He is survived by his former wife Joyce, his five children, Tim, David, Donna, Daniel, and Joel, and nine grandchildren, Jeremy, Christopher, Alex, Olivia, Laura, Zack, Tyler, Lydia, Ali, and three great-grandchildren, Trinity, Chris, and Alistar. Born in Oak Park, IL, and raised in Berwyn, IL., Don attended Jefferson Elementary School in Berwyn, and graduated from Morton East High School in Cicero. He attended Valparaiso University and graduated from Bradley University, Peoria, IL, with a degree in Industrial Education. He worked at Sears Roebuck and Company for 33 years starting in the stores selling paint and retiring as a Buyer at the National Headquarters Sears Tower. A long-time resident of Riverside, IL., after retiring from Sears, Don spent over 10 years as the Assistant Building Inspector there. Most recently, he resided in Lombard, IL, where he enjoyed a busy schedule of activities. Don had a strong faith in Christ and attended Ascension Lutheran Church in Riverside, IL, serving as its President several times, acting as a Deacon, and assistant to the Pastor during services. He was a founding member of Angels in Blue Jeans, a church group that provided home maintenance and performed odd jobs for church members. He was active in the Appalachia Service Project, leading teams of high school and college aged students who volunteered their time on construction projects in Eastern Kentucky. He served as the President of a local chapter of Thrivent Financial for several years. Don enjoyed playing the guitar, canoeing in the Boundary Waters National Park, watching his children and grandchildren play high school and college sports or act in park district plays, and rehabbing and flipping homes. He will be interred at the Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery in Oakbrook Terrace, IL.
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Garson, Jerry

Jerry Garson, age 67, beloved husband of the late Barbara Bressler Garson; adored son of the late Louis and Anna Garson; dear brother-in-law of Steve (Sue) Bressler and Dan (Donna) Bressler; proud uncle of Faye (Kurt), Douglas (Holly), Eric (Kristen), Emily and the late Howard and many great nieces and nephews. The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Tanisha Wilson for her care and devotion. Service Tuesday December 4, 10:00 AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center or a charity of your choice. For information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Gasaway, Mary Jane

Mary Jane Gasaway, 93 years of age, at rest November 27, 2018. Beloved wife of the late C. H. Gasaway. Loving mother of D. J. (Sally) and David (Sally). Grandmother of Shawn and Lauren. She was a gracious host who enjoyed entertaining friends and family in her home. Some of her favorite memories were of Lake Geneva and Naples, Florida. Visitation is Wednesday, Dec. 5th from 4:00 pm until 8:30 pm at Adolf Funeral Home, Ltd., 7000 S. Madison St., Willowbrook. Funeral Mass is Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018, 10:00 am at Isaac Jogues Church. Go directly to the church Thursday morning. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Info at: 630-325-2300 or www.adolfsservices.com.



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Gassel, Ginger Stearns

Virginia "Ginger" Stearns Gassel



December 3, 1960 – November 5, 2018

It is with great sadness that the family of Ginger Gassel announces her unexpected death on November 5, 2018. Ginger is lovingly remembered and survived by her wife, Belen Trevino; her brother and sister-in-law, James and Beth; and her nieces and nephew, Grace, Sarah and Stuart.

Ginger attended the Chicago Junior School, The Roycemore High School and The Second City Training Center. Ginger always had a twinkle in her eye, a flare for the dramatic and loved telling stories. While her range of interests and passions was broad, from civil liberties protection to environmentalism, Ginger's love of animals was above all else.

In Ginger's memory please make a donation to the Wisconsin Humane Society: WHS, 4500 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI, 53208-3156, (414) 264-6257.

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Gordon, M.D., Dr. Ralph C.

Dr. Ralph C. Gordon, M.D. passed away November 21, 2018. He was born in Lexington, KY, December 3, 1939. He was 78. Longtime resident of the northwest side of Chicago. Dr. Gordon was predeceased by his son, Ralph Clay Jr and leaves behind his son, David Gordon and his family, Yuko, Eriko and Alissa; his daughter Lynn Gordon (Dunphy) and her family, Kevin, Kevin Seamus and Emma; his ex-wife and friend, Liz Gordon; his dear sister Pamela Johns and her growing family including three grandsons, Peyton, Luke and Ellis; and other beloved friends and family. Services and interment were private. Arrangements entrusted to the **M J Suerth Funeral Home**. Full obituary at www.suerth.com.
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Grzesiak, Albert F.

Albert F. Grzesiak, beloved husband of Janice, loving father of Toni, grandfather of Gavin, fond "uncle" of many cousins and friends. Visitation at the **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home** 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles Monday from 3pm until 9pm. Funeral Tuesday 10:15am to St. John Brebeuf for 11:00am mass. Interment private. Funeral info 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com



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Harrison, Warren L.

Warren L. Harrison of Palos Heights. Beloved Husband of the late Wilma Jean Harrison nee Clark.
 Dear Father of Lee (Debra) Harrison, Dan (Kathy) Harrison, & Marcia Cashmore. Grandfather of Justin, Jake & Henry. Great Grandfather of James & Gemma Harrison. Brother of Sally (Don) Whittemore and the late Roger (Marie) Harrison. Committal Service with Military Honors Tuesday, December 4th 2:00 pm at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery 20953 W Hoff Rd, Elwood, IL 60421 family and friends will gather at 1:45 pm at the Cemetery Visitors Center. Memorials to the Palos Park Presbyterian Community Church 12312 S. 88th Ave. Palos Park, IL 60464 would be appreciated. **Van Henkelum Funeral Home** in charge of Arrangements. For additional information please call 708 448-3530 or www.vanhenkelum.com

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Hart, Miguel Angel

Miguel Angel Hart, 23, born in Paraguay, and adopted at 7 months by Barry and Darlene Hart. He is survived by his parents Barry and Ann Hart; his sisters: Tonya (spouse: Cec), Gabriella and brother: Travis. Miguel is also survived by family in England and throughout the United States. He attended Prairie Grove Elementary in Crystal Lake, and St. John's Military Academy in Delafield, WI. Miguel graduated from Prairie Ridge High School in 2013. As a youth Miguel enjoyed traveling with his family, especially his many trips to Jamaica as well as playing football and lacrosse with Prairie Ridge. Memorial Gathering at Querhammer & Flagg Funeral Home, 500 West Terra Cotta Ave., Crystal Lake, IL 60014, on Monday, December 3, 2018 from 5pm-8pm. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks for donations made to The McHenry County Mental Health Association, 620 Dakota St. Crystal Lake, IL 60012, to help individuals and their families that struggle with mental illness through their lives. For information call the Funeral Home at (815) 459-1760.
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Herman, Bluma

Bluma Herman, nee Bornstein, age 90. Wife of Jack J. Herman for 68 years. Mother of William (Emily Lifton) Herman, Daniel "Tommy" (Jennifer Moran) Herman and Dr. Elizabeth Herman. Grandmother of Justin (Marion Edgemeyer) and Noah Leverett, Josephine, Isaac and Lewis Herman and Tika Lifton-Herman. Sister of Dorothy Swartz and the late Anna Liberman, Shirley Shaevel, Morris Bornstein and Herschel Bornstein. Graduate of Indiana (BA) and Northwestern (MFA) Universities. Talented, prolific and dedicated artist and teacher, and loving wife, mother and grandmother. Service Monday, 10 AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Temple Beth El Cemetery, Portage, IN. In lieu of flowers, memorials to a charity of your choice would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cj-finfo.com.



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Iles, June G.

June G. Iles, nee Archer, age 96, of McHenry, formerly of Chicago. Dear mother of Sheila Iles, Richard (Sharon), Wayne (Susan), Fred, and the late Dawn (Dave) Sagan; loving grandmother of Meghan, Kevin, Daniel, and Kathleen; cherished great-grandmother of Miles. Visitation, Monday, December 3, 2018, from 10 a.m. until time of Funeral Service, 11:30 a.m., at **HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory**, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Private Interment, Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Fox Valley Wildlife Center (www.fvwc.org), P.O. Box 385, 45W061 Rt. 38, Elburn, IL, 60119. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com.



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Jensen, Erik K.

Erik K. Jensen, age 89, of Oak Park, veteran U.S. Army, Korea; beloved husband of Bebsie nee Nielsen; loving father of Kimberly (Bruce) Wojack and Dawn Jensen; cherished grandpa of Erik Jacob "Jake" and Emma Jensen Wojack; dear brother of John (Marion) Jensen and the late Erving (Beverly) Jensen and Edna McLain; brother in law of

 Pearl (James) Gould; fond uncle of many. Erik owned and operated Nielsen's Restaurant, Erik's Deli and Erik and Me for many years before his retirement in 1987. He then began a second career serving as Executive Director of the Illinois Restaurant Association. He also served as a board member of the National Restaurant Association, and was a member of the River Forest Tennis Club, a board member of the West Cook YMCA, a member of the Lions Club and a longtime member of United Lutheran Church in Oak Park. Erik also donated his time to West Suburban P.A.D.S. and West Suburban Hospital. Visitation Tuesday December 4 from 3 to 8 p.m. at **Drechsler, Brown & Williams Funeral Home**, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. A Memorial Service and Celebration of His Life will be held on Wednesday, December 5, at 11 a.m. at United Lutheran Church, 409 Greenfield Ave., Oak Park. Interment is private. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Danish Home of Chicago (www.danishhomeofchicago.org), or United Lutheran Church (www.unitedlutheranchurch.org/) are appreciated. Funeral info: 708-383-3191 or www.drechslerbrownwilliams.com
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Johnson, Marianne G.

Marianne G. Johnson (nee Ludden) passed on November 27, 2018 of natural causes. Born on February 2, 1923, she was preceded in death by parents Anthony Ludden, Alice (Weckler), and sisters Dorothy (McCauley) and Angela (Maneck) as well as her husband of 72 years Frank E. Johnson and her son Thomas (Nancy). She is survived by her son Bruce (Mary). Marianne lived nearly her entire life in Glenview, her family arriving from Chicago circa 1914. Marianne worked for the Glenview school district as administrative secretary, volunteered at the Historical Center, and was a long time parishioner of OLPH. She was an accomplished artist, seamstress, and loving grandmother to J. Bradley (Audrey), Jennifer (Hoffman), Thomas, Chris (Kristin), Peter, Caitlin Muldoon (Kyle). Also great grandmother to Zoe, Ryan, Brittany, Ellie, Owen, Charlotte and Michael. Kind and with the most even of dispositions, she maintained her dignity to the end. We are thankful she was in our lives. Thanks to all who cared for her. Services will be private. For more information, please contact **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home** at 847-831-4260.

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Kalisiak, Arline V

Arline V. Kalisiak of Westchester, Beloved wife of the late Casimir; loving mother of Roger (the late Cathy), Bonnie Kruse (Freddy Williams), Glenn (Ann) & the late Cheryl Kalisiak; dear grandmother of Matthew (Brooke) Kalisiak, Kelly (Jim) Nicolussi, Jeremy (Jennifer) Kruse & Daniel (Sarah) Kruse; great grandmother of Shawn, Ethan, Wesley, Samuel, Anthony & Valerie; Aunt of Charmaine Zarzycki & Michelle Kalisiak; active and devoted parishioner of Divine Infant Church for over 60 years. Visitation Sunday 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at **Hursen Funeral Home & Crematory**, SW Corner of Roosevelt & Mannheim Rds, Hillside/Westchester. Prayers Monday 9:00 a.m. from the funeral home to Divine Infant Church. Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. Funeral info: 800-562-0082 or www.hursen.com



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Kaplan, Esther N.

Esther N. Kaplan, age 99 (March, 1919) passed away peacefully in her home at the VI retirement community, Glenview, IL, on Sunday the 18th of November, 2018. Esther was born in Chamberlain, South Dakota, the daughter of Ike and Rose Rivin (Marsh). Music was always part of her life, and as a 16 year old she won a statewide piano competition in South Dakota. Her parents moved to Sioux City, Iowa when she was a teenager and that's where she met her future husband, David D. Kaplan, M.D. (1997). They were married (55 years) in 1941, prior to David's military service as a Doctor (Captain, 1942-1945) in the U.S. Army in Europe. Chicago family members include daughter Paula Kaplan Scott and her partner Dr. Sergio Frascarelli (Glenview), son Stephen A. Kaplan (Winnetka), and granddaughter Andrea L. Heiman and her husband Scott and their children David and Samantha (Glencoe). Esther was preceded in death by her parents, husband, infant daughter Rochelle, and sister Lillian. Services and burial were held last week in Sioux City.

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Kaplan, Ruth

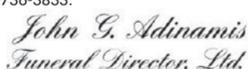
Ruth Kaplan, beloved wife and best friend of Larry Kaplan, happily married for 62 years; loving mother of Arnie (Maria) Kaplan and Steve (Elizabeth) Kaplan; cherished grandma of Cathy (Aaron) Sebag, Michael Kaplan, Lauren Shake, Marc, Max, Emily, Abby, Claire, and Jack Kaplan; adored sister of Herb (Sheryl) Rosenberg; treasured aunt to nieces and nephews. Chapel service Tuesday December 4, 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. For information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.



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Katsafaros, Panagiotis

Panagiotis Katsafaros, age 76, of Karyies, Chios in Greece, passed away on Saturday, November 24, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Speridoula and loving father of Olga (Frank) Kalamaris, Constantinos (Faye) Katsafaros and Petros Katsafaros. Devoted son of the late Konstantinos and Olga Katsafaros; proud grandfather of Kelly (Nick) Kotatis, Panagiotis (Argie) Kalamaris, Speridoula and Matina; great grandfather of Michael and Frank; dear brother of the late Angela (Dimitri) Andriotis, the late Nick (the late Stamatia), Markella (the late Michael) Malahias, the late John (Magdalene), George (Maria) and Efstratios (Kalliope) Katsafaros and fond uncle of many nieces and nephews and their families both here and in Greece. Visitation Monday, December 3, 2018 from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home located at 6150 N. Cicero Avenue in Chicago. Trisagion Service will begin at 7pm. Interment Karyies, Chios in Greece. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church, 5649 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60660. Arranged by John G. Adinamis Funeral Director, Ltd. For more information please call 773-736-3833.



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Keenan, Carolyn Laura "Carol"

Carolyn ("Carol") Laura Keenan, age 76. Daughter of the late William B. and Laura Keenan. Carol grew up in Kenilworth, Illinois, and attended the Joseph Sears School, New Trier High School, and then graduated from Trinity College, Washington, D.C. Following college, Carol worked as an editor for Medical Economics and other magazines. Following a long period of caring for her Mother, Carol joined the staff of the Winnetka Public Library until she retired several years ago. Carol was a master of needlepoint and other forms of working with fabric as well as other crafts. Always independent and strong, Carol was admired by many and is survived by her long time partner and friend, Robert F. Finke, to whom she was a constant source of love and support which was returned in equal measure. Services private. Contributions in her honor may be made to the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe IL, 60022. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or 847 675-1990.



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Kern, Dorothy L.

DOROTHY L. KERN (nee Testa), beloved wife of the late Alex J. Kern & the late Thomas J. Costello; loving mother of Thomas (Diane) Costello, James (Theresa) Costello & the late Kathleen (Ken) McFarland; dearest grandmother of Ryan McFarland, Regan (Christopher) Price, Shannon McFarland, Devin (Jacob) Swartley, Alexa Costello & Thomas F. Costello; dear great grandmother of Kelsey, Connor & Piper McFarland; Amelia & Nolan Price, Mae & Tess Swartley; dear sister of Carole Engberg. Visitation Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at Our Lady of the Woods Church, 10731 W. 131st St. Orland Park from 9 a.m. until time of Mass at 10 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements handled by **Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Ltd.** www.ZarzyckiManorChapels.com or (708) 839-8999.

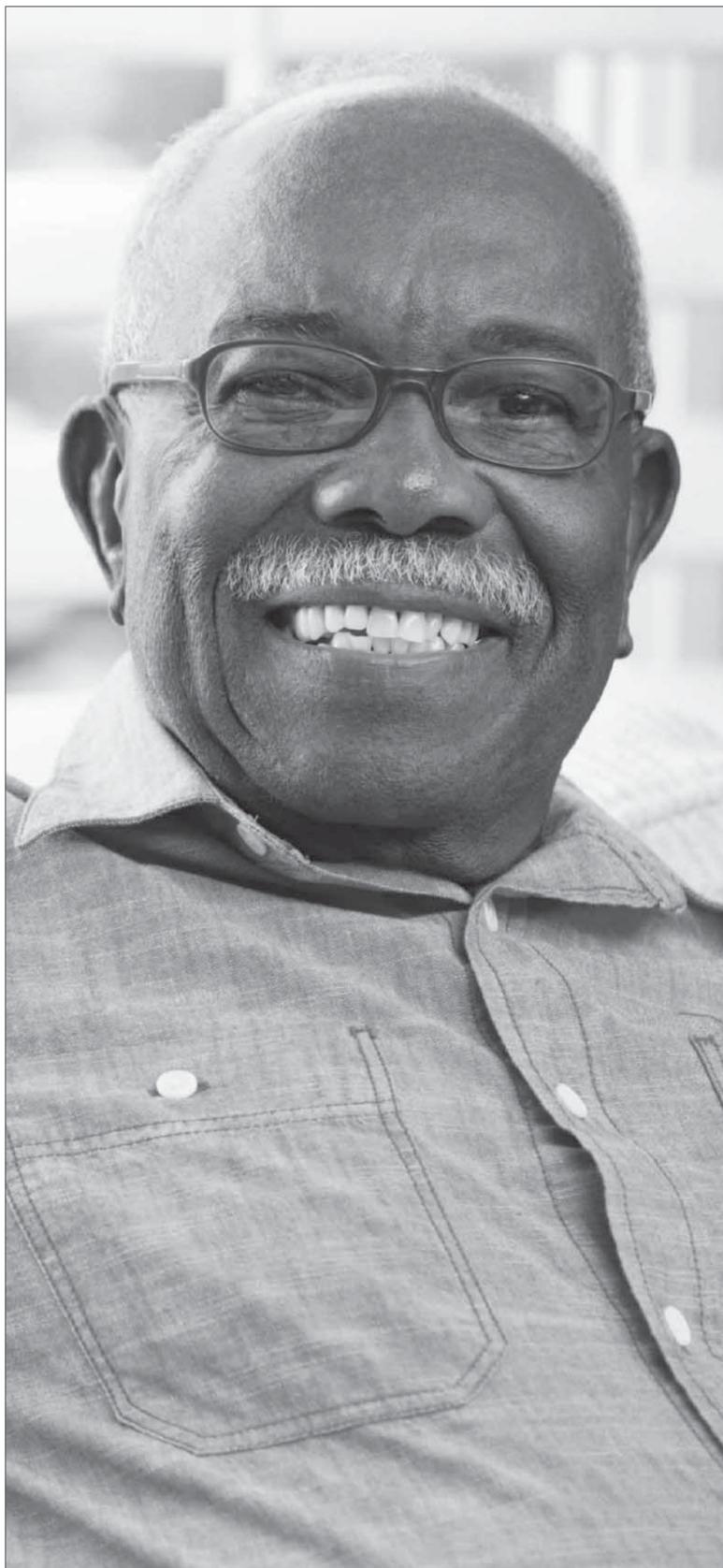


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Lenkart, Dan Joseph

Dan Joseph Lenkart, 82, of St. Charles, formerly of Westchester and Hickory Hills, passed away on Wednesday, November 27, 2018. Dan was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia H. Lenkart (nee Wojtulewicz). Dan is survived by his sons, Thomas (Carrie) Lenkart and Kevin (Robin) Lenkart; three grandchildren, Allison (Paul) Ewert, Lauren and Scott; and one step-granddaughter, Stacey (Jason) Sullivan. Visitation will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 9:00 am, followed by a memorial service at 10:30 am at **Moss Family Funeral Home**, 209 South Batavia Avenue, Batavia, IL. A special thank you to the staff at Alden Gardens of Waterford in Aurora and Autumn Leaves in St. Charles for their loving care and support over the past six years. 630-879-7900 or www.mossfuneral.com

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Linderborg, Rita M.

Rita M. Linderborg, nee Gregory, age 92, beloved wife of the late Russel H. Linderborg (2002). Loving mother of Pamela (Gregory) Griffin and Russel David Linderborg. Cherished grandmother of Joseph Griffin, Hillary (John) Zaranti and John Russel Griffin. Dear great-grandmother of Joe Zaranti. Devoted daughter of the late Joseph and Marguerite Gregory. Fond sister of the late Dorothy McGuire. Rita will also be missed by her canine companion Einstein. In honoring Rita's request, services and interment will be private. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400

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Barbara King Macfarlane, age 92, a longtime resident of Lake Forest passed away peacefully on November 28, 2018. Barbara was a realtor with Griffith, Grant and Lackey in Lake Forest for many years. She also worked at Lake Forest Country Day School, and was employed at Abbott Labs during WWII. Beloved wife of the late Bruce Miller Macfarlane (2013); loving mother of David B. (Vicky) Macfarlane and the late Robert A. Macfarlane (2005); adored grandmother of Amanda and Robert B. Macfarlane and Julie (Rick) Macfarlane Hild; great-grandmother of Bronwyn Macfarlane and Lily Anna and Stanley Hild; sister of Priscilla Arnold; aunt of Henry, Mark, John and Caroline Arnold. A memorial service will be held at The Church of the Holy Spirit in the spring of 2019. Please visit www.RTFunerals.com for date and time, or call Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest at 847-234-9649.



Beloved wife of the late Bruce Miller Macfarlane (2013); loving mother of David B. (Vicky) Macfarlane and the late Robert A. Macfarlane (2005); adored grandmother of Amanda and Robert B. Macfarlane and Julie (Rick) Macfarlane Hild; great-grandmother of Bronwyn Macfarlane and Lily Anna and Stanley Hild; sister of Priscilla Arnold; aunt of Henry, Mark, John and Caroline Arnold. A memorial service will be held at The Church of the Holy Spirit in the spring of 2019. Please visit www.RTFunerals.com for date and time, or call Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest at 847-234-9649.

Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries**Mangan, James T. 'Jim'**

James T. Mangan (Jim), age 92, of Elmhurst, (formerly Willowbrook and Evergreen Park) completed a happy and rewarding life on November 28, 2018. Jim was born on November 13, 1926 to the late John ("JJ") and Helen ("Mickey") Mangan of Chicago. For 63 years he was the devoted husband of the late Caryl Cummings Mangan. Together they

were the loving parents and grandparents of Robert (Jennifer) and gc Caetlin, Alex, Mary & Maggie; Martha (Dan) McNicholas and gc Jeanie & Sean; Sally (Kevin) McCarthy and gc Brady, Bryan & Connor; Thomas (Nancy) and gc Sarah, Molly, Ian & Jake; Timothy (Jenny) and gc Tyler, Evan & Patrick. More recently Jim was an affectionate "Papa" to his grandchildren's loving spouses and his 16 great grandchildren.

Jim was preceded in death by his in-law parents, Dr. Robert and Gladys Cummings, his brother Jack, and brothers/sisters-in-law James (Joan) Cummings, Lou (Robert) Bedell and Lee (C. Jerome) Smith. Jim is survived by his sister-in-law Kay Mangan. Jim was also honored to be Uncle to the many nieces and nephews from the Mangan and Cummings clans. Jim was extremely grateful for his life-long relationship with his brother, Bob, who preceded him in death by mere days. Jim and Bob were not only close brothers, but also career-long business partners in Mangan Builders. The brothers met with much success during their years together, and never strayed from conducting business with only the highest of principles. Jim was proud of these accomplishments and was also proud of the successful continuation of the Mangan Builders' legacy, under the direction of his nephews, Bob and John.

As a young boy Jim had a passion for basketball, and played on teams at St. Ethelreda Grammar School, Leo High School, and the regional Navy Air Station Team from Jacksonville, FL. As a Father he shared his basketball passion and expertise by coaching his 3 sons and their St Bernadette colleagues during a 7-year span. Jim also loved golf and became a very accomplished golfer, as well as a competitive tennis player. Jim and Caryl were members for many years at the Plantation Country Club in Venice, FL where they maintained a seasonal residence.

Jim and Caryl raised their children while living for 27 years in Evergreen Park, as active parishioners of St. Bernadette's Church. Jim and Caryl were fortunate to have established many strong friendships there - relationships that began when they were young and proved memorable through the years. For approximately 30 years Jim and Caryl's hearts were tied most closely to their Summer home on Mill Lake in the Lauderdale Lakes area of Elkhorn, WI. It was here that their love and generosity were always on display, enjoying their children and ever-growing family. Those years at the "Lake House" have produced a vault of ever-lasting memories for Jim's family. The door to the Lake House was also opened to extended family and relatives, and they continuously hosted their many friends.

Jim was also artistically accomplished. His work was excellent, and now his paintings, and the many finely detailed painted wine glasses that he created, are prized possessions held by his children. Painting was a hobby that he shared for years with Caryl, and in these last few years his daughter Sally used painting to keep Jim alert and active. Jim was frequently referred to as a "true gentleman". He was a man that had a positive effect on those around him. A service will be held in his honor on December 8, 2018 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church located at 8404 S. Cass Ave., Darien, IL. Beginning at 10:30 a.m. there will be one hour of visitation at the church, followed immediately by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30 a.m. Interment will follow at Bronswood Cemetery, 3805 Madison St., Oak Brook, IL. Donations preferred to either Misericordia or Homes For Our Troops (hftusa.org). Funeral arrangements entrusted to Brady-Gill Funeral Home Tinley Park. 708-614-9900 or www.bradygill.com.

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William "Bill" Martin, 82, passed away at home on November 20, 2018, in Northfield. Bill was born on September 5, 1936, in Chicago, the son of William A. "Bud" and Jessie McArdle Martin. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Ann Martin nee Gerlach, and seven children; William A. "Bud", Jr. (Susan), Kelley (Matt) Crowe, Ken (Tracy), Stephanie, Paul (Jenny), Mary (John) Pulte and James. He was the brother-in-law to Carol (Jim) Gerlach Mooney, and Paul (the late Frances) Gerlach. He leaves behind a legacy of fifteen grandchildren, whom he cherished dearly; Cailin, Maggie, Will, Aidan, Nora, Amelia, Alice, Charlotte, Jack, Chelsea, Ben, Ryan, Liam, Jillian, and Nevin. He will be missed. Memorial Mass Monday December 17, 2018 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Divine Mercy Parish, 1077 Tower Road, Winnetka, IL 60093. Interment private. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.

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Robert F. McCarthy, Sr., age 100; passed away November 29, 2018 at home with his loving family at his side. Beloved husband of the late Eulalia McCarthy; loving father of Mary Kay (Gianni) Mion, Robert (Jeanne) McCarthy, Jr., and Stephen (Karen) McCarthy; cherished grandfather of Michelle and Stefano (Barbara) Mion, Kevin (Jennifer) and Lynne (Mark Flaharty) McCarthy, and Christine and Kelly McCarthy; dearest great-grandfather of Sofia, Alberto, Layla, Alice, Anabelle, Jack, Abigail, Trevor, and Graham. Visitation Monday, December 3rd, 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Funeral Tuesday, December 4th, 9:30 AM from Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 South Grant, Hinsdale, IL to St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 306 W. Fourth St. Hinsdale, IL. Mass 10:00 AM. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Joliet Catholic Academy, 1200 N. Larkin, Joliet, IL 60435, appreciated. 630-323-0275 or www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com

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Beverly McKenzie nee Schafer age 81 of Buffalo Grove. Beloved wife of the late Joe L. McKenzie Sr. Loving mother of Diane (David) Fonzi and the late Joe L. McKenzie Jr. Cherished grandmother of Dawna (Brent) Patrickus, Shawna Heiles and Timothy (Ana) McKenzie. Great grandmother of Jake, Colin and Logan. Dear sister of Donald (Madeline) Schafer. Aunt and cousin of many. Visitation Wednesday 3-8 pm at Kolssak Funeral Home, 189 S. Milwaukee Ave. (2 Blocks South of Dundee Road) Wheeling. Life Celebration Service Thursday 11:00 am at the funeral home. Interment Wheeling Township Cemetery, Arlington Heights, IL. In lieu of flowers donations to Dementia Society of America at www.dementiasociety.org is greatly appreciated. For more information 847.537.6600 or www.funerals.pro

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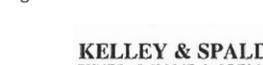
Dorothy A. McMullen nee Norcross, age 85 Beloved wife of the late Robert F. McMullen. Devoted mother of Erin (Ray) Antos. Cherished granmie of Bridget, Raymond, & Katelyn Antos. Loving sister of Charles (Mary) Norcross & the late Peggy & Mary Ellen. Retired crossing guard for over 20 years in Oak Lawn, IL. Visitation Monday, December 3, 2018 from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Chapel prayers 10:00 AM, Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at the Schmaedeke Funeral Home, 10701 S. Harlem Ave, Worth, IL. to St. Linus Church, 10300 S. Lawler Ave, Oak Lawn, IL. Mass 11:00 AM. Interment Private. For information 708-448-6000 or www.schmaedekefuneralhome.com

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On Thursday November 29, Margaret A. McPhee, loving mother of Jamie McPhee and widow of Ryan McPhee, passed away at age 78 holding her daughters hand. Maggie was born on September 10, 1940 in Rhineland, Wisconsin to Loretta and Orville DuBois. The youngest of four siblings, Jim, Mary Jean and David, she was spirited and funny, clever and curious. She graduated Mount Mary College with degrees in English and History and went on to work for the Social Security Administration both in Milwaukee and Chicago. At age 28 she met the love of her life Ryan McPhee when she brushed his jacket off at Butch McGuire's in Chicago. Eight years later she gave birth to their daughter, Jamie. Best known for her signature oversized eyeglasses, sharp sense of humor, and stories that transitioned with, "at any rate..." she enjoyed picnic concerts at Ravinia, her Tai Chi class at the Botanic Gardens, and reading a novel nearly every week from the Highland Park Public Library. She was a devoted Mom, avid Green Bay Packers fan and an advocate to end corruption in the Lake County school system. She loved the drive from Malibu to San Francisco, walks in downtown New York City, the lakes of Northern Wisconsin and the flea markets of Paris. She was a true original and everyone who ever met her was delighted to call her a friend. Maggie is survived by her daughter Jamie, her son-in-law PJ Ransone, along with her sister-in-law's Margie and Marge, and all of her wonderful nieces and nephews, as well as their beautiful children. In May 2019 her first grandson will be born. A visitation will be held on Sunday, December 9, 2018 from 12:00 pm until time of memorial service 1:00 pm at Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home, 1787 Deerfield Rd. Highland Park, IL 60035. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to animal rescue organizations: Orphans of the Storm, Paws Animal Shelter or the ASPCA. For info or directions please contact Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home at 847-831-4260 or www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com



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Mary Ann Mouzakiotis, nee Harris, age 93, passed away on Friday, November 23, 2018. Beloved wife of the late John A. and loving mother of the late Judith Ann Mouzakiotis. Devoted daughter of the late John and Judith (nee Loland) Harris and predeceased by her sister, Dorothy Harris. Fond aunt of Flora (Daniel) MacLean and their family, Ted (Joanne Liautaud), Sophia, Oliver, Jason (Lauren), Jasper, Skylar and Benjamin MacLean. Interment private. Arranged by John G. Adinamis Funeral Director, Ltd. For more information please call 847-375-0095.

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Marlene Nedbal, 80. Beloved wife of the late Kenneth Nedbal. Loving mother of Susanne Hovis, Kenneth (Rosanne) Nedbal, Elizabeth Huskey, John Nedbal, James (Tina) Nedbal and Matthew Nedbal. Caring grandma of Michael, Jessica, Jennifer, Kenny, Keith, Johnny, Megan and Samantha. Great-grandma of Jace, Jovi, Henry and Adeline. Beloved sister of Jane, John, Dennis and Judy. Also many nieces and nephews. Memorial Visitation Saturday, December 8th from 8:30 AM until time of Memorial Service at 11:30 AM at Modell Funeral Home 7710 S Cass Ave., Darien. For info (630) 852-3595 or www.modell-darien.com

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Parduhn, Brian William

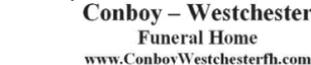
Brian William Parduhn, 69, of Grand Beach and Glen Ellyn, passed away at his home on November 23 from Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Brian was born in Chicago on July 6, 1949 to Herman and Dorothy Goggin Parduhn and spent his early years in Marquette Park. He attended MacKay Grammar School, Morgan Park Academy, and Loyola University, where he earned a BA in Philosophy. Most of his adult life was spent in the Palos area, where he coached for Palos Heights Recreation, Palos Park Recreation, Palos Youth Baseball, and Our Lady of the Woods parish sports. The family business, GH Meiser & Company was his life's work, following in the footsteps of his beloved father. He was a lifelong scholar of philosophy, with a focus on the Germans, especially Hegel and Heidegger. His wife Linda accompanied him on many Philosophers Tours of Germany. In addition to travel, Brian attended many Grateful Dead shows over the years, and was a devotee of their music. On Sunday afternoons he never missed a Bears game. Brian is survived by his wife of 39 years, Linda Michener Parduhn, daughter Emily and son in law Shaun Hague, son Phillip and daughter in law Michelle Szeszycki Parduhn, two granddaughters Daphne June and Cora Skye Hague, brother Bruce (Rose) Parduhn, brother in law Jim Michener, cherished aunt Barbara Goggin, nephew Mike Parduhn, niece Debbie Parduhn Shipman, and many cousins. Throughout his illness he so appreciated the support of his oldest friend David (Joan) Beleckis, with whom he grew up and roomed with early in life. A celebration of life will be held on December 15 from 12-3 PM at DOC Wine Bar, Lombard, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Team Gleason Foundation, www.teamgleason.org or to the ALS Association of Chicago, www.webchicago.alsa.org.

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Eddy (Edouard) Patay died at home on November 29, 2018, with his loving wife, Heather, at his side. He is also survived by sister Magdalena Koch; children Daniel and Lea Patay, and Esther Reinhardt; step-children Corey Greendale (Caren), Lilah Shapiro (Joel), and Ian Greendale (Metztil); grandchildren Hazel, Harry, David, Daniel, Stephen, Lea, Jennifer, Aniko, Benjamin, Deborah, Reuben, and Ephraim; and many great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by parents Stephan and Magdalena Patay (nee Klein) and siblings Willie, Alex, Anna, and Rose. Eddy was born in Zagreb, Yugoslavia. A child survivor of the Holocaust, Eddy dedicated himself to helping children traumatized by war and violence. Eddy was multilingual and enjoyed talking to people in their home languages. He taught ESL while encouraging his students to preserve their heritage and culture. Eddy was a passionate singer and performer beloved by his fans for his beautiful voice and storytelling through his songs. His rabbi called Eddy "his David," because he was adored by all who knew him. Service Monday, December 3rd, 10:00 a.m. at North Shore Congregation Israel, 1185 Sheridan Rd., Glencoe. Interment follows at Jewish Kirkridge Cemetery, Hillside. Memorial to Save the Children Foundation, www.savethechildren.org or Doctors Without Borders, www.doctorswithoutborders.org. Information: The Goldman Funeral Group, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

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Angela Perrozzi, nee Settanni, formerly of Schiller Park, age 93. Beloved wife of the late Peter; loving mother of Deborah (Dr. Scott) Berger; proud grandmother of Gregory (Nicole) Kozeny, Jr.; dear sister of the late Patrick (late Marge) and the late Robert (late Dorothy); fond aunt of many. Family and friends will be received at the Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. until time of Chapel Service 11:00 a.m. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Camille S. Peterson, nee Schooff, age 85, of Grosse Pointe, MI, died November 29, 2018, in Morton Grove, IL. Beloved wife of Robert J.; dear mother of Drew (Cyndi), Robert Jr. (Suzanne), Jeffrey, Jennifer (Michael) Kalas, and Bradford (Kirsten); loving grandmother of fourteen; fond sister of Kenneth (Betsy) Schooff, Carol (Henry) Zeiter, and Judy (Rodney) Shroyer. A Memorial Mass will be held Saturday, January 5, 2019, at 10 a.m., at St. Peter Catholic Church, 8100 Niles Center Rd., Skokie, IL. Contributions in Camille's memory may be made to Catholic Relief Services (www.crs.org), 228 W. Lexington St., Baltimore, MD, 21201. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com.

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Peterson, David T. age 82 of Grayslake. Dear husband of sixty years to Claudette nee Morez; loving father of Claudette Marie (Thomas Hawkins), David Louis (Lori Wyman) and Thomas Jeffrey (Judith); grandfather of Samantha, Charlie, Jake, Alex and David C. Memorial service will be held in the chapel at 11 AM preceding interment on December 8 at the Mount Emblem Cemetery and Mausoleum (520 E. Grand Avenue, Elmhurst, IL 60126) In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

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Jacqueline T. Prekwas nee Adams age 82. Beloved wife of Jerry for 60 years. Loving mother of Jeff (Becky) and the late Justin. Cherished Grandmother of Jonathon (Liz), Nicholas, Adam, Rebecca and Maddie. Great Grandmother of Jackson. Fond sister of Jane (Dennis) McCann and Joyce (Randy) Ferrari. Many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Services and interment private. Memorials to the Alzheimer's foundation appreciated. For info contact Brust Funeral Home Carol Stream, IL. 630-510-0044.

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Donald E. Rudman Sr., Korean War Navy Veteran, beloved husband of the late Benita nee Friedman; loving father of Bob (Terri), Ed (Carol), Don Jr. (Tina) and Linda (Carmen) Molinaro; cherished grandfather of Michael J., Lisa, Danny, Tommy, Michael B., Donny, Melissa, Catherine, Ryan, Katie, Anthony and Marissa; dearest great grandfather of Connor, Norah, Danny Jr., Madeline, Jayna, Emily, Aiden, Nalani, Phoenix, and Bennet; devoted brother of Helen (James) Kapla; dear uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday 3 to 9 P.M. Funeral Tuesday 9:00 A.M. from Lawn Funeral Home 7909 State Road (5500W) Burbank, IL 60459 to St. Albert The Great Church Mass 9:30 A.M. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Funeral info 708-636-2320

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Born July 14, 1967.

Following a hard-fought battle with cancer, Cathy left this life November 25, 2018. She was the beloved wife of Daniel, precious daughter of Maggie and the late George O'Bradovic, fond sister of Cindy, Joseph, the late John (Mindy), and Carol Wilson (Timothy), sister-in-law of Ron Sarich (Sandra), Tom Sarich (Joan), and Robert Sarich (Kathy), loving aunt of Meghan Love (Michael), Timothy Wilson, Kyle O'Bradovic, Benjamin Wilson, Nicholas O'Bradovic, Samuel Wilson, Jonathan Sarich, and Samantha Sarich, and great aunt of Ryder O'Bradovic, Sadie Sarich, Matthew Love, Stella Wilson, and J.J. Sarich.

Interment private.

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Mary Jane Schatzman Schafer, died November 29, 2018, in Lemont, Illinois, at the age of 91. Mary Jane was born on November 20, 1927, in Chicago, the daughter of Raymond and Myrtle (McKee) Schatzman. She grew up in Chicago, graduated from Mount Saint Clare college. On April 19, 1952, Mary Jane married Robert Joseph Schafer in Chicago. She was a teacher in a one room school for a few years until she started their family. Later, returning to work at Sargent & Lundy, then retiring from Goldman Sachs. She was very involved with her church as a lay minister and other group activities. Mary Jane is survived by sons, John (Helen) Schafer, Michael (Kathy) Schafer, Thomas (Kimberlee) Schafer and Stephen (Mary) Schafer; daughters Suzanne (Mike) Gleason, Nancy (Paul) Snyder, Mary Beth Hobson, Patricia (Jeff) McIntire and Julie (Mike) Ford; 17 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Mary Jane was preceded in death by her parents, husband and son Richard. Funeral Services Tuesday, December 04, 2018, at 12:30 at Markiewicz Funeral Home, P.C. 108 Illinois St. Lemont, IL 60439. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Info: 630 257-6363 or www.markiewiczfh.com

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Dearest husband of Noreen (nee O'Connell) for 40 years; adored father of Cheryl (Joseph) Nevins, Deanna (Collin) Gardiner, and Joanne (Brian) Pedersen; beloved son of the late Ernest and Nora Sepulveda; proudest papa of Ryan, Brendan, Colin, Carly, Peyton, Lucas, Charlotte, and Joseph Anthony, his name sake; fond brother of Ernie, Bob, David (Bonnie), Estelle Campos, Eleanor, and the late Mathew Sepulveda; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews; loved by friends, respected by neighbors; loved his wife, "his girls" and his grandkids with all his heart. Member of the Hamburg Club. Donations may be made to the Rolfe Pancreatic Cancer Foundation. Visitation Monday 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Funeral Services Tuesday 11 a.m. at Michael Coletta Sons Funeral Home 544 W. 31st St. (Chicago) to St. Daniel the Prophet Church Mass 11:30 a.m. Interment Private. For Service Info (312)225-8500 or www.colettasonfuneralhome.com

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Bruce O Sinnard of LaGrange Park. Beloved husband of Sue Virginia Sinnard. Father of four. Retired Regional Sales Mgr. for International Paper Co. after 38 yrs. on Monday November 26, 2018. Memorial Service 10:00 AM Sat. December 22, 2018 at Highlands Presbyterian Church, 1902 W59th St., LaGrange IL. Additional information to follow. COGLIANESE FUNERAL HOME Burr Ridge.630 654 8484 or www.coglianese.com

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Smith, Carol Wiseman

Carol Wiseman Smith, 85 years old, passed away peacefully on November 30th, 2018 at Evanston Hospital, with her husband, John J. Smith, and other family at her side. She was born on February 17th, 1933 in Hamilton, OH, to Ferdinand and Mildred (Rue) Wiseman. Carol graduated from Hamilton High School in 1951 and attended Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana, where she received a bachelor's degree in 1955. Carol worked for Catholic Charities as a Social Worker and then married John J. Smith in Hamilton, OH on July 21st, 1956.

She had great love for St. Mary's College where she met her husband, John. They were best friends and each other's constant support. She was a perennial optimist in good times and bad, and best known for her welcoming home. In addition to providing a loving and happy home for her 7 children, her hospitality extended far beyond amazing holiday and birthday celebrations. She was a generous and gracious host to friends, extended family, and many members of the clergy. She was also a talented quilter and loved the many members of her quilting circle in Wilmette.

Carol enthusiastically blended love for family and compassion for others with her deep faith. She was a founding member of the Christian Family Movement, was a visionary lay leader of the Church, and an avid supporter of Young Life Christian Leadership for young adults. She was also a supporter and volunteer for Deborah's Place, a center for homeless women.

She and John attended Daily Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church in Wilmette for more than 50 years. In her early years there, she helped establish the preschool and served on countless volunteer boards and committees. Carol helped create and lead the Parish Council and the "Gym Mass" which at the time brought young people back to the church.

She lived a life of family, friendship and faith and set an example of grace in every aspect of her life. The legacy of her love and the soft twinkle in her eyes will live on in the generations of Smiths to come. Carol was preceded in death by her two sisters, Patricia Wiseman & Marian Greenwood, and her brother, Dick Wiseman; she was also preceded in death by her son, John Joseph Smith, Jr. Carol is survived by her husband, John J. Smith of Wilmette, her children John V. (Patti), Michael J. (Trish), Stephen J. (Maureen), Paul J. (Deidre), Ann M. Ponzi (Matt), Peter J. Sr. (Jennifer), and David J. (Cathy); her 24 grandchildren, Katie, John Joe (Clare), Colleen, Patrick, Kathleen, Stephen, Carolyn, Thomas, Andrew, Meghan, Kevin, Bridget, Caleigh, Megan, Kelleen, Anthony, Marie, Joey, Peter J. Jr., Sarah, Isabel, Margaret, Sophia, and Charlie; and her great-grandson, John Vincent (Jack). A visitation will be held at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077, on Monday, December 3rd, 2018 at 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Her funeral Mass will be held at Saint Francis Xavier, 524 Ninth Street, Wilmette, IL 60091, on Tuesday, December 4th, 2018 at 10:00 am. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Deborah's Place, 2822 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60612 (<https://www.deborahsplace.org/>). Condolences may be left on <http://www.donnellanfuneral.com/>.



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Soltanowicz, Adeline

Adeline Soltanowicz, nee Sychta, age 96, passed away November 30, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Edwin Soltanowicz; loving mother of the late Janet (late John) LaSota; dearest mother-in-law of the late Wayne Bourque; cherished grandmother of Michael (Shelly) Bourque; devoted great-grandmother of Michael and Madelyn Bourque; and also loved by many other extended family members. She was an avid gardener, loved flowers, crafts, and collected dolls. Funeral services will be private. Info: **Markiewicz Funeral Home, P.C.** 630-257-6363 or www.markiewiczfh.com

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Stayskal, Wayne H.

Wayne H. Stayskal, 86, passed away on November 20, 2018 at Windsor Park Manor. He was born in Oak Park, Illinois on December 11, 1931.

Wayne was a 1950 graduate of Steinmetz High School. He served our nation in the Air Force, spending a period of time stationed in Paris, France. He married the love of his life, Helen, on September 21, 1951. With the nudging of Helen, and while driving a taxi in the city of Chicago, he enrolled in and then graduated from the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts in 1956. He was the Art Director for Chicago American from 1957-67. After his mentor, Vaughn Shoemaker, retired, Wayne became the Chief Cartoonist for the Chicago American. When the Chicago American went out of business in 1972, Wayne was employed as the Editorial Cartoonist with the Chicago Tribune from 1972 - 1984. He was the Editorial Cartoonist for the Tampa Tribune from 1984 - 2004, and his cartoons continued to be syndicated worldwide until his retirement in 2010. It was said of Wayne, "For four decades, Stayskal's distinctive, loose style and razorsharp wit have thrilled his admirers, enraged his political targets, and explored the frontiers of political satire. In short, Stayskal embodies those qualities that make a great newspaper cartoonist: He draws both blood and laughs."

His good friend Cal Thomas has honored Wayne by saying, "I think he has been one of the greatest cartoonist/commentators of our time, especially on matters touching on faith and culture." He gave his life serving his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, loving his wife and pouring into his children. He will be greatly missed.

Wayne is preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Mary Stejskal, his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Bruce and Myrtle Lindsay, his sister-in-law, Dorothy (Lindsay) Hornbaker, and his brothers-in-law, Murton Sommerville and Russell Hornbaker. Wayne is survived by his wife, Helen Stayskal, his sisters Alice (Murt) Sommerville of Lombard, IL and Janice (Jim) Drechsel of Glen Ellyn, IL, sons Robert (Val) Stayskal of Cave Creek, AZ, John (Tracy) Stayskal of Nolensville, TN, Bill (Nicole) Stayskal of Beaumont, CA and Dan (Sarah) Stayskal of Lakeland, FL. He is the beloved grandfather to Robert (Ashley), Joshua (Leanne) and Lyndsi (Hal) (Robert & Val), Luke, Paul and Timothy (John & Tracy), Kallie and Joshua (Molly) (Bill & Nicole), and Benjamin, Abigail, Elizabeth, Rebekah, Lydia, Simeon and Anna (Dan & Sarah). He is also the uncle to several nieces and nephews and great-grandfather to 3.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2019 at 10:00am at the Windsor Park Retirement Community at 124 Windsor Park Drive, Carol Stream, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to the Alzheimer's Association.

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Steele, Barbara

Barbara "Babs" Steele, age 96, former international prima ballerina, peacefully passed away with her family by her side on November 26, 2018. A memorial service will be held on Monday, December 10, 2018 from 4pm-7pm at **Gurnee Salata Funeral Home**, 4190 Old Grand Ave, Gurnee, IL. For complete obituary please visit www.gurneesalatafh.com

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Sullivan, M.D., Patrick Joseph

SULLIVAN, PATRICK J., M.D. Pat passed away peacefully on July 11, 2018 surrounded by his family. Loving son of Joseph S. and Catherine (nee Dever), adoring and adored husband of Nancy (nee Ryan), badass rock star Dad of Mary-Lisa (Michael Roberts), Robert, Mary Clare, William (Carrie), John (Kristi), and Matthew. Bedazzled Fancy Grandpa of Francesca Lenore Sullivan, Caitlin Elizabeth Sullivan, Hugo Padraig Alaric Sullivan, and Ryan Noble Sullivan, and granddogs Buehrle, Dagny, Berlioz, and Rudder. Loving brother of Mary Kay Joyce (Edward), Connie Oswald, and the late William Joseph. Loving brother-in-law of Mary Ann Sinnott. Fond uncle of the Sinnott, Joyce and Oswald children. Grandson of 1906 World Series-winning catcher (and inventor of the chest protector) Billy Sullivan. Pat was a perpetual student who graduated from St. Ignatius College Prep, the College of the Holy Cross, Northwestern Medical School, Brooks School of Aerospace Medicine and Loyola University School of Law. Pat was a flight surgeon in the United States Air Force and held the rank of Captain. After the Air Force, Pat completed a residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology, followed by a residency in Internal Medicine. (Pat would have followed the Internal Medicine residency with a Cardiology residency but he valued his marriage too much.) He was an Assistant Professor and internist in private practice at Northwestern University School of Medicine and Northwestern Memorial Hospital for forty-three years. Pat loved being a physician and he was a master diagnostician. He adored his patients. Pat retired two years ago and missed his practice and his patients every day. Pat spoke several languages, loved music, playing the piano, flying, and just spending time with Nancy, the kids, the grandkids, and the granddogs. Consistent with his love of learning, Pat donated his body to science. In lieu of flowers, the Sullivan Family encourages contributions to support and honor his commitment to medical education through the Patrick J. Sullivan, M.D. Scholarship at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine via <https://wewill.northwestern.edu/feinberg> or by calling 312.503.1718.

A memorial mass and celebration of Pat's life will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at Saints Faith, Hope and Charity Catholic Church, 191 Linden Street, Winnetka, Illinois, 60093.

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Thauer, Rosemarie C.

Rosemarie C. Thauer, nee Lenz; Devoted wife of the late Robert; Loving mother of Robert (Sandra), Michael (Karen), Thomas (Gail), Richard (Lynn), Rosemarie (Lawrence) Kamenske, Peter (Tina), the late Patricia, and Mark (Annette); Proud Grandma of 11, and great-grandma of seven; Beloved sister, aunt, and friend to many; Visitation Monday 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home** 6116 W 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to Queen of Martyrs Church, 103rd St. & Central Park Ave, Evergreen Park. Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery; For Funeral info 708-422-2700 or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Valaskovic, Carmella

Carmella M. Valaskovic nee Stiso. Age 95. Of Brookfield formerly of Chicago. At rest November 28, 2018. Beloved wife of the late William. Loving mother of Gary (Emily Ehrenfeld) and David (Helen Huang) Valaskovic. Proud Grammy of Grace and Lila. Dear sister of Nick Stiso and the late Francis, Lucy, Stella, Mary, Philomena and John. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Dear pet grandma of Harley. Visitation Sunday December 2, 2018 from 3 to 7p.m. at Ridge funeral Home 6620 W. Archer Ave. Chicago. Chapel Service Monday at 11:00 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cantata English Garden (www.cantata.org) Info: 773-586-7900 or www.ridgefh.com.

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Walley, Don C.

Don C. "Sonny" Walley. WWII Army Veteran. Age 95 passed away November 12, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Helen S. "Peggy," nee Sargent, who passed away in 2006. Loving father of Vickie (Earle Heiden), Jim (Cynthia Boone), Jay (Hilary Rose) and Jon. Devoted grandfather of Jennifer, Erin, Jamie, Tori, Erin, Jon Todd, and Mary. Great-grandfather of Langley, Rylan, Skylar, Emily, and BeKah. Don was a lifelong resident of Park Ridge. He enjoyed gardening, golf, bridge, and theater. He will most of all be remembered as someone who dedicated his life to his family. Active in boy scouts, youth sports programs, and the PTA. He supported his children's interests. Papa's "one liners" will be missed and are often repeated: "Get your head out of the idiot tube," "Don't talk to hear yourself talk," and one of our favorites, "Pull up your pants." A Memorial Mass will be held Saturday, Dec. 8, 10 a.m., at St. Paul of the Cross Church (Holy Family Chapel, lower level), 140 S. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge. A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Sunday, Dec. 9, 1 p.m., at Park Ridge Presbyterian Church, 1300 W. Crescent, Park Ridge. Interment private. Info., www.ryan-parke.com

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Wolff, Herbert S.

Herbert S. Wolff, husband of the late Nancy (nee Bild), father of Jackie, Glenn (Debra), Kevin (Mary Gau), and Rob (Dru Orenstein), grandfather of Cora Glazer and Levi Orenstein-Wolff, died on November 26, 2018.

He was 91. Born and raised in Germany, he fled the Nazis with his parents and brother in 1937, settling in Holland. In 1939, he escaped Holland with his family just before the Nazi invasion, eventually settling in Chicago. Inspired by his horrific experiences during childhood, he led sit-ins to desegregate lunch counters in Champaign, Illinois in the late 1940s before most Americans had even heard the phrase "civil rights." He supported social justice causes until the end of his life. He was a leader in the Conference of Consulting Actuaries, earning their lifetime achievement award in 2010. As an actuary he continued to adhere to his social justice sensibilities, serving as the actuary for many labor unions. The funeral will be private. A memorial service is planned for a later date. Donations in his memory may be sent to the American Civil Liberties Union, the Southern Poverty Law Center, Planned Parenthood, or the Selfhelp Home in Chicago. Arrangements by **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 847-256-5700.

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SUNDAY, DEC. 2

NORMAL HIGH: 40°

NORMAL LOW: 25°

RECORD HIGH: 71° (1982)

RECORD LOW: -1° (1942)

Downpours near Chicago, tornadoes downstate

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 44 | **LOW** 29

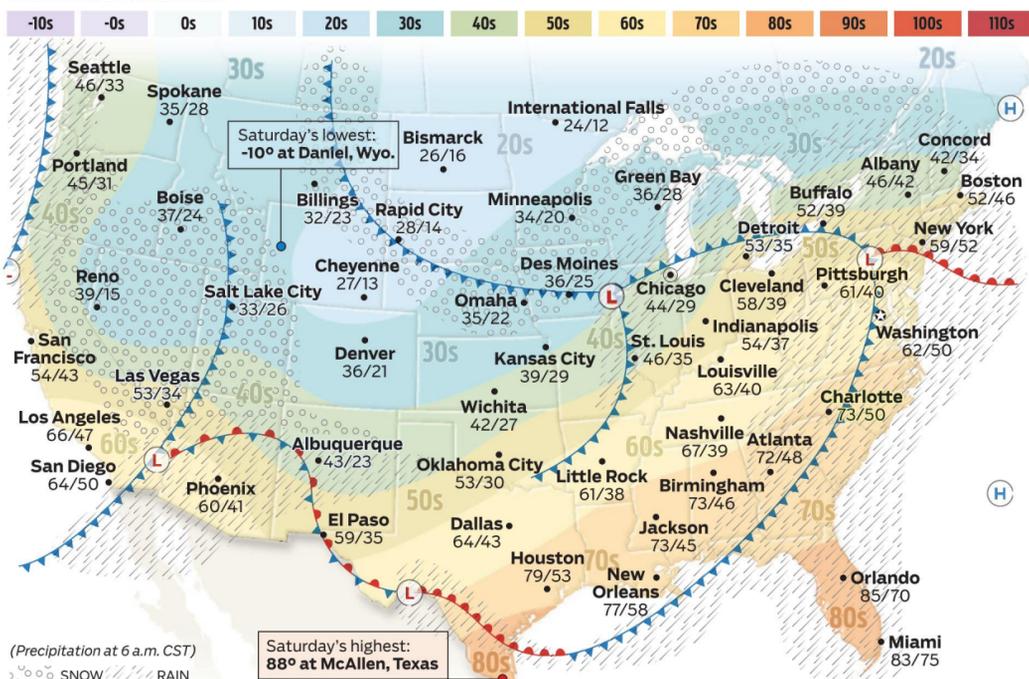
Seasonably mild air early in the morning, as low pressure moves out of Iowa. With the low moving east of Chicago in the afternoon, colder air follows into our area.

Flooding problems likely with fog and scattered light showers at the open — then cloudy turning cool. Afternoon rain showers could gradually mix with some wet snowflakes, gradually turning over to all wet snow northern sections.

Highs: Mid 40s early; readings fall into the upper 30s by early afternoon.

Mostly cloudy overnight, chance of a few flurries.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Mid-afternoon Saturday, convective storms broke out along a warm front in Illinois associated with deepening low pressure in the central Plains. While thunderstorm downpours of an inch or more tracked north through the Chicago area, severe storms spawned 14 different tornado reports in west-central Illinois. In the early evening hours, the Tornado Watch for that area was no longer in effect, but strong/severe storms were still ongoing.

With all this warm-season storm activity, it's hard to believe we just put a cloudy, cold, snowy November in the rear-view mirror.

Sunday will see an end to showers and an assessment of possible flooding here, as low pressure pulls away to the east and another siege of much below-normal cold with occasional snow looms in the week ahead.

MONDAY, DEC. 3

HIGH 36 | **LOW** 26

Mostly cloudy — snow showers likely especially near Lake Michigan and northwest Indiana. Highs in the middle 30s. Partly cloudy overnight. Gusty north to northeast winds.

TUESDAY, DEC. 4

HIGH 31 | **LOW** 22

Partly cloudy with a few snowflakes possible, especially northwest Indiana. Afternoon highs in the upper 20s to lower 30s. Partly cloudy overnight. Northwest winds.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5

HIGH 34 | **LOW** 24

Partly sunny and cold — highs in the low to mid 30s. Partly cloudy overnight. Westerly winds.

THURSDAY, DEC. 6

HIGH 32 | **LOW** 22

Cloudy with snow likely — highs in the lower 30s. Snow ending from the west, becoming partly cloudy overnight. Southwest winds shift to the northwest overnight.

FRIDAY, DEC. 7

HIGH 31 | **LOW** 21

Pearl Harbor Day. Scattered clouds ride northwest winds through our area with occasional snow showers especially northwest Indiana. Continued cold with highs in the upper 20s to lower 30s.

SATURDAY, DEC. 8

HIGH 30 | **LOW** 20

Mostly sunny with afternoon highs in the upper 20s to lower 30s. Clear skies overnight. Light north to northeast winds.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
What are pearl clouds and when do we see them?
— Hellevi Miller

Dear Hellevi,
Polar stratospheric clouds — also called nacreous clouds, mother-of-pearl clouds or simply pearl clouds — are rare, high-altitude clouds that are seen only in far northern or far southern areas of the world. In the Northern Hemisphere, they can occasionally be seen across Arctic areas, including Alaska and northern Canada. Chicago is just too far south to view them.

Pearl clouds form at altitudes of 9 to 16 miles and are mainly visible within an hour or two before sunrise or after sunset (when the sun is about one to six degrees below the horizon), because at those heights they are still sunlit. They appear nearly stationary due to their great height. Pearl clouds display vivid colors of red, green, orange and purple and shine brightly in the semi-dark sky.

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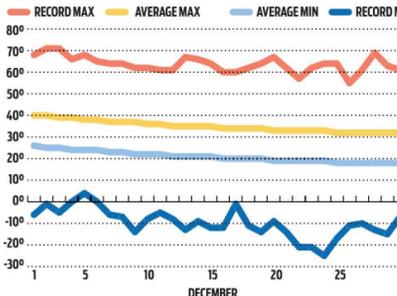
WGN-TV meteorologists Steve Kahn, Richard Koehneman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

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December: Temps continue downtrend; huge range in snow

Chicago's average and record temperatures
On Dec. 1, the normal high temperature at O'Hare is 40° and the normal low is 26°. By Dec. 31, the normal high has dropped to 32° and the normal low is 17°.

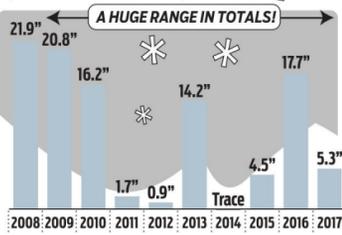


CHICAGO DECEMBER TEMP RECORDS (BOTH RECORDS SET AT O'HARE)
✓ Coldest mean average December temperature is 14.3° in 1983
✓ Warmest mean average December temperature is 39.0° in 2015

DECEMBER TEMP EXTREMES (BOTH RECORDS SET AT O'HARE)
✓ Highest temperature recorded in Chicago in December was 71° (12/2/82)
✓ Lowest temperature recorded in Chicago in December was -25° (12/24/83)

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

CHICAGO'S DECEMBER SNOWFALL (O'HARE 2008-2017)



CHICAGO'S OFFICIAL DECEMBER SNOWFALL RECORDS
 ✓ Lowest snowfall total for Dec. was a trace of snow in 2014
 ✓ Highest snowfall total for Dec. was 33.3" in 1951 at Midway
 ✓ O'Hare Airport was not the official recording location for Chicago in 1978, but 35.3" was recorded in December 1978
 ✓ Midway Airport was not the official recording location for Chicago in 2000, but 41.3" was recorded in December 2000

PERCENTAGE OF POSSIBLE SUNSHINE

November through March are the five cloudiest months with each month having less than half the possible sunshine



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CHICAGO DIGEST

SATURDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	41	34	Midway	43	34
Gary	45	34	O'Hare	41	36
Kankakee	50	35	Romeoville	44	33
Lakefront	41	34	Valparaiso	46	35
Lansing	44	32	Waukegan	40	36

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2018	NORMAL
Sat. (through 6 p.m.)	0.62"	0.09"
November to date	12.7"	9.2"
Year to date	46.53"	34.73"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sat. (through 6 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	12.7"	9.2"
Normal to date	1.6"	1.6"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Wind	SW 20-30 kts.	N 15-28 kts.
Waves	7-9 feet	6-8 feet
Sat. shore/crib water temps	38°/38°	

U.S. SNOW COVER

NOV. 30	2018	2017
Area covered by snow	34.1%	9.2%
Average snow depth	1.8"	0.7"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	3 days	3 days
Subzero lows	0 days	0 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Saturday's reading	Moderate
Sunday's forecast	Good
Critical pollutant	Particles

SUNDAY RISE/SET TIMES

	7:00 a.m.	4:20 p.m.
Sun		
Moon	1:48 a.m.	2:06 p.m.



SUNDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	5:58 a.m.	3:49 p.m.
Venus	3:32 a.m.	2:25 p.m.
Mars	12:22 p.m.	11:26 p.m.
Jupiter	6:34 a.m.	4:03 p.m.
Saturn	9:04 a.m.	6:14 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

Planet	Time	Direction
Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	5:30 a.m.	19.5° SE
Mars	6:00 p.m.	39.5° S
Jupiter	Not visible	
Saturn	5:00 p.m.	10.5° SW

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

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A child's dream comes true thanks to the Hopeful Holidays campaign.

Little things make a huge difference — especially to a child fighting cancer. 7-year-old Jack Higgins was diagnosed with childhood acute lymphoblastic leukemia just a few days after his fifth birthday.

Jack, an outgoing first-grader, lives in the Mount Greenwood neighborhood on Chicago's Southwest Side with his parents and younger brother, Sean.

A huge Chicago Cubs baseball fan, Jack decorated his bedroom entirely in Cubs' gear. He was thrilled to be asked by Advocate Children's Hospital to design a holiday card with Cubs first baseman, Anthony Rizzo. The card will be sold at all Jewel-Osco locations this holiday season to benefit children and families facing pediatric cancer.

Jack is one of the few Cubs fans in White Sox territory, so this project was a dream come true. He participates in art therapy at the hospital, and loves coloring and creating art.

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Salesforce to add 1,000 jobs in new skyscraper

Software firm leases 500,000 square feet in planned third tower in Wolf Point development

By RYAN ORI AND ALLY MAROTTI
Chicago Tribune

Salesforce announced plans Friday to anchor a new riverfront skyscraper and add at least 1,000 jobs to its Chicago workforce in the next five years.

The San Francisco-based software firm has leased about 500,000 square feet in the planned third and final tower in the Wolf Point development, which will

become its regional headquarters.

The company plans to put a Salesforce sign near the top of the 60-story building, which will rise on the north side of the Chicago River near the Merchandise Mart. The 1,000-square-foot exterior sign, a key aspect of the deal, required a new city ordinance.

Salesforce will occupy floors five through 23 and 55 through 57 in the building, to be called Salesforce Tower Chicago. It is one of six towers Salesforce has

announced, with the others in San Francisco, New York, London, Indianapolis and Atlanta.

As it has done in its towers in other cities, Salesforce plans to make its top floor a common space available for nonprofits and local education groups to use for free on weeknights and weekends.

Salesforce is committed to give back to the cities it works in, Elizabeth Pinkham, executive vice president of global real estate at Salesforce, said Friday during an event announcing the lease.

"This beautiful tower reflects our commitment to being a partner with this community," she



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San Francisco-based Salesforce has leased space in the planned third tower in the Wolf Point development; it will become the regional HQ.

said. "We want these spaces to feel like home and really welcome everybody."

Founded in San Francisco in 1999, Salesforce has grown to a global company with more than 32,000 employees. Its revenues

were \$3.39 billion in the third quarter, up 26 percent year over year. Salesforce makes software that its clients, such as Northbrook-based Allstate and Chicago-

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NUCCIO DINUZZO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Dr. Sue Haverkamp treats a young patient at Erie Helping Hands Health Center in Chicago on Wednesday.

Illinois doctors: Trump immigration proposal is scaring away patients

Change would allow officials to consider likelihood of using Medicaid in deciding green card eligibility

By LISA SCHENCKER | Chicago Tribune

Within days of arriving in Chicago from Honduras, the 12-year-old boy sat in Dr. Sue Haverkamp's office, getting a physical. Haverkamp learned the boy had a history of chest pain and heart palpitations. She told his mother that she'd refer him to a cardiologist once he was on Medicaid.

"She looked at me and said, 'I'm not applying for insurance. I don't want to risk his status,'" recalled Haverkamp, a pediatrician at Erie Helping Hands Health Center in Chicago's Albany Park neighborhood.

Currently, participation in Medicaid doesn't affect a person's ability to get a green card — but under a new Trump administration proposal, it might. A proposed change to the "public charge" rule would allow immigration officials to consider

some immigrants' likelihood of using Medicaid, food stamps and housing programs, among other things, when deciding whether they should be able to become legal permanent residents — also known as getting a green card. The use of those programs could also weigh against people looking to extend their visas to stay in the U.S. and those seeking to change the types of visas they're using.

The rules now allow immigration officials to consider potential use of cash assistance programs, such as Supplemental Security Income, when deciding whether to allow someone to become a legal permanent resident, but not food stamps, housing assistance or the Medicaid

health care program for low-income families and others.

The Trump administration has said the proposal is meant to promote self-sufficiency and save taxpayer money by not allowing immigrants to stay in the U.S. if they're likely to become financial burdens on the country. Comments on the proposal are being accepted through Dec. 10, after which the administration may finalize it.

But local advocates for immigrants say the proposal goes too far and will result in families, particularly those that include both citizens and noncitizens, skimping on health care and other necessities out of fear

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Owe a tip to the barista who poured your black coffee?



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

An old-fashioned tip jar sits on the counter at Dollop Coffee Co. in Chicago's Gold Coast neighborhood.

New payment systems are leaving some customers in a quandary

By ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ
Chicago Tribune

Working the register at Dollop Coffee Co. in the Loop one recent evening, Evelyn Rangel rang up a \$4.39 almond croissant and stood by as her customer, having swiped her credit card, studied the tip screen that popped up.

Did the service merit a \$1 tip? \$2? \$3? Those were the options prominently displayed across the top of the Square payment touch screen. Below there were additional buttons that gave the option of leaving a custom tip or "no tip" at all before signing to complete the purchase.

Rangel, 28, has seen customers freeze at this juncture in the payment process, unsure whether to tip for counter service.

"Sometimes I'll notice someone is hesitating and I'll find something else to do for a couple of seconds and walk away," said Rangel, insisting that she was not miffed when the buyer of the almond croissant selected the "no tip" option. "Customers are way more worried about it than we are."

Social norms around tipping are shifting in the U.S., thanks largely to the widespread adoption of technology that puts tipping front and center when pay-

ing for a coffee, a trip in a taxi or ride-share vehicle, or food delivery. The payment systems, which ask customers if they wish to leave a gratuity, are pushing people to tip more frequently and more generously for services they may have skimped on before.

That's good for the wallets of low-wage employees. But shifting tipping norms are causing headaches on the other side of the counter.

The default settings can make some people feel they are caught between two bad choices: leave 20 percent and feel stretched, or 15

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Which service providers to tip during the holidays

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ
Chicago Tribune

As Americans open their wallets for the holiday season, custom dictates cracking them wider still to give annual tips to service providers in your life.

"It's a tradition that works well," said Daniel Post Senning, author and spokesman for the Emily Post Institute. "It's a good way to honor people, build good relationships."

But knowing whom to tip is always a bit of a puzzle. Why tip the hairdresser but not the dental hygienist? Why the dog walker but not the dry cleaner? And did you know you're supposed to tip your trash collector if it's a private service?

Post Senning, great-grandson of Emily Post, suggests tipping the people who help with your

home, like a regular handyman or babysitter, or who help with your person, like a fitness trainer or barber. You should also consider whether the individual is paid by the service, eliminating professionals like doctors. Traditional etiquette says you don't have to tip a service provider who is also the owner of the business, but if you'd like to reward them, Post Senning suggests asking if they would mind receiving a tip.

The greatest growth in tipping expectations has been for in-home child care workers like nannies. Meanwhile, mail carriers and teachers are occupations people think they should tip, but there are ethics restrictions on these.

If all this sounds terribly expensive, remember you don't have to tip everyone, and many people don't give annual tips at all — which

makes it all the better if you can. "It does make an impression, people do notice, precisely because not everyone does it," Post Senning said.

Here is advice on tipping during the holidays, from Emily Post.

■ Regular babysitter: One evening's pay, plus a small gift from your child.

■ Barber: Cost of one haircut and possibly a small gift.

■ Hair salon staff: \$10 to \$60 each person, more for those who do the most for you.

■ Day care providers: \$25 to \$75 each, plus a small gift from your child.

■ Dog walker: One week's pay.

■ Personal trainer: Cost of one session.

■ House cleaner: One day's pay.

■ Nanny: One week to one month's salary based on tenure and custom, plus a



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■ Private nurse or nursing home employees: Gift, not cash.

■ Doorman: \$10 to \$80.

■ Handyman: \$15 to \$40.

■ Trash/recycling collector: \$10 to \$20 each (for

private service).

■ Yard or garden worker: \$20 to \$50.

■ Child's teacher: Gift, not cash, but check school policy (there are concerns about buying favoritism).

■ Mail carrier: Gift worth

\$20 or less; no cash or gift cards, per federal regulations.

■ Newspaper delivery person: \$10 to \$30 or small gift.

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Payment systems leading to confusion about tips

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percent and feel cheap, both unpleasant experiences, said Alexander Chernev, professor of marketing at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

The third-party touch screens also have depersonalized tipping, making it less about the relationship with the worker providing the service and more of an automatic transaction, he said.

Some consumers say they feel implicit pressure punching the tip buttons as the cashier hovers nearby, and fear the judgmental gaze of customers lined up behind them.

Tanuka Raj, a 25-year-old consultant, recalls once tipping a dollar for a \$2 pour of black coffee, a service she didn't think warranted a tip, because she felt like people were watching her.

But she felt good about selecting the 15 percent tip button when ordering at Pub Royale in the Loop's Revival Food Hall, a collection of counter-service outposts of local eateries that all use payment touch screens with tip prompts. "Even though they aren't serving it, they are making it," Raj said.

Experts warn that the new approach to tipping could ultimately harm business if people feel forced to pay more than they're comfortable with.

"I think the disservice will come when the tip starts factoring into people's decisions, like gas prices did when they started to go up and suddenly we had staycations," said Michael McCall, professor of hospitality at Michigan State University. "If the place becomes prohibitive, you're not going to go there."

Tipping restaurant servers a standard 15 to 20 percent is firmly embedded in the nation's cultural fabric, in part because it's widely known that most servers get paid a subminimum hourly wage — \$6.25 in Chicago, \$4.95 in Illinois and \$2.13 under federal law. Worker advocates are pushing legislation in cities and states to require the restaurant industry to pay all its employees at least the full minimum wage. Meanwhile, some sit-down restaurants have tried to nix tipping and instead charge a fixed service fee or raise prices to accommodate higher base wages, but many reversed course amid backlash from employees and customers, who like the right to tip.

Coffee shop baristas and other counter-service workers, on the other hand, get paid at least the regular minimum wage — currently \$12 in Chicago, \$8.25 in Illinois and \$7.25 federally — and putting a dollar in a cutely decorated tip jar has traditionally been a voluntary gesture of extra thanks.

Now the nature of counter-service tipping is being transformed by the growing use of touch screen payment tablets, in part because the devices suggest how much gratuity people should leave, which tip jars



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Eli Gitelman uses a touch-screen payment tablet to make a purchase and add a tip at Dollop Coffee Co.

do not.

"It changes what's the norm, what's expected," Northwestern's Chernev said.

The tip ranges that businesses choose to present as options on the payment screen influence how much people give, with most people trying to stay in the middle of the range and few taking the extra steps to enter a lower custom amount, he said.

The devices also take the math out of the exercise and require little thought beyond the push of a button, making it almost harder not to leave a tip, Chernev said.

Tips given through the touch screen devices, whether at the cash register or on tableside hand-held devices at sit-down restaurants, are almost always higher than tips left on credit card receipts, said Amber van Moessner, senior director of communications at Upserve, a platform

"I think tip what makes you feel good. If you're doing it because of social pressure or a spirit of obligation, it's not going to feel good."

— Daniel Post Senning, an author and spokesman for the Emily Post Institute

that helps restaurants manage everything from reservations to payments and inventory. She thinks that's in part because "technology makes the experience a little more elevated."

Higher tips can lead to happier employees and lower turnover, which is why employers are investing in the touch screen systems, she said.

Van Moessner doesn't think the tip prompts obligate anyone, as people have a range of percentages to choose from and there's always the option to leave a custom tip or none at all. But at the request of counter-service clients, Upserve plans to introduce flat-dollar tips to its prompts next year to "bet-



Social norms around tipping are shifting in the U.S., thanks largely to new payment systems.

ter accommodate a 'tip jar' type of model in a digital age," she said.

The push to facilitate electronic tipping comes as fewer people carry cash, a continued frustration for some workers, like hotel doormen and bellhops, who rely on guests slipping them a few bucks for their service.

"For everybody, myself included, the one thing

prompts them to tip while the ride is still underway, "so that you don't forget when you're in a hurry to get out," he said.

The company implemented a dynamic prompt system that gives riders flat-dollar options for shorter rides and percentage options for longer rides, which led to a 20 percent increase in tips. Lyft launched a redesign of its post-ride review screen in June that put the tipping prompt in a more prominent position than the driver rating.

"People are happy to tip if they get great service; they're usually just not thinking about it," Katcher said.

At Dollop, Rangel said gratuities are definitely higher as a result of the prompts for customers to tip on the Square payment system. At other coffee shops where she has worked that didn't give the option to tip on credit cards, the regulars would make it a point to bring cash, but most customers just didn't tip at all.

Rangel has noticed an increase in tips since Dollop changed the prompts on the Square system at her store to dollar figures rather than percentages, perhaps because people feel more comfortable tipping a buck or two in a coffee shop.

The extra money is welcome, especially for an effort like making a latte, which Rangel compares to mixing a cocktail at a bar —

had to stand there and wait for it.

But Michael Smith, 61, in town for work from St. Louis, didn't tip for his barbecue plate from the Smoque counter and has no shame about it.

"I didn't tip because they didn't bring it to the table," said Smith, who works in sales for a library resources company. "You don't typically tip in a fast-food place."

Some businesses are careful not to make people feel strong-armed into tipping more than they think they should.

Brown Bag Seafood, which has a location in Revival Food Hall, has made it a point to make zero tip the default on its payment screen because "it doesn't feel fair to give the consumer the impression that they are expected to tip," Chief Strategy Officer Zach Flanzman said. Many customers are regulars but might not be if their lunch cost them \$12 rather than \$9, he said.

Brown Bag, which has other counter-service locations that use traditional credit card authorization slips, has found customers tend to tip more when they use the touch screens, Flanzman said. Though tips at the other locations add just 10 percent to workers' base pay, it feels good to know they didn't result from the pressure of the tip screen, he said.

"Every time someone tips, we know that the person is doing that consciously and indicates that they want to reward our cashier," Flanzman said. The tips are split equally each payroll period among all hourly employees, including front-of-house workers, kitchen staff and dishwashers, based on hours worked, he said.

Zarek Kent, 29, who was working the counter at the Revival outpost of Mindy's Hot Chocolate, worries that the new payment technologies may confuse customers who are checking out in haste and cause them to tip when they don't intend to.

"A lot of people don't even realize at times they are tipping," Kent said. "When they see the final total they might think they are being robbed."

Kent said a customer's decision about whether or not to tip should depend on the service. He won't get mad if he hands someone a cookie with no reward, but "if a customer is coming to me every day and ordering a latte and doesn't tip, that's different," he said.

Eddie Ross, a 24-year-old banking analyst, tipped 15 percent when ordering his dinner at Antique Taco's Revival Hall counter spot — more than he might have tipped before the payment systems made it so easy, but he factors it into his budget.

He thinks there is some shaming that happens if customers reject the tip prompt, but believes that's not unwarranted.

"If you can't afford the tip, you can't afford the meal," he said.

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High number of Americans getting absolutely no raises

BY EVAN HOROWITZ
The Washington Post

One of the great puzzles of this economic expansion has been the tepid increase in wages, even as the unemployment rate has declined to 3.7 percent, its lowest point since 1969.

But drill down, and there's an even deeper issue. A surprising number of workers aren't seeing any wage growth at all. Their pay this year is exactly the same as it was last year, right down to the dollar.

Roughly 14 percent of workers — or 1 in 7 — have seen their earnings stall over the past year, counting only those who have stayed in the same job. That's only a slight improvement over

the 16 percent rate reached in the hangover years after the Great Recession.

For comparison, the last time the United States had an unemployment rate under 4 percent — in the go-go dot-com years — the number of workers getting \$0 raises fell below 10 percent, according to an analysis of Labor Department data from former Treasury Department economist Ernie Tedeschi.

And note that the plight of these workers with frozen wages looks even worse once you account for inflation. The cost of living goes up a little bit every year, which means that same \$70,000 salary is worth less in 2018 than it was in 2017.

Over time, you'd expect to see a symmetric up-and-down pattern in the number of workers without raises, driven by a well-known phenomenon called sticky wages. It works like this: Even when the economy is bad, employers are reluctant to cut pay, for fear of lowering morale and productivity. So workers lucky enough to avoid a layoff instead find their salaries frozen in place. Then, as the economy improves, regular raises return.

Except this time — nine years into what is currently the second-longest recovery in U.S. history — this unusually large number of workers is still stuck with frozen paychecks. The

question is: Why?

To begin with, lots of workers would seem to have sound biweekly reason to feel that they are being left behind. Despite the strong GDP growth of recent quarters, and the multiyear run-up in corporate profits, their pay is not advancing at all.

One reason employers may be foregoing annual raises is that no one is forcing their hand. Not only has the decline of private-sector unions deprived blue-collar workers of their former bargaining power, but in a world where industries are increasingly dominated by just a handful of companies, it's harder for workers to pit potential employers

against one another in bidding wars.

Another possibility is that business leaders may still be scarred by memories of the Great Recession. In those years, "sticky wages" kept them from cutting salaries — lest they hurt morale. But the result was higher labor costs at a time of collapsing profits and tight budgets.

Now, with the next recession waiting out there in the uncertain future, businesses may be wary of finding themselves stuck in the same position, having committed to pay increases they can't lightly take away.

Finally, though, the prevalence of raise-less workers in our fairly strong economy may point to an under-

appreciated problem with the Federal Reserve's 2 percent inflation target. When inflation is running at 4 or 5 percent, the price changes are more visible — which makes salary increases seem more urgent and less optional. These days, with inflation near 2 percent, it's easier to forget that prices are changing at all, which may induce more complacency among workers and businesses when it comes to regular pay adjustments.

Of course, it's still possible that we are on the cusp of a change, and that 2019 will be the year that nearly all workers see their pay checks swell. But if that's the trajectory, it's certainly well hidden.

Salesforce to add jobs in new Wolf Point skyscraper

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based United Airlines, can use to connect with their customers.

The company expects to pay \$475 million over 17 years to lease the space, according to a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The company could receive \$41.5 million in tax credits from the state if it meets job creation and capital investment requirements.

Wolf Point, a site that has been owned by the Kennedy family for decades, is already the location of two residential towers — one completed and one under construction. The office tower, designed by architecture firm Pelli Clarke Pelli, will be the tallest of the three.

Developer Hines plans to begin construction of the 813-foot-tall tower around Jan. 1, 2020, with plans to complete the 1.2 million-square-foot building by early 2023, said Greg Van Schaack, a senior managing

director at Hines. The city already has approved zoning for the project.

Salesforce's name will be on a sign with 11-foot-tall letters atop the east-facing part of the tower, Van Schaack said.

The company's plans to move to Wolf Point were reported in August, and Mayor Rahm Emanuel in September introduced the ordinance allowing larger signs on downtown buildings. Since the addition of 20-foot-tall letters spelling out "T-R-U-M-P" near the base of Trump International Hotel & Tower in 2014, the city had placed limits on signs.

Under the ordinance approved by the City Council in October, office tenants that occupy at least 350,000 square feet or have at least 1,000 employees in a building are allowed to have exterior signage. The ordinance also allows signs to become larger, on a sliding scale, based on how high they are above the ground.

The rules change would

permit Salesforce's sign, which would be 800 feet off the ground, to be as large as 1,100 square feet.

Salesforce opened its Chicago office in 2012 and has grown its workforce in the city to more than 1,400 people.

The company already occupies more than 200,000 square feet of office space in River North and Loop buildings, the largest of which is at 111 W. Illinois St. It also has workers in buildings at 114 W. Illinois St., 222 S. Riverside Plaza, 205 W. Wacker Drive, and within WeWork co-working space at 20 W. Kinzie St.

Pinkham expects employees to start moving into the Wolf Point tower in 2023. The company will continue finding space as needed to accommodate the growing employee count until the tower opens, Pinkham said.

"Growth does not stop," she said. "That's our biggest challenge these days ... keeping out ahead of the growth."

The company entered into a tax credit agreement with the state worth an estimated \$41.5 million, with a requirement to add at least 1,000 new full-time jobs by the end of 2023.

Salesforce expects the average annual salary of those employees will be \$100,000. The agreement is through the EDGE program, short for Economic Development for a Growing Economy, which provides tax breaks for companies that promise to create jobs in Illinois. It also requires Salesforce to make \$175 million in capital investments over the next 10 years.

Salesforce entered into the tax agreement in 2012 and amended it to include the new project, according to state documents. It has qualified to receive more than \$10 million in tax credits to date.

Other companies have received larger incentive packages from the state. Amazon entered into an agreement in 2016 that could be worth an estimated \$71.5 million, contingent upon creating 3,500 jobs at a Joliet warehouse. An agreement that same year with Rivian Automotive tied to the creation of 1,000 jobs in Normal could be worth

more than \$49 million, according to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

The announcement comes just weeks after Chicago lost its bid for Amazon's second headquarters, a project that would have brought tens of thousands of high-paying jobs to the city. The Salesforce tower and increasing employee count is a win for civic and business leaders working to boost Chicago's standing as a tech city.

At Salesforce's announcement Friday, Emanuel lauded the company's decision to anchor the Wolf Point tower, bring jobs to the city and invest in the community. Chicago has recently landed near the top of several rankings of tech cities and innovation hubs, including one from consulting firm KPMG, Emanuel said.

"Salesforce says those aren't just studies, those are the reality, and they're here," he said.

Salesforce was represented in the lease by brokers Brad Serot, Paul Reaumont and Mark Cassata of CBRE. The landlord was represented by Hines executives Jim Walsh, Brian Atkinson and Van Schaack.

Houston-based Hines and the Kennedy family are in talks with other companies to fill the remaining 700,000 square feet of space in the tower, Van Schaack said. Plans for the skyscraper come amid a lengthy office development cycle that has added several new towers to the skyline, increasing competition for tenants willing to pay the highest rents in the city.

But Van Schaack said Wolf Point's location, at the confluence of the North and South branches of the river, will make it competitive even if the economy slows.

"The Chicago River is increasingly a powerful magnet for companies," he said.

Unlike many tech companies that prefer older buildings or sprawling campuses, Salesforce is known to seek naming rights and signage on new skyscrapers. In January, Salesforce moved its headquarters into the 61-story Salesforce Tower in San Francisco. At 1,070 feet, it is the second-tallest building west of the Mississippi River.

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In re:) Chapter 11
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Debtor.) Honorable A. Benjamin Goldgar
Courtroom 642

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT HIGHER AND BETTER OFFERS AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON MOTION TO AUTHORIZE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 951-961 WEST THORNDALE AVENUE, BENSENVILLE, ILLINOIS 60106

Pon Group, LLC (the "Debtor") hereby gives notice of the opportunity of prospective purchasers to submit higher and better offers and of a hearing on its Motion for an Order (A) Approving the Sale of the Debtor's Property Free and Clear of All Liens, Claims, Encumbrances, and Interests; (B) Approving the Form and Manner of Notice for Such Sale; and (C) Granting Related Relief (the "Sale Motion") relating to the sale of the Real Property and Improvements located at 951-961 W. Thorndale Ave., Bensenville, Illinois 60106 ("the Property"). The Property is described as follows:
Lot 2 in Thorndale Distribution Park in Bensenville, Unit No. 6, being a subdivision of part of the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 2, Township 40 North, Range 11 East of the Third Principal Meridian, DuPage County, Illinois.

The Property is zoned I-2, Light Industrial District. The Property is located in an industrial area immediately west of Chicago O'Hare International Airport. The Property is a 219,933 square foot (5.05 acre), trapezoidal, interior (mid-block) site. The Property is improved with a one-story, 120,985 square-foot gross building area, precast-concrete, industrial warehouse building.

The Debtor has created a virtual due diligence room that includes, *inter alia*, a title commitment, survey, environmental report, and property condition report, which are available to all prospective purchasers via a link that may be obtained by written request to Debtor's counsel. Prospective purchasers may arrange for an inspection of the Property by written request to Debtor's counsel.

The Debtor is soliciting offers for the Property by the execution and delivery of a Purchase and Sale Agreement (the "Agreement") in substantially the form of the model Agreement available through the Debtor's due diligence room. Each Agreement constitutes an irrevocable offer to purchase the Property on the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement, which offer will remain outstanding until the conclusion of the hearing on the Sale Motion.

The Debtor is requesting that all Agreements be delivered to the Debtor's counsel on December 17, 2018 by 5:00 p.m. CST. The Debtor's counsel will prepare a report of all Agreements received and will afford all parties submitting an offer an opportunity to submit higher and better offers at the hearing to consider the Sale Motion.

A hearing on the Sale Motion and to approve the Sale of the Property will be held before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, 219 S. Dearborn St., Courtroom 642, Chicago, Illinois, 60604 on **December 19, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.** (the "Sale Hearing") or as soon thereafter as practically possible.

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 6004(b), objections to the relief requested in the Sale Motion and to the Sale itself must be in writing and filed with the Bankruptcy Court no later than December 12, 2018. For additional information regarding the Property and the Sale, contact the Debtor's counsel at pbauch@lakelaw.com.

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\$4.61

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3.01%

Euro +0.0016
to .8842/\$1

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to 113.61/\$1

52-WEEK			WEEKLY PERFORMANCE			YTD		1YR	
HIGH	LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	%CHG	%CHG
26951.81	23344.52	Dow Jones industrials	25549.71	24368.74	25538.46	+1252.51	+5.2	+3.3	+5.4
11623.58	9565.44	Dow Jones trans.	10834.74	10400.53	10820.20	+451.19	+4.4	+2.0	+6.2
773.78	647.81	Dow Jones utilities	742.17	716.78	741.92	+22.29	+3.1	+2.6	-3.3
13637.02	11820.33	NYSE Comp.	12464.41	12111.20	12457.55	+421.31	+3.5	-2.7	-1.2
6222.14	5059.72	NYSE International	5250.15	5134.44	5222.07	+106.34	+2.1	-9.8	-8.2
7700.56	6164.43	Nasdaq 100	6951.13	6590.89	6949.01	+421.67	+6.5	+8.6	+9.6
8133.30	6630.67	Nasdaq Comp.	7332.79	7003.12	7330.54	+391.56	+5.6	+6.2	+7.1
2940.91	2532.69	S&P 500	2760.88	2649.97	2760.17	+127.61	+4.9	+3.2	+4.5
2053.00	1769.25	S&P MidCap	1881.69	1823.69	1878.65	+53.77	+3.0	-1.2	-0.8
30560.54	26293.62	Wilshire 5000	28461.77	27318.34	28448.87	+1252.29	+4.6	+2.4	+3.7
1742.09	1436.43	Russell 2000	1535.13	1486.34	1533.27	+44.59	+3.0	-0.2	-0.2
403.72	348.44	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	360.06	355.02	357.49	+3.51	+1.0	-8.1	-6.9
7903.50	6851.59	FTSE 100	7078.37	6952.86	6980.24	+27.38	+0.4	-9.2	-4.4

Most active

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Gen Electric	7.50	-0.07
Bank of America	28.40	+1.43
AT&T Inc	31.24	+1.88
Ford Motor	9.41	+0.28
Weatherford Intl Ltd	.57	-0.08
Chesapeake Energy	2.92	-0.23
Pfizer Inc	46.23	+3.09
Twitter Inc	31.45	+2.33
Oracle Corp	48.76	+0.06
Nabors Inds	3.23	-0.64
EnCana Corp	6.72	-0.40
General Motors Co	37.95	+2.02
Freeport McMoRan	11.94	+1.17

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Adv Micro Dev	21.30	+1.92
Apple Inc	178.58	+5.29
Microsoft Corp	118.89	+7.82
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.23	+0.17
Intel Corp	49.31	+2.77
Micron Tech	38.56	+2.16
Helios and Matheson	.02	...
Cisco Syst	47.87	+3.33
Facebook Inc	140.61	+8.88
Comcast Corp A	39.01	+1.62
Nvidia Corporation	163.43	+18.59
Qualcomm Inc	58.26	+3.01
Arsanis Inc	3.89	+2.65

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STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Alps Alerian MLP	9.55	+0.15
Barc iPath Vix ST	34.49	-4.11
iShares Brazil	39.80	+1.10
iShs China Large Cap	42.02	+1.71
iShs Emerg Mkts	41.08	+1.34
iShares EAFE ETF	62.77	-0.99
Invesco QQQ Trust	169.37	+10.17
iShs Core MSCI EmMkt	49.47	+1.48
ProShs UltPro ShtQQQ	13.53	-2.92
SPDR S&P500 ETF Tr	275.65	+12.40
SPDR Financial	26.97	+0.97
US Oil Fund LP	10.73	-0.10
VanE Vect Gld Min	19.09	-0.27

Largest Companies

Based on market capitalization			STOCK			CHANGE		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
AT&T Inc	31.24	+1.88	Alibaba Group Hldg	160.86	+10.53	Alphabet Inc C	1094.43	+70.55
Alphabet Inc C	1094.43	+70.55	Alphabet Inc A	1109.65	+79.55	Amazon.com Inc	1690.17	+188.11
Amazon.com Inc	1690.17	+188.11	Anheuser-Busch InBev	76.87	+1.62	Apple Inc	178.58	+5.29
Anheuser-Busch InBev	76.87	+1.62	Bank of America	28.40	+1.43	Berkshire Hath A	326000.00	+15660.00
Bank of America	28.40	+1.43	Berkshire Hath B	218.24	+11.17	Boeing Co	346.76	+34.44
Berkshire Hath A	326000.00	+15660.00	Boeing Co	346.76	+34.44	Chevron Corp	118.94	+5.34
Berkshire Hath B	218.24	+11.17	Chevron Corp	118.94	+5.34	China Mobile Ltd	49.74	+1.66
Boeing Co	346.76	+34.44	China Mobile Ltd	49.74	+1.66	Cisco Syst	47.87	+3.33
Chevron Corp	118.94	+5.34	Cisco Syst	47.87	+3.33	Citigroup	64.79	+3.04
China Mobile Ltd	49.74	+1.66	Citigroup	64.79	+3.04	CocaCola Co	50.40	+1.77
Cisco Syst	47.87	+3.33	CocaCola Co	50.40	+1.77	Comcast Corp A	39.01	+1.62
Citigroup	64.79	+3.04	Comcast Corp A	39.01	+1.62	Disney	115.49	+3.41
CocaCola Co	50.40	+1.77	Disney	115.49	+3.41	Exxon Mobil Corp	79.50	+4.01
Comcast Corp A	39.01	+1.62	Exxon Mobil Corp	79.50	+4.01	Facebook Inc	140.61	+8.88
Disney	115.49	+3.41	Facebook Inc	140.61	+8.88	FEMSA	86.75	-0.33
Exxon Mobil Corp	79.50	+4.01	FEMSA	86.75	-0.33	HSBC Holdings PLC	42.54	+0.80
Facebook Inc	140.61	+8.88	HSBC Holdings PLC	42.54	+0.80	Home Depot	180.32	+12.50
FEMSA	86.75	-0.33	Home Depot	180.32	+12.50	Intel Corp	49.31	+2.77
HSBC Holdings PLC	42.54	+0.80	Intel Corp	49.31	+2.77	JPMorgan Chase & Co	111.19	+4.54
Home Depot	180.32	+12.50	JPMorgan Chase & Co	111.19	+4.54	Johnson & Johnson	146.90	+5.57
Intel Corp	49.31	+2.77	Johnson & Johnson	146.90	+5.57	MasterCard Inc	201.07	+18.47
JPMorgan Chase & Co	111.19	+4.54	MasterCard Inc	201.07	+18.47	McDonalds Corp	188.51	+7.74
Johnson & Johnson	146.90	+5.57	McDonalds Corp	188.51	+7.74	Merck & Co	79.34	+4.67
MasterCard Inc	201.07	+18.47	Merck & Co	79.34	+4.67	Microsoft Corp	110.89	+7.82
McDonalds Corp	188.51	+7.74	Microsoft Corp	110.89	+7.82	Novartis AG	91.53	+3.50
Merck & Co	79.34	+4.67	Novartis AG	91.53	+3.50	Oracle Corp	48.76	+0.06
Microsoft Corp	110.89	+7.82	Oracle Corp	48.76	+0.06	PepsiCo	121.94	+6.53
Novartis AG	91.53	+3.50	PepsiCo	121.94	+6.53	Pfizer Inc	46.23	+3.09
Oracle Corp	48.76	+0.06	Pfizer Inc	46.23	+3.09	Procter & Gamble	94.51	+2.97
PepsiCo	121.94	+6.53	Procter & Gamble	94.51	+2.97	Royal Dutch Shell B	62.03	+1.38
Pfizer Inc	46.23	+3.09	Royal Dutch Shell B	62.03	+1.38	Royal Dutch Shell A	60.40	+1.42
Procter & Gamble	94.51	+2.97	Royal Dutch Shell A	60.40	+1.42	Taiwan Semiconductor	37.59	+1.63
Royal Dutch Shell B	62.03	+1.38	Taiwan Semiconductor	37.59	+1.63	Total SA	55.61	+1.63
Royal Dutch Shell A	60.40	+1.42	Total SA	55.61	+1.63	Toyota Mot	121.48	+1.77
Taiwan Semiconductor	37.59	+1.63	Toyota Mot	121.48	+1.77	Unilever NV	55.51	+1.0
Total SA	55.61	+1.63	Unilever NV	55.51	+1.0	Unilever PLC	54.29	0.05
Toyota Mot	121.48	+1.77	Unilever PLC	54.29	0.05	UnitedHealth Group	281.36	+20.64
Unilever NV	55.51	+1.0	UnitedHealth Group	281.36	+20.64	Verizon Comm	60.30	+1.66
Unilever PLC	54.29	0.05	Verizon Comm	60.30	+1.66	Visa Inc	141.71	+8.84
UnitedHealth Group	281.36	+20.64	Visa Inc	141.71	+8.84	WallMart Strs	97.65	+2.55
Verizon Comm	60.30	+1.66	WallMart Strs	97.65	+2.55	Wells Fargo & Co	54.28	+2.45
Visa Inc	141.71	+8.84	Wells Fargo & Co	54.28	+2.45			

How the region's Top 100 companies fared

Ranks based on market capitalization of public companies headquartered in Illinois and north-west Indiana as of Friday, November 30, 2018

RANK/COMPANY	CAP	CLOSE	WEEK	1-YR
1 Boeing Co	196,919	346.76	▲+34.44	
2 McDonalds Corp	145,324	188.51	▲+7.74	
3 AbbVie Inc	141,802	94.27	▲+8.64	
4 Abbott Labs	130,056	74.05	▲+5.94	
5 Walgreen Boots Alli	80,365	84.67	▲+3.86	
6 Caterpillar Inc	80,059	135.67	▲+13.35	
7 Mondelez Intl	65,393	44.98	▲+1.19	
8 CME Group	64,784	190.08	▲+7.77	
9 Kraft Heinz Co	62,337	51.12	▲+7.08	
10 Deere Co	49,820	154.88	▲+12.04	
11 ITW	46,136	139.05	▲+4.84	
12 Exelon Corp	44,859	46.39	▲+1.54	
13 Baxter Intl	36,478	68.55	▲+3.27	
14 Allstate Corp	30,720	89.19	▲+1.92	
15 United Cont'l Hldgs	26,347	96.70	▲+1.86	
16 Equity Residential	26,251	71.25	▲+2.14	
17 Arch Dan Mid	25,800	46.02	▲+8.2	
18 Discover Fin Svcs	23,954	71.30	▲+2.79	
19 Ventas Inc	22,632	63.49	▲+2.06	
20 Ntnn Trust Cp	21,969	99.23	▲+2.94	
21 Motorola Solutions	21,463	131.25	▲+6.90	
22 Ulta Salon Cosmetics	17,798	297.79	▼-5.53	
23 Grainger WW	17,686	314.04	▲+16.09	
24 Gallagher AJ	14,154	77.07	▲+4.0	
25 CDW Corp	13,900	92.68	▲+4.81	
26 CNA Financial	12,734	46.92	▲+5.0	
27 ConAgra Brands Inc	12,672	32.34	▼-8.5	
28 Dover Corp	12,422	84.89	▲+8.1	
29 CBOE Global Markets	12,075	107.62	▲+5.4	
30 TransUnion	11,964	64.57	▲+3.90	
31 IDEX Corp	10,539	137.40	▲+6.00	
32 NiSource Inc	9,768	26.42	▲+7.5	
33 CF Industries	9,737	42.19	▼-1.03	
34 Zebra Tech	9,674	179.80	▲+14.80	
35 Packaging Corp Am	9,243	97.82	▲+2.22	
36 Equity Lifesty Prop	8,932	99.53	▲+1.59	
37 LKQ Corporation	8,858	27.84	▲+5.0	
38 Ingredion Inc	7,385	104.46	▲+1.37	
39 US Foods Holding	7,210	33.18	▲+5.7	
40 GrubHub Inc	7,100	78.29	▼-6.9	
41 Old Republic	6,824	22.55	▲+1.08	
42 Middleby Corp	6,745	120.79	▲+4.23	
43 Aptargroup Inc	6,535	104.05	▲+1.15	
44 Jones Lang LaSalle	6,525	143.20	▲+3.44	
45 Hill-Rom Hldgs	6,523	96.96	▲+3.51	
46 CDK Global Inc	6,490	50.40	▲+6.3	
47 Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	6,193	43.80	▲+8.0	
48 USG Corp	6,015	43.04	▲+1.19	
49 Morningstar Inc	5,039	118.14	▲+2.93	
50 Kemper Corp	4,927	76.10	▲+2.72	
51 Littelfuse Inc	4,813	191.35	▲+11.88	
52 Brunswick Corp	4,600	53.04	▼-1.4	
53 Wintrust Financial	4,361	77.35	▲+1.52	
54 Stericycle Inc	4,354	48.07	▲+2.45	
55 First Indl RT	4,049	32.06	▲+6.5	
56 MB Financial	3,864	45.88	▲+1.79	
57 Equity Commonwhl	3,859	31.77	▲+7.6	
58 Teleph Data	3,774	35.73	▲+1.18	
59 Paylocity Hldg	3,641	67.08	▲+6.47	
60 Tribune Media Co A	3,528	40.26	▲+1.12	
61 Adtalem Global Educ	3,391	57.74	▲+1.72	

Best way to find a job? Make it top priority

Michael Flores says it's one thing to look for a job but it's something else entirely to look for a job.

"I was definitely one of those people who was looking but I wasn't really looking, at least not hard," says the 28-year-old Chicagoan, an IT specialist who was laid off in June after his company relocated to San Antonio, Texas. "I had two months of severance and at least six months of unemployment so I got lulled into this fake sense of security."

But that security came to a quick end in November when Flores learned his landlord wouldn't let him renew his lease if he didn't have a job. "I didn't really think about the whole proof of employment section on the lease so I kind of freaked out," Flores says. "The last thing in the world a guy in his 20s wants to do is move back home."

But that's what he did. And on Day One of his new living arrangement, Flores started looking for a job. "Really looking," he says.

Setting patterns

Up until the move back to his childhood home in Chicago's Portage Park neighborhood, Flores had been glancing at job sites on the Internet and checking his LinkedIn pages on occasion, applying for jobs that piqued his interest. "I took a pretty casual approach to my search the first week after I was laid off and I just stuck with that approach," he says. "But that first day, after my mom made a ton of noise on her way to work to make sure I woke up and my dad left me a list of 20 things to do around the house, I had a whole new attitude."

Flores says his desire to move out was fueled by embarrassment. "Don't get me wrong, I love my parents, but I don't want to be there and they don't want me there," he says. "And my mom hates telling people I moved back home but when I'm with her, she tells every person she sees."

Instead of picking up where he left off, Flores started at the beginning, creating a new resume from scratch and updating his profile on LinkedIn and various other sites across the web. "Those pictures of me on Facebook carrying around Old Styles from about five years ago — gone," he says.

Most importantly, Flores set a new pattern and began treating each day like

a work day, leaving with his mother in the morning to head to the Austin-Irving Library to do research or a nearby Starbucks to make phone calls. "I had to get out of the house," he says. "Too much temptation to eat, sleep and watch TV in the house."

Flores says he comes home for lunch most days and stays home, but he works in the basement to keep distractions to a minimum. "I'm surprised at how much I do each day, whether it's scan for jobs or contribute to online discussions," he says. "I do a lot of reading and a lot of learning."

Time well spent

Erin Perkins, a career coach in New York, says she is a big believer setting patterns. In fact, it's a key element of what she calls the NOD approach to finding a job. "It's not necessarily a method, it's more like a philosophy," Perkins says.

NOD, Perkins tells clients, stands for Not One Day and the phrase itself has two implications. First, Not One Day stands for not letting one day go by without taking an active role in your job search. "Whether you like it or not, jobs are not going to come to you. And the longer you sit at home building a cocoon around yourself thinking that one day you'll magically reappear as this butterfly is just magical thinking," Perkins says. "What you need to do is get out of bed every morning, take a shower, grab your laptop and get to work finding work. There is no passive path. You have to take an active role."

In addition, Perkins suggests Not One Day accounts for the fact that it will take job seekers longer than one day to find a better job. "For years, we have subscribed to this philosophy that one day we will just get lucky and the job will just come to our doorstep. That's not the way it works," she says. "Job searches are methodical. You don't take one giant stride and find a job. If anything, you take a series of small steps, tiny steps, even, before you increase your stride. That's how you find the work."

You begin tweaking your resume to use the right keywords. When you send out that resume the next week, those keywords will get picked up by a company's applicant selector and passed on to HR department.

— Marco Buscaglia, *Careers*

INTERVIEW ADVICE

Work the wait: Use pre-interview pause to your advantage

Whether it's nervous energy or bottled-up enthusiasm, many job seekers say they feel an adrenaline rush before meeting with a recruiter, especially if the interview is for a job they really want.

"My mind begins to race a little, and I can feel my heartbeat," says Josh Praughn, a financial analyst who specializes in nonprofit organizations and is a self-described "habitual job candidate." "It's almost like my brain is getting into race-car mode. It's a definite rush."

And then? "Then it usually goes like this: 'You can have a seat, Mr. Praughn. Someone will be with you in a few minutes,'" says the 41-year-old Chicago resident. "And then everything shuts down."

Praughn says most of his pre-interview waits last 10 minutes, but in some cases he's sat in his potential employer's lobby and then his interviewer's office for more than an hour. "It's like going to the doctor," he says. "You get there, sign in and wait for your name to be called. Then you get called back to the doctor's office and you sit on the exam table for another half an hour. You might have excruciating pain in your head, but you're so tired of waiting that when the doctor finally comes in, you tell him everything's fine."

Don't fade away

What bothers Praughn the most, though, is that he says he often loses his train of thought while sitting for an excessively long time. That's a fairly common issue, says Jean Healy, a career coach and HR specialist based in Oakland, California.

"When you're interviewing for a job, the smallest thing can push your top-of-mind thoughts somewhere in the back, where they get lost with all the clutter of your daily life," says Healy. "You have to start the process again by sitting down and hitting the reset button. I like to tell my clients that if they're truly a great candidate for the position, they

work through the delay. They need to stay sharp and focused."

Healy suggests three ways for interviewees to stay in the moment when faced with delay.

1. Take a moment: Have a seat, gather your things and take a few deep breaths. Since you don't know how long you're going to be waiting, don't go straight for a magazine or your phone. Instead, go over any notes you might have or start visualizing your initial greeting with your interviewer. You don't want to take yourself out of the game by drifting off into some other place.

2. Do some writing: You probably have a small notebook or pad of paper in your briefcase or purse, so take some time to jot down a few things that you'll want to say during the interview. The process of actually writing out the words will help you recall them when the interview begins, whether it's in 10 minutes or an hour. If you can't stay focused on the interview, write about your current thoughts. Putting them down on paper will help you flush them out of your system.

3. Move: You don't need to sit in one place if you are waiting for interview to begin. Be an active participant in the waiting process. Instead of sitting and counting down the minutes, keep up your energy by abandoning the couch and taking a quick walk around the room or down the hall.

Mind and body

Sean Chang, a Boston-based sales consultant for Amazon.com retailers, says he's had to wait for interviews not only with potential employers but also with potential clients. Chang says he's able to keep his train of thought by engaging in some sort of repetitive movement.

"It might look a little OCD to people, but if I have a pen, I'll move it from hand to hand, or if I have a briefcase, I'll rearrange everything that's inside," says Chang. "It helps me separate my nervousness and anxiety from what I'm thinking."

— Marco Buscaglia, *Careers*

Interviewing skill tips

Work on your handshake: Don't offer up a flimsy or sweaty hand. Instead, when you meet with prospective employers or interviewers, offer a firm handshake, with one or two pumps from the elbow to the hand. It's a good way to illustrate your confidence and start the interview off on the right note.

Get serious: If you take a casual approach to the initial interview with a company, especially with a screening interviewer from the human resources department, you may be sealing your fate. Job seekers should treat every interview as if it's their one and only chance to sell themselves to the recruiter.

Practice makes perfect: Keep the aforementioned cliché in mind if you're offered an interview for a job you may not even want. Go on the interview anyway; you can make contacts for future job opportunities and get valuable interview practice. Who knows? You may even want the job after all.

Be enthusiastic: Bring a positive attitude to your interview. Most interviewers won't bring back someone who has a negative presence or seems like they almost need to be talked into the job. "You're selling yourself and part of you is the positive approach you'll bring to the office every morning," says Alison Richardson, a recruiter for several New York financial firms. "That smile and friendly demeanor go a long way."

Ask questions: When interviewing for a new position, it's essential to have a handful of questions to ask your potential employer. Some questions could include: What do you consider to be the ideal background for the position? What are some of the significant challenges? What's the most important thing I can do to help within the first 90 days of my employment? Do you have any concerns that I need to clear up in order to be the top candidate?

Tell a story: Your interviewer wants to know about your skills and experiences, but he or she also wants to know about you. Don't fire off routine answers to questions. Instead, work your answers into stories or anecdotes about yourself. People remember the people who are interesting. Prove your value by tailoring stories that address the main concern an interviewer may have.

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Business Systems Analyst 2 - cndct research/data analysis/implmntn lead'g to ERP sol; enable trnsfrm/performance imprvmt of enterprise, w/ respect to ppl/process & provide capabilities/assets/process/tools; structure/analyze current state of enterprise & dsgn/guide processes for optimal future state: ERP/appltn mngmnt/custom SW dvlpmnt. Reqs bach +2 yrs exp. (Job #040234).

Business Systems Analyst 4 - enable trnsfrm/perform improv of enterprise, w/ respect to ppl/process & provide capabilities/assets/process/tools; structure/analyze/visualize enterprise's current state; execute ERP/Appl Mngmnt/Custom SW Dvlpmnt; mgmnt of mltpl projts; deliver on def revenue targets w/in particular ind/service area; maintain client reltnshps; oversee proj teams/dvlpmnt of staff. Reqs bach + 7 yrs. progressive post-bach. exp. (Job #040217).

Data Analyst 2 - imprt/clean/trnsfrm/validate/model data; design/dvlp rational DBs for collect'g/stor'g data; build/design data input & data collection mechanisms; perform data extract/profil'g/cleans'g/dedupl/standardization/conver/transform/load'g/data min'g/warehouse'g/archiv'g/report'g; server based DBs in dvlpmnt & test envrnmnts, incl DB SW instal, DB creation, perform/capacity/backup/recovery/security; exec. project work plans in field. Reqs bach + 2 yrs exp. (Job # 040218).

Programmer Developer 1 - utilize prog languages/ tools/frmwks to conduct comp program'g/SW dev; perfrm req's gather'g/bug fix'g/test'g/ docum'tion/implem'tion of SW systems; analyze/interpret comp system arch/dsgn/coding to adhere to program'g/doc policies; dvlp prog logic for new IT apps or analyze/modify logic in exist'g apps; analyze req's & maintain/test/integrt app components. Reqs bach + 1 yr exp. (Job #040219).

Programmer Developer 2 - utilize prgrm lang/tools/frmwks to cndct comp prgrm/SW dvlpmnt; req gather'g/ bug fix/test/doc/implemnt of SW systems; dvlp SW prgrms using spec program lnguage/pltfoms, incl Java or MS.NET; dsgn/analyze/review/redsgn programs; prep dtailed workflow charts/diagrams; cndct trial runs of prgrms/SW apps & correct program errors. Reqs bach+2 yrs exp. (Job #040220).

Programmer Developer 3 - utilize prgrm lang/tools/frmwks to cndct comp prgrm/SW dvlpmnt; req gather'g/bug fix/test/doc/implemnt of SW systems; analyze/interpret comp system arch/design/cod'g to ensure adherence to prgrm/doc policies; coordinate prgrm workflow for mtlpl projects; provide prgrm'g/cod'g train'g/guidance to jr level prgrmrs; team represent. Reqs bach + 3 yrs exp. (Job # 040221).

Project Manager 4 - prepare projct plan/budgt/structure/schdl/staff'g; lead lrg projct/segmnt of lrg/cmplx projct; translate cmplx bus reqs into formal agreemnts; work w/ executives to identify bus reqs & execut/close soln; wide range of process activits, incl request for proposl/dvlpmnt/final delivery. Reqs bach + 7 yrs progressive post-bach. exp. (Job #040222).

Software Engineer 1 - dsgn/dvlp/maintain IT appls & componnts/envrnmnts, based on SW Arch modls/prncpls; code/integrate/implemnt/install/change frameworks/stndrd appl componnts; perform tech/functl appl mngmnt; dvlp languags/methods/frameworks/tools to support server-based DBs in dvlpmnt/test/production envrnmnts; dvlp/implement tech sols. Reqs bach + 1 yr exp. (Job #040223).

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Solutions Architect 4 - assess project's tech feasibility/implemnt risks; dsign/ implemnt project's tech arch; define structure of system/its interfaces/prncpls guid'g its org/SW dsgn/ implement; dsgn/validate cmplx arch; work as stream lead at CIO/CTO level; lead operations relat'g to market dvlpmnt and/or service delivry excellence; mnge/direct mltpl projects or single/large/cmplx project; initiate/maintain client reltnshps; share practice mngmnt/admin responsibilities incl mngmnt of project teams/dvlpmnt of staff. Reqs bach + 7 yrs progressive post-bach. exp. (Job #040228).

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Test Consultant 2 - phase-by-phase SW test'g, incl reqs/system/integrtn/prog/module test'g; complete independnt verifc/validation of IT prodcnts; dsgn/test execution for appls/systems based on SW Architecture models/prncpls; cndct research/data analysis/implemnt; prfrm defect mngmnt/test analysis/acceptance test'g. Reqs bach + 2 yrs exp. (Job #040230).

Test Consultant 3 - phase-by-phase SW test'g, incl reqs/system/integrtn/prog/module test'g; dsgn/dvlp complex/non-funct'al tests; complete independnt verifc/validation of IT products; bid/client prposals based on tech expertise; coordinate wrk of less exp personnel; guide wrkflow of smaller consult'g projects/sgmnts of larg prjcts, incl projct plan dsgn. Reqs bach + 3 yrs exp. (Job # 040231).

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Solutions Architect 4 - assess project's tech feasibility/implemnt risks; dsngn/ implemnt project's tech arch; define structure of system/its interfaces/prncipals guid'g its org/SW dsngn/ implement; dsngn/ validate cmplx arch; work as stream lead at CIO/CTO level; lead operations relat'g to market dvlpmnt and/or service delivery excellence; mnge/direct mltpl projects or single/large/cmplx project; initiate/maintain client reltnshps; share practice mngmnt/admin responsibilities incl mngmnt of project teams/dvlpmnt of staff. Reqs bach + 7 yrs progressive post-bach. exp. (Job # 040264).

Technician 3 - provide expertise in spec tech both internally/externally in Bid/Project situations; plan tech tasks/activities, review progress/make corrective changes; ensure quality of tech delivrbls by review'g/verify'g; support Sol Architects in pre-sales work by defin'g tech sols/review'g proposal; own major incident resol/RCA for high priority incidents for tech projects. Reqs bach + 3 yrs exp. (Job # 040266).

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EVERYONE'S AN EXPERT

WORKING WITH A MONDAY-MORNING QUARTERBACK CAN BE A REAL CHALLENGE

The expert football fans come out in full force Monday mornings, questioning offensive play-calling by head coaches from coast-to-coast, just like they did during baseball season.

"I had to get off of Facebook and Twitter," says Gary Schiff, a Chicago paralegal. "I get it. Some of the stuff I saw was upsetting to me, too, but I'm a 32-year-old paralegal who plays pick-up basketball and fantasy football. That's it. I'm no expert."

Schiff says his reluctance to pile on local teams is at odds with most of his friends and relatives. "I turned off my phone at two in the morning because I was getting stuck in these text nightmares," he says. "I mean, people were texting me 500 words at a time about scenarios. I couldn't take it."

Schiff says post-game reactions are similar to a situation he remembers from his previous job at a nonprofit organization in Springfield, Illinois, when a newly hired director decided to implement several new policies, including one aimed at increasing productivity. "He wanted to have daily meetings for us to share what we'd be working on for the day and people went berserk," Schiff says. "You would have thought he killed someone. All he wanted was for us to meet for five or 10 minutes so we could talk about what we were doing for the day."

Schiff says in that instance, he also kept quiet. "The biggest issue was that the people who'd stroll in at 9:30 or 10 had to be at the meeting at 9:15," he says. "And the stuff they'd say — 'he doesn't know anything about nonprofits,' 'he has no idea how to motivate us,' 'he's in way over his head.' — it was insane."

That second-guessing continued until it reached the point of "no return," Schiff says. "He ended up leaving after about six months for a job with the state. I think he loved the job but he could tell he was being criticized by everyone."

Jealous much?

Bryan Richards, a career coach in Ocala, Florida, says he often works with clients who "spend our first 45 minutes

together telling me everything wrong with their boss," which is a red flag. "Oh, a huge red flag. More like a red flare across the sky," he says.

The problem, Richards says, is that most people feel comfortable criticizing co-workers and bosses because they realize they don't match up in terms of talent and experience. "Show me a guy who rips into his manager every day and I'll show you a guy who is mediocre at best at his job," Richards says. "The louder the criticism, the worse the talent."

Paula Maiden, 45, agrees. "About 15 years ago, I worked at a hospital in Denver with a group of girls. We were pretty tight. Then one of us was promoted to supervisor and the claws came out. Jealous, jealous, jealous," says Maiden, a registered nurse in Rochester, Minnesota. "The cattiest ones were the people I thought were the worst nurses on staff so yes, the biggest loudmouths are the worst employees."

Maiden says the problem was that the supervisor had to continually deal with said and unsaid criticism from other nurses. "They always could do it better, or at least that's what they'd say. It was nonstop, criticize this, criticize that," says Maiden. "And the stuff they said about the doctors? Forget it."

Human nature

Schiff says his wife often tells him that he's too judgmental. "She says it's just human nature to second-guess other people but I don't buy it," he says. "You listen to some of these guys rip into the coach or manager, they think they're geniuses. And what did they do? Play little league ball at Portage Park on the weekends? Give me a break."

Maiden says she's heard the "human nature" line before, too, but like Schiff, she's not buying it. "I don't care if people question something if they're quiet about it or if they talk directly to that person, but we're talking about mean girls here," she says. "It was petty and it really tore us apart as a group so you can say it's human nature if you want, but in reality, it's bad humans."

— Marco Buscaglia, *Careers*



People feel comfortable criticizing co-workers because they realize they don't match up in terms of talent and experience. And typically, the louder the criticism, the worse the talent.



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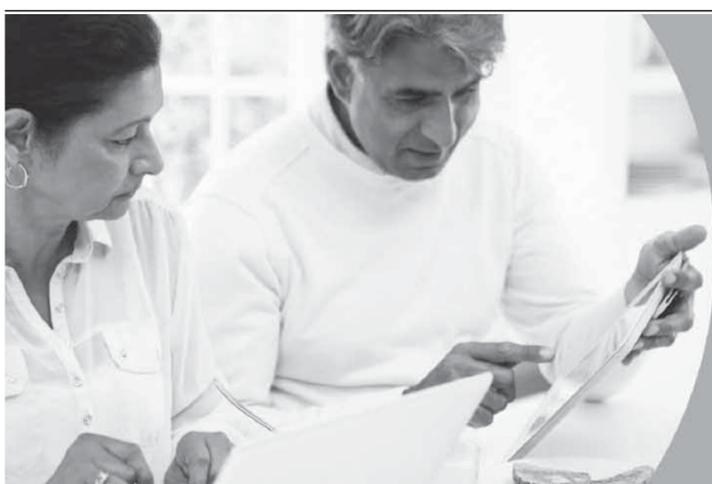
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Ohio State's Parris Campbell goes up for a reception over Northwestern's Paddy Fisher during the Big Ten title game on Saturday night in Indianapolis. The Wildcats trailed 24-7 at halftime and closed to 24-21 but then ran out of steam.

Do we like Nagy or his 8-3 mark?

Bears coach seems genuine but may find popularity is a product of winning



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

In the latest episode of "ClubDub," Matt Nagy celebrated the Bears' victory over the Lions in a raucous locker room by pretending to juggle imaginary balls and throwing one emphatically at the ground. *Boom.*

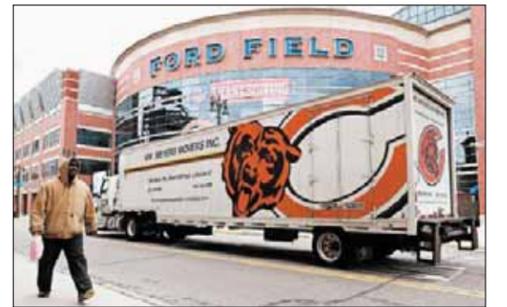
"Everybody in this organization deserves a 'Good job!'" Nagy yelled. All the Bears surrounding Nagy went nuts. Then everyone started dancing as the music played.

The Nagy novelty looks unlikely to wear off anytime soon. Players enjoy how he connects. Reporters appreciate the way he communicates. Fans love nearly everything about the affable 40-year-old Bears coach who knows what he doesn't know, from his approachability to his authenticity — even that silly visor Nagy wears atop his bald head.

Nagy strikes me as a genuine kind of guy anybody would enjoy a beer with at the neighborhood bar. But, face it, the Bears becoming a playoff-caliber team in his first season makes Nagy much easier to like — and if his first team opened 3-8 instead of 8-3 everyone would be less inclined to buy the next round.

Former coach John Fox, gregarious enough to be known as "The Mayor" when he arrived at Halas Hall in 2015, was the life of the party until 34 losses in 48 games killed the buzz. Coaches must win to be in with the home crowd.

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Two guys and a truckload of history with the Bears

Where to start with the story of 68-year-old Ken Miller and his right-hand man, Bryan Carlson? Miller's first season as the official mover of Bears equipment, back in 1989 when Mike Ditka was still manning the sideline? The heart attack Miller suffered in Foxborough before a Bears-Patriots preseason game in 2016? Or how about all the Bears he — and Carlson — have moved into new homes? "He wanted to get in the truck and help," Miller says of Jay Cutler. Rich Campbell's story on two of the Bears' biggest — and strongest — fans, **Pages 4-5**



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The Bears list defensive lineman Akiem Hicks as questionable to play Sunday. I list him as probable to say hi to Eli Manning. More, **Page 2**



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W **Clemson (13-0)** pummeled Pitt 42-10 in the ACC to lock up its playoff spot.



Clemson.

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W **Oklahoma (12-1)** got back at Texas 39-27 in the Big 12. Sooners would be conventional pick.



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W **Ohio State (12-1)** ran it up late in a 45-24 win over NU in the Big Ten. Now, the Hail Mary.



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One guy giving away a boatload of money

Derrick Rose's story has taken a positive turn — and not just on the court. The former No. 1 pick of the Bulls just handed three "Rose Scholars" a combined \$230,000. The kids are dreaming big. K.C. Johnson's story, **Page 8**

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STEVE ROSENBLIOM

Say a prayer vs. Saquon

Everybody wants to talk about the quarterback heading into Bears-Giants on Sunday.

Except me. I want to talk about the running back.

But not the Bears running back. No, not Jordan Howard. He's a placebo more than a Pro Bowler these days.

No, the running back I want to talk about plays for the Giants: Saquon Barkley.

I want to talk about him because he's the kind of guy who can run through the Bears defense no matter that the Bears defense arguably is the best in the league and statistically second-best against the run.

The Bears allow an average of 80.8 rushing yards per game and 3.6 yards per carry, both second only to the Saints. That's stout. Dominating. Suffocating.

Except for Frank Gore.

And LeGarrette Blount. And, the fear is, Barkley too because he delivers the same kind of style — the same kind of punishment — that showed the Bears run defense at its worst.

A 5-foot-9, 212-pound sledgehammer of a back, Gore pummeled the Bears for 101 yards on 15 carries for a relentless average of 6.7. He was such a stud that the Dolphins won a game Brock Osweiler started.

On Thanksgiving, the brutish Blount gained 88 yards on 19 carries for an average of 4.6 per touch. He scored two touchdowns and should've had a third, not to mention more yards, if the Lions weren't infected with such Lionsy play calling that helped the Bears win their third straight division game and stave off what would've been a difficult loss.

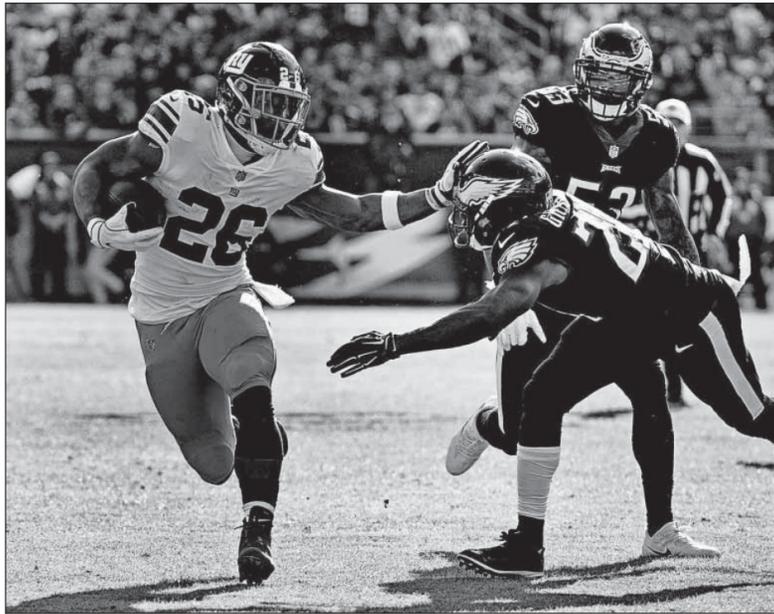
If the 6-foot, 247-pound Blount is like trying to tackle a Coke machine with legs, then the 5-11, 233-pound Barkley is like trying to bring down a turbo dorm fridge.

Barkley is coming off consecutive 100-yard games — rushing for 101 against the Eagles and 142 against the Buccaneers — and recorded two other 100-yard games earlier this season. He's averaging 4.8 yards per carry, and his 829 rushing yards ranks fourth overall.

Oh, and he is tied for the lead among running backs with 71 catches and ranks second among backs with 581 receiving yards.

Oh, one more thing: Barkley has yet to fumble.

There's a reason the Giants made Barkley the second draft choice this year.



The Giants' Saquon Barkley is the type of bruising back the Bears struggle against. CHRIS SZAGOLA/AP

There's a reason a Bears team playing its second straight road game should be concerned about Barkley, and that was before we learned of the questionable availability of Pro Bowl-caliber defensive end Akiem Hicks.

I suppose I wanted to talk about the running back now in hopes we won't be talking about him Monday morning.

"It's going to take all 11 people to stop him," Bears defensive coordinator Vic Fangio said.

OK. Fine. All 11 guys on Barkley. Dare Eli Manning to beat you.

The Andy Reid coaching tree > the Bill Belichick coaching tree.

Former Packers and Vikings quarterback Brett Favre told NBC the biggest rivalry in the NFC North is Packers-Vikings, and I'm thinking, nope, sorry, that rivalry is second to Aaron Rodgers-Mike McCarthy.

Illinois surprisingly gave football coach Lovie Smith a two-year contract extension, and I'm thinking, it had to be the 63-0 loss to Iowa that clinched it.

Email from Bob P.: "Tell me it ain't so ... Joel Quenneville is fired by the Blackhawks! Meanwhile Rick Renteria gets a contract extension! Further meanwhile Lovie Smith gets a contract extension!"

Yeah, and it looks like it couldn't get worse if the Illini hired Quenneville and the Hawks hired Smith.

Here's the thing with the Tiger Woods-Phil Mickelson match: Unless each of them was putting up \$10 million of his own cash, it was never going to be interesting.

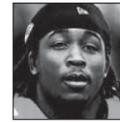
A team of Spanish and Argentinian paleontologists have discovered the remains of dinosaurs that lived 110 million years ago in Argentina, in case you're wondering about Michal Rozsival.

What's up, Ryan Mundy?

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NFL

Hunt is finished in Kansas City



Kareem Hunt went from the Chiefs' practice field in Kansas City, Mo., to looking for a job in about six hours, a spectacular fall for the reigning rushing champion.

The Pro Bowl running back had been preparing for Sunday's road game against the Raiders when a months-old video surfaced. The footage from a Cleveland hotel security camera showed Hunt shoving and kicking a woman in February. No charges were filed.

The Chiefs immediately sent Hunt home while the TMZ Sports video rippled across social media. The organization said in a statement late Friday that it had released the 23-year-old star.

The NFL had no comment beyond saying Hunt was on the commissioner's exempt list, meaning he can't play or attend games while the it investigates.

The Chiefs (9-2) are barreling toward the No. 1 seed in the playoffs, and the loss of their leading rusher is substantial. Hunt had rushed for 824 yards and had 14 total touchdowns for one of the league's best offenses. Yet the falloff to Spencer Ware isn't that significant.

The Chiefs and the NFL knew what happened in Cleveland, and the organization spoke to Hunt on several occasions before handling discipline internally. But neither the team nor league had seen the video before Friday.

The NFL made multiple attempts to obtain it, a source told the Associated Press. The hotel informed the league that corporate policy allowed the video to be given only to law enforcement. The NFL then contacted Cleveland police, who declined to provide the video.

The video showed Hunt lunging toward a woman and several others in a hallway, and the player being restrained several times before knocking two people down. Two police reports were filed in which each person accuses the other.

The video showed that what Hunt had told the Chiefs happened was not the case. Being on the exempt list does not prevent another team from signing a player.

Hunt issued a brief apology Friday.

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Nagy popular for winning?

Haugh, from Page 1

That's the way it works in sports, with Nagy the latest example.

How much of a coach's appeal relates to his productivity? Why is success a prerequisite for popularity? Or, maybe a better question: Why do successful coaches become more likable?

This crossed my mind again in the aftermath of Ohio State's annihilation of Michigan as Fox announcers uncomfortably feted coach Urban Meyer for overcoming adversity, ignoring Meyer's responsibility for helping create it. Leading his team into the Big Ten championship game hardly absolved Meyer for his tone-deaf response to domestic-violence accusations against former Buckeyes assistant coach Zach Smith — negligence that resulted in Meyer's three-game suspension in September. Beating Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh made everyone forget how Meyer handled Smith?

Nothing has changed since August, except Ohio State's record.

The power of winning can be persuasive. Nothing makes a coach harder to embrace than the stink of losing. It remains one of sports' most confounding yet consistent truisms. Whether it's fans or media, we too often let a scoreboard decide how much we like a guy.

The perception of Harbaugh, for instance, swung dramatically on last Saturday's outcome. If Michigan had beaten its rival, the narrative would have portrayed Harbaugh as a misunderstood traditionalist praised for sticking to his old-school ways. But becoming the first Michigan coach to go 0-4 against Ohio State instead painted Harbaugh as a miscast eccentric who caused some critics to wonder if he was right for the job. In reality, the only thing different about Harbaugh this week is that his defense picked the worst possible time to give up 62 points.

In most cases, public opinion sways more than coaches do. Take Illinois coach Lovie Smith, who spent 2004 to 2012 coaching the Bears in a city that loved Lovie. Covering Smith since day one, I can assure you he has changed little from almost 15 years ago. From Chicago to Tampa, Fla., to Champaign, Smith's steadfast, serious demeanor has served him better with his bosses than fans and media.

Smith's popularity peaked when he coached the Bears to the Super Bowl XLI in 2007, by the time he missed the playoffs for the second straight year in 2012, his firing hardly created an outcry. And if Illinois athletic director Josh Whitman had decided to fire Smith rather than reward a 4-8 season with a two-year contract extension, you wonder if it would have produced much more than a shrug from a



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It's easy to like Bears coach Matt Nagy — especially when the team is winning.

fan base that has yet to be re-energized since Smith's arrival in 2016.

Cubs manager Joe Maddon is no less fascinating now than on the day he was hired in 2014, he offered to buy everyone at the Cubby Bear "a shot and beer, the Hazleton Way." But sometime between Game 7 of the 2016 World Series and the two straight oddly disappointing playoff seasons that followed, Maddon became more polarizing.

Maddon's schtick began to wear on people — perhaps even on Cubs management. But watch how quickly liking Maddon becomes cool again if he manages the Cubs back to the World Series in 2019.

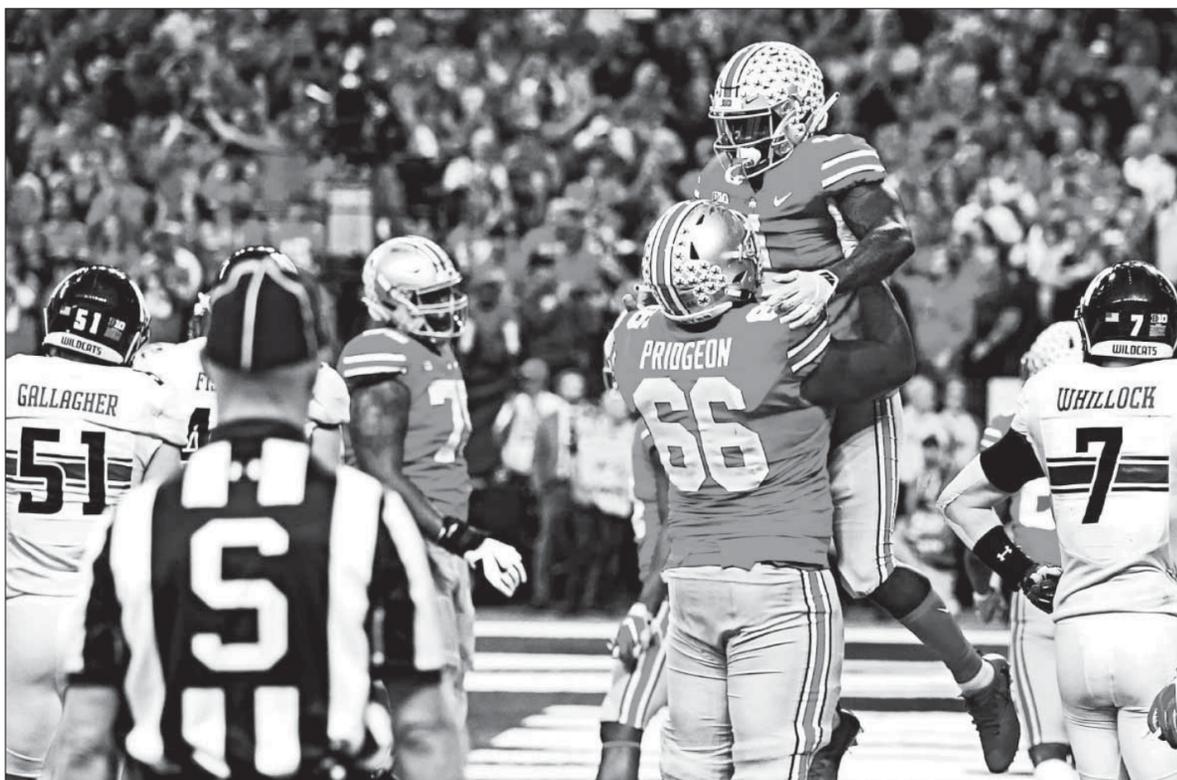
White Sox counterpart Rick Renteria, one of the most pleasant souls ever to occupy a dugout, proves nice guys who finish last often are in the same spot when ranking popularity. Nagy probably has a higher Q rating locally after 11 games with the Bears than Renteria has after two seasons with the Sox.

Speaking of Q, former Blackhawks coach Joel Quenneville, a three-time Stanley Cup champion, achieved local legend status before the team fired him Nov. 6 and cast an imposing shadow over 33-year-old successor Jeremy Colliton. Colliton comes across as a sharp, sincere coach with an ability to laugh at himself. But whether anyone will notice depends largely on whether he can lead the Hawks back to the playoffs. Otherwise, only friends and family will care.

Just look at Fred Hoiberg, who's excellent company to keep. Hoiberg possesses a dry sense of humor, treats everybody with respect and views each day with the healthy perspective of someone who survived open-heart surgery. Relatability remains one of Hoiberg's greatest strengths. Yet, realistically, the Bulls eventually will fire Hoiberg before Chicago ever gets to know who he really is. With less exuberance, Hoiberg is as true to himself as Nagy but has yet to succeed enough for his genuineness to matter. Likability only factors into longevity for coaches who win.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL



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Ohio State wide receiver Johnnie Dixon gets a lift from Buckeyes lineman Malcolm Pridgeon after scoring a touchdown Saturday.

OHIO STATE 45, NORTHWESTERN 24

Odds catch up

Wildcats unable to keep good times rolling against stronger, faster Buckeyes



TEDDY GREENSTEIN
On college football

INDIANAPOLIS — This Northwestern team defied both expectations — 11-1 odds to win the Big Ten West — and logic, becoming the first group in FBS history to go winless in nonconference play and claim a division title.

What it couldn't do

was defy the laws of physics.

Ohio State players are simply faster, stronger and better. And all that showed in the Buckeyes' 45-24 victory in the Big Ten championship game Saturday night.

Dwayne Haskins played like both a Heisman Trophy winner and the first pick of the NFL draft. His gifts were on display throughout, but one play stood out.

With 98 seconds to play before the half, Ohio State faced a third-and-20. Haskins spotted Terry McLaurin streaking down the right sideline. There wasn't much space between McLaurin and cornerback Greg Newsome, but it was enough for Haskins.

He dropped a dime into McLaurin's arms, making the score 24-7.

Thanks to NU's overmatched secondary, Ohio State's receivers seemed to be open 24/7.

Haskins finished the game 34-for-41 for 499 passing yards and five scores and one Montre Hartage interception. Haskins' virtuoso performance will have the redshirt sophomore climbing the NFL draft big boards.

First, though, Ohio State will go to Pasadena, Calif. This is Urban Meyer's third Big Ten title in seven seasons, but strangely enough he has never coached in the Rose Bowl.

Ohio State is 12-1, but barring a Jim Delany miracle the Buckeyes will not be in the College Football Playoff. With the selection committee slated to choose between Oklahoma and Georgia for the fourth and final spot, this will be the second straight Big Ten shutout after being included in the first three.

Northwestern, meanwhile, likely is ticketed for either the Dec. 31 Holiday Bowl (in San Diego versus the Pac-12) or the Jan. 1 Citrus Bowl (Orlando, Fla., versus the SEC).

"I'm so thankful for the new standard our seniors have created," Wildcats coach Pat Fitzgerald said. "The guys fought valiantly and gave it all they had. I'm so thankful I get one more game to coach them."

Northwestern had one clear highlight in the first half: Veteran John Moten IV, who had zero carries during a five-game stretch late in the season, broke through the right side for a 77-yard touchdown, NU's first of the game. The common reaction: "Johnny Mo" is still on the team?

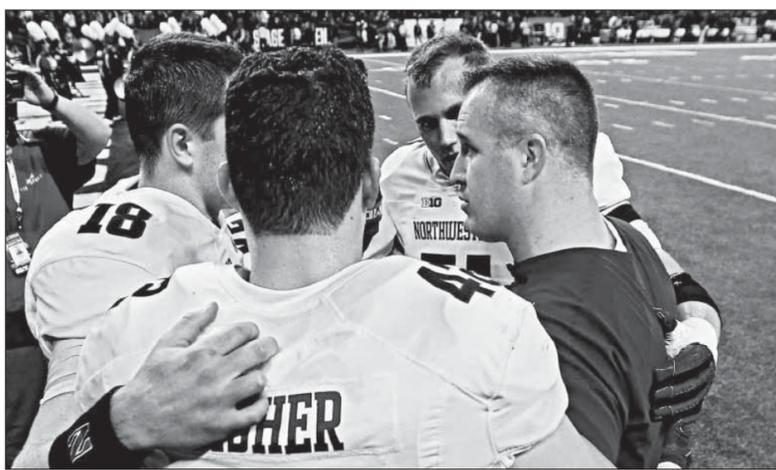
Down 17, Northwestern came out blazing in the third quarter. Clayton Thorson scrambled his way to an 18-yard score, taking a body blow before he hit the purple paint.

A memorable play came on the next drive: Charlie Fessler caught a pass and began wrestling with safety Damon Arnette for the ball. It came loose, but a replay review revealed that Fessler's knee was down.

The Wildcats scored two plays later on a brilliant play call — superback Cam Green was all alone after a play fake for a 2-yard score.

NU had the ball trailing 24-21, but Thorson faced pressure and threw low, his pass hitting the center Jared Thomas. The ball shot into the air and safety Arnette snatched it.

But considering all the tight windows and all the pressure he faced, Thorson



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Northwestern certainly had its moments: Pat Fitzgerald, top, huddles with his players before the game; John Moten IV, middle, scores the Cats' first TD; AD Jim Phillips, bottom, greets Northwestern players as they head into the locker room at halftime.

played extremely well. He finished 27-for-44 for 267 yards and hit 12 receivers, spraying it around after Flynn Nagel and Riley Less left with injuries.

"I think Clayton Thorson is a warrior," Fitzgerald said. "He has battled through so much. I think outside our locker room he's one of the most underrated guys in Big Ten history."

Ohio State had the majority of the crowd at 67,000-seat Lucas Oil Stadium, as everyone knew it would. Ohio State's undergraduate population is about six times the size of Northwestern's. But the Wildcats were well represented. Athletic director Jim Phillips made sure of that.

The night that NU clinched the West by beating Iowa, Phillips lay in bed asking himself: Will we look the part? Will enough students show up?

He asked a donor to purchase tickets to allow undergraduates to come. The donor said yes, on two conditions: The school would pick up transportation costs to Indianapolis and the donor would remain anonymous.

Phillips said he expected 500-1,000

students to sign up for a free ticket. More than 3,400 did in less than 48 hours. The average ticket was \$65, bringing the approximate cost to \$221,000.

NU students loaded into buses, about 50 of them. As tweeted by @bradenpomerantz, they sang the fight song, "Go U Northwestern!" during the four-hour trip.

"I'm so thankful for our fans, the students who made the trip," Fitzgerald said. "I hope they get used to this being the new normal."

This night represented a massive step for a Northwestern program that had never been to the Big Ten title game. The Wildcats still have not won a Big Ten title since 2000, but they have momentum, a coach and athletic director who are the envy of many schools and a \$270 million multipurpose facility dubbed the Fitz Carlton that will boost recruiting.

And they play in the Big Ten West. So they don't have to face Ohio State every season.

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ALABAMA 35, GEORGIA 28

Hurts rallies No. 1 Tide over Dawgs

Relieves injured Tagovailoa, leads 'Bama to SEC title

By PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press

ATLANTA — In a dramatic twist on last season's national championship game, Jalen Hurts came off the bench to pass for one touchdown and run for another in the fourth quarter, rallying No. 1 Alabama to a 35-28 win over No. 4 Georgia for the Southeastern Conference title Saturday.

Heisman Trophy favorite Tua Tagovailoa had to be helped off the field with just over 11 minutes remaining after one of his own linemen stepped on the quarterback's right ankle as he attempted to throw.

Enter Hurts, who led Alabama to the national title game as a freshman but lost the starting job to Tagovailoa. Hurts calmly guided the Crimson Tide (13-0) to game-tying touchdown with a 10-yard pass to Jerry Jeudy.

After Georgia (11-2) was stuffed on a fake punt near midfield, Hurts took matters into his own hands for the winning score. Spotting an opening up the middle, he took off on a 15-yard TD run with 1:04 remaining.

"All year, I've kind of been waiting on my opportunity," Hurts said. "My opportunity came today. I worked so hard this week with my teammates. We found a way to get it done today."

This was a reversal of the storyline from last season's national title game, when Tagovailoa replaced an ineffective Hurts at the start of the second half with Alabama trailing Georgia 13-0. The replacement threw three touchdown passes, including a 41-yarder in overtime that gave the Tide a stunning 26-23 victory.

Tagovailoa won the starting job in preseason practice and performed brilliantly during the regular season, throwing 36 touchdown passes with only two interceptions.

The SEC title game took a different path. Georgia put quite a beating on Tagovailoa, who was picked off twice, spent much of his spare time in the medical tent and was largely ineffective as the Bulldogs built a pair of two-touchdown leads.

This time, it was Hurts who bailed out the Crimson Tide.

And now, Alabama is headed back to the College Football Playoff, looking for its second straight national title.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

OU better: Sooners win

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Kyler Murray threw for 379 yards and three touchdowns as No. 5 Oklahoma beat No. 14 Texas 39-27 in the Big 12 championship game Saturday, with the Sooners avenging their only loss and making their case for a return to the College Football Playoff.

Murray, the Heisman Trophy-contending dual-threat quarterback who was 25-of-34 passing, threw two of his TDs to Grant Calcaterra. That included an impressive one-handed grab for an 18-yard score on a third-and-10 play with two minutes left as the Sooners (12-1) won their seventh consecutive game.

"That catch will live on in Oklahoma history forever," coach Lincoln Riley said. "What a play."

Oklahoma is the first Power Five team to win four consecutive outright conference titles since Florida in the SEC in the mid-1990s.

"We're thrilled by the victory. It's been a challenging year, which they all are," Riley said. "But to sit here now as four-time defending Big 12 champion, man, that sounds good."

Sam Ehlinger was 23-of-36 passing for 349 yards with two touchdowns, and he also ran for two scores for Texas (9-4), but his final pass was picked off by Tre Norwood at the 1 in the final minute.

The Sooners went ahead to stay on Austin Seibert's third field goal, a 31-yarder with 12:37 left that was good after ricocheting off the top of the left upright to make it 30-27.

The Longhorns beat Oklahoma 48-45 eight weeks ago.

Clemson 42, Pitt 10: Travis Etienne ran for 156 yards and two touchdowns, Trevor Lawrence threw two short scoring passes to Tee Higgins and No. 2 Clemson became the first team to win four straight Atlantic Coast Conference championships.

The Tigers (13-0), who are poised to make their fourth straight appearance in the CFP, ran for 301 yards and four touchdowns and averaged 9 yards per carry on a dreary, rain-soaked night in Charlotte, N.C.

Clemson forced three turnovers and limited Panthers quarterback Kenny Pickett to 8 yards passing.

Pitt fell to 7-6.

BEARS

Movers of the Midway

The Bears take 12,000 pounds of equipment with them when they travel. Meet the man who has been driving the truck for 30 years — surviving cancer and a heart attack along the way. It's a moving story, from Ditka to Nagy ... and everywhere in between.

STORY BY RICH CAMPBELL
PHOTOS BY JOHN J. KIM

Chicago Tribune

The 68-year-old man and the 350-pound trunk come through the doorway together and start up the ramp, one dominating the other. As if that weren't enough, three boxes of Gatorade powder sit atop the trunk. Ken Miller's need for efficiency outweighs the cargo.

It's approaching 2 p.m. on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. In less than 48 hours, the Bears and Lions will kick off in Detroit — 316 miles and a holiday rush hour from the Halas Hall loading dock.

Miller is bent at the waist with both arms extended, slowly but steadily pushing the navy trunk on wheels from the Bears equipment room toward the 40-foot semi-trailer he'll use to haul an estimated 12,000 pounds of supplies and equipment to the game.

"This," Miller says, "is nothing compared to carrying a dresser down a flight of stairs."

He would know. As the owner of Meyers Movers, Miller has helped move the Bears to and from games and everywhere in between since 1989.

Somewhere on his 30-year ride from that first training camp in Platteville, Wis., to this weekend's trip to East Rutherford, N.J., Miller became part of the Bears fabric.

His company has moved every coach since Dave Wannstedt and every top personnel executive since Mark Hatley. Meyers' Rolodex of player clients spans from Anthony Adams to Chris Zorich. Many of the names are familiar. Singletary and Dent. Cutler and Hester. Pace and Nagy.

"Ken is kind of like family," said Tony Medlin, the Bears' venerable head equipment manager. "What he does for the Bears, he goes over and beyond. It's his dedication, the way he always goes about getting it done right. He knows exactly what we need, and his role is just as important as everything else."

The move to Detroit is the eighth of 11 scheduled for road games this season. The NFL doesn't stop for holidays, and neither do Miller and his crew.

The Bears bring their uniform gear — helmets, pads, jerseys, etc. — on the team plane, but most of their equipment and supplies travel to most road games in Miller's truck.

And the Bears use tons of stuff for just one game.

Towels, jackets, shoes, thermals, medical supplies, collapsible training tables, football equipment, coolers, etc.

The most random item? Probably the pair of blue, metal stools. They're only 2 feet tall, but offensive line coach Harry Hiestand and defensive line coach Jay Rodgers like to sit low to talk to their players on the bench.

Having Miller drive all that stuff saves players an uncomfortable wait on a tarmac after a game while the plane is packed. It also allows United Airlines to charter the Bears a smaller plane.

Miller's passion for the work and the team has kept him lifting, pushing and driving through some recent health potholes. He had radiation for prostate cancer in the spring of 2016. Then he had a heart attack on the job at the Patriots' Gillette Stadium in August that year.

The latter is a heck of a story, part of the library Miller and his crew have amassed over countless miles and hours working for the Bears and people connected to the team.

Like when they moved Jim McMahon and rode with his pet gerbils in the cab so they wouldn't freeze in the trailer.

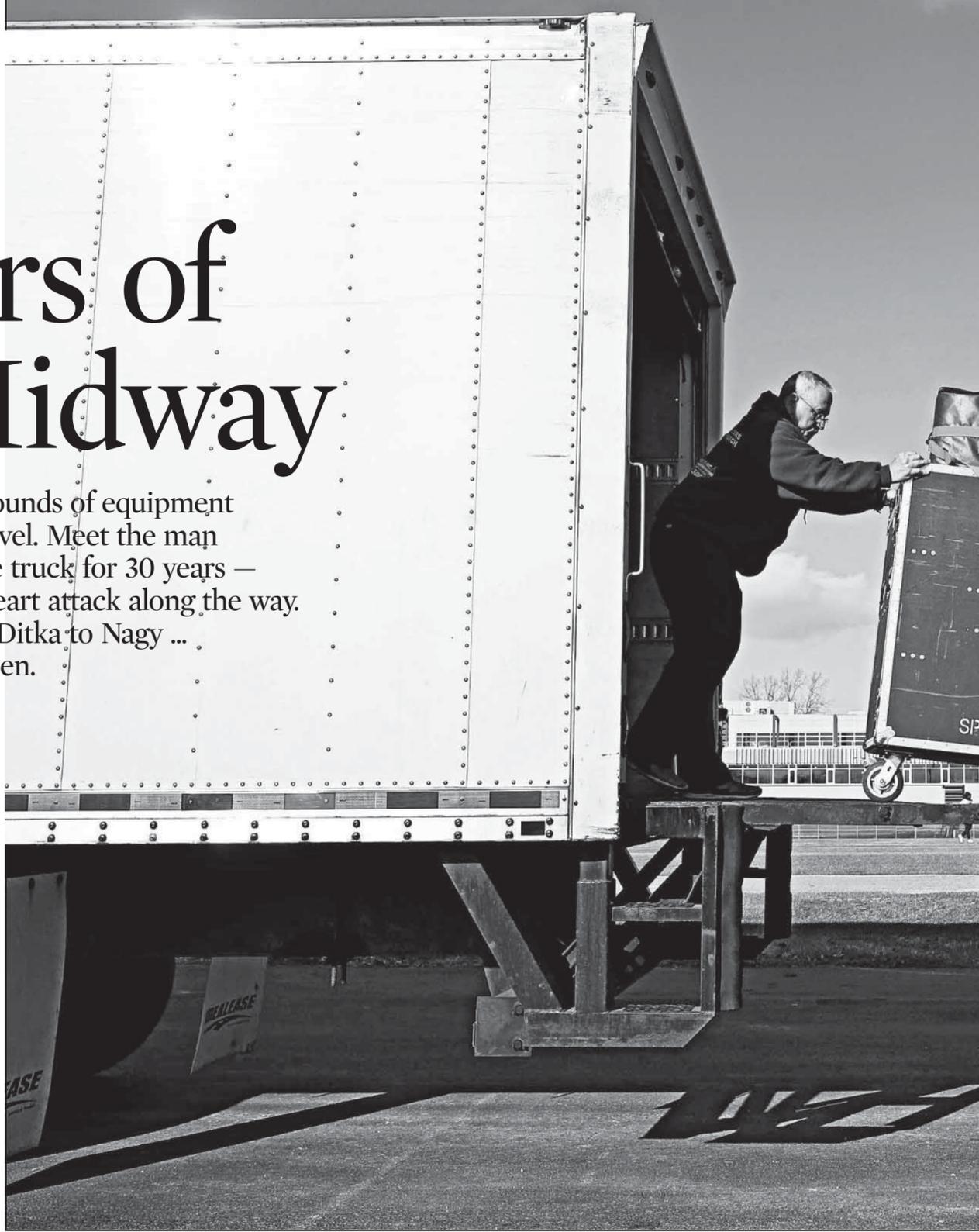
Or that time an old lady in Green Bay flipped off Miller after seeing the big Bears logo on the truck.

Or when they moved coach Matt Nagy from Overland Park, Kan., in June, and one of the crew members mentioned to the former Eagles assistant that he's an Eagles fan.

Nagy immediately dug into a box and gave him autographed photos of Michael Vick, LeSean McCoy and DeSean Jackson.

This move to Detroit should be more routine than colorful, but that's never a certainty. As Bears players do their walk-through to prepare for the Lions, Miller and his crew roll the last laundry tub onto the truck.

Miller climbs into the cab and settles in behind the wheel with his mini-cooler full of Diet Coke and oranges. Bryan Carlson, the Meyers Movers sales consultant and Miller's top lieutenant on Bears jobs, buckles in shotgun. They roll over to the Payton Center, where the team is practicing. One last item must be loaded.



HALAS HALL (LAKE FOREST)



Finally, the Bears are done using the JUGS machine. It goes in the trailer, and the door is locked. At 2:57 p.m., the truck growls past the Halas Hall security gate.

Miller is back on the road.

Tuesday p.m.

They're stuck on the Edens.

Miller and Carlson will have the luxury of a police escort after meeting the team plane at the Detroit airport Wednesday afternoon. On Tuesday, though, it takes two mind-numbing hours to go the 40 miles from Halas Hall to the Chicago Skyway's open road.

Miller likes to drive halfway to the destination two nights before the game, so Battle Creek, Mich., is the stopping point after nearly 4½ hours. Three tractor-trailers are parked together behind the Quality Inn near the FireKeepers casino, but Miller insists on parking his in front where it's better lit. A hotel staffer reluctantly acquiesces.

Miller and Carlson get cleaned up, trading their navy hoodies and Dickies pants for dinner attire. Miller wears a pine green Ralph Lauren cowl neck sweater and black pants to the casino. His full mustache befits a man who has devoted his life to lifting heavy objects.

Dinner is strategically located at the Dacey's Taphouse bar, where Miller can play three-card video poker. He orders the Cuban sandwich and his go-to cocktail, Diet Coke and Bacardi Limon. Carlson, 45, gets the short-rib tacos and a dark craft beer.

Now it's story time.

Miller flashes back to Sunday afternoon, Aug. 14, 2016. The Bears flew to Providence, R.I., for two practices with the Patriots in Foxborough, Mass., before playing them in an exhibition game that Thursday.

As Miller drove to the stadium from his airport rendezvous with the team, he felt too cold with the air conditioning on. Too hot with the window down. His shirt became soaked with sweat. He had pain in his jaw and left arm.

He tried to snap himself back to normal by walking around the stadium. "Miller, you don't look so good," Medlin said. Minutes after a Bears trainer took his pulse, he heard the sirens.

Three of Miller's arteries contained blockages. The heart attack required a stent to be inserted that night and two more inserted when he returned to Chicago five days later.

When Miller was hospitalized in New England, Bears Chairman George McCaskey visited alone. He asked Miller what he was going to do.

Miller broke down crying. "I just feel so loyal to this team," he recalled saying. "I want to be here when we get good again."

McCaskey assured him it was coming. Then he told Miller to get back to Chicago instead of working the game and driving the truck. Less than three weeks after the heart attack, though, he moved the Bears to Cleveland for the preseason finale.

"I was more worried about him living than working because he pushes himself so hard," said Linda Miller, Ken's wife and business partner. "It was pretty scary. He really hasn't slowed up much since then."

That's because he's magnetized to the work and the team. The games, the jobs and the relationships are everything.

Like when they moved Cutler and his family.

"Jay was great," Miller said. "He wanted to get in the truck and help."

"The hardest-working Bears player we've ever moved," Carlson added.

They've moved Cutler three times, in fact. Each time, the quarterback carried stuff out to the truck at the same pace as the movers. Carlson once encouraged Cutler to take it easy by saying Tom Brady wouldn't be so eager to help. That only strengthened Cutler's resolve.

And, as it turned out, he isn't just the hardest worker. He's the biggest tipper too.

Miller was always partial to Olin Kreutz. Maybe it was because Miller himself was an honorable-mention all-state center at Addison

Trail High School. Maybe it was because no one was happier and more effusive than Kreutz whenever the Bears won.

Miller's admiration goes all the way to the top of the organization. His company moved Virginia McCaskey into her brick ranch home in Des Plaines.

"She handwrote me a note," Miller said, "about what a great job the crew did."

After dinner, Miller wanders out into the casino in search of a hotter table than his video poker machine. Finding none, he turns in.

After all, he doesn't drink coffee or energy drinks on the road. He has never smoked. He relies on one thing to stay alert.

"A good night's sleep," he said. "Just go to bed."

Wednesday a.m.

Moving the Bears is a logistical labyrinth of pick-ups and drop-offs. Miller and Carlson run into twists all the time.

Miller says it's better to be early and wait than late and in trouble. Sure enough, they arrive at the Ford Field loading ramp to find another truck parked in front of the Bears locker room. They wait 75 minutes to unload.

For this move, Miller has dialed up the everyman game plan: He called able-bodied family. Miller's brother and nephew help unload the truck. For their trouble, they get tickets to the game.

Three Lions employees help the group carry coolers and push trunks into the visitor's locker room. They appreciate the freedom to help.

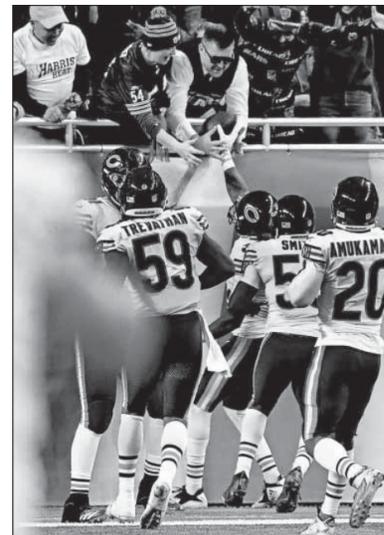
When the Packers visit, they prohibit Lions movers and equipment guys from entering the room. They've also been known to bring a giant rug with the "G" logo to make it feel more like home. With the Bears in town, there are none of those shenanigans.

Moving has always been a family affair for Miller. His maternal grandfather was William Meyers, who started the company in Elmhurst in 1926 hauling coal and ice.



“I just feel so loyal to this team. I want to be here when we get good again.”

— Ken Miller, owner of Meyers Movers, to Bears Chairman George McCaskey from his hospital bed in 2016. Miller had suffered a heart attack while on the job for a Bears-Patriots preseason game in Foxborough, Mass.



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A MOVE IN THE LIFE

Ken Miller (older, with glasses) and right-hand man Bryan Carlson (in varying Bears hats) tow the Bears equipment for road games, usually stopping at a hotel — about halfway between Halas Hall and the game site — two nights before kickoff. This particular trip had a happy ending, with Eddie Jackson's interception return for a touchdown highlighting the Bears' Thanksgiving Day win over the Lions.

Miller bought the company from his parents in 1974. He and Linda have run it ever since. Now they have an office and warehouse in Itasca, but until 1987 they ran it out of their house — the same home Miller has lived in since 1956.

“I'm not a big fan of moving,” he cracks. “We know what a hassle it is,” Carlson says.

Miller actually likes the driving part just fine. He passes the hours with SiriusXM satellite radio. His favorite station is Classic Vinyl. His foot taps when they play Creedence Clearwater Revival, Lynyrd Skynyrd and the Beatles.

He also listens to Howard Stern and Doctor Radio, the latter a stream of medical programming. After the Thanksgiving game, he listened to the other two NFL games.

Miller's preferred road snack is dry cereal from the previous hotel's breakfast buffet. To Detroit he brought several small boxes of Fruit Loops.

Being away from Linda and the two great-grandkids on holidays like this is normal. One year, Miller moved the Wannstedts on Mother's Day. Dave's wife, Jan, sent Miller's wife flowers.

“His dedication is unending,” Linda said. “He's an Energizer bunny, and he comes from a long line of them.”

That's evident to folks on the Bears' side too. Miller earned Medlin's trust over the years, job after meticulous job.

That first move of Mike Ditka's team to training camp went well. When Wannstedt replaced Ditka, Miller's crew moved the whole staff in.



They were instrumental during the renovation of Soldier Field and surviving the displaced 2002 season in Champaign.

Medlin admits to setting traps early in the partnership. He would test Miller by leaving a jersey or a box where it shouldn't be.

“We've been pretty flawless, I can tell you that,” Miller said. “And it has to be that way.”

Thanksgiving a.m.

As kickoff approaches, Miller and Carlson enter a glorious window in which pregame duties are complete and their postgame jobs cannot be started. That allows them an up-close-and-personal game experience that both lifelong Bears fans cherish, especially now that the team is winning again.

Miller is sitting on the Bears bench watching the specialists kick on a mostly empty field. Carlson is walking around the team area on the sideline.

Carlson has been friends with Ken's son since they were kids. Linda was their Cub

Scout den mother when Carlson was in third grade. He began helping with moves at age 13.

Ken, a Bears season ticket holder since 1971, took Carlson to his first Bears game with Carlson's dad. It was November 1985, and the Falcons were a speed bump on that team's path to immortality. Carlson's dad died three years later, so, in many ways, Miller has been like a father to him.

“Bryan is as loyal as a bloodhound,” Miller said. “He's very honest, and he loves what he's doing.”

Walter Payton was Carlson's favorite player. He never moved anything for Payton personally, but he did help Meyers Movers collect and donate all the toys that were brought to Payton's public memorial ceremony in 1999.

And he did meet Payton at Studebakers, Payton's Schaumburg nightclub, in the mid-1990s.

Carlson approached with a request to shake the hand of the greatest running back of all time.

Payton asked Carlson his name and said it was nice to meet him. Then, as Carlson walked away, Payton called out.

“Hey, Bryan,” he said.

“Yeah, Walter?” Carlson asked, hoping for some memorable parting words.

Payton nodded and whispered, “Your fly — your fly is down.”

“I'm like, seriously?” Carlson recalled. “I look, and he goes, ‘I got you, man! I got you!’”

That was more thrilling, certainly, than the 3½ hours Carlson spent holding up shades for Bears players on the sideline at the Dolphins game in October.

Yes, he was one of the poor souls who did that brutal job under the searing sun. Mitch Trubisky did thank him during the game, at least.

Carlson takes it all in with a smile. This is his first season traveling to every road game. He hopes eventually to take Miller's place as the company's lead on Bears moves.

“I would be very honored because I know how much it means to Ken and everything he has done to build up this relationship with the Bears,” Carlson said. “And to start with, I'd be a little nervous. There's a ton of responsibility on his shoulders to take care of the team.”

Thanksgiving p.m.

Miller and Carlson receive more than a few high-fives in the Bears tunnel after they come back to beat the Lions. Defensive backs coach Ed Donatell, whom Carlson has moved three times, shakes his hand and hugs him.

Now it's go time. Ninety minutes after the game ends, the team buses are leaving for the airport. The moving truck needs to be packed and in that police escort.

Inside the locker room it's organized chaos. Medlin sets the course, and everyone knows his role in packing the equipment and loading it in the truck. Carlson's red hair is dripping sweat from underneath his Bears hat.

The energy is so much livelier after a victory. It's why Miller isn't about to pull off the road now. Not with the team at 8-3 and pushing toward the playoffs. On Thursday morning, he began the 14-hour drive to Sunday's Giants game.

“Until I stop getting goosebumps during the national anthem, I'm going to continue to do it,” he said. “When the thrill of the game is gone, it's time to stop.”

After the victory in Detroit, it's as strong as ever.

It's 4:51 p.m., only 70 minutes after the high-fives in the tunnel. Miller is backing his loaded truck up the ramp. Four team buses go ahead of him before he slots in ahead of the final bus.

The police escort pulls away from Ford Field. With Medlin and Carlson in the cab, Miller turns the truck left onto Brush Street. He'll drop off Medlin and some equipment on the tarpac, then begin the drive.

Miller hits the gas and tugs the horn, his road victory tradition.

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BEARS

Corners picked off the market

Large investments in Fuller, Amukamara paying off big



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The best compliment you can pay Kyle Fuller and the Bears — even better than saying he's deserving of Pro Bowl recognition — is that he has been worth the money.

The Bears turned heads in March when they swiftly matched the offer sheet Fuller signed with the rival Packers, a four-year, \$56 million contract that made him the fifth-highest-paid cornerback in the NFL, averaging \$14 million per year. The Packers obviously believed Fuller was worth the investment in a deal they front-loaded with the goal of discouraging the Bears from matching. But Fuller's windfall came on the heels of only one strong season, not a string of them.

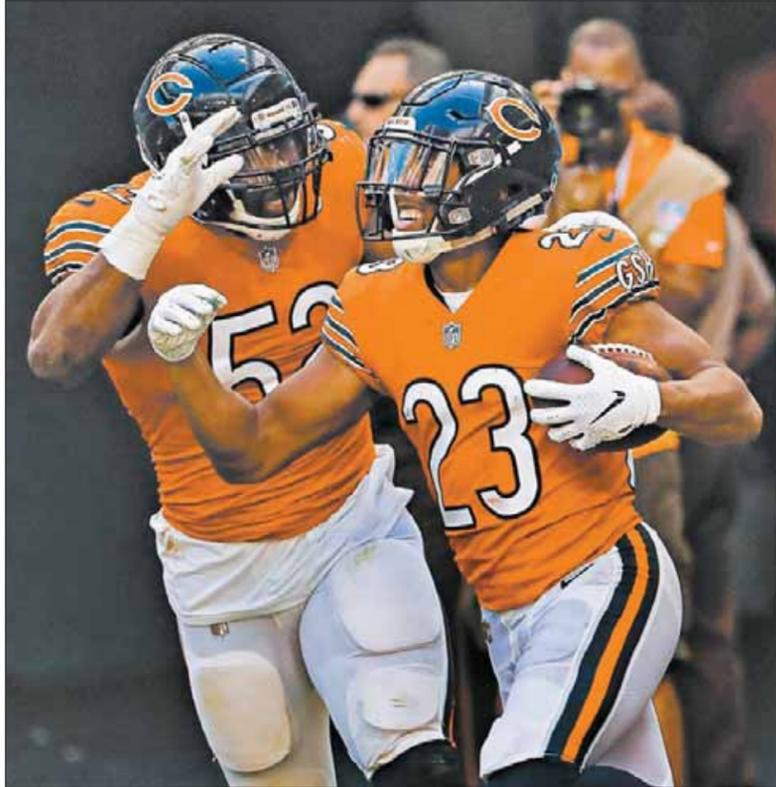
The Bears locked up Fuller two days after they re-signed Prince Amukamara to a three-year, \$27 million contract with \$18 million guaranteed, a curious deal to personnel men around the league after he played through three consecutive prove-it years as a steady but unspectacular performer.

Both contracts have proved to be money well-spent as the Bears (8-3) prepare for Sunday's road game with the Giants (3-8) and dangerous wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr.

If performance dictates Pro Bowl voting — and it should — Fuller should have his name called when rosters are announced Dec. 18. He leads the NFL with 20 passes defended and is tied for second with five interceptions. He has been every bit the elite cover man the Bears saw develop a year ago. At 26, he's not a building block in the secondary; he's a star on one of the best defenses in the league.

The Falcons are the only team spending more on their starting cornerbacks — \$23.25 million per year on average for Desmond Trufant (\$13.75 million) and Robert Alford (\$9.5 million) — than the Bears are at \$23 million for Fuller and Amukamara. The Titans (\$22.25 million for Malcolm Butler and Logan Ryan) and Jets (\$21.5 million for Trumaine Johnson and Mo Claiborne) are the only other teams spending more than \$20 million annually on their starting corners.

The Bears have the best pass defense of that group. While they're 11th in passing yards allowed, they're No. 1 in opponent passer rating (78.3) and No. 3 in yards per



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Bears cornerback Kyle Fuller (23), celebrating with Khalil Mack, has five interceptions.

attempt (6.7). Certainly the pressure the front seven is generating is a big reason for the secondary's success. They work hand in hand. The Bears have been playing well in the back end, and that's reflected by more than their NFL-leading 20 interceptions.

The pass rush speeds up the clock for the quarterback, and that does two things for the cornerbacks. First, they don't have to cover as long, and second, they can be a little more aggressive.

OBJ, you're next

Beckham (74 receptions, 1,017 yards, five touchdowns) is the latest elite receiver the Bears will encounter after Stefon Diggs, Adam Thielen, Mike Evans, Larry Fitzgerald and Davante Adams. Fuller isn't fazed by the challenge.

"No more than any other good receiver," Fuller said. "He's a shifty receiver, good catch radius, he can make a lot of plays in the air. That just means you have to be in position."

The Giants will look to get the ball to Beckham often, but that hasn't stopped him from being critical of quarterback Eli Manning, first-year coach Pat Shurmur and the offense in general, months after the Giants rewarded him with a \$95 million contract. He's fourth in the league with 115 targets, just 10 off the leader, so it's not like he's being overlooked.

"I wish he would create the headlines by his play on the field as opposed to what he says and what he does off the field," Giants owner John Mara told reporters at a league meeting in October. "He needs to do a little more playing and a little less talking."

Beckham has the ability to turn a shallow cross into a house call. He's physical enough to break the tackle of a safety with the speed to outrun any defender to the end zone. It will be interesting to see how defensive coordinator Vic Fangio schemes him.

"Anytime you get an opportunity to go up against guys like Odell, you definitely want to maximize it," said Amukamara,

BEARS SCOUTING REPORT GIANTS RB SAQUON BARKLEY

Information for this report was obtained from NFL scouts.

Rookie Saquon Barkley (6 feet, 233 pounds) was drafted second by the Giants, becoming the highest-drafted running back since the Saints selected Reggie Bush in the same slot in 2006. He has lived up to the draft status, scoring five touchdowns (three rushing, two receiving) in the last two weeks. Barkley is fourth in the NFL with 829 rushing yards and ranks third with 242 touches. He has 71 receptions (tied with Christian McCaffrey for most by a back) for 581 yards and four touchdowns.

"What he's improved on compared to college and even at the start of the season is he's hitting the hole much harder now on inside runs," a scout said.

"He's 6 foot, 233 pounds and he runs a low 4.4 40 — he's an extremely explosive athlete, versatile athlete and he wants to be in space. Early this season, he would try to bounce the ball outside a lot. Now you're seeing him take inside zone or an inside power play and he's hitting it in between the tackles. The special thing about it is on top of that, he still has the home-run ability and the versatility to catch the ball out of the backfield."

who was teammates with Beckham for two seasons in New York. "I am sure he is not the same guy he was when I was there. I am sure he's much better. He's passionate. He's high-intensity no matter what."

One thing the Bears have done a nice job of is blending zone coverage on one side with man on the opposite side, blurring the lines for the quarterback. They could call cloud coverage to Beckham's side, which would provide safety help over the top, and lock up the other side with man coverage, something Fangio has shown this season.

The Bears start with a two-high safety look on most snaps and then shift, often moving one toward the line of scrimmage. The defense is rarely in a static zone, and the Bears have done a really nice job of defending the seams. All of it plays into the overall aggressiveness of the defense.

By bringing back the entire secondary, including nickel cornerback Bryce Callahan, the Bears have a unit that understands the scheme. Turns out the investments were pretty wise.

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NFC FROM A TO Z

49ers: CB Richard Sherman returns to Seattle a week after allowing 100 yards receiving for the sixth time in his career.

Bears: Safety Eddie Jackson has scored in three of the last four games. He has a 65-yard fumble return and two pick-6s.

Buccaneers: With 10½ sacks, Jason Pierre-Paul is the first Bucs player to reach double digits since Simeon Rice.

Cardinals: Chandler Jones is the only player with at least 11 sacks in each of the last three seasons. He's on pace for 16.

Cowboys: Jerry Jones said after the upset of the Saints on Thursday: "This team will never be the same again."

Eagles: Quarterback Carson Wentz has a passer rating of 100 or better in six of the last seven games.

Falcons: Matt Ryan leads the NFL with 3,683 passing yards but has been sacked 33 times — 14 on this three-game skid.

Giants: They have allowed 38 sacks, the second most in the NFL. The defense has 14 sacks, the second fewest in the league.

Lions: Matthew Stafford has thrown three touchdown passes and four interceptions over his last four games.

Packers: Davante Adams is the only player with 70 catches and 10 receiving TDs in each of the last three seasons.

Panthers: Christian McCaffrey became the first Panther to have 100-plus yards rushing and receiving in the same game.

Rams: Brandin Cooks needs 36 yards to become the first with 1,000 receiving yards for three straight seasons for three teams.

Redskins: Josh Norman has 11 picks and 11 forced fumbles since 2014, the only player with more than 10 in each category.

Saints: Drew Brees threw for 127 yards Thursday, the second straight week he has been held to fewer than 200.

Seahawks: Russell Wilson passed for a season-high 339 yards last week with his helmet speaker having serious issues.

Vikings: Adam Thielen is the first Vikings receiver with nine 100-yard games in a season.

AFC FROM A TO Z

Bengals: After a 4-1 start, they have lost five of six. Jeff Driskel gets his first NFL start Sunday against the Broncos.

Bills: Josh Allen set a franchise record for quarterbacks with 99 rushing yards last week and got his fourth rushing TD.

Broncos: Phillip Lindsay needs 33 yards to become the first Broncos rookie to reach 1,000 since Knowshon Moreno.

Browns: In the three games since firing Hue Jackson and Todd Haley, Baker Mayfield has nine TD passes and one INT.

Chargers: Philip Rivers was 19-for-19 in the first half, the first perfect first half (minimum 15 passes) since Warren Moon.

Chiefs: How will they respond after the team released Kareem Hunt after a video surfaced of him kicking a woman?

Colts: Andrew Luck has thrown TD passes to 12 receivers. The NFL record is 13 (Matt Ryan in 2016 and Drew Brees this year).

Dolphins: Ryan Tannehill's passer rating of 97.2 ranks 15th in the league and is a career high.

Jaguars: They have dropped seven straight after a 3-1 start and turn to Cody Kessler, who was 0-8 for the Browns in 2016.

Jets: Jason Myers' five field goals of 55 yards or longer are the most by a kicker in a single season.

Patriots: They had 215 rushing yards last week in a victory over the Jets, their most since 2014.

Raiders: Derek Carr has gone six straight games without an interception, one shy of Rich Gannon's franchise record.

Ravens: They have 509 rushing yards over the last two games, 233 from undrafted rookie running back Gus Edwards.

Steelers: Ben Roethlisberger has thrown for 450-plus yards six times this season, including last week against the Broncos.

Texans: Deshaun Watson can set a franchise record by throwing a touchdown pass in his 17th straight game.

Titans: Marcus Mariota had a completion percentage of 95.7 on Monday.

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'It's what I'm about'

Former Bulls star puts his money where his mouth is and makes a dream come true for 3 'Rose Scholars'

BY K.C. JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

As the daughter of Cuban immigrants, Jenny Ortiz knows a little something about overcoming adversity to chase dreams. She's the first in her family to graduate from high school and first to earn a college degree.

So when her son, Alberto, approached her in excited fashion about applying for a college scholarship through Derrick Rose's newly launched Rose Scholars program, her motherly instincts flared.

"We didn't want to lower the expectation because he was really dead set on it and thought it would be a huge honor," Ortiz said. "But we knew there were only three national winners. We knew it was a far shot. We were kind of leery because his heart was so invested."

What might've stereotypically seemed to complicate matters even further was this detail: "I can't even play basketball," Alberto said. "Like, at all."

But Rose's program, like much of his story, doesn't fit into convention. The scholarships were designed to reward leaders, to recognize community service, to honor perseverance.

Applicants, according to the official entry page, needed to have "Motivation. Ambition. Drive. Creativity. Organization.

Effort." They were asked to submit a 600-word essay on a topic of their choosing and post on social media an example of their community leadership.

The academic requirements, while not easy, were not exclusionary — 3.0 grade-point average or higher and either a 1230 SAT or 21 ACT score.

"They cared about who I was as a person and not just who I was for four hours during a test," Madison Carmouche-Soward said. "This made me feel more comfortable."

Rose's story is all about perseverance. Raised in Englewood with his two older brothers by a single mother who worked to make ends meet, his meteoric rise to NBA stardom with his hometown Bulls was balanced by a devastating run of four knee surgeries and, almost shockingly, brief unemployment in February.

Instead, Rose signed a minimum contract to play for Tom Thibodeau — his former Bulls coach — in Minnesota. And he captivated the league with a 50-point game this season, a testament to him embracing his reserve role. Now he's vying to become the first player to win both MVP and Sixth Man of the Year.

The Rose Scholars program, which Rose's longtime agent, B.J. Armstrong, and agency Wasserman assisted in

creating, was born out of him finding peace with where he is in his life and career.

"It's what I'm about," Rose said. "If you're trying to add to society, that's where I feel you. I understand that. That's why I wanted to branch off and do something like this. After I'm gone (from the NBA) or I'm older, I can really be hands-on with it. It also gives my kids something to look at and be proud of their Pops for."

This isn't Rose's first foray into educational service. In September 2014, he donated \$1 million to After School Matters, a Chicago-based charity that provides out-of-school opportunities for teenagers.

"Coming from where I come from, you just try to help kids out," he said. "I think these scholarships are a great start. You're not only helping the individual out, but you're helping the community out and you're helping the family too. You never know that position that scholarship may put them in. It's all about just looking out for and blessing the youth while I can."

Gabriel Lee, of Phoenix, won the grand prize of \$200,000. Carmouche-Soward, of Huntsville, Ala., earned a \$20,000 scholarship. And Ortiz, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., won \$10,000.

These are their stories.



Gabriel Lee (\$200,000)

In fifth grade, Lee's advanced academic skills prompted teachers to give him sixth grade curriculum. Lee sat in the back of the classroom, isolated from his peers, but devising a plan. He asked to skip sixth grade.

"I had adults questioning me, a lot of backlash about it," Lee said. "I was trying to challenge the status quo. That was actually my first true test. That strengthened my mental will. But I was able to get through it with the help of my parents and friends."

That's because his parents weren't surprised. Lee always acted beyond his years.

"At 3 years old, he was telling people he was 5," his father, Mike, said.

Lee took this route because of his eagerness to start accomplishing his life goals. He wrote his application essay about his decision and the inclusiveness he tried to offer to anyone who also felt isolated — in any way — by their life choices.

"People were inspired because I ignored all the noise and stayed true to me and kept grinding, kept working hard," Lee said. "I advised younger people to talk to me whenever they needed to talk about maybe something personal."

"In high school, I'd take kids out and get them shoes or clothes or food, whatever they needed, just so they felt like they weren't alone. That way, they could truly do something great. We're all here with a purpose and we all can add something great to the world."

Lee stayed a grade ahead and graduated from Moon Valley High School a year early, which is why he was in his dorm room at Michigan State as a 17-year-old freshman when he found out he won the grand prize. He said he couldn't talk for a few minutes because he was so overwhelmed. He said he can get extra sleep now because he doesn't have to comb the Internet looking for scholarships and can do less work study.

He can focus on his classwork and his current dream to be an athletic trainer. He might major in kinesiology.

"College is stressful enough, and when you have to worry about trying to get it paid for, it can become unbearable very quickly," Lee said.

Of the three winners, Lee is the only avid NBA fan.

"When Derrick first came into the NBA, he made an immediate impact," he said. "You could see right away he was going to be something special. It hurt to see him go down and then fight back and then go down again."

"Now he's showing what those years could've been and what the future can be. It's inspiring to me and to others."



Madison Carmouche-Soward (\$20,000)

Carmouche-Soward had just finished a book bank drive in which she raised money and bought books and supplies to fill 50 backpacks for elementary school students when she heard about the Rose Scholars program on the radio.

Her community service — the center of her application essay — exceeded her NBA knowledge.

"As a kid, I thought the NBA was called 'ShaqKobe' because we lived in California and we were big Lakers fans," she said, laughing.

Her mother said Carmouche-Soward would scream "ShaqKobe" at the TV as a toddler no matter what NBA game played. Still, a love for sports and service bloomed.

She played basketball — "I wasn't very good," Carmouche-Soward said — soccer and gymnastics. She volunteered at elementary schools and retirement communities and on political campaigns. According to her mother, Carmouche-Soward already has logged 1,000 hours of community service.

A competitive gymnast, she combined the two passions at age 12 when she'd volunteer to coach toddlers every Saturday morning.

"My daughter is really active in sports and has a 4.0 GPA," her mother, Millicent Carmouche, said. "But the most important thing about her to me is how she cares about other people and how she reaches out to her community without even being asked. She has a big heart. I love how this scholarship encompasses the whole person."

Now on the competitive cheer team, she got surprised by her school principal at Bob Jones High School's final football game with news of her stipend. She already has been accepted into three schools and is awaiting word from her first choice, Spelman College in Atlanta.

She is leaning toward majoring in international studies with a minor in Spanish and considering law school after her undergraduate studies.

"A lot of the times when you feel like things aren't going your way and you want to give up, you don't," Carmouche-Soward said. "Derrick's a great example of that. It's just a really big blessing to pay honor to what this scholarship means."

"The most important thing about her to me is how she cares about other people."

— Millicent Carmouche, Madison's mother



Alberto Ortiz (\$10,000)

This summer, Ortiz took a monthlong intro-to-education course at Tennessee-Chattanooga as part of the state's Governor's Schools program, an initiative for motivated students who are nominated by their faculty.

He was starting his senior thesis for Blackman High School on the effects of poverty on education and what teachers can do to help when he heard about the Rose Scholars program on the news.

"My family has a history of poverty," Ortiz said. "When I was writing my essay, it all kind of fell together. My essay placed a lot of impetus on the struggle and how I could grow up to use this opportunity and help change the world in the future."

Ortiz detailed how his father started working at 14 before joining the Marines, how his mother, who had him as a teenager, worked to put herself through college.

"They both had to overcome all these obstacles," Ortiz said. "And they gave me a better life. I learned you have to be thankful for what you have. And understand that your parents are just doing the best they can for you."

When the Ortiz family took the call informing them that Alberto's long-shot dream of winning the scholarship came true, Jenny said one of Rose's representatives talked about meeting expectations in school to uphold the integrity of the award.

"He has talked a lot about what an honor it is to be able to say he's one of the first three Rose Scholars," Jenny Ortiz said. "He's like, 'I'm not going to let them down. I'm going to make an impact with this.' This has renewed his motivation to go to college and make something out of it. It's been cool to watch."

"He knows everyone's cards aren't dealt the same. And so you have to work with what you're given and move forward. It's made him into the young man that he is."

Rose made clear that thought went into having just three winners.

"A lot of people look at it where it's like, 'Man, it's only a certain amount of kids who's getting it.' I'm like, 'What?' There's a competitive side to education too," Rose said. "You get kids who get mad when they get B's. Why shouldn't the kid who's getting all A's get an extra look? They bust their butt just like a sports player."

Alberto wants to study media marketing or business at Middle Tennessee State, where he has been accepted. He already has designs on graduate school as well.

With wind in his sails from the Rose Scholars program, his future accomplishments seem limitless.

BULLS

ROCKETS 121, BULLS 105

‘Excited to get back out there’

Markkanen's long-awaited return should give Bulls lift

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

HOUSTON — The Bulls were two games better than last season's record when a certain tough-to-match-up-with power forward returned after missing 23 games.

A 121-105 loss to the Rockets on Saturday night at the Toyota Center automatically prevents history from repeating itself because Nikola Mirotic last season sparked an unexpected seven-game winning streak and 10-2 mark when he returned from facial fractures with the Bulls mired at 3-20.

But Lauri Markkanen's unexpected return from his right elbow injury, which should be followed in the next week or two by Kris Dunn and Bobby Portis, injects a jolt of energy into a moribund season plagued by widespread injury.

They need it. The Bulls (5-19) have lost six straight and 10 of 11.

Markkanen admitted to some nerves and came off the bench for the first time as a Bull, scoring 10 points in just over 25 minutes in his season debut. He hit 4 of 14 shots, including 2 of 6 3-pointers, and had four rebounds.

"I felt good," Markkanen said. "I had no problems with my elbow, so that's a positive. (I) missed some easy shots, but I think I played decent defense. I just got to get my legs back."

James Harden's 30 points led the Rockets. Zach LaVine's 29 led the Bulls, while Jabari Parker posted his fourth double-double in seven games with 21 points and 12 rebounds.

"Lauri was telling me on the bench he was disappointed in how he played," LaVine said. "I was just happy to see him out there."

After missing 18 of 21 3-pointers Friday in Detroit, the Bulls shot just 8-for-32 from that distance. Justin Holiday extended his franchise-record streak with at least one 3-pointer to 35 games but missed seven of eight.

The Bulls had discussed internally a Markkanen return Tuesday at the Pacers. And coach Fred Hoiberg said last week that Markkanen would need "at least a week" of work after being cleared for contact. But Markkanen underwent two contact practices and multiple individual workouts without issue.

So the Bulls decided to play him against the Rockets, nine weeks and two days after he badly sprained his right elbow on the third day of training camp. Markkanen's return fell outside the initial estimated timeline of six to eight weeks but within the latest timeline of eight to 10 weeks.

"Conditioning is definitely different than game shape," Markkanen said. "I'm probably not going to feel normal (for a bit), but it's the first step."

Sporting a large protective sleeve, Markkanen checked in at the 4-minute, 32-second mark of the first quarter. He missed his first jumper badly, barely hitting the rim, but sank a 3-pointer on his next attempt.

"I'm not worried about my shot," Markkanen said.

Added Hoiberg: "I liked his aggressiveness. I liked seeing him going to the hole without any reservation. He took some shots that he'll make."

The schedule sets up nicely for Markkanen, who will start at power forward perhaps as early as Tuesday. Hoiberg said while certain lineups will feature Parker and Markkanen together at power forward and center, "it's also about getting (Parker) reacclimated to playing (small forward)." Hoiberg quickly shelved the idea of playing Parker at small forward in the preseason but tried him there in stretches Saturday.

The Bulls play Tuesday and then not until Friday. The latter game begins a back-to-back set of home games against the Thunder and Celtics. Markkanen has been cleared to handle back-to-backs.

"We will be careful with his minutes," Hoiberg said. "We'll have constant communication while he's on the floor to see if he needs a break to get his wind, but he's done a great job of preparing himself for this moment."

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Rockets guard James Harden drives past the Bulls' Jabari Parker during Saturday's game in Houston.

BLACKHAWKS



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Jeremy Colliton's Blackhawks would have to go on a tear just to reach the playoffs.

The truth fairy says: Hawks stink

JIMMY GREENFIELD
On the Hawks

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — There was a moment toward the end of Jeremy Colliton's news conference

Thursday night after the Blackhawks' 6-5 road loss to the Jets when the first-year coach was asked how to get his team to raise its compete level.

"We've got to tell the truth to the team and then they need to respond," Colliton said.

That's an excellent idea. The Hawks — and their fans — need to hear the truth about this team.

The truth is this is not a playoff team, not in the standings and no matter what Hawks President John McDonough said on the day Joel Quenneville was fired. There's no evidence they're close to making a run at the postseason despite a 6-2-2 start that served only to prolong Quenneville's tenure a bit longer and tease an excited fan base.

Look at it this way: The final team to earn a postseason berth in the Western Conference last season had 95 points. For the Hawks (9-13-5) to reach that total, they would need to go 32-15-8 over their final 55 games.

Think that can happen? Including Saturday, the Hawks haven't held a lead during any of their last six games and had only five regulation wins all season.

The truth is Colliton did wonders in Sweden, impressed everyone who crossed his path in Rockford and deserves far more than 11 games before making snap judgments about whether he can succeed as an NHL head coach.

But it's not too early to wonder if his hiring sent mixed messages. On the one hand, the Hawks front office has made it clear it thinks this is a playoff team. On the other, it hired a 33-year-old rookie coach who installed new systems and talked about his first month as being like a second training camp.

This would be difficult for a team with world-class players up and down the lineup. The Hawks have a hard enough time finding two good lines and a top defensive pairing.

The truth is a little positivity won't go a

The truth is a little positivity won't go a long way if the talent isn't there.

long way if the talent isn't there. After losing to the Jets, Duncan Keith was asked if it's up to the veterans to keep the younger players upbeat.

"This is the NHL," Keith replied. "It's not really a developmental league. It's about winning. It's about results. That makes it more fun. Winning. Winning games."

The truth is Bowman should approach Keith, who has a reasonable contract, and see if he would be willing to waive his no-movement clause and accept a trade to a playoff contender. With four years left after this one and a reasonable salary-cap hit of \$5.538 million, he would bring back enough assets to help expedite the rebuild.

The truth is the Hawks are in a rebuild, no matter what they're calling it. Can they turn things around fast? Not this season, but there's ample cap room next year — though there's no certainty they would be an attractive destination for free agents who want to win now.

The Sabres finished with the worst record in the league a year ago and had the NHL's best record before their 10-game winning streak ended Thursday night. The Hawks are nowhere near pulling off that kind of turnaround.

The truth is general manager Stan Bowman is almost certainly not losing his job, nor should he. I know the majority of Hawks fans I hear from via Twitter, Facebook and email disagree, but firing him now would be far too disruptive.

The truth is most NHL teams lead lives of quiet desperation, to paraphrase a writer who knew something about frozen ponds, and the Hawks are taking their turn after a decade of success few dreamed possible.

The truth is it's likely going to get worse before it gets better.

The truth hurts.

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Another slow start — and loss

Familiar problem: Hawks surrender 3 goals in 1st 4:11

By JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The first-place Predators were without four of their best players, including P.K. Subban, Viktor Arvidsson and Filip Forsberg.

The sixth-place Blackhawks got back Henri Jokiharju after a two-game absence and have been a pretty healthy bunch.

It seemed like a fair fight. Instead, it was another first-period knockout.

The injury-riddled Predators ran roughshod over the Hawks, scoring three times in the first 4 minutes, 11 seconds on their way to a 5-2 win at Bridgestone Arena. Kevin Fiala, Eeli Tolvanen and Ryan Johansen scored the Predators' first three goals, all on barely contested shots in front of the net.

The Hawks' first-period problems showed no signs of abating. They allowed four more goals and have been outscored 17-4 in their last six opening frames.

"I don't know how to explain that one tonight," Hawks captain Jonathan Toews said. "I don't know if it's lack of effort again or if it's just mistakes that we can't be making, but we seem to correct the course the rest of the game."

The Hawks were without Duncan Keith for the majority of the game; he was ejected with 12:42 left in the first period. After Keith was checked hard into the boards near mid-ice by Miikka Salomaki, he tried to instigate a fight but was separated from Salomaki.

Alex DeBrincat came over to support Keith and took on 6-foot-1, 207-pound defenseman Matt Irwin, who has 7 inches and more than 40 pounds on DeBrincat. While that bout was going on, Keith sought out Salomaki again, and they rolled around for a few seconds before being pulled apart.

For a team seeking a way to find its way, perhaps a change began with Keith's emotional response and DeBrincat having his teammate's back.

"At some point some sort of response was needed," Keith said. "So nice to see DeBrincat get in there. I don't expect that but I'll remember that."

Keith picked up five penalties during the near-melee, including minors for roughing and instigating, a fighting major, a 10-minute misconduct and a game misconduct. It was the second time this season Keith was ejected in the opening minutes, leaving the team down a man for most of the game.

"We want to be smart about how we retaliate," Toews said. "But I'd rather our guys show some emotion and stick up for one another rather than not. Obviously, Cat's not the biggest guy, but it's really nice to see him drop his gloves like that."

The Hawks lost for the fifth time in six games to drop to 9-13-5, including 3-7-2 since Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton took over after Joel Quenneville was fired.

"We're not going to give up," coach Jeremy Colliton said.

"It's our job to be relentless. We will respond. That's what I believe, and we'll go from there."

BLACKHAWKS NOTES

Kahun-Kampf duo has it together

By JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

NASHVILLE — Dominik Kahun began the season playing on a line with Jonathan Toews and Alex DeBrincat. But shortly after Jeremy Colliton took over as coach, he moved the rookie forward to a line with David Kampf.

After a slow start the pair has started to produce. Entering Saturday's game, the two had combined for six points in the last three games, including Thursday's 6-5 loss to the Jets in which John Hayden joined them and added a goal and assist.

"Kampf and Kahun had a lot of good chemistry over the last few many games," Colliton said. "It seems like whomever goes there it's a fit. Hayden was no exception. I thought (Hayden) was pretty good with (Toews)."

Hello, old friend: Ten months after the Hawks traded Ryan Hartman, the forward finally faced his former club Saturday. It was his 48th game since the trade — 57th if you include last season's playoffs — and he had been waiting for it.

"I was telling some of the guys that this game has been circled for a while on my calendar," Hartman said.

With seven goals in 26 games this season, Hartman was on pace to top his career high of 19 goals, set when he was a rookie in 2016-17.

"My game is the same," Hartman said. "(I'm) playing hard, our team's doing well, top of the standings. Each and every night competing. It's fun hockey."

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL



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Northwestern's Dererk Pardon (5) loses the ball under pressure from Indiana forward Juwan Morgan.

INDIANA 68, NORTHWESTERN 66

Cats drop a tight one

Pardon's 24 not enough as Big Ten opener goes to Hoosiers, Langford

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Romeo Langford scored 20 points, including the go-ahead basket with 39 seconds remaining, and Juwan Morgan had 17 points and 12 rebounds, leading Indiana to a 68-66 victory over Northwestern on Saturday in the Big Ten opener for both teams.

In a close game throughout — neither team led by more than five — the Wildcats (6-2) appeared to have momentum on their side late. Morgan, who came in averaging

16.1 points and 8.3 rebounds, left the game with an apparent right leg injury with 3:20 to play, and Vic Law's layup 54 seconds later gave NU a 63-62 lead.

A Justin Smith free throw tied it, then Langford delivered, hitting a floater between two defenders to give Indiana (6-2) the lead for good.

"He is a terrific scorer and player," Northwestern coach Chris Collins said of Langford. "He made a leaning, 14-foot shot under pressure. That's what really good players do. Credit to him for a big-time play."

Added Indiana coach Archie Miller on his star freshman: "He had his best all-around game without question."

After Langford's basket, Smith's layup extended the lead to four before Law's long 3-pointer off the glass with 3.9 seconds left pulled the Wildcats within 67-66. Indiana's Rob Phinisee made the second of two free-throw attempts for a two-point lead, and Ryan Taylor's potential winning 3-point heave from just inside half-court missed at the buzzer.

Dererk Pardon had 24 points on 11-of-15 shooting and added 10 rebounds for NU. Law finished with 16 points and nine rebounds.

Indiana made only 3 of 11 3s and 11 of 19 free-throw attempts but made 24 of 38 (63.1 percent) of its 2-point attempts.

The Wildcats shot 37 percent in the second half.

LOYOLA 73, UIC 64

Ramblers in no hurry to succeed

Loyola uses shot clock to full advantage in victory over Flames

BY SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

Loyola was determined not to be demoralized.

Coming off back-to-back losses, including a resounding home defeat to a top-five team, and the news of a key starter being sidelined for a month, Loyola managed to hold off pesky crosstown rival UIC 73-64 on Saturday at Credit Union 1 Arena.

"I'm really proud of our guys," Loyola coach Porter Moser said. "Their approach after the Nevada game (a 79-65 loss), they learned from what they did and kept their heads up. It was a grind-out effort."

The Ramblers shot 56.9 percent from the field, milked the shot clock to their advantage and notched 20 assists on 29 field goals. Yet the Flames (3-5) still managed to cut a 19-point second-half deficit to seven in the closing minutes.

"It played out like I thought it would," UIC coach Steve McClain said. "They had some guys make some key plays for them when guarded all way to the shot clock. They stepped up and made a bunch of tough shots."

UIC guard Marcus Ottey hit 10 of 12 shots for a game-high 20 points, continuing his season-long streak of scoring in double figures.

Loyola (5-3) was seeking a momentum swing after falling to Boston College and No. 5 Nevada and losing starting guard Lucas Williamson until January to a broken right hand. The victory was the Ramblers' sixth straight in the series.

"After two losses, you're sick

to your stomach," point guard Clayton Custer said. "You think about it at night before you go to sleep. It's nice to get (a) good taste back in your mouth."

Moser started freshmen Isaiah Bujdoso and Cooper Kaifes for the first time. Aher Uguak, who had struggled to find his shooting touch this season — 35.2 percent overall and 1-for-11 on 3-pointers — came off the bench for the first time and was scoreless in only six minutes.

Bujdoso scored four points and had four fouls in 23 minutes, while Kaifes scored 12 on 4-of-5 shooting in 34 minutes.

"Cooper was right out of the gate," Moser said. "He has a high level of confidence. Isaiah's defense was one of (the) things we wanted."

Custer, Cameron Krutwig and Marcus Townes scored 16 points each to lead the Ramblers.

"Every time it got close, the ball seemed to get to them and they made veteran plays," McClain said.

Added UIC's Jordan Blount of the Ramblers making baskets with the shot clock winding down: "It's heartbreaking."

Williamson's injury hasn't rattled the Ramblers.

Last season, they lost senior Ben Richardson after three games to a broken hand. In his absence, the team developed depth, and Richardson returned to form after missing 10 games, becoming the Missouri Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year.

Loyola is eager to find similar depth this season.

"At the end of the year, it was strength in numbers," Custer said. "In the long run this could be a good thing. The young guys stepped up today."

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL NOTES

Howard's 45 powers Marquette victory over No. 12 Kansas State

Associated Press

Markus Howard scored 45 points and went 19 of 21 from the line, and Marquette used tight defense to counter Kansas State's in-your-face play in an 83-71 win Saturday in Milwaukee, handing the No. 12 Wildcats their first loss.

Sacar Anim added 16 points for the Golden Eagles (6-2). Marquette outrebounded Kansas State 34-25 and kept attacking the

rim in holding a double-digit lead for most of the second half.

Howard's productive day from the field (11 of 17) helped Marquette overcome 20 turnovers. The quick junior drew a foul on a drive with 7:57 left to send Kansas State (6-1) leading scorer Dean Wade (16.2 points) to the bench with five fouls and 11 points.

Gonzaga, Kansas rally: Zach Norvell Jr. scored 23 of his career-

high 28 points in the second half, and top-ranked Gonzaga wiped out an early double-digit deficit to top Creighton 103-92 in Omaha, Neb.

The Bulldogs (8-0), down 48-41 at half, got eight quick points from Norvell to pull close, and Corey Kispert's 3 put them up 66-65.

In Lawrence, Kan., Lagerald Vick hit the tying 3 in the closing seconds of regulation, and then had eight of his 27 points in overtime to lead No. 2 Kansas to a

90-84 win over Stanford.

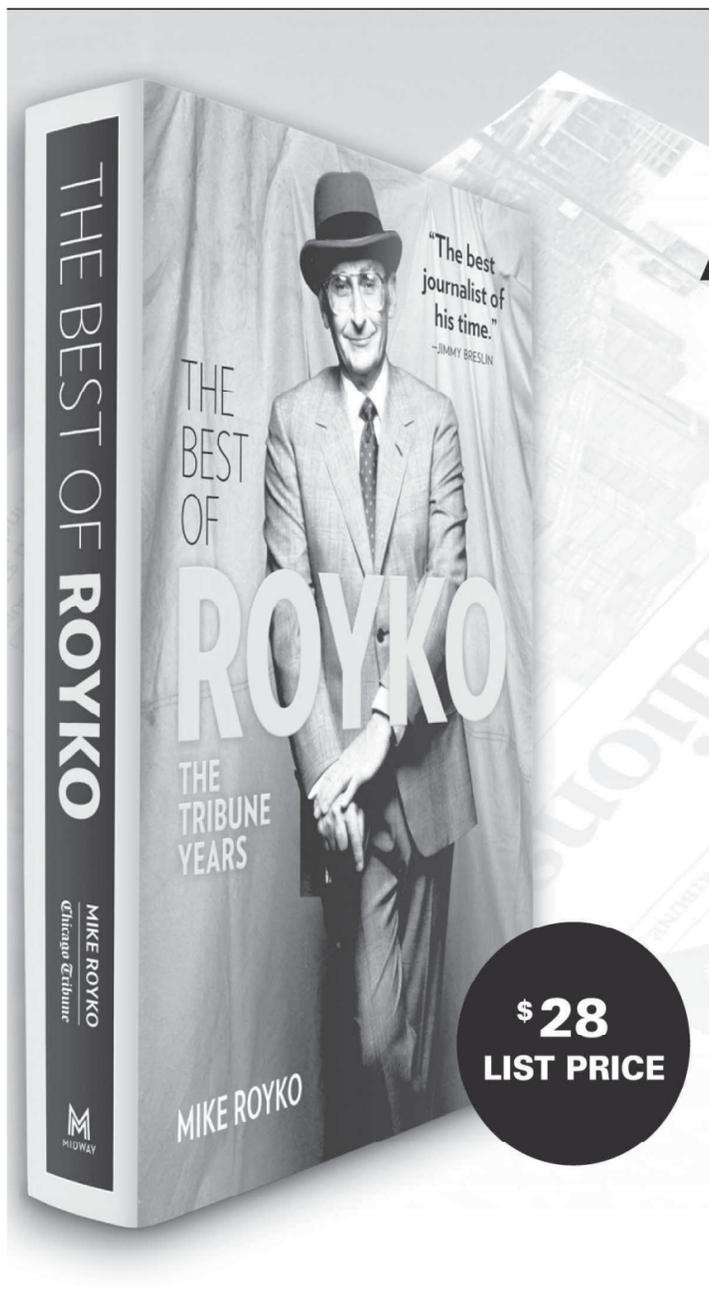
Daejon Davis hit two free throws with 13.3 seconds left to push Stanford's lead to 75-72 after driving in and drawing a foul by Dedric Lawson. Kansas then ran its "chop" play, and Devon Dotson found Vick for the tying 3 with just 7 seconds left.

Lawson finished with 24 points and 15 rebounds, and Udoka Azubuike had 18 points and nine rebounds for the Jayhawks (6-0).

Michigan stays hot: Jordan Poole scored 21 points as part of a balanced offense and No. 7 Michigan was stingy on defense in a 76-57 home win over No. 19 Purdue, routing a third ranked team this season.

The Wolverines (8-0) are off to their best start since winning the first 16 games of the 2012-13 season.

The Boilermakers (5-3) have lost three of their last four games.



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10 a.m.	Hero World Challenge	Golf Channel
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SKIING

1:30 p.m.	Birds of Prey World Cup	NBCSN
4 p.m.	Birds of Prey World Cup	NBC-5

BUNDESLIGA SOCCER

8:30 a.m.	Leipzig vs Borussia Monchengladbach	FS1
11 a.m.	Frankfurt vs Wolfsburg	FS1

PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER

5:55 a.m.	Chelsea vs Fulham	NBCSN
8 a.m.	Arsenal vs Tottenham Hotspur	NBCSN
10:10 a.m.	Liverpool vs Everton	NBCSN

COLLEGE WRESTLING

12:30 p.m.	Lehigh at Penn State	BTN
3 p.m.	Maryland at Penn	NBCSCH+

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF TOP 25	CONF BK. TEAM	AP	REC	PF	PA	WEEK 14/NEXT GAME	*A.M.
1. Alabama	1	13-0	623	193	W 35-28 vs. #4 Georgia		
2. Clemson	2	12-0	548	168	vs. Pittsburgh, late		
3. Notre Dame	3	12-0	405	207	Bowl game TBD		
4. Georgia	4	11-2	509	241	L 35-28 vs. #1 Alabama		
5. Oklahoma	5	12-1	643	421	W 39-27 vs. #14 Texas		
6. Ohio State	6	12-1	565	334	W 45-24 vs. #21 Northwestern		
7. Michigan	8	10-2	442	211	Bowl game TBD		
8. UCF	7	12-0	530	255	W 56-41 Memphis		
9. Florida	15	8-3	465	292	Bowl game TBD		
10. LSU	12	9-3	381	251	Bowl game TBD		
11. Washington	10	10-3	346	201	W 10-3 vs. #17 Utah		
12. Penn State	14	9-3	415	240	Bowl game TBD		
13. Washington St.	12	10-0	460	277	Bowl game TBD		
14. Texas	9	9-3	407	341	L 39-27 vs. #5 Oklahoma		
15. Kentucky	16	9-3	319	195	Bowl game TBD		
16. West Virginia	15	8-3	465	292	Bowl game TBD		
17. Utah	17	9-4	373	241	L 10-3 vs. #11 Washington		
18. Mississippi St.	20	8-4	349	144	Bowl game TBD		
19. Texas A&M	22	8-4	416	316	Bowl game TBD		
20. Syracuse	18	9-3	489	333	Bowl game TBD		
21. Northwestern	21	8-5	308	305	L 45-24 vs. #6 Ohio State		
22. Boise State	19	10-2	444	268	vs. #25 Fresno State, late		
23. Iowa State	24	7-4	322	270	W 27-24 vs. Drake		
24. Missouri	—	8-4	443	293	Bowl game TBD		
25. Fresno State	25	10-2	435	162	at #22 Boise State, late		

CFP-College Football Playoff; AP-Associated Press; PF/PA-points for/allowed

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

SOUTH *a.m. Appal. St. (9-2) 30, La.-Lafayette (7-6) 19 NC State (8-3) 58, East Carolina (3-8) 3 South Carolina (6-5) 28, Akron (4-7) 3 Virginia Tech (5-6) 41, Marshall (8-3) 20 Liberty (5-6) 52, Norfolk St. (4-6) 17 Iowa St. (7-4) 27, Drake (7-3) 24 California (7-4) 13, Stanford (7-4) 23

Big 12 Championship:

Oklahoma (11-1) 39, Texas (9-3) 27

Conference USA Championship:

Ala. Birmingham (9-3) 27, Middle Tennessee (6-4) 25

American Athletic Championship:

UCF (11-0) 56, Memphis (8-4) 41

SEC Championship:

Alabama (12-0) 35, Georgia (11-1) 28

SWAC Championship:

Alcorn St. (8-3) 37, Southern U. (7-3) 28

Mountain West Championship:

Fresno St. (10-2) at Boise St. (10-2), 6:45

AAC Championship:

Pittsburgh (7-5) vs. Clemson (12-0) in Charlotte, N.C., late

Big Ten championship:

Northwestern (8-4) vs. Ohio State (11-1) in Indianapolis, late

FCS PLAYOFFS

SECOND ROUND Maine (8-3) 55, Jacksonville St. (9-3) 27 Colgate (9-1) 23 James Madison (9-3) 20 Kennesaw St. (10-1) 13 Wofford (9-3) 10 North Dakota State (11-0) 52, Montana State (8-4) 10 S. Dakota St. (8-2) 51 Duquesne (9-3) 6 Weber St. (9-2) 48, SE Missouri (9-3) 23 Eastern Washington (9-2) 42, Nicholls State (9-3) 21 N. Iowa (7-5) at UC Davis (9-2), 6

DIVISION II PLAYOFFS

QUARTERFINALS Notre Dame (Ohio) (12-0) 21 Slippery Rock (11-2) 17 Ferris State (13-0) 37, Ouachita Baptist (12-0) 14 Valdosta State (11-0) 61, Lenoir-Rhyne (12-1) 21 Tarleton State (12-0) 10 Minnesota-Mankato (12-0) 0

DIVISION III PLAYOFFS

QUARTERFINALS Mount Union (12-0) 38, Muhlenberg (11-1) 10

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL Cleveland: Signed RHP James Hoyt, LHP Josh Smith and OF Trayce Thompson to minor league contracts. Kansas City: Assigned RHP Burch Smith outright to Omaha (PCL). Oakland: Traded RHP Wilkin Ramos to Pittsburgh to complete an earlier trade. Toronto: Assigned RHP Mark Leiter Jr. outright to Buffalo (IL).

NATIONAL LEAGUE Pittsburgh: Assigned RHP Alex McRae outright to Indianapolis (IL).

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION Detroit: Recalled G Luke Kennard from Grand Rapids (NBAGL).

FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE Cleveland: Waived WR Da'Mari Scott. Signed OL Kyle Kalis from the practice squad. Green Bay: Placed DL Mike Daniels and WR Trevor Davis on injured reserve. Activated WR Jake Kumerow from injured reserve. Signed FB Danny Vitale from the practice squad. Oakland: Waived OL Denver Kirkland.

GOLF

HERO WORLD CHALLENGE

At Albany GC
New Providence, Bahamas
Purse: \$3.5 million
Yardage: 7,309; Par: 72
Third round
203 (-13)
Tony Finau 72-64-67
Jon Rahm 71-63-69
Henrik Stenson 68-66-69
Gary Woodland 72-66-67
Matt Thomas 72-66-67
Ricky Fowler 72-67-67
Bradley Dash 73-67-67
Xander Schauffele 68-66-66
Dustin Johnson 73-67-72
208 (-8)
Patrick Reed 65-77-66
Justin Rose 67-74-70
Alex Noren 69-70-70
210 (-6)
Daniel Thomas 70-70-70
211 (-5)
Bubba Watson 74-69-69
Patrick Cantlay 70-71-71
212 (-4)
Bryson DeChambeau 70-71-71
Keegan Bradley 71-69-72
213 (-3)
Day 71-72-70
Hideki Matsuyama 74-68-71
214 (-2)
Tiger Woods 73-69-72

AUSTRALIAN PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

At RACV Royal Pines Resort
Gold Coast, Australia
Purse: \$1.5 million
Yardage: 7,346; Par: 72
Third round
202 (-14)
Cameron Smith 70-65-67
205 (-11)
Marc Leishman 68-68-69
Nick Flanagan 72-70-67
Matthew Millar 69-69-71
Harold Varner III 69-69-71
210 (-6)
Bradley Dasher 70-73-67
Ben Eccles 70-71-69
Matt Jager 66-71-73
211 (-5)
Nick Flanagan 69-73-69
Jae-woong Eom 67-74-70
Mathew Goggin 69-70-70
Dimitrios Papadatos 67-74-74
Jake McDowell 66-70-75
212 (-4)
69-73-69
Matthew Steiger 73-70-70
Rhein Gibson 72-70-70
Troy Merritt 73-69-70
74-68-70
Nick Taylor 72-70-71
Aaron Cookerill 70-73-74
Andrew Johnston 70-69-73
213 (-3)
Tim Stewart 70-74-69
Darren Beck 73-71-69
Daniel Gale 70-74-69
Ryan Fox 69-75-69
Craig Rodd 71-72-70
Daniel Fox 73-69-71

LATEST LINE

NBA Pregame.com at L.A. Lakers 11 at Charlotte 2½ New Orleans at Philadelphia 6½ Memphis at Miami 3½ at San Antonio 1 L.A. Clippers 2 at Dallas

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

at UConn Pk at Columbia 2 at Valparaiso 13 UC Riverside UCF 3½ at Missouri at Nebraska 12 Illinois at Ohio State 6½ Minnesota at Washington 13½ UC Santa Barb. at UCLA 10½ Loyola Marymt

NHL

at Blackhawks off Calgary off at Winnipeg off Anaheim off at N.Y. Rangers off Winnipeg off at Montreal off San Jose off Colorado -141 at Detroit +131 Carolina -135 at Los Angeles +125

NFL

WEEK 13 Bears 3½ at N.Y. Giants Indianapolis 4 at Jacksonville Pittsburgh 3½ L.A. Chargers Carolina 3 at Tampa Bay at Atlanta 1½ Baltimore at Houston 5½ Cleveland at Miami 3½ Buffalo Denver 5 at Cincinnati L.A. Rams 10 at Detroit Green Bay 14 Arizona Kansas City 14 at Oakland N.Y. Jets 8 at Tampa Bay at New England 5 Minnesota at Seattle 10 San Fran.

at Philadelphia 6½ Washington

NFL

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WEEK 13

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE Bears at N.Y. Giants, noon (FOX-32) L.A. Rams at Detroit, noon Carolina at Tampa Bay, noon Arizona at Green Bay, noon Denver at Cincinnati, noon Baltimore at Atlanta, noon Atlanta at Houston, noon Indianapolis at Jacksonville, noon Buffalo at Miami, noon N.Y. Jets at Tennessee, 3:05 Kansas City at Kansas, 3:05 (CBS-2) San Francisco at Seattle, 3:25 Minnesota at New England, 3:25 (FOX-32) L.A. Chargers at Pittsburgh, 7:20 (NBC-5)

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE

Washington at Philadelphia, 7:15 (ESPN)

WEEK 14

THURSDAY, DEC. 6 Jacksonville at Tennessee, 7:20 (ESPN) L.A. Rams at Bears, 7:20 New Orleans at Tampa Bay, noon N.Y. Giants at Washington, noon Atlanta at Green Bay, noon Indianapolis at Houston, noon Carolina at Cleveland, noon New England at Miami, noon Baltimore at Kansas City, noon Cincinnati at L.A. Chargers, 3:05 Denver at San Francisco, 3:05 Detroit at Arizona, 3:25 Kansas City at Houston, 3:25 Pittsburgh at Oakland, 3:25

MONDAY, DEC. 10 Minnesota at Seattle, 7:15

SOCCER

MLS CUP

Portland, Dec. 8 Portland at Atlanta, 7:08

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

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SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Crystal Palace 2, Burnley 0 Man City 3, Bournemouth 1 Huddersfield 1, Brighton 2 Newcastle 0, West Ham 3 Leicester 2, Watford 0 Southampton 2, Man United 2

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

Chelsea vs. Fulham, 6 a.m. Arsenal vs. Tottenham, 8:05 a.m. Liverpool vs. Newcastle, 10:15 a.m.

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Brighton vs. Crystal Palace, 1:45 West Ham vs. Cardiff, 1:45 Bournemouth vs. Huddersfield, 1:45

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Fulham vs. Leicester, 1:45 Wolverhampton vs. Chelsea, 1:45

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

Fulham vs. Liverpool, 1:45 Burnley vs. Leicester, 1:45 Man United vs. Arsenal, 2 Tottenham vs. Southampton, 2

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV
Tampa Bay	27	15	7	3	39	103	79	11-4-0	8-3-1	7-2-0
Buffalo	27	17	7	3	37	85	76	9-2-1	8-5-2	6-3-1
Toronto	27	19	8	0	38	98	70	9-5-0	10-3-0	3-2-0
Boston	26	14	8	4	32	71	64	9-3-0	5-5-4	6-3-1
Montreal	26	12	9	5	29	82	85	7-5-2	5-4-3	2-3-4
Ottawa	27	12	12	3	27	98	109	9-4-2	3-8-1	5-5-1
N.Y. Islanders	25	13	9	2	29	72	77	7-3-2	4-1	10-2-0
Florida	25	10	15	5	25	82	91	5-4-3	5-6-2	3-1-3

METROPOLITAN

GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV	
Washington	25	15	7	3	33	90	77	8-3-2	7-4-1	5-2-1
Columbus	27	15	9	2	32	90	83	7-4-1	8-5-1	3-3-1

Sept. 9 @GB Lost 24-23	Sept. 17 SEA Won 24-17	Sept. 23 @ARI Won 16-14	Sept. 30 TB Won 48-10	Oct. 7 OPEN DATE	Oct. 14 @MIA Lost 31-28	Oct. 21 NE Lost 38-31	Oct. 28 NYJ Won 24-10	Nov. 4 @BUF Won 41-9	Nov. 11 DET Won 34-22	Nov. 18 MIN Won 25-20	Nov. 22 @DET Won 23-16	Dec. 2 @NYG ▼	Dec. 9 LAR 7:20 Ch. 5	Dec. 16 GB Noon FOX-32	Dec. 23 @SF 3:05 FOX-32	Dec. 30 @MIN Noon FOX-32
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Bears at Giants

NOON SUNDAY AT METLIFE STADIUM | FOX-32 | BEARS BY 3¹/₂ (O/U 44¹/₂)

THREE KEYS

Be bigger than Barkley's bite

The Bears return to action against the 3-8 Giants, another "should-win" game that Matt Nagy's first-place team is getting ready for. Riding a five-game winning streak into New Jersey, the Bears are confident they can take another step in the right direction. But they also realize that half of the Giants' eight losses this season have come by five points or fewer. Here are our three keys.

1 Stop Saquon
Pregame analysis: Giants running back Saquon Barkley is the front-runner for Offensive Rookie of the Year honors, on pace for 2,051 yards from scrimmage. He is averaging 4.8 yards per carry. With 71 receptions, Barkley is tied with Christian McCaffrey for the NFL lead among running backs. He has scored 12 touchdowns. Quite simply, he is the engine of the Giants offense. Said Nagy: "They don't make too many like him." Rallying to the ball isn't always enough. Barkley is strong enough to power through contact and shifty enough to cut into open space. And every so often, he'll jump right over the top of a would-be tackler. If the Giants have any chance at pulling off an upset, it will require a big game from their star rookie. The Bears, though, are holding opponents to 3.6 yards per carry, best in the NFL. Only two running backs have topped 60 yards against the Bears. Frank Gore had 101 yards on 15 carries for the Dolphins in Week 6. Lions back LeGarrette Blount chewed up 88 yards on 19 rushes last week.

2 Protect the QB. Protect the football.
Pregame analysis: If Chase Daniel makes his second consecutive start at quarterback, he should do so with added comfort. No player on the Giants defense has more than two sacks. And, as a team, the Giants' 14 sacks rank 31st. In other words, Daniel should have ample opportunity to survey the field and make his reads. The veteran quarterback was far from spectacular in last week's win over the Lions. But Daniel did take care of the ball. And with a dominant defense, oftentimes that's more than half the battle. The Bears have a plus-14 turnover margin, best in the NFL and a big reason they're 8-3. Through 11 games, they have yet to lose the turnover battle.

3 Feel the urgency
Pregame analysis: After playing three division games in 12 days and facing an intense 85-hour turnaround between the end of the Vikings game and a Thanksgiving day kickoff in Detroit, the Bears welcomed a long weekend. Nagy gave his players four days off and encouraged them to recharge. But the Bears have to hope the mini-bye doesn't cause them to lose sharpness. For the most part, Nagy's team has retained its focus in "take-care-of-business games." But after a Week 5 open date, the Bears started slow against the Dolphins and stumbled through an error-filled performance in an overtime loss. Avoiding a similar misstep here will be key.

— Dan Wiederer



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FILL IN THE BLANK

Through 27 career games, Eddie Jackson _____.

BRAD BIGGS

Has emerged as a safety who expands his value with strong leadership

Jackson is a player the Bears have been seeking since the end of Mike Brown's career. Jackson has shown an exceptional knack for being in the right place at the right time and an ability to sometimes break on the ball before the quarterback releases it. He's a fluid athlete and just as importantly he's a smart player who looks like a foundational piece for the Bears to build around in the secondary.

RICH CAMPBELL

Is making a case for being Ryan Pace's best draft pick

Five defensive touchdowns already from a fourth-round pick? That's better value than any Black Friday doorbuster. But let's be clear: A successful draft pick results from so much more than a general manager submitting a name. Credit Bears scouts for prioritizing Jackson's instincts for playing the ball. He obviously was trained well at Alabama. Bears coaches have built on that foundation to harness those instincts. Is he a perfect player? No, and he will be the first to say he can improve his tackling. But it has been entertaining to watch Jackson ascend, and there doesn't appear to be a ceiling in sight.

COLLEEN KANE

Has been an exceptional fourth-round draft pick

Jackson, who dropped in the draft because of a broken leg his senior year at Alabama, has built on a strong rookie season to break out with four interceptions, three defensive touchdowns, eight passes defended and two forced fumbles. He's also one of two players in NFL history to have five defensive touchdowns in his first two seasons. Bears coaches rave about his football instincts, which led to pick-sixes in back-to-back NFC North games and have turned him into a strong Pro Bowl candidate. He has given the Bears many reasons to be excited about his present and his future.

DAN WIEDERER

Is emerging as a star

Instincts: check. Awareness: check. Ball skills: check. Clutch gene: check. Jackson has six interceptions already in his career to go along with three forced fumbles. His five touchdowns — including fourth-quarter pick-sixes in back-to-back victories over the Vikings and Lions — have established him as one of the best playmaking safeties in the game. Said teammate Akiem Hicks: "I've never seen anything like him. He can cover the entire field it seems like. He knows how to get the ball in his hands and when he gets that ball in his hands he can make his way to the end zone. It's awesome."

PREDICTIONS

Blue and Orange beats Big Blue

Brad Biggs (10-1)
The Bears should dominate this game with their defensive front against an offensive line that has really struggled at times this season.

24-14
Bears

Rich Campbell (8-3)

The Giants should be able to move the ball if Akiem Hicks (Achilles) sits out. But their lack of a pass rush and struggles protecting Eli Manning will tilt this away from them. The Bears must start fast after 10 days between games.

22-19
Bears

David Haugh (10-1)

The Bears defense will make Manning anxious for retirement by dominating so much that wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. will start complaining by halftime. Chase. Mitch. Doesn't matter who plays quarterback for the Bears when the opponent is this bad. The winning streak continues.

31-19
Bears

Colleen Kane (8-3)

The Giants' big-play capability behind rookie Saquon Barkley presents more concerns than would be expected of a 3-8 team. But the Giants defense is nothing spectacular, and the Bears should pull off their sixth straight victory, even if Mitch Trubisky is sidelined again.

27-24
Bears

Phil Thompson (10-1)

Seems like the Bears should be wary of Barkley and Beckham, but I just foresee more memes of Giants O-linemen picking a shell-shocked Manning off the ground.

26-20
Bears

Dan Wiederer (8-3)

Trubisky's injury leaves me unsettled. But the Giants defense is just too mediocre. Hicks' injury leaves me unsettled. But the Bears defense is still so dominant.

26-20
Bears

FOLLOW ALONG WITH US

Join us for today's Bears game, from the pregame festivities until the postgame activities. Get updates from the stadium, tweets from the Bears beat, photos, videos and more at chicagotribune.com/bears

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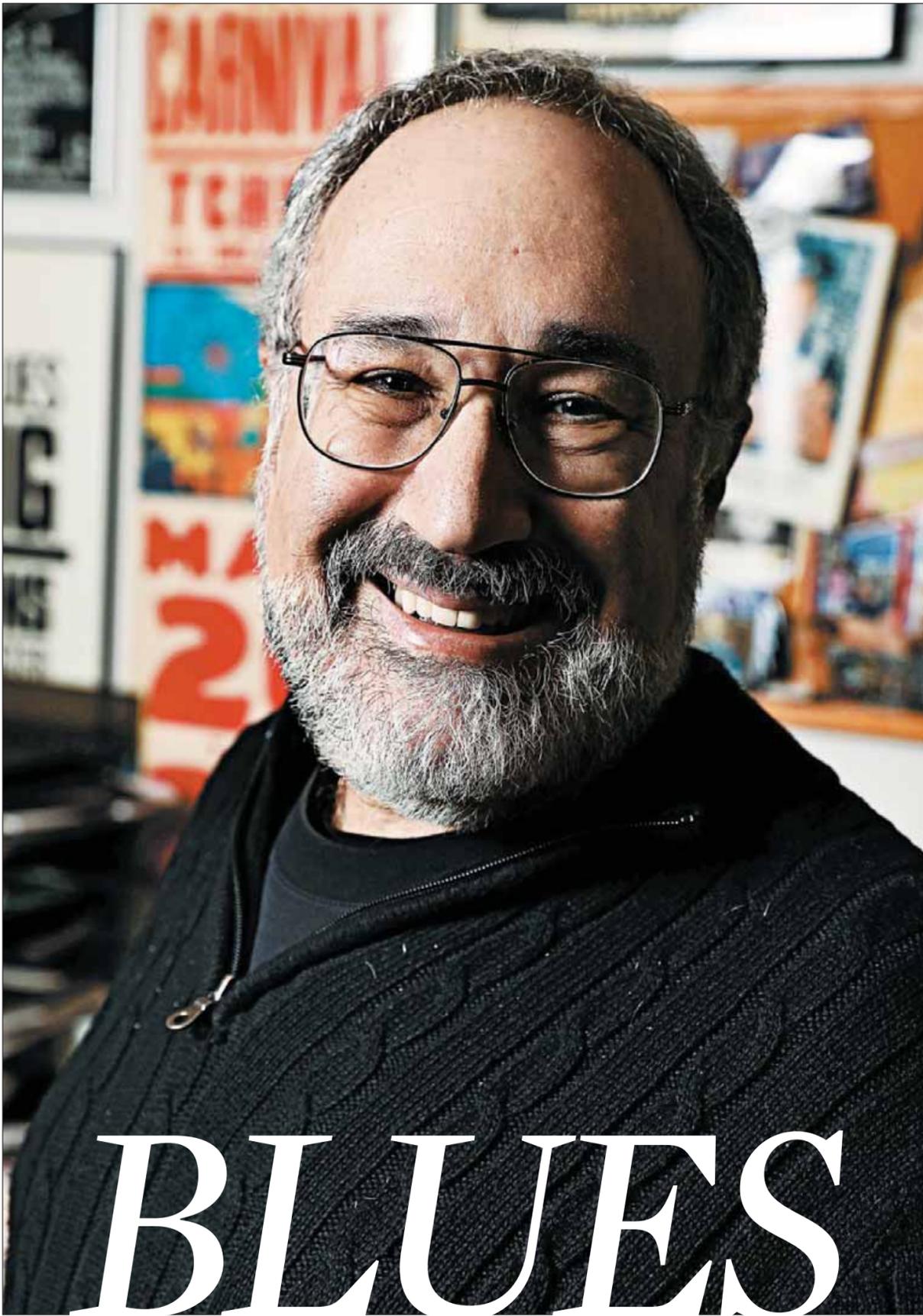
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BLUES IN THE BLOOD

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Alligator Records boss Bruce Iglauer tells his story

Nearly half a century ago, an open-eared young man who grew up in Michigan and Ohio found his way to the South Side of Chicago and was shaken by what he heard: the blues.

Bruce Iglauer soon went about creating Alligator Records, which today stands as one of the most enduring and revered independent blues labels in the world, its catalog holding inextinguishable works by Hound Dog Taylor, Big Walter Horton, Koko Taylor, Lonnie Brooks, Albert Collins, Buddy Guy,



HOWARD REICH
 On Music

Magic Slim, James Cotton, Robert Cray, Johnny Copeland, Jimmy Johnson, Junior Wells, Billy Branch, Shekemia Copeland and other masters.

That the label Iglauer founded in 1971 still exists can be considered something close to a miracle. For to make it to 2018, Iglauer has had to face terrifying financial pressures, musicians with sometimes rough personal problems, the implosion of the record-distribution network in the 1990s,
 Turn to *Blues*, Page 3



CHRIS JONES

Dolls with a difference

How American Girl Place was way ahead of its time

Twenty years ago, something strange called American Girl Place opened in Chicago. It was years ahead of its time. In fact, only now is it becoming clear just how far ahead the thinking behind that creation turned out to be.

The upscale doll company known as American Girl was the 1980s brainchild of a Chicago-born teacher and writer with the delightful name of Pleasant Rowland. She'd decided to create a series of dolls based on historical figures after a visit to Colonial Williamsburg; Rowland thought that the dolls could be a tool to promote girls' interest in American history. By the late 1990s, American Girl had become a hugely profitable business — its premium-priced, eminently collectible dolls had become objects of widespread desire. And once a girl had the doll, her attention usually turned to the myriad accessories also available for purchase.

Rowland then had another brilliant idea — American Girl Place, a combination retail store, destination, restaurant and theater, all themed around her American Girl empire. And she decided that the first one in America should be in Chicago.

By 1998, the 35,000-square-foot American Girl Place had opened on Chicago Avenue, just west of Michigan Avenue. It was a huge tourist draw — anyone who, say, rode Amtrak to Michigan in that era can remember dolls occupying seat after seat, each one carefully tended to by their young owners.

Some of these dolls were patients recovering from a trip to the American Girl hospital inside American Girl Place. Others were

Turn to *American Girl*, Page 2



Mary Poppins flies again

The delicate dance of honoring but updating a classic character and film

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The dramatic rise of American Girl

American Girl, from Page 1

experiencing the afterglow of afternoon tea with their owners, an event enjoyed in special doll-size seats, the kind of generous touch that could make a doll feel as valued as a young person. For someone who was not in the target demographic, the store was a bizarre experience: highly trained and superbly coiffed sales associates seemed to treat the dolls as real people. American Girl Place had created an alternate universe where girls ruled.

American Girl Place was prescient in so many ways. While most stores in 1998 merely were selling stuff, American Girl Place was experiential retail, not so much about unloading items as letting people (in this case girls from about 8 to 13) spend time with a beloved brand in a relaxed environment. In time, most Michigan Avenue stores would copy this approach. But this was long before Crate & Barrel began to morph into a Starbucks Roastery.

In the basement of American Girl Place during the run-up to the holidays in 1998 was a full-blown show in a 150-seat theater, "The American Girl Revue," performed several times a day, complete with a live band. "While live attractions built around a company's products are commonplace at theme parks and on tours," I wrote at the time, "this marks the first time a free-standing retail outlet has produced a regularly scheduled live show with professional theater people."

The idea had come from the songwriter and performer Gretchen Cryer, who did the deal with Rowland in a single meeting. Cryer wrote the show with her collaborator Nancy Ford; it was directed by Kim Rubenstein and produced by Elizabeth Richter. "The American Girl Revue" had three separate young casts and, that December, was being performed as often as 16 times a week. It ran for three years and played to close to 200,000 people. No one had done anything quite like it before. And no one has done so since.

By 2001, the store had a second, high-quality show, hoping to persuade girls and their parents to return. A sequel of sorts, it was called "Circle of Friends: An American Girls Musical." Whereas the first show had stayed within the historical context of the American Girl dolls, the new one had a contemporary, birthday-party setting and was designed to offer tools to help girls resolve the conflict in their lives — by looking at the struggles and achievement of girls in various periods of American history, the show insisted, a girl could find solutions to many of her own worries. By this point, American Girl had created its own ensemble of performing girls, held to professional standards and at least 40 strong.

And then, it all began to change. Around the opening of American Girl Place, Rowland sold her brand to Mattel for \$700 million, meaning that her education-focused company became part of a larger brand. (Rowland and her husband, Jerome Frautschi, spent Mattel's money well, reportedly donating a whopping \$200 million to the construction of the Madison Overture Center for the Arts.) For a number of years, the Mattel subsidiary remained formidable: the dolls be-



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Dress rehearsal at an American Girls store production of "Circle of Friends: An American Girls Musical" in 2000.

By 2001, American Girl had created its own ensemble of performing girls, held to professional standards and at least 40 strong.

came the stars of movies and TV specials and American Girl Places expanded to other cities.

But in 2008, American Girl Place in Chicago moved to the Water Tower Place, a smaller space that did not include a theater, a business that did not especially interest Mattel. So the shows — with their complex human casts — ended. And the decade that followed was nowhere near as kind to these costly dolls as the one before.

The focus on history was becoming lost as Mattel generally contemporized the brand. There was even a new boy doll

introduced, named Logan Everett. He was, and is, a drummer.

"American Girl dolls are dying, and taking Mattel with them," read an apocalyptic 2017 headline in MarketWatch, atop an article noting sharp declines in demand for the dolls — they were down some 30 percent over the previous year. The American Girl Places — especially the one in New York — were proving to be very costly for Mattel to operate.

Some of the malaise could be attributed to the lousy retail business in general and the same structural changes that took down Toys R Us, but there also was no question that the new digital world was biting a chunk from these avowedly non-digital dolls. Too many girls now were more interested in Snapchat and Instagram, even if those channels were not looking out for their best interest as was Pleasant Rowland, first and foremost a teacher.

During the Mattel years, American Girl hit its fiscal peak in 2013 and has fallen

every year since.

But this holiday season, a new American Girl show is touring (it will be in Skokie in December and at the Broadway Playhouse in 2019). This production has nothing in common with those shows created for Chicago, except, of course, for the American Girl brand. And it will be in ordinary theaters.

But as is the trend these days, the show trumpeted its "all-female creative team."

It was as if no one knew that American Girl had "an all-female creative team" in Chicago 20 years ago.

When far fewer were paying attention to the stories being told to girls.

"American Girl Live!" will play Dec. 21-23 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie; www.northshorecenter.org

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The muse behind Paretsky's private eye



RICK KOGAN
Sidewalks

You would see him often at literary events around town, a distinguished figure patiently listening to what was often a parade of writers prattle on about their work. But whenever bestselling writer Sara Paretsky began to speak, his eyes would brighten and his smile would appear.

His name was Courtenay Wright and he was Paretsky's husband, had been for more than 40 years, meeting long before Paretsky wrote her first book and became famous.

"I don't think my career would ever have happened without the support that he lavished on me," she said.

Wright died on Thanksgiving morning at the age of 95. Suffering a variety of ailments, he was in hospice care at Rush Medical Center. Only a few weeks before, he had celebrated his birthday at an event that also marked the publication of Paretsky's 21st book, the 19th to feature her genre-busting female private eye, V.I. Warshawski. It is titled "Shell Game."

At that party, his wife said some lovely things about her husband, all of which can be read at saraparetsky.com/blog. Here is some of it, "[Courtenay] taught me to love dogs, to use chopsticks. ... He gave me the courage to find a public voice, in writing and in speaking."

It is never easy to be married to a celebrated person. The spotlight's glare can prove dangerously seductive or simply dangerous. But Wright, whose own life story could have made for a pretty good novel, was happy to share and delight in his wife's success.

He was born and raised in Vancouver, British Columbia, one of the three children of English parents. Following high school, he attended the University of British Columbia as a physics major until his academic career until he volunteered to serve in the Canadian Navy in 1943.

Assigned to the cruiser HMS Apollo as a radar officer, he served in Europe, the Mediterranean and the Pacific. He was the officer on duty, and hence one of the first



COURTENAY WRIGHT PHOTO

Courtenay Wright, husband of Chicago novelist Sara Paretsky, sailed to Omaha Beach aboard the HMS Apollo shortly after this picture was taken.

people to be aware, when the coded signal came in with details of D-Day. He translated it and sent it to the head of the fleet and later was next to Gen. Dwight Eisenhower when his ship transported them to the beaches of Normandy on the day after D-Day.

At war's end, he returned to school, earning a Ph.D. in nuclear physics from the University of California, Berkeley, where he studied under J. Robert Oppenheimer, the father of the atomic bomb.

In 1949, he accepted a teaching position at the University of Chicago and joined its prestigious physics department faculty, headed by Enrico Fermi. He moved to Chicago with his wife, a bacteriologist named Jean and became a U.S. citizen. Their three boys born (Kimball, Timothy and Philip) were born here and the family settled into a comfortable Hyde Park life.

But Jean began to suffer the miseries of mental illness and much of Wright's time

over 10 years was devoted to caring for her and tending to the young boys. After Jean's death, along came Sara.

A native of Kansas, Paretsky was then working for a local insurance company and considering a Ph.D. in history. They met at a Chinese restaurant and were married in 1976.

As Paretsky has written, "I was attracted by his accent and his eyebrows — both reminiscent of the young Sean Connery, on whom I had a crush. But what made me fall in love was the way his face, indeed, his whole being, lit up when he was doing the work he loved. Physics was his passion. His zest for that world, those ways of thinking, was exhilarating."

The couple — Paretsky was 29, Wright 52 — dove into active domesticity, ever including one of a series of golden retrievers. "We also I had my husband's three sons living with us. I was the house manager," she said.

But she was also writing, as she had since childhood, and in 1982 published her first, "Indemnity Only," which focused on an insurance swindle. Her second novel, "Deadlock," came two years later and was set in the Great Lakes shipping industry.

"I really wrote it for Courtenay, the ex-naval officer," she told a magazine in 2001. "He was still in love with ships and shipping and we used to drive up to Sault Ste. Marie a lot and watch the ships go through the locks. One day he was standing there and he said, 'I wonder what would happen if you blew up one of these things in the locks.' So I wrote a whole book for him on why someone would want to do it."

After her third novel, 1985's "Killing Orders," Paretsky left the insurance business and became a full time writer. The books kept coming. Awards and accolades too. Lee Child has called her "a genius" and her fame is international.

She gives great credit to her husband, her first reader, though he didn't see it quite the same way, telling People magazine in 1990, "I just pour champagne on the troubled page. ... Any criticism is immediately regarded as inflicting serious bodily harm on her; she will attack me with a hatchet when I want to change a comma."

Until arthritis stiffened his joints, he was an avid tennis player, downhill skier and sailor. "He really enjoyed taking the boat out when Lake Michigan waves were 6 feet high or higher. In the face of physical danger, his face lit with joy," said Paretsky.

Even after he retired from the classroom in 1993, he remained active in causes and world affairs, as had long been his way. During the Vietnam War, he was a member of a group of scientists known as the Jaxons, who persuasively argued against the use of nuclear weapons in the conflict. He often spoke in public forums and on television in support of abortion rights in the years before the Roe v. Wade decision in 1973.

Wright died peacefully, with Paretsky holding him and singing to him in his hospice bed. In addition to his wife and sons, Wright is survived by a grandchild. A memorial service at the University of Chicago is being planned for some time in the spring.

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Bruce Iglauer

Blues, from Page 1

the near-extinction of record stores, the painful (still ongoing) transition to streaming and other, seemingly unending headwinds.

For those who wonder how he did it – and why – Iglauer finally has laid out the tale in “Bitten by the Blues: The Alligator Records Story” (University of Chicago Press), co-authored with Northern Illinois University professor Patrick A. Roberts. The book documents, in vivid detail, Iglauer’s first heady infatuation with the blues, followed by the joys, heartbreaks and shocks he encountered on his way to today. In these pages, Iglauer revels in artistic triumphs, unsparingly confesses his mistakes and oversights and tries to convince everyone – including himself – that there’s a future for both Alligator Records and the blues.

So why did he decide to reveal all (or at least a great deal of it) now?

“It’s a story I’ve been wanting to tell for a long time,” says Iglauer. “I do a lot of interviews, and I’m often asked the same questions. I’ve done Q-and-A’s at various blues festivals – the fans are always wanting to know: What kind of person was Koko Taylor? What kind of person was Albert Collins? How did you make ‘Showdown!’?” he says, referencing the landmark, 1985 Alligator album featuring Collins, Cray and Johnny Copeland.

“So I’d thought about a book, but I had never really disciplined myself to sit down and start writing one.”

A chance meeting with NIU prof/author Roberts in 2010 got the adventure started, the scholar suggesting a book was essential.

“Here’s a story that would combine a number of really fascinating narratives,” explains Roberts, quickly listing them.

“The history of the music, the history of these (blues) personalities, por-

traits of the personalities. You’ve got a history of Chicago over the last 50, 60 years. We’ve got inside knowledge about how the record industry has changed over the last 50 years. And we’ve got the story of this man who grew up, more or less in Cincinnati, and somehow, remarkably, has managed to keep the independent blues label alive for almost 50 years.

“I thought all of that would fit together in a very nice, rich tapestry.”

Roberts began recording interviews with Iglauer in 2011, the two working in subsequent years on shaping 100-plus hours of talk into a manuscript that would be not merely an oral history but something richer: a memoir with historical underpinnings.

Certain portions of the book unfold poetically, as in a passage in which Iglauer describes encountering the music in long-gone Florence’s Lounge on the South Side:

“From the moment I walked in, sheets of distorted electric guitar filled the room. I could hear the unmistakable sound of steel on steel as a slide tore up and down the strings. Drums pounded out a shuffle beat so infectious and elemental that even I could dance to it. ... That afternoon I fell in love with Florence’s and with Hound Dog Taylor & The House-Rockers. The nights that I had spent in the Chicago blues clubs had given me a glimpse of a parallel universe – another America, a black America with its own culture and its own wonderful music. It was an America hidden in big-city ghettos and small southern towns unknown to my friends and me. At Florence’s, the door to that parallel universe swung open, and I eagerly stepped through.”

In subsequent pages, Iglauer reminisces on studio sessions with blues giants (some cathartic, some disastrous), describes



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Alligator Records founder Bruce Iglauer, foreground, poses with the staff of the record label at their offices.

low-budget sales trips (he slept in his car), recalls close encounters with a variety of swindlers and other vicissitudes of the blues life.

Iglauer persevered. Yet despite all the indelible music Iglauer and colleagues have captured, the book’s last pages feel bitter-sweet. For notwithstanding the intrepid label’s achievements, Iglauer believes the business model that has supported Alligator and other labels small and large cannot last.

“The labels’ traditional practice of paying for the recording, paying the musicians, distributing the music, promoting the music, and selling the music, and then paying royalties to the artists and song publishers, is going to end,” he writes.

“It’s also clear to me that physical and digital sales are ultimately doomed. At Alligator, we’re being forced by declining CD sales to take a number of older titles out of print (that is, to cease manufacturing them), particularly those by musicians who are deceased or not touring, because without sales at live performances, it isn’t economically viable to pay the higher prices for manufacturing small quantities of those recordings. It’s emotionally

painful for me, but it seems inevitable that sometime in the future we will have no more physical releases. But digital sales are falling too.”

Which is why “the last few years have been a big struggle,” Iglauer tells me. “A lot of our fans have not migrated to streaming services, which apparently will be the future of record-music. And many (blues fans) long for record stores and still patronize the ones that are left.”

In other words, Alligator’s hardcore fans prefer a physical product – CDs – that Iglauer sees as going extinct. And unlike the major labels, which “are saying that half of their audience is coming from streaming services, for us it’s much less,” he adds.

So does Alligator have a future?

“I think so,” says Iglauer. “It always has been a modest company and will continue to be a modest company.”

“One of the things I’ve been working on is having our music available worldwide. This is beginning to happen. As we speak, the catalog is being made available by the three biggest streaming services in China. This has happened since we wrote the book.

“I think that part of what

will keep labels like Alligator alive is that our music will be much more available in parts of the world where it hasn’t been available before. I have a belief, a conviction, that if we can reach a worldwide audience and make our music contemporary, there will be a future for labels like ours.”

He also holds out hope that today’s blues artists will help sustain the music and the label, citing Shemekia Copeland (whom he rightly describes in the book as “the finest female blues singer of her genera-

tion”), Selwyn Birchwood, Lindsay Beaver, Toronzo Cannon and others.

When will Iglauer, who’s 71, retire?

“I’m sorry,” he says instantly. “I think you just used a word that isn’t in my vocabulary.”

For more about the book, visit www.bittenbytheblues.com.

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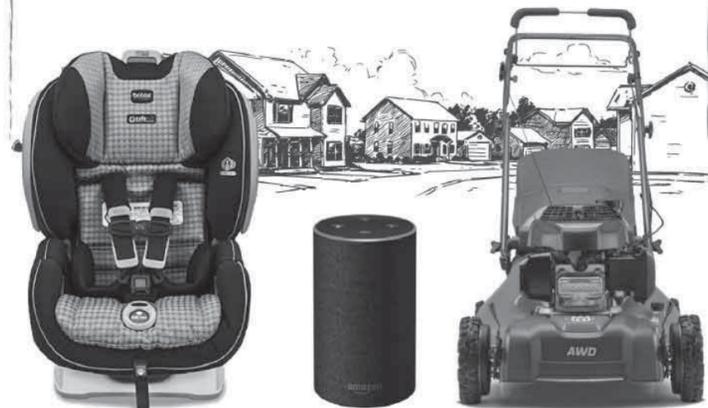
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Emily Blunt, who stars in "Mary Poppins Returns," said she avoided the 1964 movie (which she had seen as a child) as she prepared for the sequel.

Blunt offers new version of nanny

BY RANDEE DAWN
Los Angeles Times

When Emily Blunt learned that she'd landed the title role in "Mary Poppins Returns," she naturally told her mother. And her husband, actor-director John Krasinski. And her agent. Then she told her friends, one of whom remarked, "Whoa — you got balls of steel."

"Balls of steel" and "Mary Poppins" don't usually pop up in the same sentence, but they do make a nice Venn diagram if you put Emily Blunt in the overlap. Whether cracking us up in 2006's "The Devil Wears Prada," showing off her tough side (and spectacular abs) in 2014's "Edge of Tomorrow," or elevating Krasinski's indie sci-fi horror "A Quiet Place" to new critical heights, Blunt is an instrument of steel — with a twinkle in her eye.

"No one can out-Julie Andrews Julie Andrews," Blunt said, sitting in a New York City hotel suite in a striped sweater and flowing skirt, referring to the original, Oscar-winning star of 1964's "Mary Poppins." "This is about presenting my version."

Blunt seems to have hit the right tonal

note with Poppins: reserved, not-to-be-trifled-with, but fun-loving with those who open their ears and hearts. The film itself, which is a sequel rather than a remake, deals with the grown-up Banks children and their children, and is both warmly familiar and fresh.

"The character needed not only a great actor, but one who can play all the layers of Mary Poppins — and one who is naturally warm," said director Rob Marshall, who first met Blunt while directing her in 2014's "Into the Woods" and was looking for another chance to collaborate with her.

"I feel like I get her," he said, referring to Blunt. "I get who she's playing as an actor, and that doesn't happen a lot. When Mary Poppins came along, it took maybe a half-second to realize it was for Emily."

For this version of Poppins (Blunt occasionally refers to her as "Mary P" or "Mary Pop-Pop"), the actress says she avoided rewatching the original film. "I had seen it

as a child," she said. "But for this, I dove into the books — and she's very different there: completely batty and eccentric and funny and rude and extraordinarily vain. I went with my instinct from there."

From her earliest days in the business, Blunt has always proved up for whatever the challenge may be, and is as familiar with comedy as with drama. Such fluidity could stem from her original entry into acting as a way to control a stutter that developed when she was 6. When she was 12, a teacher encouraged her to try doing a "silly voice" in the school play, and that helped draw out the self-described "shy" adolescent.

"It probably paved the way for me to embrace so many different types of characters, because if I impersonated them I could speak more freely," she said. "I people-watched so much as a kid. I was doing research back then and I didn't know it."

It's a facility that made her a formidable heroine in this year's "A Quiet Place."

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Working alongside an auteur husband could have been trouble for any married couple, but as she recalled, "John and I have a secret language and shorthand with each other, so we were able to create something intimate. Because he's an actor he understands when to step back and when it's appropriate to come in with a note. Like, not in the childbirth scene. I'm like, 'What do you know?'"

Clearly, that steel reference is true both on screen and off. But Blunt said she feels like she's moved into a new phase of her acting life with "Mary Pop-Pop."

"I don't feel I've had this insane meteoric career path," she said. "I went through waves of (impostor syndrome) for many years, but I feel very honest with myself at this particular moment. It's been a slow burn — I've gone from 'Are you the girl in "Devil Wears Prada?"' to 'You look like the girl from ...' to 'You look like Emily Blunt' to 'You are Emily Blunt.'"

She paused and took a sip of hot water. "And once they know your name, that's when you know you've got to put a hat on when you go out."

And these days, maybe a flying umbrella too.

Composer 're-embraced' original's music

BY JON BURLINGAME
Variety

Back in 2014, composer-songwriter Marc Shaiman came across a vinyl copy of the "Mary Poppins" soundtrack album and created a Facebook video of himself dropping the needle onto the record, then sitting back in ecstasy. He called his video "Heaven."

A few months later, he learned that Walt Disney Studios was embarking on "Mary Poppins Returns," a sequel to that 1964 classic, and he begged director Rob Marshall for the job of writing the songs (along with his co-lyricist Scott Wittman).

Repeated listens of the "Poppins" soundtrack — with its iconic, Oscar-winning tunes by brothers Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman — formed the basis of "my entire musical life," Shaiman says. "I learned everything about songwriting, arranging, orchestrating and writing for film from the 'Mary Poppins' soundtrack. For the first 18 years of my life, that was my school."

Shaiman and Wittman got the job, and their nine new songs (mostly sung by stars Emily Blunt and Lin-Manuel Miranda) are in the classic Disney tradition. "It's a completely original score," says Marshall, "but it has the feeling of the Sherman brothers. That was the plan and the goal from the very beginning."

"Our love for the original movie overrode our fears," says Shaiman (a five-time Oscar nominee for such films as "Sleepless in Seattle" and "The American President" and, with Wittman, a Tony winner for the musical "Hairspray"). "We re-embraced the things we loved as children. There's no need for irony or snark. This is our love letter to the original."

Working closely with Marshall and co-writers David Magee and John DeLuca, they drew inspiration from the P.L. Travers books. So although the challenge was "terrifying," Wittman concedes,



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Songwriters Scott Wittman, left, and Marc Shaiman, who lobbied director Rob Marshall for the "Mary Poppins Returns" writing job.

returning to the original source of Poppins adventures "was liberating, and freeing, in a way."

"A song needs to be earned, especially a ballad," adds Marshall, "because it has to feel like it's coming seamlessly out of the story." So he and his collaborators designed the film as they would a Broadway musical, with songs advancing the story, advancing characters to offer as much

depth as possible. "In juxtaposition with these fantasies and adventures, we have a very real story with real people that you care about," Marshall notes. "That was very important to me."

Most of 2016 was spent working out the story and writing the songs (including several that didn't make it into the final version). Later that year, Shaiman and Wittman joined Marshall and key mem-

bers of the cast for more than two months of rehearsals at London's Shepperton Studios prior to recording the songs. Filming began in late January 2017.

Of special concern to Marshall were the moments when the actors broke into song. The classic way of making movie musicals was, in years past, to prerecord the tunes and then have the actors lip-sync to them during shooting. It wasn't always convincing.

"When you're experiencing the film, it should all feel live," Marshall says. "You should never know where actors are singing live and where they're not." So the final product is a combination of prerecorded vocals and ones that were done live on the set.

"Rob likes to blend the two," explains Blunt. "You prerecord your vocals, and then Rob — in a very transporting way for all of us — blares it from speakers around the set so you aren't even lip-syncing, you're singing along with yourself. Then there would be that awful moment where Rob would say, 'OK, we're going to do one live.' You'd be handed a little earbud, and you'd be the only person on set who could hear the music, so to everybody else you're singing a cappella. It's never anyone's favorite moment. But then it gives you that seamless blend of live and prerecord. Rob always wants it to be very fluid."

What surprised Shaiman was Marshall's suggestion that, in addition to prerecording the orchestra and vocals, he write and record about 20 minutes of additional music — variously lighthearted, exciting and emotional — prior to shooting. "Rob is a big believer in putting the actors in the right mood with music," Shaiman says. All of it wound up in the final version of the film.

"The little boy in me had this fantasy, this dream, to somehow become part of the 'Mary Poppins' story," Shaiman says. "The weeks of scoring this movie were the greatest weeks of my life."



STEVE BINDER ARCHIVES

THE COMEBACK

Looking back at '68 TV special that made Elvis matter again

By **RANDY LEWIS**
Los Angeles Times

Just how far removed from cultural relevance was Elvis Presley in 1968?

When Singer — the maker of sewing machines — brokered a deal with NBC to sponsor three TV music specials, the company's go-to artist list consisted of Hawaiian pop crooner Don Ho, Las Vegas king of glitz Liberace and Presley.

If that weren't enough, Presley's manager, Col. Tom Parker, envisioned his client's show as a traditional holiday special. At his first meeting with Steve Binder, who produced and directed the special, Parker handed him an audiotape containing 20 Presley recordings of Christmas songs; on the box was a picture of the King, a holiday wreath behind him.

All that was missing was an ugly sweater. "I thought, 'This is not going to work,'" Binder says in an interview with *The Times*. "I don't want to do some Andy Williams or Perry Como TV special. I thought it was over."

Yet in mid-1968, when the negotiations were underway for Presley's appearance on NBC the following December, Binder managed to forge a bond with the singer that resulted in him defying Parker, however briefly.

The result was a turning point in Presley's career. Indeed the Singer-sponsored show "Elvis" was subsequently referred to as "The 1968 Comeback Special." Over the course of one hour, a 33-year-old Presley galvanized TV audiences with electrifying performances that gave fans a persuasive reason to forgive him for nearly a decade's worth of formulaic Hollywood B movies that enriched his (and Parker's) bank accounts but virtually depleted his musical credibility.

"If there hadn't been the '68 special, I'm not sure he'd occupy the place in rock music history he does today," says Alanna Nash, a veteran music writer and author of "The Colonel: The Extraordinary Story of Colonel Tom Parker and Elvis Presley," published in 2004. "I saw it on the big screen this past summer in Denmark at an Elvis event I was doing. You just can't take your eyes off him. He's so magnetic. It's such a miracle to watch him regain his confidence after those awful movies like 'Easy Come, Easy Go.'"

"What's Greil Marcus' famous quote about it? 'It's like watching a man find his way home again,'" Nash says. "That's really what it is."

To mark this year's 50th anniversary of the show that first aired Dec. 3, 1968, Sony Legacy is issuing an expanded "Comeback Special" box set with five CDs and two Blu-ray discs, a set that goes well beyond the original single LP soundtrack and even beyond the 40th anniversary four-CD set with additional audio released in 2008.

The new set contains all the audio and video recorded for the show, which first included only about 47 minutes of performance material interspersed with the requisite 13 minutes of commercials for a one-hour prime-time TV show at that time. It also comes with an 80-page book with photos and other documentation of the show, plus a new oral history assembled from video/filmmaker Thom Zimny's interviews for the recent HBO special "Elvis Presley — The Searcher."

Subsequently, through a serendipitous fluke, the "Comeback Special" has usually been shown in a 90-minute director's cut that Binder created, but which NBC originally rejected.

Along with several production numbers,



Above: Steve Binder and Elvis Presley talk during rehearsals for the 1968 TV special. Below: Presley performs an in-the-round jam session before a live studio audience.

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the heart of the original special was an in-the-round performance sequence in which Elvis jammed and engaged in playful banter with his longtime band mates, guitarist Scotty Moore and drummer D.J. Fontana (bassist Bill Black had died three years earlier) along with other musicians in front of a small, live studio audience.

Dressed head to toe in a tight black leather suit, Presley exuded raw sexuality as he and the band worked their way through essentially ad-libbed renditions of songs including "That's All Right," "Jailhouse Rock," "Don't Be Cruel," "Baby What You Want Me To Do," "One Night" and "Lawdy, Miss Clawdy," among many others.

Binder, now 85 and living in California, says despite his initial misgivings about the ideas Parker was bandying about early on, he was persuaded to take on the project by Bones Howe, the respected music engineer.

"If it wasn't for Bones Howe, I never would have done it," Binder says. "He said, 'Steve, you're crazy not to do this. I engineered an album with Elvis and I really think you'd hit it off with him.'"

A few years earlier, in 1964, Binder had directed one of the 1960s' greatest rock-R&B specials, "The T.A.M.I. Show," which captured vibrant live performances by James Brown, the Rolling Stones, the Beach Boys, Chuck Berry, Marvin Gaye and others, filmed at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium.

But the subject of that show never came up when he met with Presley to talk about what his projected special might look like: "I was not curious enough to even ask him about that."

The in-the-round portion of the show, which many consider to be the template for

"MTV Unplugged" when it emerged a couple of decades later, was also the result of happenstance.

"He'd been renting a home in Beverly Hills at that time, but while we were rehearsing, he said, 'How about me living in my dressing room while we're making the show?' If it hadn't been for that, there would have been no acoustic sessions. How he unwound after rehearsals was he just jammed in his dressing room with whoever was around. That's what triggered the idea. I thought 'I've got to get a camera in here.'"

"The Colonel wouldn't allow me to bring a hand-held camera in, but I kept pleading with him day after day. He finally said, 'I'll let you re-create it out on stage, but I won't guarantee I'll let you use any of it,'" Binder says.

"It was Elvis who came to me and said, 'Do you think we could get Scotty and D.J. to do this with me?' He was so (mad) at Parker for breaking them up in the first place," he says.

Binder loved the idea, and arranged for Moore and Fontana to be in that segment. It was the last time they ever played with the man they helped turn into a global cultural phenomenon 14 years earlier starting with revolutionary recordings they made with producer Sam Phillips at his Sun Studio in Memphis.

"We didn't rehearse it," Binder says of the onstage jam session. "Elvis just sat down with all those guys — they just came in and did it. They knew all the songs, all the ones he loved, and it was totally real. We got two (one-) hour sessions of him doing improv. The beauty of it for me was that not only was he honest, he forgot he was doing a show with Scotty and Bill, and they were just playing together again."

You'd never know it from what came through the TV cameras, but Binder recalls that Elvis was uneasy about the show. "He was nervous as hell when we did this special," he says. "When I worked with him, he was extremely unhappy with where his career had taken him. He wasn't sure if he could come back."

Presley needn't have worried. The special triggered a rejuvenation of his career — some using even stronger terms for the event that paved the way for a new round of hits, including "In the Ghetto," "Suspicious Minds" and "Burning Love," and set the stage for his final years of work in Las Vegas.

"It was a resurrection in the way he came back stronger than ever," says Greg Harris,

president and CEO of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, which is hosting a session about the show with Binder on Dec. 2 of what he calls "Comeback Special Weekend" at the institution.

"This was pure unadulterated emotion and the essence of rock 'n' roll," Harris says. "I think that learning the narrative of how it came together just gives us a better appreciation for Elvis' true concern and his love and passion for the music."

"Another really important part of this whole thing is how Binder was able to see what Elvis was doing in his downtime in his dressing room, find a way to actually incorporate it into the show and then capture that moment," Harris adds. "So many performers put a lot of time and effort into making their performances look perfect, and trying to make them look unrehearsed. One thing that makes this special so great is that it's not perfect — it's raw and it's real and it's fantastic."

Binder and project partner Spencer Proffer, a music industry veteran, are planning a series of activities over the next year highlighting the "Comeback Special" and Binder's role in its creation.

In August, special-event producer Fathom Events showed the special on some 2,000 screens, and next year Proffer says he and Binder are planning another session in which Binder will discuss the making of the show, during which he'll be joined by guest musicians who will perform their takes on some of the songs, mixed in with the vintage footage of Presley on stage.

They're moving forward with a documentary film about Presley and Binder's friendship to be directed by John Scheinfeld ("Chasing Trane: The John Coltrane Documentary") to follow the Fathom screenings in 2020.

Proffer also persuaded Binder to expand a "modest" book he'd written about his experiences with Presley and the show into a more lavish coffee-table book they're targeting for broader distribution next year. It's titled "Comeback '68/Elvis — The Story of the Elvis Special."

NBC is getting into the act with a TV special revisiting Presley's show assembled by veteran Grammy Awards telecast executive producer Ken Ehrlich, with contemporary musicians offering their renditions of the songs Presley sang that night 50 years ago. That special is slated to air early next year.

Proffer also is helping bring Nash's biography of Parker to the big screen after years of negotiations with different parties interested in telling the tale.

One of the most significant facets of the whole "'68 Comeback Special" story is that it's one of the few instances in Presley's life where he overruled Parker, who has been widely pilloried over the years for the way he managed the singer's career, starting with the 50 percent management commission he collected — with Presley's approval.

In addition to rejecting Parker's original idea for the show to be a Christmas special, Elvis — and Binder — also found a way around Parker's request that they include one Christmas song to be released as a single. Instead, they closed the show with a powerful original expression of social justice, "If I Can Dream," written for him by W. Earl Brown, credited on the show for "special lyrics and vocal arrangements."

"We became very close while working on the show," Binder says. "Elvis once told me, 'Steve, I never want to sing any more songs I don't believe in. ... I never want to make another movie I don't believe in,' and going on and on and projecting into the future. He wanted to travel the world, experience things he never had the opportunity to do."

"I said, 'Elvis I hear you, but I don't know if you're strong enough to stand up to the Colonel,'" Binder says. "He always pulled his power play over Elvis, and Elvis would humbly bow his head. He never stood up to him in any other confrontations. In the end, unfortunately, I was right."

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Plants and vases warm galleries



LORI WAXMAN
Art at Large

No telling if the fresh snow blanketing the city as I finish this review will still be around by the time it's published. Regardless, the plants underneath won't be back for half a year or more. And yet, the galleries of West Town are in full bloom.

That's true metaphorically of the burgeoning gallery district, which still feels newish and seems to welcome a freshly decamped tenant or two each season, most recently Monique Meloche on North Paulina and a few months prior, veteran dealer Rhona Hoffman on Chicago Avenue.

But it's also literally true. Nearly every show I saw in West Town a few weeks ago was lush with bursting pale pink peonies, deep indigo hyacinths and spidery plant shoots. I don't for a minute believe that any of the involved artists or their gallerists had some sort of last-gasp-of-summer notion in mind — each and every one of them is far too sophisticated to resort to a theme worthy of Hallmark — though it's worth pointing out that this nevertheless occurs. The relief of walking from the cold gray outdoors into a warm white space covered in colorful bursts of natural life is hard to deny.

First stop: the vases, because what's the point of having cut flowers if you've nowhere to put them? At PLHK, a diminutive gallery that consistently shows artworks of an outsized verve, the Danish artist Marie Herwald Hermann offers a series of three-dimensional still lifes. Nearly everything in "Bit by Bit Above the Edge of Things" is ceramic: the glazed stoneware shelves, the perfectly compact porcelain vessels arranged on them just so, the lumpy ropes of clay nailed to the wall in this or that gesture. Colors come in impossibly subtle shades of tongue and cloud, sunflower and teal. Some are glossy and some are not, some are textured and some are smooth: noting the differences feels pleasantly pedagogic.

What might go in Hermann's vessels, notwithstanding the fact that despite being empty they lack for nothing? Perhaps Iris Bernblum's black watercolors of palm and succulent and other shoots, currently on display in "No Tomorrow," a two-person show with Nelly Agassi at Aspect/Ratio. Bernblum's sparse yet palpable studies — of plants but also a cat licking his testicles, dogs sniffing each other, and a pair of birds titled "Two Cocks" — make up for what



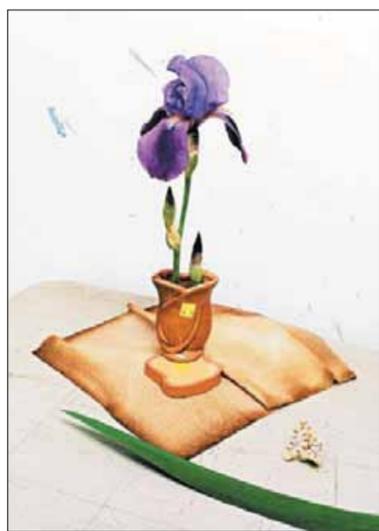
IRIS BERBLUM

"Sabina 2," by Iris Bernblum

they lack in color with what they gain in tonal washes. And sophomoric humor, too often assumed the purview of men only. But mostly these paintings and an accompanying nighttime-in-the-forest-with-flashlights video are bittersweet, with plants named for friends who've left, including the artist Sabina Ott, who died this past summer, and with a sense of responsibility for the wild things we try to tame. Best to pot them in loamy soil, water often and hope for good luck.

No matter how well cared for, though, flowers will eventually wilt, shed their petals and die. It's a quality that has long earned them a central place in the still life, a genre established by the French Academy in the 17th century and ranked far less important than history painting and portraiture because it didn't depict humans. And yet it's all about us: we're the ones who care that material pleasures are fleeting, that life itself is brief. Still life is the genre of death.

Ebony G. Patterson, in "...for those who bear/bare witness..." at Monique Meloche, pushes that theme to its brink in a show that might be described as vanitas bling. The Jamaican artist leaves no surface undecorated: walls are papered in a repeating pattern of wilted bouquets, purple butterflies cluster before the end of their brief lifespans, ten enormous cut-out tapestries pile sequin appliqués, mardi gras beads, printed fabrics, glitter, bejeweled buttons and broches, satin tassels and more atop already densely woven floral patterns. Can death be warded off with enough shine? Certainly plenty have tried. But it didn't



JESSICA LABATTE

"99 Cent," by Jessica Labatte

work then and it won't work now: not to be missed amid the riot of ornamentation are limbless and headless colonial figures, a smattering of bodiless arms, and an actual funeral wreath.

Too cruel, and too lacking in the cyclical nature of flora, to end with death: reverse course, instead, to Jessica Labatte's "Almanac for Shade Gardeners" at Western Exhibitions. Labatte has been marshalling her 4 x 5 film camera to make radiant experimental photographs for the past decade, but here she tries out something else entirely, both immensely satisfying to contemplate and curiously brave to have done: ravishing floral still lifes composed with cuttings from the garden that surrounds her home studio.

Hung salon-style and ranging from petite to gigantic — a shriveled pair of yellow-orange daffodils are printed life-size, a trio of purple irises has a bloom as large as my head and buds big as my hand — walking through the gallery feels not unlike wandering through a hothouse, albeit one in which all plants flourish simultaneously. Labatte isn't making nature photos, however, she's composing precise and loaded compositions, ripe with formal, erotic and symbolic play. Strips of neon duct tape geometrize the hot colors of a rosy hyacinth and a branch of forsythia. A glass globe reflects the white photography umbrella that is part of the artist's studio setup. A light pink pin sticks a strawberry.

Noting the crunched-up pipe cleaner and wooden toy toast in "99 Cent" — named for the price sticker still stuck on the cheap vase from which spring those



ARON GENT

"Bit By Bit," by Marie Herwald

seductive irises — I wondered if she had a child. Identifying the branch of black raspberries, some still unripe and red, I thought perhaps she lived outside the city. Indeed, in 2015 Labatte and her husband Eric May moved from the loft above Roots & Culture, the Noble Square non-profit gallery he founded, to the village of Winfield. Their son is now two and a half. The traces of these life-changing and life-structuring relationships figure in here and there, as do the bits and pieces of the rest of daily life: ear buds, a painted rock, a torn quilt, a rotted birdhouse, a stained paper towel. Impressively, no single element repeats — not a flower or a vase or a tchotchke — only the scratched studio table on which these items are sometimes arranged. We go on and we remain.

"Marie Herwald Hermann: Bit by Bit Above the Edge of Things" runs through December 22 at PLHK, 1709 W. Chicago Ave., no phone, parislondonhongkong.com; "Tris Bernblum & Nelly Agassi: No Tomorrow" runs through December 8 at Aspect/Ratio, 864 N. Ashland Ave., 773-206-7354, aspectratioproject.com; "Ebony G. Patterson: ...for those who bear/bare witness..." runs through December 22 at Monique Meloche, 451 N. Paulina St., 312-243-2129, moniquemeloche.com; "Jessica Labatte: Shade Garden" runs through December 22 at Western Exhibitions, 1709 W. Chicago Ave., 312-480-8390, westernexhibitions.com.

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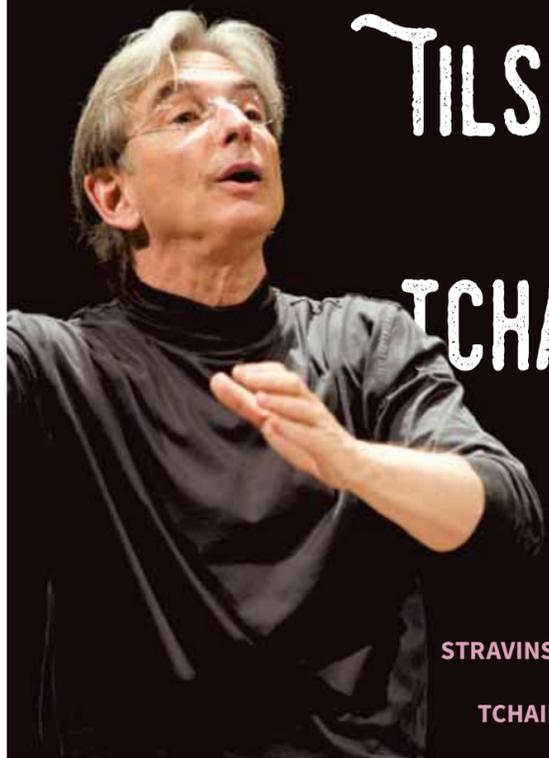
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Garth Brooks

"Garth: Live at Notre Dame!" (7 p.m., CBS): Country music icon Garth Brooks is the star attraction for the very first live concert ever staged at the stadium of Indiana's University of Notre Dame in this two-hour special recorded in October. Before a sold-out crowd, Brooks performs his greatest hits in this extended musical set that also serves as something of a warm-up for a three-year stadium tour he and his wife, Trisha Yearwood, are embarking upon. For the record, Brooks gives the venue stellar marks for its acoustics.

"A Majestic Christmas" (7 p.m., Hallmark): Architect Nell Harper (Jerrika Hinton, "Grey's Anatomy") has decidedly mixed emotions about her upcoming trip back to her rustic hometown of Briar Falls, N.Y. This visit involves a painful piece of business: Nell is tasked with remodeling the Majestic Playhouse, the town's cherished home to annual Christmas tableaux, into a modern residential multiplex.

"The Christmas Pact" (7 p.m., 11:01 p.m., Lifetime): When Ben and Sadie (Jarod Joseph, Kyla Pratt) were 8 years old, they planted a half-dead little Christmas tree behind their church and made a pact with each other. In the years since, that tiny tree has grown stronger and taller, but the everyday nuisances and responsibilities of life have driven some unwelcome space between these childhood friends. As another Christmas season approaches, Sadie and Ben could use a little yuletide magic to rekindle their commitment to each other. Jasmine Guy also stars.

"Holiday Gingerbread Showdown" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., Food): Where there's a Will — Ferrell, that is — there's a way in the new episode "Elf," in which three bakers must draw inspiration from that beloved Christmas movie classic. They have some bright ideas for the yuletide sweets they wish to attempt, but deadline pressure produces the kind of crunch they're not really looking for, especially since they know \$25,000 is riding on their efforts. Marcela Valladolid is the host.

"Life-Size 2: A Christmas Eve" (8 p.m., FREE): Tyra Banks reprises her role from the 2000 Walt Disney TV movie "Life-Size" for this new holiday sequel, which opens as Grace Manning (Francia Raisa) is feeling overwhelmed by her job running Marathon Toys, which was founded by her late mother. In her 20s, Grace still is prone to wild-child behavior that is causing company stock to plummet. Luckily, a neighbor manages to reawaken Eve (Banks), the iconic life-size doll.

"The Victoria's Secret Fashion Show Holiday Special" (9 p.m., ABC): Merging fashion, fantasy and entertainment, this top-rated annual special sees the celebrated Angels of Victoria's Secret taking to the runway to model some of the company's latest lines of provocative yet elegant women's wear. Between the fashion segments, the hour also includes musical contributions from Shawn Mendes, Bebe Rexha, Halsey, The Chainsmokers, Kelsea Ballerini, Rita Ora and The Struts.

"Nightflyers" (9 p.m., 10:10 p.m., Syfy): Written well before the fantasy novels that inspired HBO's "Game of Thrones," a 1980 novella by author George R.R. Martin provides the basis for this new 10-part "space horror epic," rolling out nightly Sunday through Thursday both this week and next. The action takes place among a spaceship crew that has been dispatched to seek other life forms. Alas, a very dangerous one already is aboard their vessel. Eoin Macken ("The Night Shift"), Gretchen Mol and David Ajala ("Falling Water") head the cast.

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		MOVIES								
		PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	
BROADCAST	CBS	2	Garth: Live at Notre Dame! (N) ©			NCIS: Los Angeles: "Warrior of Peace." ©		News (N) ▶		
	NBC	5	Football Night (N)	(7:20) NFL Football: Los Angeles Chargers at Pittsburgh Steelers. (N) (Live) ©						
	ABC	7	Dancing With the Stars: Juniors (N) ©		Shark Tank (N) ©		Victoria's Secret Fashion Show Holiday (N)		News at 10pm (N) ▶	
	WGN	9	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	blackish ©	blackish ©	Weekend News (N)	Instant Replay (N) ©	Chicago's Best	
	Antenna	9.2	3's a Crowd	The Ropers	3's Comp.	B. Miller	Mork/Mindy	Alice ©	Soap ©	
	This TV	9.3	In the Heat of the Night		In the Heat of the Night		In the Heat of the Night		Heat/Night ▶	
	PBS	11	Great Performances: "Michael Buble: Tour Stop 148." (N) ©			Great Performances: "Michael Buble: Tour Stop 148." ©			Anniversary Concert (N) ▶	
	The U	26.1	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Engagement	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©	
	MeTV	26.3	Columbo: "Murder, a Self Portrait." ©			Touched by an Angel ©		Ngt. Gallery		
	H&I	26.4	Star Trek ©			Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		
Bounce	26.5	(6) Little Man '06 ***			Daddy Day Care (PG,03) **			Eddie Murphy.	Meet Dave ▶	
FOX	32	The Simpsons (N)	Bob's Burgers (N)	Family Guy (N) ©	Rel (N) ©	Fox 32 News at Nine Sunday		Fox Chicago Final Word		
Ion	38	(6) Merry Kissmas '15			Christmas Cupid's Arrow (NR,18)			Elisabeth Harnois.	Prince ▶	
TeleM	44	(6) Furious 7 (NR,15) ***			Vin Diesel. ©			Don Francisco (N)	Noticiero	
CW	50	Supergirl: "Bunker Hill." (N)			Charmed: "Bug a Boo." (N)		Big Bang		Big Bang	Mod Fam
UniMas	60	Dredd (R) **			300 (R,06) ***			Gerard Butler, Lena Headey.	Noticias (N)	
WJYS	62	Ever Increasing Faith			Truth of God		Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.	
Univ	66	Nuestra Belleza Latina (N)			Crónicas: Historias (N)					
CABLE	AE	National Treasure (PG,04) **			Nicolas Cage, Diane Kruger. ©			Faster ***		
	AMC	(7:15) National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (PG-13,89) ***			Jingle All the Way ***			The Zoo ▶		
	ANIM	Crikey! It's the Irwins (N)			Amanda-Res. (N)			The Zoo ▶		
	BBCA	Doctor Who (N) ©			(8:10) A Few Good Men (R,92) ***			Tom Cruise. © ▶		
	BET	(5:57) What's Love Got to Do With It (R,93) ***			Kevin Hart			Martin ©		
	BIGTEN	College Basketball (N)			The BIG Show (N) (Live) ©			Football ▶		
	BRavo	Housewives-Atlanta			Housewives/OC (N)			Dirty John (N) ©		
	CLTV	News at 7		News (N)	News at 8		News (N)	SportsFeed ©		
	CNBC	Undercover Boss ©			Undercover Boss ©			Undercover Boss ©		
	CNN	CNN Newsroom (N)			CNN Special Report (N)			Race for the White House		
	COM	(5:20) That's My Boy *			Trading Places (R,83) ***			Dan Aykroyd, Eddie Murphy. © ▶		
	DISC	Alaska (N)			Last Frontier (N)			The Last Alaskans (N) ©		
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	ESPN	SportCtr (N) Championship Drive: Who's In? (N) (Live)						LadyGang		
	ESPN2	Wm. Basketball (N)			2018 ACL Southern College Cornhole Championship			Drone ▶		
	FNC	OBJECTified (N) ©			The Next Revolution (N)			Life, Liberty & Levin (N)		
	FOOD	Guy's Grocery Games			Gingerbread (N)			Holiday Baking		
	FREE	Dr. Seuss' How-Grinch			Life-Size 2: A Christmas Eve (NR,18)			Tyra Banks.		
	FX	Deadpool (R,16) ***			Ryan Reynolds, Morena Baccarin. ©			Deadpool (R,16) ***		
	HALL	A Majestic Christmas (NR,18)			Jerrika Hinton. ©			Finding Santa (NR,17)		
	HGTV	Hawaii (N)		Hawaii (N)	Bahamas		Bahamas (N)	Island (N)		
	HIST	American Pickers			(8:02) American Pickers			(9:05) American Pickers		
	HLN	The Hunt			The Hunt			The Hunt ▶		
	IFC	Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R,08) ***			Jason Segel. ©			Yes Man (PG-13,08) ***		
	LIFE	The Christmas Pact (NR,18)			Kyla Pratt. ©			(9:03) A Star for Christmas (NR,12) ▶		
	MSNBC	Kasie DC (N) ©			Headliners ©			Headliners ©		
	MTV	Ridiculous.			Ridiculous.			Ridiculous.		
	NBCSCH	NHL Hockey: Flames at Blackhawks (N)			Blackhawks Postgame (N)			Beer Money		
	NICK	SpongeBob			Cheaper by the Dozen 2 (PG,05) **			Steve Martin.		
Ovation	(6) Point Break (R,91) ***			Patrick Swayze. ©			National Christmas Tree Lighting (N)			
OWN	Police Women of Dallas			Police Women of Dallas			Police Women of Dallas			
OXY	Snapped: "Liz Golyar." ©			Killer Couples (N) ©			Homicide for the Holidays			
PARMT	(6) Red (PG-13,10) **			Bruce Willis. ©			Red 2 (PG-13,13) **			
SYFY	(6:25) Avengers: Age of Ultron (PG-13,15) ***			Nightflyers (Series Premiere) (N) ©			Nightfly. ▶			
TBS	Big Bang		Big Bang	Big Bang		Big Bang	Big Bang			
TCM	The Shop Around the Corner (NR,40) ***			©			Holiday Affair (NR,49) ***			
TLC	90 Day Fiancé: "Ready to Run." (N)			Return to Amish (N)			Gypsy ▶			
TLN	Living-Edge		Manna Fest	In Grace		Turning Point ©	Insights			
TNT	Captain America: Civil War (PG-13,16) ***			Chris Evans. ©			Bat v Sup ▶			
TOON	Gumball		Gumball	Family Guy		Burgers	Amer. Dad			
TRAV	Haunted Case Files ©			Haunted Case Files (N)			Scariest Night (N)			
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USA	Law & Order: SVU			Law & Order: SVU			Law & Order: SVU			
VH1	Black Ink Crew ©			Black Ink Crew ©			Love & Hip Hop ©			
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PREMIUM	HBO	(6:05) Rampage '18 **			My Bril. (N Subtitled-Camping			Sally4Ever		
	HBO2	My Bril. (Subtitled-English)			Annabelle: Creation (R,17) **			Stephanie Sigman. ©		
	MAX	Girls Trip (R,17) ***			Regina Hall. ©			(9:05) Unforgettable (R,17) **		
	SHO	Enemies-Pres. (N)			Ray Donovan (N) ©			Escape at Dannemora (N)		
	STARZ	Outlander: "Savages." (N)			Outlander: "Savages." ©			Outlander: "Savages." ©		
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Channeling pain of black artists

Mahershala Ali sees Hollywood's changing attitude

By SONAIYA KELLEY
Los Angeles Times

Roughly halfway through "Green Book," about one of the unlikely friendships of the civil rights era, Jamaican piano prodigy Don Shirley (Mahershala Ali), explains to his Italian-American driver and companion, Frank "Tony Lip" Vallelonga (Viggo Mortensen), that though he's found success playing popular music, he was trained for the classical stage.

"Trained?" says Vallelonga. "What are you, a seal? People love what you do. Anyone can sound like Beethoven or Joe Pan or them other guys you said. But your music, what you do, only you can do that."

"Thank you, Tony," Shirley says patiently. "But not everyone can play Chopin, not like I can."

The scene, one of the film's most poignant insights into the musician's conflicted feelings about his identity and legacy, was not always written that way.

"Dr. Shirley used to just say, 'Thank you, Tony,' and that's it, that's the scene," recalled Ali over lunch in Los Feliz, Calif. "That scene always ate at me. It just didn't ring true to me as a black person. It felt like what I would call a 'TV moment.'"

After watching Nina Simone's Netflix documentary "What Happened, Miss Simone?" Ali was able to pinpoint just what it was that bugged him about the scene and brought it to director Peter Farrelly.

"I spoke at length with him about Nina Simone in that, as much as we love and appreciate her music, she didn't become who she wanted to become, she became who she was allowed to become," he said of the legendary dive-bar chanteuse, who'd originally had designs on being a classical pianist.

"And Don Shirley was the same way." "Green Book," which is now playing nationwide, is already being floated as a potential best picture nominee.

Ali's portrayal of the emotionally tortured Shirley is all but guaranteed to earn him a supporting actor nod.

If so, it would mark his second Academy Award nomination, after a breakout turn in Barry Jenkins' dazzling "Moonlight," for which he took home the trophy in 2016.

But awards consideration, though appreciated, couldn't be less of a driving force for the actor.

"For me, it's about the diversity of my



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Mahershala Ali may be in the running for a best supporting actor nod for his portrayal of Jamaican pianist Don Shirley in "Green Book."

experience as an actor," he said. "I'm just constantly looking for something that feels appropriate for me at the time. I don't ever want to do something I've already done. I'm not interested in that at all."

Though Farrelly calls him an "unbelievable actor," the director was hesitant to cast Ali because of the tonal difference between the outwardly powerful drug-dealer Juan in "Moonlight" and the more delicate, internal restraint of Shirley.

"He was such an imposing figure in 'Moonlight,'" Farrelly said. "He was big and strong and really a force. And Dr. Shirley is not that. I thought maybe Mahershala might be too big a figure for this film, but when I met him, and he talked about who this guy was, he quickly became him. It was such an impressive performance."

"This is going to sound like B.S., but it was an honor and a pleasure (working with Ali)," Mortensen said. "For me, the foundation of good acting is always good reacting. I'm looking at his face and there are all these incredible, minute, beautiful reactions. Like, so precise, his work. It was really difficult to keep a straight face because he was so hilarious and getting

perfect timing."

The painstaking performances of the two leads elevate the film's fairly simple premise: In 1962, Shirley, a distinguished pianist, prepares to embark on a concert tour that will take him through the Deep South.

He knows he needs to hire some muscle, which is where Lip comes in, a racist bouncer who just lost his job at Manhattan's Copacabana nightclub.

(The title "Green Book" came from "The Negro Motorist Green-Book," Victor Hugo Green's guide for African-Americans to find safe accommodations in segregated Southern towns.)

Ali was immediately sold on the opportunity to play a character as dynamic and rich in texture as Shirley.

"Don Shirley was exceptional ... I haven't seen him on film," he said. "The opportunity to step into the shoes of a man with that much complexity — who spoke eight languages, was a piano prodigy, had affluence and was successful and connected — even though he's in an environment that limits his freedom, I think that he has more power than any other black character that I've personally seen in a

pre-civil-rights-era film or story."

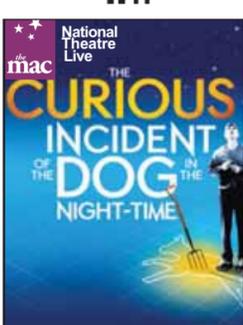
Though it only makes sense that conversations about race dominate the press run for "Green Book," Ali says it's a nagging point of discussion no matter what project he's promoting.

"When I go and do these press junkets ... I always spend a good 30 percent to 40 percent of the time talking about race," he said. "You spend so much time as a black artist speaking about the black experience that it's almost like the writers are conditioned to speak to me on those terms. Which is cool, but they still don't necessarily reserve enough space to really get into the nuances of the work."

But Ali says that Hollywood is much more open to diverse stories and storytellers now than in the recent past.

"I think Hollywood is always ready to embrace a new vein, a new anything that's going to help expand storytelling that is also economically beneficial," he said. "If Hollywood is making money off of something, then they want to figure out ways to tap into that. And for us, the positive thing is that we get to tell our stories how we want to tell them."

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Lexington's Distillery District is home to Crank & Boom Ice Cream Lounge, a fun spot to indulge in frosty treats like bourbon and honey ice cream.

BOURBON TO BURGOO

'Top Chef' gets a taste of Kentucky

BY LORI RACKL
Chicago Tribune

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Hoecakes and Hot Browns. Benedictine spread and burgoo stew.

Not familiar with these Kentucky classics?

You will be if you tune in to Season 16 of "Top Chef," debuting Dec. 6 on Bravo. The upcoming installment of television's culinary smackdown unfurls in the Bluegrass State, at the tippy top of the nation's Y'all Line.

Fifteen contestants attempt to saute and sous vide their way to the winner's circle in a series of challenges set mainly in and around Louisville, a city regarded by some as the gateway to the Midwest, and Lexington, the front porch of the South.

These two L cities, whose combined population is less than a million, align with a "Top Chef" trend to film in less obvious locales — places that aren't necessarily stocked with a Milky Way galaxy's worth of Michelin star power.

"There are a lot of exciting things happening, foodwise, outside of the big cities," said the show's head judge, Tom Colicchio. "Everybody knows there's great food in San Francisco, Chicago, New York. It's great to showcase these other areas."

While I chatted with Colicchio on a drizzly day in late May, an army of TV production assistants, food servers and hungry Kentuckians was milling about a Lexington warehouse. The space was being transformed into the setting for a "Top Chef" fan favorite: Restaurant Wars. This pressure-cooker part of the season has teams of contestants conceptualizing and executing a one-night-only pop-up restaurant for invited diners and the show's judges. This season, Restaurant Wars will happen earlier than usual, with an unprecedented three teams instead of two.



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Honeywood's burgers boast beef from Black Hawk Farms.

A few other things to look forward to: Contestants duke it out for the affection of Laila Ali's taste buds at the Muhammad Ali Center in Louisville, and "The Chi" creator Lena Waithe drops by for a challenge that has chefs reimagining the iconic Hot Brown sandwich, a nearly century-old culinary tradition involving thick slabs of turkey, bacon, mornay sauce, Texas toast and enough calories to fuel the Kentucky Wildcats defensive line. "Top Chef" hopefuls also try to identify various herbs and spices in a KFC-inspired blindfold taste test.

Given that the bulk of the planet's bourbon comes from Kentucky, you can bet the brown spirit — an increasingly big driver of the state's tourism — plays a role in the show. The chefs venture about 60 miles south of Louisville to Maker's Mark distillery in Loretto, where they get a tutorial on the country's native spirit.

"It was really fascinating to learn the process of making bourbon, to understand it's something uniquely American and cannot be made anywhere else," purred the show's velvet-voiced host,



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"Top Chef" head judge Tom Colicchio and host Padma Lakshmi dig into contestants' food in the season premiere of the Bravo cooking show.

Padma Lakshmi, as she nibbled pineapple slices outside her trailer on the "Top Chef" set, tucked away in a nondescript industrial park in Louisville.

For a spirit to be considered bourbon, it has to be made in the U.S. The grain mixture must be at least 51 percent corn. It has to be aged in new, charred oak barrels and, unlike other whiskeys, no artificial coloring or flavoring can be added.

"I'm not a mixed-drink person, but I like bourbon," Lakshmi said. "I had a little bit with Diet Coke. It made me think of Spain in the '90s. When I was young — in my 20s — I used to have a lot of bourbon and Coca-Cola. Those days are gone, sadly."

While Lakshmi's youthful exploits in Europe are a thing of the past, bourbon has bounced back.

In Kentucky, where bourbon is to the state what wine is to Northern California, the spirit has shed its grandpa's-drink image and evolved into a legit tourism draw, as well as a signature ingredient in treats like Cellar Door Chocolates' to-die-for bourbon balls in Louisville and Crank & Boom's bour-

bon and honey ice cream in Lexington. Bourbon trails keep on growing, and distilleries are in an arms race to soup up their facilities and tour offerings.

Suffice to say bourbonism is booming. A third of the world's supply comes from Louisville, an ideal spot to get into the spirit. The Old-Fashioned ranks as the city's official cocktail. Who doesn't love a city with an official cocktail? The Kentucky Bourbon Trail Welcome Center — part trip-planning resource, part educational facility — opened this past summer in the Frazier History Museum downtown.

Louisville boasts an increasingly robust food scene too.

"There's just so many spots that are small and independent and have a really good energy," said Chicago chef and judge Graham Elliot. "In that whole region, they're using old techniques and curing hams, aging things — a lot of the handmade, craft aspect of cooking. They're not using a tweezer to plate every dish so it looks like it's coming out of Noma."

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China to overtake France as No. 1 tourist spot

BY PAN PYLAS
Associated Press

LONDON — China is set to overtake France as the world's No. 1 tourist destination by 2030 as a growing middle class in Asia looks to spend more on travel, according to experts at market research group Euromonitor International.

In a recent report, Euromonitor said it is predicting there will be 1.4 billion trips made in 2018, up 5 percent from last year.

By 2030, international arrivals are expected to have risen by another billion. China is expected to have overtaken France by then to become the world's top destination.

Much of the sustained boom in travel and tourism is centered in the Asia-Pacific region, where trips are expected to grow by 10 percent this year. The region has benefited from rapidly growing economies as well as an expanding middle class that seeks to spend disposable income

on leisure.

Euromonitor's senior travel analyst, Wouter Geerts, said the gradual process of loosening visa restrictions has made traveling in the region easier, with 80 percent of arrivals in Asia originating from the region.

He also said sporting events will likely further boost the region, with Tokyo hosting the 2020 Summer Olympic Games and Beijing the 2022 winter event.

Other bright spots in the

forecast are countries like Egypt, Tunisia and Turkey, which have seen sharp falls in tourist numbers over the past few years linked to security concerns.

Europe is also proving resilient and growing strongly despite economic and political turmoil in some countries and a slew of extremist attacks in recent years.

Euromonitor warned that the U.S. tourism industry could face a hit if the trade tensions between the U.S. and China escalate.



GETTY

As the middle class in Asia expands, China is poised to become the world's top tourist destination by 2030.

Sicily's Palermo still colorful, but cleaner



RICK STEVES
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One thing I enjoy about my work is getting my outdated impressions back up to date. Europe is always changing — and recently I discovered that Sicily's capital of Palermo has become a whole new city since my last visit. It's cleaner, safer and more efficient than it was in years past. But it still retains its colorful edge — and that's why I love it.

Over the past decade, Palermo has revitalized itself with new museums, gentrified neighborhoods, pedestrianized streets and upscale shops and hotels. The Mafia's influence has also significantly diminished. Sure, the traffic is a free-for-all, and even the city's prettiest public spaces are rough around the edges. It's like Naples in that regard — but most visitors come to appreciate Palermo's grittiness and what locals call its "bella chaos."

The heart of the city is Quattro Canti ("Four Corners"). It's where two main streets — Via Maqueda and Via Vittorio Emanuele — intersect, dividing the city into four major historical neighborhoods. Between the streets are four Baroque facades, each adorned with three tiers of statues. The bottom statues represent the four seasons, from a young maiden for spring to an elderly woman for winter.

A few steps from Quattro Canti is a trio of glorious churches, facing one another across Piazza Bellini: La Martorana, with gorgeous gilded mosaics; San Cataldo, filling a former mosque; and the highlight, the Church of Santa Caterina, where a simple exterior hides an explosive



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Palermo, Sicily, entertains visitors with striking architecture, vivid street life, a cosmopolitan vibe and a fun-loving energy.

If you visit

Lodging: Eurostars Centrale Palace, located just steps from Quattro Canti, offers 104 elegant rooms in a former noble palace (splurge, www.eurostarscentralepalace.com). AdHoc Rooms, just a stone's throw from Piazza Bellini, has five themed rooms, such as music, comics and sports (budget, www.adhocrooms.it).

Dining: Casa del Brodo, just steps from the Vucciria Market scene, is a Palermo institution (Corso Vittorio Emanuele 175, www.casadelbrodo.it). Bisso Bistrot, filling a former bookstore tucked just behind one of the Quattro Canti fountains, serves traditional Sicilian dishes in a homey, Old World interior (Via Maqueda 172a, www.bissobistrot.it).

Getting around: Though Palermo's main sights are mostly walkable, you can also ride the free shuttle bus that runs through the historic center. For sights farther away, buses and taxis are a good option.

Tourist information: turismo.comune.palermo.it

Sicilian Baroque interior.

Nearby, in Piazza Pretoria, the famous "Fountain of Shame" is one of the few Renaissance works here. Its gathering of marble statues includes gods, goddesses and grotesques on several

tiers, with the virgin goddess of hunt, Diana, presiding above the commotion. The nickname comes from the nude figures — considered quite racy in conservative Sicily.

While Palermo can seem

a bit ramshackle, behind its gritty walls hide exquisite noble mansions reminding visitors of the island's rich heritage. One of my favorite places to sneak a glimpse of aristocratic life is Palazzo Conte Federico, an elegant and extremely lived-in mansion built upon the city wall. Count Federico's family has lived here for centuries, and the current count is a race-car enthusiast (though after he flipped his car in a Sicilian road race, the countess said, "No more racing"). Tours of the mansion are led by their sons.

Perhaps the most fascinating sight is about 1.5 miles from the center, in a crypt below a Capuchin monastery. The Capuchins, a branch of the Franciscan order, have a passion for reminding people of their mortality. Historically, when their monastic brothers died, their bones were

saved and put on display.

The Capuchins of Palermo took this tradition a step further, preserving bodies in their entirety.

Inside the Catacombs of the Capuchins, a maze of corridors contains about 2,000 clothed skeletons and mummies: monks in brown robes, women wearing favorite dresses, priests in their vestments, soldiers still in uniform and children looking almost as if they are just taking a long nap. The oldest body — Brother Silvestro — has been hanging here since 1599. These "bodies without souls" are meant to remind the living that their time on earth is transitory, and something much greater awaits. If you believe in God, this crypt is actually a beautiful celebration of life. At the very least, it's a thought-provoking reminder of your mortality.

Palermo became a major

city after the ninth-century arrival of the Arabs, who were the first inhabitants to spur the city's development. In the 11th century, the Normans, arriving from northern France, conquered and re-Christianized Sicily. Yet the Arab influence lives on throughout the city.

A great example is at the Palatine Chapel, built in the 12th century inside the Norman rulers' royal residence. The king at the time hired architects and craftsmen from different communities, and together they built a simple Norman structure with Arab-style arches and geometric designs, and then adorned the walls and ceiling with shimmering Norman-Byzantine mosaics.

Arab influence is also felt in Palermo's street markets, where merchants retain the tradition of singing their sales pitches. My favorite place to witness this is the Ballaro Market, the city's oldest, most authentic and liveliest market. And the Vucciria, with just a smattering of meat, fish and produce vendors, has one of the city's best street food scenes — a one-stop shop for boiled octopus, spleen sandwiches and Sicily's famous fried rice balls (arancine).

While the Vucciria neighborhood is lively in the morning, it's even better after hours. Make it a point to explore its characteristic back lanes at night, where you'll likely stumble onto a wonderfully convivial scene under the stars — a kaleidoscope of edgy graffiti, cheap plastic chairs, soccer on the big screen, big-eyed kids with gelato and people embracing life with Sicilian gusto.

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TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Why isn't this Hotwire resort fee disclosed?

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT | King Features

Last week, I booked one of Hotwire's blind-booking "hot rate" hotel deals in New York.

Many of the hot rate deals I was looking at fully disclosed the hotel's resort fee without revealing the hotel's name. I chose one that did not make such a disclosure. I received a room at the InterContinental New York Barclay.

The day after I made my reservation, I called Hotwire customer support to inquire about the type of room I was getting. I also wanted to confirm that there was no resort fee. However, the customer-service agent informed me that I would, in fact, have to pay a \$35 resort fee for the night.

I explained that I did not know, or have reason to know, of this resort fee at the time of booking. She referred me to Hotwire's terms and conditions, which say that Hotwire rates do not include special fees charged by hotels upon checkout, such as energy charges, convention fees, resort fees and parking fees. Customers are required to pay these fees directly to the hotels at checkout time.

I understand the terms, but they do not state how or when these fees are disclosed, nor do they give me a reason to know that I could potentially be liable for mandatory, undisclosed resort fees. I am appalled by the way Hotwire has handled this situation.

I have spent hours on the phone with the company over the past week. I've probably talked to nearly a dozen customer-service agents. I was even hung up on by a supervisor after politely refusing to take "no" for an answer.

All I wanted was for Hotwire to subtract \$35 from my bill. Can you help me with this Hotwire resort fee?

— Thomas Stack, East Syracuse, N.Y.

A: Hotwire promises to disclose all mandatory fees, and should have done so. When it failed to, the company should have either allowed you to cancel your reservation or honored the original price. Instead, a representative told you it would consider refunding the fee. Hotwire's "hot" rates show you the hotel name and street location only after you complete a nonrefundable booking. "By allowing our partners to maintain their anonymity during the booking process, Hotwire can get you hotel room deals that are significantly below published prices," the site explains (www.hotwire.com/helpcenter/hotels/searching-and-booking/rates-pricing/what-are-hotwire-hot-rates.jsp).

Hotel resort fees are another matter. They're

mandatory extras charged to your folio, often after you've agreed on a rate. Hotels charge resort fees to make their prices look lower than they are. Resort fees are unfair and deceptive, and should be illegal. You were doing everything you could to avoid a Hotwire resort fee and still failed. That's because Hotwire didn't disclose the fee.

One of my researchers called Hotwire three separate times to see if that was a fluke, if maybe you'd misunderstood. And all three times, Hotwire still didn't disclose the mandatory \$35 per night resort fee. I list the names, numbers and email addresses of Hotwire's customer-service executives on my non-profit consumer-advocacy site: www.elliott.org/company-contacts

/hotwire/. (Expedia owns Hotwire.)

I contacted Hotwire on your behalf. Separately, you also reached out to Hotwire. "Mr. Stack indicated that the hotel informed Expedia of the new resort fee on June 4," a representative confirmed. "Unfortunately, due to a technical glitch that we are investigating, the fee did not flow to our systems until July 2. Because Mr. Stack booked on July 27, we have decided to reimburse him for the full cost of the resort fee."

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CELEBRITY TRAVELER MARTHA HIGAREDA

Actress shares untapped places

BY JAE-HA KIM
Tribune Content Agency

Born and raised in Mexico, actress Martha Higareda ("Altered Carbon," "No Manches Frida") currently is based out of Marina del Rey, Calif., though she notes, "I live (out of) a suitcase most of the time."

When she's at home, she enjoys taking weekend getaways to Napa, for food and wine. "But since I love adventure too, I love jumping on a plane and going to Bryce Canyon or Zion in Utah," she says.

An edited version of our conversation follows.

Q. Where have your travels taken you?

A. So many places. It's always fascinating to me to be in a different part of the planet. We were promoting "Altered Carbon" (in Seoul, South Korea) and it was so different than any other city I've ever been in. The high-rises are incredible. Imagine New York, but multiply it by 10, but with no ads and wide streets, very clean and organized. And in between this massive modern city rests these beautiful palaces, like Gyeongbok, which literally transports you in time.

Q. What is your favorite vacation destination?

A. That is probably one of the hardest questions someone could ask me, as I love traveling so much to many different places. I love Tulum, Mexico, for the beaches, the ruins, the people and the food. It's a good combo between relaxing on the white sand beach, eating the best seafood and exploring the



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Mayan ruins and cenotes. It really is paradise on Earth. The contrast between the ruins and the bright blue ocean can bring tears to your eyes. Then also going to the cenotes, they are sacred places for the Mayans, with crystalline water caves with tree roots growing from above to touch the water. You feel a bit like Indiana Jones while you're there. For adventurous activities, I love Hawaii, the Big Island. You can dive at night with the giant manta rays or take a helicopter ride to watch the glowing lava of Kilauea.

Q. What untapped destination should people know about?

A. In my country? Taxco. It's a little town nestled in the middle of the mountains, with cobblestone streets and amazing food. When you arrive there, it feels like time stopped for a while. Get lost in the local markets and buy amazing silver. If we talk about a different country, I'd say Sapa in Vietnam. You take a night train to the mountains. The adventure starts on a night train and then you arrive to this magical town nestled in the mountains and the clouds, where miles and

miles of rice fields are planted, and definitely Bagan in Myanmar. If you are the Indiana Jones type, this is the place. You hop on your electric scooter with a map and water, and off you go to explore the temples with secret passages. It's truly a wonder!

Q. What was the first trip you took as a child?

A. As a child we took many trips, but the one I remembered the most was Disneyland, and I loved it for obvious reasons.

Q. What's the most important thing you've learned from your travels?

A. Plan for it and then forget the plan. You gotta be ready to improvise and just go with the flow. I took a trip to Thailand and we were staying in a beautiful five-star hotel, and one night we said, "Let's just improvise!" and we ended up sleeping aboard a boat, watching the stars in the middle of the night and swimming with the glowing plankton. I don't think that would've happened if we'd stayed at our fancy hotel, not that I don't like fancy.

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Hate lines at the airport? Pay to make them go away

BY GEORGE HOBICA
Tribune News Service

Long lines are the bane of the airline passenger's existence, especially during peak holiday travel. Here are some of the ways you can shorten the wait, or even eliminate waiting altogether.

Government programs

You've probably already heard of TSA Precheck and Global Entry, but if not, let me explain. Precheck (\$85 for five years) sends passengers into shorter and quicker TSA lines, allowing you to keep your shoes on and your laptop and size-compliant liquids and gels inside your carry-on. I prefer Global Entry (\$100 for five years) because it includes Precheck and also ensures a quick, line-free re-entry into the U.S.

through immigration and customs (sometimes the customs inspection lines are worse than immigration). If you travel to the United Kingdom at least twice a year, own an eligible passport and are willing to pay the 70 pound (about \$90) annual fee, look into the Registered Traveller service, which allows automated processing through immigration at most U.K. airports and at Eurostar terminals.

Airline offerings

Airlines offer line-beating perks that you can buy when you book your airfare. JetBlue, for example, will let you use the same TSA security line that its first-class customers enjoy for \$10; for \$15, Delta will let you board the plane along with its preferred frequent fliers, giving you early access to the overhead bins; and for the same price, United will let you use the priority check-in line or board the plane earlier than your fare would otherwise warrant.

Higher up the pecking order, United Airlines offers Signature Service with VIP treatment at 11 airports; prices start at \$250 per passenger. American offers its 5-Star Service, also at \$250 per passenger in the U.S. and \$300 overseas. Both programs include priority security lines and immigration processing, but American's is only for business and first-class passengers.

When I flew first class on Air France not long ago, an agent met me at check-in, escorted me to the head of the TSA line, then to the lounge, then to the gate and all the way to my seat. On landing, I was met at the plane's door, brought down to the tarmac and handed over to a driver who sped me to the terminal.



MARK BOSTER/TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Long lines at the airport are a drag, but a little bit of money can help make them shorter or disappear completely.

Not in first class? Air France offers a meet-and-greet service to any customer at four French airports with prices starting at 120 euros (\$135) for the first passenger and 10 to 20 euros (\$11.25-\$13.50) for additional passengers.

VIP airport concierges

Most of these programs don't help with security or immigration at airports outside the U.S., such as London's Heathrow, where I have spent many an hour zigzagging back and forth between crowd-control stanchions, in jet-lagged stupor, even with "fast lane" access.

So that's where VIP airport concierges come in. For a fee, these enterprises promise to meet you at the curb or at the airplane's

door, "expedite" you through security and passport control, and when airport policy allows, even usher you to the front of the lines.

Frankfurt Airport offers a VIP experience for any connecting passenger starting at 119 euros (\$134). It includes gate-to-gate transfer by electric cart or, in some cases, via a luxury car on the airport's tarmac.

One of the largest firms, London-based Global Airport Concierge (globalairportconciergeservice.com), works in over 700 airports worldwide, with prices starting at \$150 per service. In 100 of those airports the company offers a VVIP service whereby passengers wait in a private lounge or private terminal while security and other formalities are processed far from the maddening

crowds and the prying eyes of the paparazzi. Prices vary depending on airport (at LAX and Heathrow, the fee is over \$4,000, but those two are anomalies and the service at most airports costs much less).

Then there's Blacklane Pass (pass.blacklane.com), a product from Berlin-based Blacklane, which works with nearly 300 airport concierge firms, including Global Airport Concierge. Known mostly for its private chauffeur services, Blacklane has re-imagined the VIP airport concierge business by charging a flat \$100 per service in over 500 airports.

Dealing directly with a local or smaller provider, such as Marhaba (marhabaservices.com), Asia Fast Track (asiafasttrack.com) or Fast Track Aero (fasttrack.aero), might

cost less than Blacklane's flat \$100 fee.

The end of the line for lines?

The good news is that one day your face will be your passport and your boarding pass. Long lines will be a thing of the past. Airlines are working with airports and government agencies to introduce biometric passenger identification: Look into a camera, then walk through the gate and onto the plane. I saw this in action at a British Airways gate in Los Angeles and witnessed a jumbo jet loaded in a matter of minutes. Eventually, your mug will take you from airport check-in to boarding and through security and on to passport control, without a piece of paper in sight.



FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS & SCULPTURE PARK

The Original Dickens Carolers perform at the Christmas and Holiday Traditions Around the World exhibit.

NEWS TO USE

BY PHIL MARTY
Chicago Tribune

Here are some of the more interesting events, deals, websites and other travel tidbits that have come across our desk recently:

■ Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids, Mich., is staging its 24th annual Christmas and Holiday Traditions Around the World exhibit through Jan. 6. Included are 42 Christmas and holiday trees and displays representing countries and cultures from around the world. There's also the popular model train Railway Garden and special events such as Tuesday evening performances by the Original Dickens Carolers. tinyurl.com/qdo8abu
■ Christmas at the Mansions, a popular holiday tour in Illinois' Bloomington-Normal community, will be held Dec. 8. There will be tours of the David Davis Mansion and Ewing Manor, along with a third secret location that's a private residence. All will be decorated for the holidays. Shuttle buses will run among the three houses. tinyurl.com/yazfu6xc
■ The Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra presents its holiday concert, Glad Tidings, on Dec. 8 on the Mendel Center Mainstage in Benton Harbor. The Three Divas of Southwest Michigan will perform with the orchestra, and there will be carols, singalongs, storytelling and more. tinyurl.com/y8dq6skm
■ Ripon, Wis., holds its annual Dickens of a Christmas events Dec. 7-9. Carriage rides will be offered through the historic downtown, and there will be an Enchanted Forest featuring decorated trees and holiday

music, a quilt show, ice sculptures, home tours, model trains, a fruitcake toss and more. tinyurl.com/yacuplz7

■ Shipshewana, Ind., is aglow with the Lights of Joy display at the Shipshewana RV Park. More than 2 million LED lights have been set up in multiple displays for a milelong drive-thru experience. It's open Thursday-Sunday until Dec. 30. www.shipshewana.com

■ Where else to go for Christmas activities than Santa Claus, Ind.? Find a list of what's going on for the holidays at tinyurl.com/yca6p6mc4.

■ Cook County, Minn., is a prime area for viewing and photographing the night sky. In recognition of that, a Dark Sky Festival will be held Dec. 14-15 in Grand Marais. There will be presentations on the night sky, including by two local photographers, telescopes will be set up to view a meteor shower and there will be a bonfire and more stargazing activities. tinyurl.com/y88k67y9

■ You can order a copy of the 2018-19 Fall/Winter Ohio Calendar of Events or view it at tinyurl.com/yd8lkvrv.

Deals and websites listed here have been checked for availability as of press time. Listings are not endorsements. Send tips at least a month in advance to

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GEOQUIZ ANSWER

Paris. They're both at about 48 degrees north latitude.

Rosemont lands boutique hotel

BY LORI RACKL
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For a village of roughly 4,000 residents, Rosemont is rife with hotels. Nearly 20 of them populate this northwest suburb, in the shadow of O'Hare International Airport.

Yet another hotel recently joined Rosemont's ranks, this one is billed as the town's first boutique offering: The Rose, a 165-room property "where classy meets edgy."

"Most of the hotels around here have been here for double-digit years," said Dana Solomon, director of sales for The Rose. "We're something fresh and new, something a little different in the area."

Owned by Riverwoods-based Janko Group, the artsy, modern hotel is part of Hilton's Tapestry Collection.

The brand, launched in early 2017, is aimed at relatively upscale travelers who crave the unique, non-cookie-cutter feel of an independent hotel — no two Tapestry properties are the same in name or style — without sacrificing the reliability and loyalty points that come with an established name like Hilton, Hyatt or Marriott.

The Rose marks the 14th hotel in the Tapestry Collection and its first in Illinois.

It's also the first property in the portfolio built from scratch. Construction crews broke ground in September 2017.

Measuring five stories high, the low-slung, two-toned gray building at 5200 Pearl St. is the latest addition to Rosemont's new Pearl District. This 16-acre mixed-use development includes an outpost of the arcade-sports bar-restaurant Dave & Buster's, the Italian eatery Carmine's (part of Chicago's Rosebud family) and Truluck's Seafood, Steak and Crab House, a Texas import.

The Rose is close — really close — to O'Hare. That proximity influenced the amenities and design. Triple-pane windows allow you to see, not hear, the endless parade of planes coming and going at one of the world's busiest airports.



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Deluxe rooms, like the one above, cost about \$25 to \$50 more than standard rooms.



A nook in the The Rose hotel's lobby was made with Instagram opportunities in mind.

Flight schedules are displayed on a large monitor by the hotel's front door, and a complimentary 24-hour shuttle takes guests to and from O'Hare.

The hotel has three meeting spaces that can double as temporary boardrooms for travelers needing to do business close to the airport. Two small ballrooms can accommodate 100 to 150 people for midsize functions.

In the public space between those two ballrooms, lighting is in the form of a dozen open umbrellas hanging from the ceiling, bathing the room in soft pink — an accent color that pops up throughout the hotel.

The umbrella installation is one of several whimsical design touches, the most notable being the zebra-like black-and-white stripes plastered across a 44-foot feature wall in the lobby. Several 8-foot-tall mannequins also got the

so-called dazzle camouflage treatment, creating an optical illusion of sorts — and, not by accident, a made-for-Instagram moment.

The long, ground-floor lobby/lounge features a funky, round fireplace and numerous places to kick back and congregate, like the sleek white bar and clusters of gray sofas near big-screen TVs.

The open concept extends into the 65-seat restaurant, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, where foie gras popcorn (\$15), chicken and waffles (\$16) and duck confit with shrimp and grits (\$23) are on the menu.

Executive chef Nicholas Malloy, whose previous gigs include the JW Marriott downtown, oversees the restaurant and the adjoining 16-seat, glass-walled private dining room.

The Rose doesn't offer traditional room service. Instead, guests can order

by phone off the dinner menu and come down to the bar to pick it up.

A small "market" near the front desk sells a selection of grab-and-go items, as well as booze and other beverages.

Standard guest rooms with a king or two queen beds will likely average \$259, Solomon said, with rates skewing higher in the summer, lower in the winter.

At 388 square feet, deluxe rooms are about a third bigger than standards and cost \$25 to \$50 more, depending on the season.

The Rose has only two suites, which can be configured into a studio or a two-bedroom option.

Overnight parking is \$25, and Wi-Fi is free. Fitness center? Check. Pool? Nope.

Most of the contemporary rooms have glass walk-in showers, not tubs. All have work stations, no minibars.

In addition to the airport shuttle, The Rose has a shuttle designated for guests wanting a lift to and from the nearby Rosemont Theatre, Fashion Outlets of Chicago mall, Rivers Casino in Des Plaines or anywhere else within a 3-mile radius of the hotel.

"Allstate Arena isn't quite within that radius," Solomon said, "but we may have some wiggle room there. We'll see how it goes. I hate saying 'no.'"

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Bicentennial bucket list just got bigger



People's Choice installment adds turkey testicles, Mother Jones

BY LORI RACKL
Chicago Tribune

In honor of the state's Dec. 3 bicentennial, the Tribune Travel section rolled out an ambitious to-do list: 200 things every Illinoisan should do at least once in a lifetime.

Over the past year, our monthly installments of the bicentennial bucket list ran the gamut, from things to eat and drink to sights to see, trails to hike, performances to attend — a roster spanning the northernmost reaches of the Land of Lincoln all the way down to the Man of Steel statue in Metropolis.

Our lengthy list mixed the no-brainer big stuff (Skydeck at Willis Tower, Starved Rock State Park) with more obscure attractions, like a fence full of shoes in the middle of farm country and a sunken Boeing 727 beckoning scuba divers in southern Illinois.

We covered a lot of ground, but readers told us we missed a few spots along the way. They emailed their thoughts for what should have made the cut but didn't.

A selection of those suggestions are written about here, in the People's Choice installment of the bicentennial bucket list, which you can read in full at chicago.tribune.com/bicentennial.

Turkey Testicle Festival

Huntley, 11721 E. Main St.

Some might find it hard to swallow, but folks flock to this Thanksgiving Eve tradition built around a bird's reproductive organ. The action takes place under a tent outside Parkside Pub, where the party includes live music and cups of the unorthodox deep-fried food that may or may not taste like chicken. You be the judge.

— Don Dickte, Lake in the Hills

Mother Jones Monument

Mount Olive, 700 N. Lake St.

The Joan of Arc of labor, fiery, Irish-born union organizer Mary Harris "Mother" Jones fought for workers' rights in Chicago and beyond. Before her death in 1930, she asked to be buried in Union Miners Cemetery by "her boys," a group of striking mineworkers killed in 1898. A 22-foot granite obelisk honors Mother Jones at her final resting place.

— Laura Zielinski, Frankfort

Driehaus Museum

Chicago, 40 E. Erie St.

Get a feel for the Gilded Age in the Nickerson Mansion, a swanky 19th-century home turned into a museum by local philanthropist Richard H. Driehaus to showcase his collection of Tiffany glass and other decorative arts. The Chicago World's Fair of 1893 is the subject of one of the museum's current exhibitions, running through Jan. 6.

— Cameron McEwen, Chicago

Rip's Tavern fried chicken

Ladd, 311 N. Main Ave.

Rip's got its start in the 1930s, when Italian immigrant Silvio "Rip" Gualandri opened a bar in Ladd and gave away fried chicken to booze-buying customers. The "quarter light" remains a fan favorite: a wing and a breast with



JIM SCHOPPMAN PHOTO

History-making labor leader Mother Jones is buried in Union Miners Cemetery in Mount Olive, roughly 50 miles northeast of St. Louis.



MICHAEL TERCHA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2012

Armloads of fried chicken are served to hungry diners at Rip's Tavern in Ladd. A wing and a breast with a side of fries or slaw will cost you \$6.



CHUCK BERMAN/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2010

Naperville's Century Walk, a collection of public art spread throughout the suburb, includes the "Pillars of the Community" mural.



JIM PRISCHING/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2005

Dare to try the deep-fried treats at the Turkey Testicle Festival, which takes place under a tent outside Parkside Pub in Huntley.

a side of fries or coleslaw for \$6.
— Roger R. Dooley, Villa Park

Century Walk

Naperville, various sites

Visitors could spend a full day tracking down all of the mosaics, murals, sculptures and other installations that make up this suburb's Century Walk, an ever-growing collection of public art peppered throughout town. The ambitious project started more than 20 years ago. It's about to welcome its 50th public art "location": Laughing Lincoln, a bronze statue of a jovial, cleanshaven, 30-year-old Abraham Lincoln perched on the cornerstone of the first DuPage County Courthouse. A public dedication ceremony for this artsy ode to Abe is scheduled at 2 p.m. Dec. 2 at Naperville's Central Park, 104 E. Benton Ave.

— W. Brand Bobosky, Naperville

DeKalb County Barn Tour

DeKalb County, various sites

Get your agriculture fix at this annual, one-day driving tour (\$25 per vehicle) in northern Illinois farm country. The rural road trip includes stops at a bunch of different barns, each detailed in hand-drawn sketches in a sou-

venir map guidebook. Next year's event is slated for Aug. 10.

— Jessi LaRue, Sycamore

Volo Auto Museum

Volo, 27582 Volo Village Road

The museum's 400-car collection features vintage and special-interest autos as well as classics from pop culture, like the Blues Brothers' Dodge Bluesmobile and the Caped Crusader's Batmobiles. Cars aren't the only stars at this sprawling attraction, where other exhibits include antique arcade games, planes and bicycles.

— James P. Furey, Streamwood

Metamora Courthouse

Metamora, 113 E. Partridge St.

Future POTUS Abraham Lincoln lawyered dozens of cases in this 1845 red brick building, about 15 miles northeast of Peoria. Learn about Lincoln's life on the old 8th Judicial Circuit and check out the stuck-in-time courtroom in what's now a state historic site open for tours.

— Peggy Hatfield, Lombard

Sycamore Pumpkin Festival

Sycamore, 133 W. State St.

Going strong for more than half a century, the DeKalb County



ROCKFORD AREA CVB

Festa Italiana is a long-running, family-focused tradition held each August in Rockford. Bocce, music and food are among the attractions.

town's biggest event is a multi-day affair each October, featuring thousands of decorated pumpkins, a carnival, a craft show, contests and more. The celebration of cucurbits caps off with a Sunday parade.

— Champ Davis, Oak Brook

Mann's Chapel

Rossville, 15205 Mann's Chapel Road

Built in 1857, this pretty-as-a-picture red-brick church is the oldest surviving house of worship in Vermilion County, near the Indiana border. These days, the tiny chapel can be rented for special occasions or simply admired from the outside.

— Jason Mann, Sugar Grove

French Heritage Museum at the Stone Barn

Kankakee, 165 N. Indiana Ave.

Parlez-vous français? Plenty of the earliest settlers in the Kankakee River Valley sure did. Learn more about these pioneers and missionaries in this cozy museum housed in a mid-19th-century limestone barn/carriage house. Open Saturdays, closed January through March. Drop by Dec. 15 for Hot Chocolate Day, a French

Christmas celebration.

— Linda LaMontagne, Willowbrook

Festa Italiana

Rockford, 4000 St. Francis Drive

Last August marked the 40th installment of this popular fest put on by the Greater Rockford Italian American Association. The shindig includes bocce games, music and dance performances, carnival rides and rows of booths — operated by Italian families and restaurateurs alike — dishing out plenty of food to mangia.

— Mike Doyle, Belvidere

Barry burger at Mack's Golden Pheasant Restaurant

Elmhurst, 668 W. North Ave.

The 12-ounce hand-pattied Barry burger served with "great crisp fries and a crisp fresh salad with garlic dressing" is one of many items on the menu at this family-owned institution, a chalet-inspired eatery started by Czech immigrants Frank and Mae Mack in 1948.

— Hank Sikora, Warrenville

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Kentucky

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Elliot's list of Louisville favorites includes Royals Hot Chicken, a casual joint in the artsy NuLu (New Louisville) neighborhood, where you can snack on baked pimento cheese and top off your meal with fried apple pie.

He was just as smitten with MilkWood, an Asian-meets-Southern eatery from Season 9 contestant Edward Lee, and Decca, from another "Top Chef" alum, Annie Pettry.

Petry puts a sophisticated spin on local, seasonal ingredients in her NuLu restaurant, housed in a restored 1870s brick building with an expansive patio and a dimly lit cellar bar that feels like your cool friend's parents' basement.

When I dined at Decca, I scooped up every last morsel of my buttermilk ricotta toast and steak tartare — hand-cut rib-eye sourced from Kentucky's Black



LORI RACKL/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

"Top Chef" judge Graham Elliot said he's a fan of Royals Hot Chicken in Louisville's dynamic NuLu neighborhood.

Hawk Farms — with charred beets, sunchoke chips, creme fraiche and dill.

"The show's going to blow up a lot of people's conception of Ken-

tucky," predicted Pettry, an Asheville, N.C., native who landed in Louisville in 2012.

"I was really worried there wasn't going to be enough pro-

duce when I moved here from California, but it's a lot more agriculturally rich than I thought," she said about the bucolic surroundings, where tobacco farms have given way to more wholesome crops.

"The show's going to be good for the state, the city and probably the restaurant," Pettry added, noting that two years after she was on "Top Chef," customers still bring it up on a weekly basis.

Eighty miles east in Lexington, I stopped in at one of the newest ventures from the queen of Kentucky cuisine, Ouita Michel. She's a guest judge on the upcoming season.

An indefatigable fan of the region's family-run farms and food purveyors, the prolific restaurateur opened Honeywood last year. The affordably priced menu is full of comfort-food staples. Five bucks gets you a hearty bowl of soup beans and a tasty hoeecake made with cornmeal from sixth-generation Weisenberger Mill near Midway, where Michel has her flagship

restaurant, Holly Hill Inn.

"There's such a vibrant food culture going on right now in central Kentucky, with lots of young chefs, new food entrepreneurs," said Michel, who was invited to cook a Bluegrass meal at the James Beard House earlier this year. Joining her in the prestigious New York kitchen was "Top Chef" contestant Sara Bradley, owner of Freight House in Paducah.

"We have some of the most beautiful agricultural farmland in North America," Michel said. "We're also famous for our cornmeal, our grits, our sorghum, Kentucky lamb, chicken, beef. I'm hoping "Top Chef" will shine a giant spotlight on all of that."

Her advice to viewers who might be inspired to see it — and taste it — for themselves:

"Just try to find places serving local ingredients, and you can't go wrong," she said. "And don't leave without trying the bourbon."

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FORK IN THE ROAD



Boiled crawfish, a Cajun delicacy, is among the dishes served at The Venetian in Thibodaux, La. The Cajun Bayou Food Trail was launched this year.

Cajun Bayou Food Trail mixes cuisine and culture

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY DAVE G. HOUSER
Tribune News Service

Anthony Bourdain, the late, great food and travel writer and celebrity chef host of the CNN series “Parts Unknown,” may have done more than anyone else to awaken America to the savory delights and unique cultural significance of Cajun food.

Bourdain cherished southern Louisiana and he visited the region many times. His last visit, to join a boisterous Cajun Mardi Gras celebration in 2018, aired on CNN in June, a little more than a week following his death.

“Cajuns do things their way, always have, always will,” Bourdain says on “Parts Unknown.” “Whether it’s hanging on to the French language of their ancestors, their music traditions, or food, Cajuns fiercely keep it all alive.”

And now, one Louisiana parish is doing its part to keep alive for visitors the special appeal of Cajun cuisine and the unique culture that surrounds it. Located about an hour’s drive south of New Orleans, Lafourche Parish is a 1,500-square mile swath of saltwater marshes, bayous and crossroads communities strung out between parish seat Thibodaux (pop. 14,567) and Port Fourchon on the Gulf of Mexico. It is a region authentically and unapologetically Cajun to its roots, going all the way back to its 17th century settlement as a district of New France.

Seeking a plan designed to promote its wealth of Cajun eateries, the parish tourist office — Louisiana’s Cajun Bayou Tourism — earlier this year launched the Cajun Bayou Food Trail. The Trail includes 18 restaurants and six festivals and events, all of which focus on helping visitors understand how the region’s food and culture are so deliciously and forever intertwined.

“Here along the Bayou, Cajuns use what’s around them, pulling from the water and plucking from the land to find the freshest ingredients — and then they tend to mix it all together in one big pot,” says Timothy Bush, president and CEO of Louisiana’s Cajun Bayou Tourism.

“Our food has a story that’s rooted in traditions and expressed by the wonderful storytellers who own and operate restaurants along the Trail.”

Navigating the Trail is simple. Go to www.lacajunbayou.com/foodtrail and download a trail map and a passport. Visit at least



Chef Anthony Goldsmith serves up Shrimp on a Bun at his Kajun Twist restaurant in Galliano, La.

seven of the 18 participating eateries, ask your servers to stamp your passport, and then drop by Louisiana’s Cajun Bayou Tourism Visitor Center on Highway 1 in Raceland to receive a free T-shirt that reads “I Wandered Up & Down the Bayou.” Or you can mail the passport to Louisiana’s Cajun Bayou Tourism, P.O. Box 340, Raceland, La., 70394, to receive your shirt.

Most of the 18 restaurants on the trail are strung out along Louisiana Highway 1, a two-lane blacktop that runs for 72 miles from Thibodaux south to the Gulf at Port Fourchon.

Following that route south, my first stop on a four-day itinerary aimed at sampling several of the Trail’s eateries found me at Harry’s Poboy, a no-frills roadside food stand in the rural community of Larose. It was a timely arrival, just ahead of the lunchtime crowd that assembles every weekday to feast on oversized shrimp, chicken or beef sandwiches turned out by Chas and Nicole Cheramie.

A second-generation member of Lafourche Parish’s most prominent food family, Chas purchased the shop two years ago from its original owner of 26 years, Harry Herbert. Beef is a rarity on most Cajun menus but it was Harry’s roast beef poboy, seasoned with a highly secret concoction of spices, that became the region’s long-standing sandwich sensation. So, of course, I had to try one. It was a messy, two-fisted task, but the zesty flavor of this super-sized sub more than delivered on its promise.

Next stop on my agenda, about a dozen miles down Highway 1, was Galliano, a town of about 7,500 people nestled alongside Bayou Lafourche, where I would meet up with Anthony Goldsmith, owner and chef at Kajun Twist.



Fishermen along southern Louisiana’s Bayou Lafourche supply fresh seafood to Cajun Food Trail restaurants.

Another long-established enterprise, this restaurant, smartly decorated in ’50s style, was founded 32 years ago by Goldsmith’s grandfather. Although he’s best known for his fried chicken, Goldsmith likes to dabble in more traditional Cajun fare and wanted me to try his shrimp boulette. A sandwich of sorts, it features a deep-fried patty made up of shrimp, potato, pepper and onion that harkens from an original Cajun specialty known as a boulette de crevette frite. Piquant and comfortably crunchy, I’d take one of these over fried chicken any day.

Although I’d eaten twice in the last couple of hours, the prospect of trying some seafood at Leeville Seafood Restaurant, a highly rated restaurant right on the edge of the Gulf near Port Fourchon, seemed promising. Greeting me was owner and manager Sue Cheramie, mother of Chas (of poboy fame), and grande dame of the Cheramie family of restaurateurs. Chas’ brother Norah and his wife, Donna, operate a seafood eatery of their own, Cher Amie’s, another of the trail’s restaurants, in the nearby town of Cut Off.

None of the Cheramies had any culinary training. “It just came to us from cooking for the family,” said Sue as she served me a sampling of her specialties: a bowl of shrimp, crab and corn chowder, soft shell crab and a platter of fried oysters. All of Sue’s seafood is delivered fresh daily by local

fishermen — a big reason why it is way beyond delicious.

In the “big city” of Thibodaux, I visited the Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center, part of the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve. The center traces the history and culture of the Acadians (Cajuns) from the 1600s to the present — a perfect adjunct for anyone following the food trail.

Back to the business of eating, I made my way to Bubba’s II Poboy, the city’s most popular lunch spot. Counter service keeps things moving quickly and I had to think fast as I surveyed owner Neil Swanner’s lengthy menu that lists far more seafood dishes than poboy. I went for a bowl of gumbo and a Super Seafood Salad — a sizeable creation overstuffed with boiled shrimp, crawfish and crabmeat and topped with a savory remoulade dressing.

I was particularly impressed with the gumbo and when I told Swanner so, he said that gumbo is often the subject of friendly competition among Cajun chefs, adding, “Like I usually tell the others, ‘Your gumbo is great — but mine is just a little better.’”

That evening I walked downtown to The Venetian, housed in one of Thibodaux’s oldest buildings. It’s something of a Cajun nightclub, featuring Acadian food and music. I devoured an enormous pile of boiled crawfish (a Cajun delicacy seasonally available from roughly March to June)

and a platter of duck tenders. It was the consummate finale to another great day on the bayou.

Later in my trip, with lunchtime looming, I made my way north to U.S. Highway 90, then headed east toward New Orleans for a few miles, destined for Spahr’s Seafood Restaurant in Des Allemands. Surviving hurricanes, recessions and a destructive 2002 fire, this bayou-side restaurant and lounge has reigned as a regional icon and seat of aquatic culinary eminence for 50 years under the direction of founder Bill Spahr and his family.

“Spahr’s has always been proclaimed as the place where ‘Catfish is King,’” says chef Ryan Gaudet, “but we’re quite well known for our gumbo as well.”

Taking the hint, I obligingly ordered fried catfish fillets and a bowl of gumbo. Normally I don’t order catfish since so much of it these days is farmed, but this fish, wild caught right here in Des Allemands (a town declared to be the “Catfish Capital of the Universe” by the Louisiana Legislature in 1980), was definitely superior to any I’ve ever eaten. As for the gumbo, I’m so crazy about this dish that every one of them I try seems better than the last.

The Spahr family also operates a restaurant in downtown Thibodaux and another in Galliano, so there’s no excuse for your Food Trail passport to be missing a Spahr’s stamp.

Balancing Act

Heidi Stevens finds a lesson in "A Christmas Carol" when niece calls out terrible uncle

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Friend beat addictions, now purges

Dear Amy: “Charlotte,” my dear lady friend of many years, looks more like a string bean than a human being, because she has been purging. She recently overcame addictions to smoking and alcohol, concurrently. She has a distorted image of her figure and exercises to extreme in order to maintain that appearance.

I realize that she needs to convince herself to tackle this latest problem, and I’ve let her know that she’s at a great risk of increased illness if she stays so thin.

She has yet to seek professional advice. I’m wondering if it would work if I got some trusted family members and close friends together in order to confront her and speak some wisdom to her?

— Concerned Chap

Dear Concerned: According to a paper published by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, many studies show that alcoholism and eating disorders frequently “co-occur,” but as yet, no definitive link between the two addictive disorders has been identified.

All of this is to say your friend’s other addictions are likely related to her bulimia, that this is complicated and that she needs professional help to deal with her underlying issues before she can get healthy. Interventions — by family and friends — seem easy. You just get together and go around the table and tell the affected party that you are worried about her and that you want her to get help.

And then the subject of the intervention rages, or cries or sits sullenly, or tells you all to go to hell, leaves the table and stops communicating with you because, even though your intentions were great and you were all gentle and loving, she feels attacked and misunderstood. If this happens, then “Charlotte” will be without the thing she needs the most: contact with loyal and loving friends.

This is why interventions are best led by professionals. A therapist or other specialist can deliver constructive and concrete ideas, as well as the inspiration and incentive to begin treatment.

By all means, share your concerns with your friend: “You’ve been through so much. I’m worried because you’ve gotten so thin. Are you seeing a therapist?” Offer to help her find one. And continue to accept her as she is. The National Eating

Disorders Association offers a “find treatment” tool and a help line: 800-931-2237.

Dear Amy: I attend a professional networking potluck lunch every week. This is our lunch hour and the only opportunity some of us have to eat lunch that day. Most of us bring a substantial main or side dish to share.

Occasionally, attendees bring nothing at all, or, as recently happened, a group of four co-workers from the same office brought a small box of chocolates.

We are not at risk of running out of food, as most people bring more than enough, so it seems petty to quibble about the food someone brought, but this is puzzling, especially as we are all working professionals. What is a polite but clear message to such potluck participants?

— Puzzled by Skimpers

Dear Puzzled: If the group is not at risk of running out of food, then generously share your main dishes and salads with the chocolate-people. You can assume people occasionally forget that the meeting is happening.

If the same people continue to neglect to bring food, then before you start the next meeting, your leader(s) can say, “We’re here to network and communicate; that’s the most important thing. But we’re also here during lunch. One way for us to eat is to rotate the task of bringing main and side dishes. Or we can each just bring our own lunch and not worry about shared dishes. Can we get a consensus on how to handle this?”

Dear Amy: I wonder if other readers were shocked by the question from “Still Shocked,” whose mother had carried on a longtime affair with the family’s high school foreign exchange student.

I don’t know if I could recover from that knowledge.

— Also Shocked

Dear Also: I agree. Mom wanted to sweep this affair under the rug, but I agree that it was obviously wrong in so many ways, and she should answer for it.

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‘Christmas Carol’ gives us a timely lesson

Niece exemplifies how to (lovingly) call out a relative

I brought my 9-year-old son to see “A Christmas Carol” at the Goodman Theatre last Sunday, and I spent a good chunk of the performance thinking of all the people who would do well to absorb its beautiful, timeless message of generosity’s triumph over greed.

I spent another chunk of the performance wondering if the stagecraft was too frightening for a 9-year-old, until a kid to my left leaned over to the adult who’d brought him and whisper-yelled, “I think they stole that part from ‘Star Wars.’”

I spent the remaining chunk of the performance — and the days following it — thinking about Ebenezer Scrooge’s niece, Frida.

In Charles Dickens’ original tale, there is no Frida. Scrooge has a nephew, Fred, whose kind heart and eternal optimism propel him, annually, to the office of his miserable, miserly uncle to deliver holiday cheer that falls, also annually, on deaf ears.

Fred, in Dickens’ tale, is the child of Scrooge’s late sister, who died giving birth. Scrooge, we learn on his journey through Christmases past, has never recovered from this loss.

In 2016, the Goodman changed Fred to Frida, played delightfully by Ali Burch.

Frida shows up at Scrooge’s (Larry Yando) frigid office on Christmas Eve, bearing a tiny tree and a gift wrapped in shiny red paper.

Frida shovels coal into the stove to warm up the place, much to her uncle’s chagrin. Frida wishes Bob Cratchit (Thomas J. Cox) a heartfelt merry Christmas.

She refuses to compromise her open mind and generous heart in the face of her uncle’s unrelenting, withering disdain for her



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Ebenezer Scrooge (Larry Yando) makes amends with his niece Frida (Ali Burch) in the Goodman Theatre’s “A Christmas Carol.”

joyful tidings and, indeed, for her.

But neither does she swallow his contempt quietly. Before departing his office, defeated in her attempts to get him to join her modest holiday party, she challenges his unwillingness to recognize and alleviate the suffering of others, his refusal to meet her beloved husband and his habitual prizing of wealth above all else.

Then she leaves her shiny red gift with him. And, in so doing, adds a tiny drop of water to that seed of hope she planted long ago and refuses to leave for dead.

It’s a beautiful example.

I found myself turning it over and over in my head long after we left the theater — in part, maybe, because I have a few relationships in my life that I am, on occasion,

tempted to give up on. Seeds that seem as if they’ll probably never grow.

In part, also, I think, because it’s an example we need right now.

We’re mired in a moment when our approach to the folks with whom we disagree is more about how quickly and completely we can strip them of their humanity.

We look for language that harms and haunts. We wound so efficiently and so effectively as to leave no room, no hope, for change, for reconciliation, for growth.

But Scrooge does grow. He does change.

It takes the dead spirit of his former co-worker and three ghosts that travel through time

and space to haunt him with his own misfortune and misdeeds, sure. But he does eventually, authentically, come to understand the wisdom of Frida’s words. Frida’s way. The way of an open and empathetic heart.

What if more of us followed her example?

I’m not suggesting we coddle our relatives whose views we abhor or shelve our values for the sake of holiday merriment. Frida did no such thing.

I’m simply struck by the practical applications of this magical, more than century-old tale. By the idea that when we leave room for someone to change, when we hang on to a sliver of hope that growth might happen, we may find reason to approach our disagreements more humanely.

Frida spoke her mind. Not in the hopes of destroying her uncle or extinguishing whatever flicker of human spirit remained in his heart, but in the hopes of coaxing it back to life.

Even more than the transformation of Scrooge, even more than the impressive stagecraft, even more than the carols and the ornaments and hot chocolate we bought in the lobby pre-show, Frida was the part I loved sharing most with my son.

Frida was the part I want to weave a little into my own life. Frida was the part I want my son to carry along in his.

Join the Heidi Stevens Balancing Act Facebook group, where she hosts live chats every Wednesday at noon.

Here's how
to know
the difference
this holiday
season:



Self-care or self-sabotage?

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BY CINDY DAMPIER | Chicago Tribune

Holidays are not just for things like spending time with family, sharing and giving. Holidays, more than ever, are about yourself. Why? Because the holiday industrial complex has been cleverly spiking the eggnog with ideas like “Treat yourself.”

Exhausted from pondering which gift to get the dad who has everything? Reward yourself for being so thoughtful by getting a gift ... for yourself. Stressed-out from cooking that big family dinner? How about an extra-large caramel latte that “feels like a big, warm

hug” (according to Starbucks)? Hey, everybody deserves a hug. Feet aching from shopping all day? You probably need a diamond dust pedicure.

Holiday time was always a time when overindulgence came out of the closet, only to slink back in during January’s bleak self-improvement frenzy.

But recently, overindulgence has expanded its territory: Now it’s a part of treat-yourself culture, a phenomenon that has been blamed on the television show “Parks and Recreation” (the show spawned “Treat Yo Self,” a meme that became an almost-holiday of its own); or on millennials (they’re so individu-

alistic); or on social media (has there ever been more fertile ground for narcissism than Instagram?) Treating yourself, of course, sounds fun, and judgement-free — not like overindulgence, which sounds stodgy and like you’re doing something wrong. And if you’re worried about the bald consumerism “treat

yourself” implies, you can tap into the next wave: “self-care.”

Self-care is a concept with legitimate psychological and intellectual roots: In the 1980s, it was an idea articulated by philosopher Michel Foucault, referring to feeding of the intellect, and became a much-quoted activist anthem when Au-

dre Lorde wrote that self-care was self-preservation, and “that is an act of political warfare.” Decades later, self-care saw a huge spike in Google searches in the days after the 2016 election. Lorde’s concept — self-care as armor against a hostile environment — has caught like wildfire; except now the thing we’re fighting is mostly just daily stress.

And, according to the long lists of “self-care products” out there, also stuff like bad smells (fight those with aromatherapy diffusers), low energy (beat it by using sleep-inducing pillow spray) and unsightly feet and hands (try soothing foot masks.) While you’re treating yourself to all those things, don’t forget the weighted blankets, which make you feel as if you’re getting “a gentle full-body hug.” Everybody (who has \$87.90) deserves a hug, right?

Suddenly, “self-care” is like the glasses “treat yourself” started wearing to make itself look smart.

In fact, psychologists say, a lot of what we’re calling self-care these days isn’t really self-care at all. It’s self-sabotage: behavior that, if we’re not careful, can have real consequences in the form of higher credit card balances or a slide into habits that end up making us feel bad. “If it’s hurting you, it’s probably not treating you,” says psychotherapist Emily Roberts. “It’s really treating yourself with disrespect.” Roberts, author of “Express Yourself: A Teen Girl’s Guide to Speaking Up and Being Who You Are,” admits this can be a little confusing: How do you recognize true self-care in a world that’s constantly commanding you to treat yourself? How do you stop treating yourself from becoming self-sabotage?

Check in often

Remember to take a few seconds throughout the day to notice your physical and emotional comfort. “Mindfulness is a big

word,” Roberts says, “but this is really just the habit of being mindful about how you are feeling.”

She often has clients set reminders on their phones to check in with themselves. “Ask yourself, how am I feeling? Have I been stressed-out all day? Have I had enough water today? Have I eaten anything healthy?”

Small details can loom large: Hunger, for instance, can produce a feeling that is markedly similar to the feeling of anxiety. Thus, hunger could make you feel anxious, and anxiety might prompt you to impulsively splurge on a collection of artisanal body scrubs.

Which you might regret once the moment has passed. Tending to the basic details, Roberts points out, allows our bodies to function smoothly and reduces an underlying level of stress that can lead to self-sabotage.

Be prepared

“Letting things fall into place sounds great,” says Roberts, “and that can be a great attitude, but when we don’t take a realistic look at what it’s going to take to make things the way we want them to be, it’s easy to lose control.”

Roberts suggests a simple exercise: Take a moment to examine your plans and set intentions on spending, on health and on the use of your time. Unrealistic expectations, or ill-defined ones, can set us up for a fall. Treating yourself to the most fabulous holiday ever might sound wonderful — until you reckon with the cost in money or time spent. “We really need to think about how hard we are going to be able to push ourselves this year,” Roberts says.

Instead, make plans that fit with your overall intentions to spend within limits or keep stress in check. “You’re going to feel better now, and later when you see that you stuck to your goals,” Roberts says.

Stop to savor

If you decide that a treat for yourself does fit within your plans, go for it, Roberts says. But “don’t rush it. Really enjoy it, and decide if you really like it after all.” Waiting all year for that seasonal peppermint hot chocolate? Have it — just don’t do it in a checked-out state. “Make sure that this is what you really want next time. And if you feel a little sick 20 minutes later because of the extra sugar, notice that too.” Being aware lets you take stock of the costs, plan for next time and also savor something that’s totally worth it.

Hit the pause button

“We’re in a world of instant gratification,” Roberts says, “where we buy on demand, and we better hurry because it’s on sale right now.” Self-care, she says, allows us to step back from that pressure and take a moment. “We think we have no time to reconsider or take a break, but we do have time.”

Leaving a store to give yourself time to think about a purchase is a smart strategy, she says, as is putting things on hold rather than buying in the moment. Opting to put dinner on the table 10 minutes later because you took a walk outside or a moment to quietly rest in the middle of prepping is a valuable trade-off. Longing to binge-watch your favorite trashy TV show? Hit the sofa, but make sure to take a minute to see how you’re feeling after the first episode or two. Would it feel better to snuggle in, or are you starting to feel antsy? Will you feel great later, or sluggish and stressed after sitting all day?

“Knowing what your body and mind really need, and allowing yourself to have it,” says Roberts, “is really self-care.”

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7 tips to help introverts survive the holiday season

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This year, Anna Treesara joined forces with her fiancé to host both their families for Thanksgiving. There was turkey, mashed potatoes — and hours of conversation, a challenge for introverts like Treesara who feel drained when they don’t get enough quiet down time.

Her solution? She cleared a full day on her social calendar for recovery.

“I try to make sure that the day before or the day after (a big get-together), I have a day where I do nothing,” said Treesara, 27, of Lincoln Square. “I take care of myself, recharge and try not to really make plans.”

For introverts, who draw their energy from quiet or solitary activities, the raucous parties, crowded stores and ceaseless socializing of the holiday season pose special challenges.

“It’s too much, in too short of a time frame, driven by this old idea that ‘the more the merrier,’ and that doesn’t just extend to people: ‘the more lights,’ ‘the more presents,’ ‘the more music’ — whatever,” said psychologist Laurie Helgoe, author of “Introvert Power: Why Your Inner Life Is Your Hidden Strength.”

A third to a half of Americans are introverts, according to Susan Cain’s 2012 book “Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can’t Stop Talking.”

Experts and introverts offer a range of tips for the holidays, from reviewing your schedule before the social whirl gets out of hand, to ducking into the bathroom for a short meditation break at a party, to bringing a board game or card game to a family func-



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For introverts like Anna Treesara, the holidays can pose special challenges.

tion, where checkers or Uno can provide a pleasant break from small talk.

Among the top tips:

Check your calendar:

You know your limits, so review your calendar and figure out if you’re signing up for too much socializing, says Matthew Pollard, author of “The Introvert’s Edge: How the Quiet and Shy Can Outsell Anyone.” If you decide you can handle, say, a morning meeting, but only if you leave a holiday party early the night before, let your hosts know ahead of time, Pollard says. This eliminates the awkward “Why are you leaving?” exchange.

Suggest alternatives:

Helgoe says no to a lot of things, from the extra decorations that used to stress her out to the holiday cards she often doesn’t feel like sending. She also makes counteroffers. “I’ve just given people the message that this is how I operate, and I’d rather you and I just go for a walk among the lights than go to some big party.”

Arrive late: Amethyst Williams, 28, who is organizing a Chicago Introverts Meeting Friends Meetup, said visiting family later in the day can make the visit shorter and more manageable. She also suggests

deciding on a specific amount of time you intend to spend at a party or gathering; you can always stay longer if you’re having a good time.

Create a tradition:

When Pollard, who lives in Chapel Hill, N.C., visits his parents in Australia for Christmas, the socializing can be intense, he said. But his family knows that he needs a 30-minute break from the Christmas festivities, and because he’s explained why, they embrace that. At some point, generally after the kids tear into their presents and before the family dinner, he retreats to a spare room and listens to music or checks Facebook. “I need my own time for 30 minutes, and after that I can re-engage,” he said.

Come bearing games:

Williams brings her own fun in the form of popular games such as Bop It! that give introverts a break from the talkathons that tend to tire them.

Take a short break:

It’s a misconception that introverts don’t like people. Introverts love people one-on-one in deep conversation; it’s the noise, jostle and small talk of big get-togethers that exhaust them. Taking a five- or 10-minute break for a walk or to check your cellphone is very helpful, says Treesara.

Meditate:

Treesara tries to be mindful at social events, asking herself if she feels uncomfortable or needs to take a break. Ducking into the bathroom and doing breathing exercises for five or 10 minutes can make a big difference, she says. She uses the Stop, Breathe & Think mobile phone app.

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A week of things to do with the kids

Monday

'CHRISTMAS MUBARAK'

Blending Christian music with Muslim stories about Jesus, Silk Road Rising celebrates the holiday season with this unique show. Choir members from First United Methodist Church join the actors of Silk Road, an arts company dedicated to exploring Asian- and Middle Eastern-American culture. Dive into the 90-minute show at 7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday (additional performances run through Dec. 11) at Chicago Temple, 77 W. Washington St. \$38, \$28 with promo code FAITH, \$20.50 for students and kids. tinyurl.com/y8pwacoc

Tuesday

'MRS. CLAUS! A HOLIDAY MUSICAL'

Santa's better half takes the spotlight in this annual confection from Chicago Kids Company. When Santa's list goes missing, Mrs. Claus and the new elves must figure out the mystery to get Christmas back on track. The interactive, hourlong show for little ones is so popular, CKC mounts two productions simultaneously, one on the South Side and one on the North. Matinees run at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday through Friday this week (and continue through Dec. 23 with select 1 p.m. weekend shows) at Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St., and Stahl Family Theater, 5900 W. Belmont Ave. \$14-\$18. tinyurl.com/y98wv9ek

LEGO ARCHITECTURE SHOWCASE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

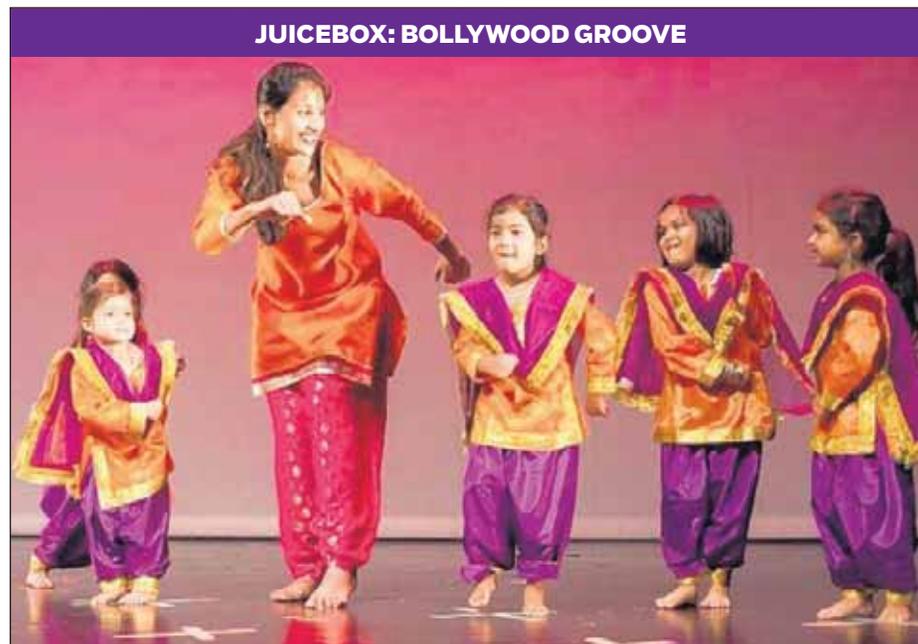
Coinciding with the "Build It!" Lego exhibit currently on display, Elgin's main library hosts this kid-centric event, complete with ice cream. But before you dig into a sundae, take a look at the Lego structures designed to look like restaurants, theaters, museums, libraries or schools created for this event by young builders. And of course, check out the exhibit itself, filled with professional designs, giant Lego characters and more. The showcase begins at 6:30 p.m.; the exhibit runs through Dec. 30 at Gail Borden Public Library, 270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin. Free. tinyurl.com/y9afctfy

Wednesday

STORYTIME WITH AUTHOR-ARTIST JACOB GRANT

Chicago creator Jacob Grant clearly keeps busy. He's making two bookstore appearances this week, and two picture

BY WEB BEHRENS | Chicago Tribune



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This weekend's edition of Juicebox, the city's series of live performance for the toddler set, ignites with Indian culture. Dance and storytelling combine with upbeat Bollywood tunes in the interactive program. As with all Juicebox shows, it happens twice: 11 a.m. Friday at the Chicago Cultural Center (Preston Bradley Hall), 78 E. Washington St.; and 11 a.m. Saturday at Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Ave. Free. tinyurl.com/ybv75cct

books with his art were published this year. "Bear's Scare," which he also wrote, follows the challenges of a tidy bear who must contend with a spider's unwelcome webs; meanwhile, the just-released "Owls are Good at Keeping Secrets" is an alphabet menagerie book written by Sara O'Leary. Dive into his charming illustrations at 11 a.m. Wednesday storytime at Anderson's Bookshop, 26 S. La Grange Road, La Grange; or 10:30 a.m. Saturday at The Book Stall, 811 Elm St., Winnetka. Free to attend; \$18 for "Owls," \$17 for "Bear's Scare."

GRAND CHANUKAH MENORAH LIGHTING

Come for the lights, stay for the fun at this annual holiday ceremony in Evanston's newly remodeled Fountain Square. There's a 10-foot menorah and live music, including a performance by the Cheder Boys Choir (whose members hail from Evanston, Skokie and West Rogers Park). As if that's not enough: free jelly doughnuts for all, and small gifts for the kids! 5:30 p.m. at Fountain Square, Davis Street at Sherman and

Orrington avenues, Evanston. Free. tinyurl.com/y7y4wmh8

Saturday

STORYTIME WITH 'CONSTRUCTION SITE' AUTHOR SHERRI DUSKEY RINKER

St. Charles resident Sherri Duskey Rinker timed her latest picture book perfectly for the holidays. "Construction Site on Christmas Night," already a New York Times best-seller, follows the familiar crew (Bulldozer, Excavator, Cement Mixer and more) as the trucks work a new job and receive presents. Catch a storytime (and an opportunity to get the book signed) with Rinker this Saturday morning in Lake Forest or Dec. 15 at Winnetka's Book Stall. 9 a.m. at Lake Forest Book Store, 662 N. Western Ave., Lake Forest. Free to attend; \$17 for the book. tinyurl.com/ydckbbbd

ONCE UPON A SYMPHONY: THE UGLY DUCKLING

The classic fable about an ostracized baby swan comes to life in the latest

edition of Once Upon a Symphony. This special program for pre-K kids combines the talents of Chicago Symphony Orchestra with Chicago Children's Theatre, who present an interactive performance with music. Arrive 45 minutes early for pre-concert activities led by educators. Saturday's two concerts begin at 10 and 11:45 a.m. at Symphony Center's Buntrock Hall, 220 S. Michigan Ave. \$17. tinyurl.com/y8aqb73q

Sunday

SUNDAY FUNDAY CHARACTERS ON ICE

In the mood to bundle up and go for a glide? Among the many rinks to choose from, Rosemont's offers something extra on Sundays in December: Beloved children's pop-culture characters will join you. On Dec. 9, skate with Aladdin and Jasmine; Dec. 16, Wonder Woman and Superman; Dec. 23, Anna and Kristoff from "Frozen"; and Dec. 30, two denizens of Alice's Wonderland — including the Madhatter. Bring your own skates or rent there. 9-11 a.m. at Chicago Wolves Ice Rink, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont (west of River Road between Bryn Mawr and Balmoral avenues). Free to attend with your own skates; \$8 for skate rentals. tinyurl.com/yafbh5cl

CONCERTS FOR KIDS: LASER COMEDY SHOW

Beat Kitchen's Concerts for Kids series takes a fun departure from its regular, music-centered programming. Artist and improv storyteller Chris Fair draws characters on a glow-in-the-dark screen, then "animates" them with hilarious voices and sound effects. Noon at Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave. \$6-\$7. tinyurl.com/yc4ccxd6

'THE WIZARD OF OZ'

It's one thing to watch Oz burst into Technicolor on screen. It's quite another for a live theater audience to witness sepia-toned Kansas get swept away by a 20-foot cyclone, so Dorothy can land in Frank Baum's multi-hued fantasyland. Paramount Theatre delivers the stage version of the classic movie with awe-inspiring visual verve. From the talking-tree and flying-monkey puppets to the over-the-rainbow costumes (Glinda's delectable cotton-candy gown glimmers with real lights), this production is a feast for the senses. Through Jan. 6 at Paramount Theatre, 23 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora. \$45-\$69. tinyurl.com/yatlrpml

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Why some people drink more coffee

Bitter tastes and genetics have surprising roles

BY CINDY DAMPIER
Chicago Tribune

Marilyn Cornelis has been thinking about coffee for most of her life. As a child, the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine preventive medicine professor watched her father down cup after cup — “a couple of pots a day” and made a game of daring her siblings to lick the spoon he used to stir it. “It was so bitter to us,” she says, her voice still registering a little of the face-twisting shock.

That reaction to bitter tastes is universal, and it’s coded into our DNA — at a time when human beings needed to constantly seek food to sustain life, an aversion to bitter tastes kept people from jamming poisonous things into their mouths as they sought to stave off hunger. Humans who hated bitter tastes lived to forage another day, which gave them the opportunity to spawn descendants, who are currently standing in line at Starbucks.

Cornelis, whose academic research has focused on genetics and caffeine for her entire career, is sometimes among them, she admits, though it takes some milk and sugar to get her to down the bitter brew. “I still can’t drink it black,” she says. Yet, in research published by Cornelis this month, she and colleagues at the QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute in Australia found that people who are genetically predisposed to be sensitive to the bitter taste of caffeine drink more coffee than those who are less sensitive or those who are sensitive to other bitter tastes such as quinine.

Cornelis says the finding was surprising. “Typically,



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Coffee drinkers pursue caffeine’s stimulant effects, and not even coffee’s bitter taste is a deterrent.

humans avoid bitter tastes, and caffeine is one of those compounds, but people who were genetically sensitive to the taste of caffeine actually drank more coffee. So it might be that when you taste caffeine, you have learned to link that to the stimulant effects of caffeine.”

In other words, the desire for the stimulant effects of caffeine is so strong, we are willing to seek out a bitter taste in order to get it.

That stimulant-seeking behavior is controlled by different genetic variants — those that control the body’s ability to metabolize caffeine. If your genes are programmed to metabolize caffeine efficiently, you will

burn through its stimulant effect more quickly, which is why you’ll spend more time at the office coffee pot than colleagues. “We are all sort of constantly titrating our own caffeine levels,” says Cornelis.

She and other researchers have identified about eight genetic variants that act on metabolism of caffeine and, as a result, predict consumption levels. But a genetic test for coffee junkies isn’t what researchers are after. Instead, studying caffeine and genetics may one day unlock some of the mysteries of caffeine’s protective effects on general health and diseases like diabetes and heart disease.

Large-scale studies have shown a link between lifespan and coffee consumption — people who drink around four cups per day live longer, and as scientists work to understand those effects, they may be able to harness that knowledge to combat disease.

The genetic link to bitter tastes has also been studied carefully. Scientists have shown that supertasters, who have more taste buds and actually taste everything more vividly than the rest of us, tend to avoid strong spices and have a stronger aversion to bitter. On the other hand, there are a few outliers who express a true like for bitter tastes (versus a learned

tolerance). Correlations have been shown between this affinity for bitter tastes and “malevolent traits associated with a psychopathic personality, particularly the characteristic known as ‘everyday sadism,’” writes Brown University neuroscientist Rachel Herz.

Herz’s book “Why You Eat What You Eat” explores the intersection of science and eating habits and points out that enjoyment of bitter tastes has implications for drinking and vulnerability to alcoholism. A study at Indiana University showed that beer drinkers experienced dopamine release that mimics the feeling of being

intoxicated simply by tasting a bitter taste like beer. It’s a classic Pavlovian response: transferring the response to beer onto a simple taste signal. Study participants with a family history of alcoholism experienced even greater dopamine release from the bitter taste, signaling a genetic predisposition to expect reward from bitter tastes.

Most of us who are lining up for coffee, however, don’t have an affinity for bitter tastes. Part of the draw to the coffee shop can be explained by cultural and even meteorological considerations — people in cold-weather climates tend to drink more coffee.

Chicago, poster city for cold winters, has always been a big consumer of coffee (we were home to Starbucks’ first expansion store back in 1987), and that’s nothing compared with places like Finland, where coffee consumption per capita is about twice that in the U.S.

But Cornelis (who never drank coffee until she moved to Chicago) says her research simply shows that those who are sensitive to the taste of caffeine are naturally attuned to finding it, in an effort to get that little extra burst of energy. They still may like the taste of something sugary better — which brings us back to the coffee shop.

The genius of Starbucks, says Cornelis, isn’t that it is perfectly positioned to take advantage of human genetics or eons of learned experience. “Where Starbucks is really keyed in,” she says, “is that the bitterness of coffee can be easily masked. So they’re always coming out with a new drink, a new flavor.” The caffeine is what we’re all after, but for most of us, there’s only one question that matters, she says: “It’s all about ‘What else do you want in your drink?’”

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How capitalism made U.S.

A thought-provoking but one-sided history

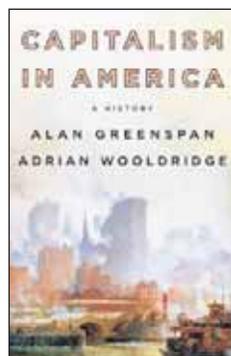
BY BRAD DELONG
The Washington Post

The world as a whole is much richer than it was three centuries ago. And the United States of America is the richest land of all. For nearly two centuries its unique dynamic of economic growth has made America, as Leon Trotsky put it after his brief residence in New York, “the furnace where the future is being forged.”

Alan Greenspan and Adrian Wooldridge’s “Capitalism in America: A History” argues that it is the American love and embrace of capitalism, the resulting entrepreneurial business culture, and the

creative destruction inherent in the capitalist-market system that have given America its special, unique edge in economic wealth. In America, successful entrepreneurs, innovators, organizers and promoters have become not just well-off but heroes. They are who we want to be. As John Steinbeck once remarked, in America “we didn’t have any self-admitted proletarians. Everyone was a temporarily embarrassed capitalist.”

Entrepreneurs are our heroes even though, as Greenspan and Wooldridge say, they are at best eccentric, at worst cruel and dangerous, and always hard to live with. They are “almost always guilty of what might be termed imperialism of the



‘Capitalism in America’

By Alan Greenspan and
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soul.” Henry Ford was going to mass-produce cars, never mind that there were not yet enough miles of road for mass-produced cars to drive on. He was going to produce the cheapest

possible mass-produced cars by making only one model in one color — black — never mind that a civilization that can require more than 700 kinds of barbed wire craves variety. The first bet paid off: Ford Motor Co. became the dominant

industrial corporation of the 1920s. The second did not: Ford lost its place in the 1930s to Alfred Sloan’s General Motors. Nothing could cause Ford to swerve from his plan.

Are Greenspan and Wooldridge correct in this reading of American economic history? Greenspan’s career has certainly predisposed him to make this argument. Him I know slightly, but of him I know very well. He has been an extremely wise and thoughtful teacher, albeit of me only at second hand. As a disciple of Ayn Rand, he has always seen great potential value in acts of heroic economic leadership by creative industrial visionaries and in arranging society to assist such visionaries. He was the extremely skillful and extremely lucky steward — the closest thing to a central planner — of the American economy from 1987 to 2006 as chair of the

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Greenspan and Wooldridge see America as in crisis and blame falling economic dynamism on a motley group composed of liberal intellectuals and politicians (and) crusaders against injustice ...

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Federal Reserve. During Greenspan's tenure, I thought he made significant policy mistakes six times. Five of those six times I was mistaken. (The sixth was his refusal to push for higher loan standards and reserve requirements during the housing bubble of the mid-2000s.)

He is right in seeing the potential for heroic economic leadership. Greenspan's greatest act of economic leadership was truly heroic. It was the last time any Republican policymaker was willing to reach across the aisle. He kept interest rates low as long as he honorably could, and perhaps a little longer, to try to ensure that President Bill Clinton's 1993-94 budget cuts and tax increases did not tank the economy in the short run. He provided this crucial assistance to Clinton and helped create the budget surpluses of the late 1990s; and that, plus Greenspan's growth-oriented monetary policy of the later 1990s, was essential to power the half-decade of high investment and high productivity that fueled the dot-com boom. That was the last time the U.S. economy was firing on all cylinders.

Alas, no one can be heroic all the time. When the government of George W. Bush set out to undo Greenspan's work with a 2001 tax cut, the Fed chair grumbled in funereal tones at private breakfasts that Bush's tax cut was “irresponsible fiscal policy.” He was right. And the American economy suffered badly. But Greenspan stayed quiet in public. Later, he regretted his failure to more aggressively criticize Bush's policy. Nonetheless, he remains a wise, reality-based, patriotic thinker. But he thinks very differently than I do — and that makes him more worth reading.

Wooldridge I do not know — save as a co-author of a book I dimly remember: “The Right Nation: Why America Is Different” (2004). Rereading it I was struck by this: “Imagine Dennis Hastert at one end of the seesaw and Nancy Pelosi on the other end, and you have some idea about which party is sitting with its legs dangling in the air.” And this praise for Republican Hastert and his constituents as salt-of-the-earth real Americans: “growth ... family ... resolutely middle class ... cheerfully middle American ... middle-class Illinois” alongside mockery of “aristocratic San Francisco,” of Pelosi and her Democratic constituents as parasitic weirdos. Not a whisper about the San Francisco Bay Area's role



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Former Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan co-wrote “Capitalism in America: A History.”

then — as now — as the engine of the greatest surge of techno-economic innovation since inventor Henry Bessemer experimented with steel. Barely a word about rural heartland towns shedding their economic roles, Hastert's self-satisfied elite constituents who could not be bothered to lend a hand, the region's unfriendliness to people who look different and its meth epidemics.

While it is no surprise that Greenspan and Wooldridge have produced this book, they are, I think, broadly correct in their argument. America vastly exceeds Old World powers like Britain, France and Germany in wealth and innovation because American entrepreneurs and business leaders have taken advantage of this nation's infrastructure and education (and, from 1945 to 2007, a remarkable amount of economic stability) to achieve the learning and economies of scale to attain mammoth profits for entrepreneurs, executives and financiers and low prices for workers and consumers.

The argument, however, is one-sided and does have blind spots. For example, Greenspan and Wooldridge see America as in crisis and blame falling economic dynamism on a motley group composed of liberal intellectuals and politicians, crusaders against injustice and advocates (like

me) of raising minimum wages, and others they deem the gravediggers of capitalism. But when I look around the hyperliberal San Francisco Bay Area, I see near-universal agreement that entrepreneurial capitalism is good and that the benefits of Schumpeterian creative destruction are vastly greater than the costs; indeed, we here in Berkeley believe the benefits are so much greater that we can afford to take powerful and active policy steps to mitigate the costs — and thus we need to think hard about what those steps might be. I look to very liberal places like Seattle; Denver; Austin, Texas; Chicago; Raleigh-Durham, N.C.; Philadelphia; New York; and Boston, and I see the same. I see no decline in economic dynamism because of the fear of creative destruction, and it is in those prosperous and dynamic cities that creative destruction is occurring. It is not American liberals today who have a problem with a dynamic, changing economy.

It is, rather, the conservative parts of America that fear economic growth and dynamism. Where, after all, do we see an absence of upward mobility, an unwarranted fear of immigrants, an unwarranted fear of Muslims, suspicion of kneeling football players, suspicion of education, declining public health, a need to keep women in their place?

I look at the map and see the problem in the areas on which the curse of Barry Goldwater has fallen. Goldwater sought to take electoral advantage of the civil rights era by transforming the Republican Party into a place where those who feared and hated and did not want to interact with African-Americans could feel at home. In so doing, he and his successors shifted the GOP's focus from the interests of those who were or hoped to be wealthy and who looked forward to taking advantage of the “creative” part of creative destruction, to the interests of those who thought they had something to lose in the “destructive” part. As Secretary of State Dean Acheson correctly wrote in the 1950s in his essay “A Democrat Looks at His Party,” the first Republican Party of wealth and enterprise had a great deal to offer in helping to govern America. “The importance of business is an outstanding fact of American life,” Acheson wrote. “Its achievements have been phenomenal. It is altogether appropriate that one of the major parties should represent its interests and its points of view.”

But the second Republican Party does not represent business — those who think the economy is working or will work for them — but rather those who think economic and social change is their enemy. That party stands athwart history, yelling “Stop!” and does not have much to offer America. That — rather than those the Republicans demonize — seems to me to be the source of our economic problems throughout much of the nation.

That is a very different problem from the one Greenspan and Wooldridge see.

But I could be wrong.

And that is one of the things that makes this book well worth reading. Greenspan is wise, is trying his best to think things through, wants only the best, and it's perfectly fine that he thinks very differently than I do. I am pleased to welcome and endorse this contribution to our public conversation today.

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Writing opens up new worlds

We need a new approach for teaching the skill to today's students

BY JOHN WARNER
Chicago Tribune

Looking back on my childhood, it is not an exaggeration to say that reading turned me into a human being.

I had plenty of other advantages: a good home, a loving family that provided access to books in the first place, yes, but it is primarily through reading that I first came to understand the world beyond myself.

Later, writing became a tool through which I could make sense of my place within that world. These days, I write professionally for others, but more importantly, writing is my primary tool for thinking about the world. Even when writing was not my profession, I was writing, and if it is once again not my profession, I will still be writing.

I have been concerned for some time about what reading has become for students: something to be tracked, an activity judged against standardized assessments and governed by Lexile scores, rather than student interests and passions. When reading is primarily framed as a means to an end to pass tests that allow one to move up the educational ladder — well, that's a pretty cramped notion of what reading does for us.

I have similar concerns about young people and writing, and I've put those concerns into a recently released book, "Why They Can't Write: Killing the Five-Paragraph Essay and Other Necessities," published by Johns Hopkins University Press.

As someone with 20 years of experience teaching writing to college students, I hear many laments about the writing skills of today's generation. The perception of students as coddled, cellphone-addicted, incurious and entitled seems common, but I'm here to testify it is untrue.

The skills of writing students are about the same as they've always been. Don't just take my word for that; there's research to back that up. What has changed is their attitude toward writing. Writing is something done for the purpose of proving competent at school, and the best way to do this is to follow rote prescriptions — such as the five-paragraph essay, a template into which all content is poured.

There's nothing wrong with students themselves. Instead, we have a system of education that has divorced schooling



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from learning. Each year brings increases in depression, anxiety and suicides among young people, and there's little doubt that the pressures of school contribute significantly to these problems.

At the same time, students are primarily tasked with producing imitations of writing, rather than pieces that communicate with real audiences and fulfill genuine purposes, as they will be asked to do in college and beyond. Digital technology means we're all now communicating through writing more than ever before, and yet students spend their time writing things that have little relation to the world.

Educators tasked with teaching writing are overloaded with students, spending almost 40 percent more time in the classroom than those in other developed countries. Rather than supporting the professionals who only want to relate to their students, politicians and school reformers

seek out nonexistent silver-bullet solutions in technology that only prove more alienating.

We can do better. As I make clear in "Why They Can't Write," we know quite a lot about how to best teach writing. Now we just need to remove the barriers that keep teachers from doing what they can and must.

I was lucky. My new book is dedicated to the teachers of Greenbriar School, in Northbrook, because they not only helped me learn how to write, they helped me discover and affirm who I am as a person.

I just want all kids to have access to that same luck. It shouldn't be so hard.

John Warner is the author of "Why They Can't Write: Killing the Five-Paragraph Essay and Other Necessities."

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Book recommendations from the Biblioracle

John Warner tells you what to read next based on the last five books you've read.

1. "Educated" by Tara Westover
2. "What The World Eats" by Faith D'Aluisio, photographs by Peter Menzel
3. "The Stars Are Fire" by Anita Shreve
4. "Mozart's Starling" by Lyanda Lynn Haupt
5. "The Human Predicament: A Candid Guide to Life's Biggest Questions" by David Benatar

— Mary G., Aurora
Mary exhibits a curiosity about the world, a desire to look more closely to achieve understanding, which brings to mind Patricia Hampl's "The Art of the Wasted Day!"

1. "Eileen" by Ottessa Moshfegh
 2. "The Perfect Nanny" by Leila Slimani
 3. "The Party" by Elizabeth Day
 4. "Love, Dishonor, Marry, Die, Cherish, Perish" by David Rakoff
 5. "The Idiot" by Elif Batuman
- Hildy J., Chicago
"Washington Black" by Esi Edugyan is a stunning page-turner that I think will be perfect for Hildy.

1. "Far and Away: Reporting from the Brink of Change" by Andrew Solomon
 2. "On Living" by Kerry Egan
 3. "The Idiot" by Elif Batuman
 4. "Loving Day" by Mat Johnson
 5. "The Rules Do Not Apply" by Ariel Levy
- Edith B., New York
"The Animators" by Kayla Rae Whitaker has the kind of spirit that I think Edith is looking for.

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Wedding canceled — return of gifts not so smooth either



JUDITH MARTIN
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: A wedding celebration I was to attend was called off at the last minute. I cannot fault anyone for canceling the nuptials if the bride or groom did not want to get married. But my mother told me, years ago, that good manners dictate that the gifts for a canceled wedding must be returned. I was waiting to see how this would be handled.

I soon got an email from the store at which the bride was registered. It stated: "We are in the process of getting all gifts back from the bride, but we have been asked by the bride's mother to give all purchasers a store credit. You can call us the next time you need a gift for anyone. ... We can access any major department store registry and typically save you 20 percent from the department store prices on most major brands. We also have over 50,000 items on our own website."

I'm not sure how I should react to this information, but I do know I am offended. Is this an acceptable way to return a gift? I feel that the mother preempted my decision about what to do with the returned present, but maybe I should just be thankful that I am receiving something back. After all, the bride could have kept all the gifts.

Gentle reader: It hardly seems better that they are, instead, being held on consignment. Perhaps with the notion that it would be convenient for all, this woman has forced her guests into the unpleasant position of having to ask

permission for what is rightfully theirs.

If you have the gumption to do so, Miss Manners will allow you to politely decline the offer, saying, "I appreciate the discount, but if you do not mind, I think that we will go through the trouble of returning the silver water filter ourselves."

Dear Miss Manners: We have some relatives who enjoy sharing pictures of their travels. Instead of a slideshow after coming home, they text pictures of themselves or what they're seeing to a group of a half-dozen relatives throughout the trip.

In the last day, I've received 10 pictures, along with all the commentary from everyone else in the group thread. I have to admit that a selfie of them on an airplane and several people responding, "Aww!" doesn't particularly interest me and disrupts my day.

I'm happy that they are enjoying their vacation, but I'd be happier if they enjoyed it on their own. Is there a polite way to ask them not to send me pictures? I'd be willing to sit through a slideshow once they return; it's the constant texts that I object to.

Gentle reader: Perhaps you do not remember the time when it was a common form of torture to make others sit through home movies. Otherwise normal people, with nothing but goodwill in their hearts, would lure their unsuspecting relatives and friends to a purported social gathering, then dim the lights and make them watch films of their holidays and their children's birthday parties.

There was no escape. Even dozing off in the dark was difficult, because the films were accompanied by equally soporific narrations to which audience respons-

es were sought:

"Here we are in the main square — honey, do you remember whose statue that is? Help me, someone; he's one of their national heroes. Anyway, it was festival time, and if it hadn't been raining, you'd be able to see everybody out there celebrating. You really should go there sometime. I forgot — you have a beach house, don't you? But you should also travel; there's nothing like seeing different cultures ..."

Or, "This is so cute: It's Teddy's birthday, so of course he thinks the cake is just for him, but Jenny thinks because she's older, he needs her help to blow out the candles. But the funny thing is that on her birthday, which we'll show you next, he thinks it's OK for him to help her open her presents! And of course she doesn't like it any better ..."

Surely you do not want that sort of entertainment back. Miss Manners will try to show you that while such barrages of texted pictures annoy you, the method has its advantages:

You don't have to look at them on the way to the Delete key, because the photographer is not watching you. You don't have to hit Like, which would hardly be noticeable anyway, among the others on the thread who are admiring one another.

All you have to do is to say, on the travelers' return, "Seemed like a great trip." You could have concluded that from the mere volume of the texts, and anyway, no one is going to quiz you on the content.

To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to missmanners.com or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

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KARAMO BROWN

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The Family Action Network (FAN) and The Book Stall welcome KARAMO BROWN, the TV host who plays the culture expert in the revival of "Queer Eye," for a talk "Know Thyself: Using Your Uniqueness to Create Success." It's based on the book "Queer Eye: Love Yourself, Love Your Life," written by the Fab Five. Free and open to the public.

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Dessert formula: 3 B's



LEAH ESKIN
Home on the Range

Art history, like TV Guide, divides its subjects into time slots. It further carves up the discipline by area (say, Spain), by subject (say, portraits) and by media (say, paint). But what if it used different criteria — like the physical actions of the artist? Galleries might be labeled Spread or Twist. Sculptors who work in metal and butchers who work in brisket would be lumped together under Cut.

It's an intriguing idea, one that held my attention all the way from a Harvard lecture hall to Toscanini's, the Cambridge ice cream shop named after the Italian conductor. Should the musician and his window washer both be filed under Swipe?

Behind the counter, artists practiced Scoop — building on the work of the pastry chefs in back, who had already mastered Thicken, Chill and Churn. The most famous work in this collection is titled B3, reference to the materials: browned butter, brown sugar and brownies.

One taste, and I knew it was fine art.

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Toscanini's B3

Prep: 30 minutes **Chill:** 4 or more hours

Churn: 20 minutes **Freeze:** 4 or more hours

Makes: 6 cups

Churned from browned butter, brown sugar and brownies, B3 does not disappoint.

1½ cups heavy cream

1½ cups whole milk

½ cup firmly packed dark brown sugar

½ cup granulated sugar

¼ teaspoon kosher salt

3 egg yolks

1 teaspoon water

12 tablespoons (1½ sticks) unsalted butter, cut into a few chunks

1 tablespoon instant nonfat dried milk

2 teaspoons vanilla

1½ cups chopped brownies, without nuts

1. Prep: Whisk together cream, milk, brown sugar, granulated sugar and salt until sugar has dissolved. Drop yolks into a tall, narrow 6-cup container that offers an immersion blender a snug fit. Blend in 1 teaspoon water.

2. Brown: Drop butter chunks into a medium saucepan. Set pan over medium heat. Butter will melt, foam, then begin to brown. Turn down heat to medium-low. Sprinkle in dry milk, and whisk, scraping up browned bits from the bottom of the pan. In 1 to 2 minutes, butter will turn golden brown, be riddled with brown specks and give off a delightful nutty aroma.

3. Blend: Slowly pour hot browned butter over yolks, while blending with immersion blender until emulsified. Pour cream mixture in slowly, blending. Add vanilla and blend.

4. Chill: Cover and chill 4 hours or overnight.

5. Churn: Pour mixture into an ice cream churn and swirl as directed. Stir in brownie chunks. Scrape ice cream into a storage container. Press a piece of plastic wrap against the surface. Cover and freeze firm, 4 or more hours.

6. Serve: Let ice cream warm on the countertop about 10 minutes. Scoop and savor.

Adapted from a recipe from Toscanini's Ice Cream.

Energy drink Cobra Verde puts a kick in your cocktails

BY LISA FUTTERMAN
Chicago Tribune

Looking for an offbeat energy drink? How about a version made with green coffee?

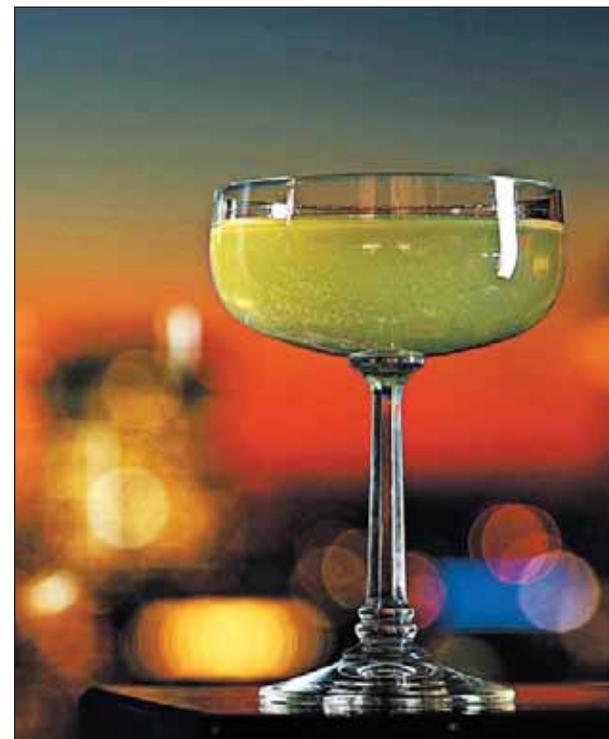
Jarrett Mitchell owns Wake Up Iowa Coffee, a small-batch, fair-trade organic coffee roaster out of Iowa City.

An artist and former candidate for city council (he ran in support of backyard chickens), Mitchell became intrigued by green coffee when he wound up with some extra unroasted beans and thought it would be cool to make a cold beverage out of them. He added concentrated fruit juices (peach, lemon, lime) and a bit of cane sugar, and came up with a tart, refreshing (and caffeinated) drink. He dubbed it Cobra Verde.

Green coffee had a moment of notoriety as a weight loss supplement back in the early 2000s, but the raw coffee, according to Mitchell, tastes earthy and has a much less jittery, slower-acting effect than the caffeine from roasted coffee beans.

Cobra quickly gathered a devoted following. It started life noncarbonated, in bottles, but last fall Mitchell moved to a lightly bubbly version in eye-catching bright green cans suited to the energy drink market.

Its black cobra logo is striking, its cultural references are high-brow (though Mitchell claims no direct nod to the 1987 Werner Herzog film starring Klaus Kinski as a Brazilian bandit). There's even a green coffee comic book, and a puppet show video jingle recorded by Louisville, Ky., singer/songwriter Will Oldham (Bonnie "Prince" Billy) is available on YouTube.



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Cobra Verde, made with green coffee beans and fruit juice, can be a great mixer.

Last Cobra

¾ ounce gin

¾ ounce green chartreuse

¾ ounce maraschino liqueur

2 ounces chilled Cobra Verde

Shake the first three ingredients in a cocktail shaker with ice until very well chilled. Strain into a coupe, and top with Cobra Verde. Garnish with a lime wedge.

Last April, Mitchell collaborated with Against the Grain Brewery in Louisville brewing a highly caffeinated lager called Anaconda Verde with green coffee, peach and citrus in tribute to Cobra Verde.

Despite its underground popularity, retailers often can't decide where to

stock it. "Put it with the teas, put it with the coffees, put it with the energy drinks," says Mitchell. "It really doesn't matter! People find it."

You'll definitely want to find it at 5 p.m. because Cobra Verde makes a great mixer. Its dry, citrusy zing and light carbonation are particularly easy to love with clear and agave-based spirits, plus it brings zippy caffeine to the buzz. Try it in a Snake Charmer (mixed 50/50 with sparkling wine), or shake up a Last Cobra, a riff on the classic Last Word (see recipe).

Next spring, look out for the release of Paleo Verde, a new version of Cobra Verde with even less sugar and juice to satisfy the unsweetened energy beverage drinker.

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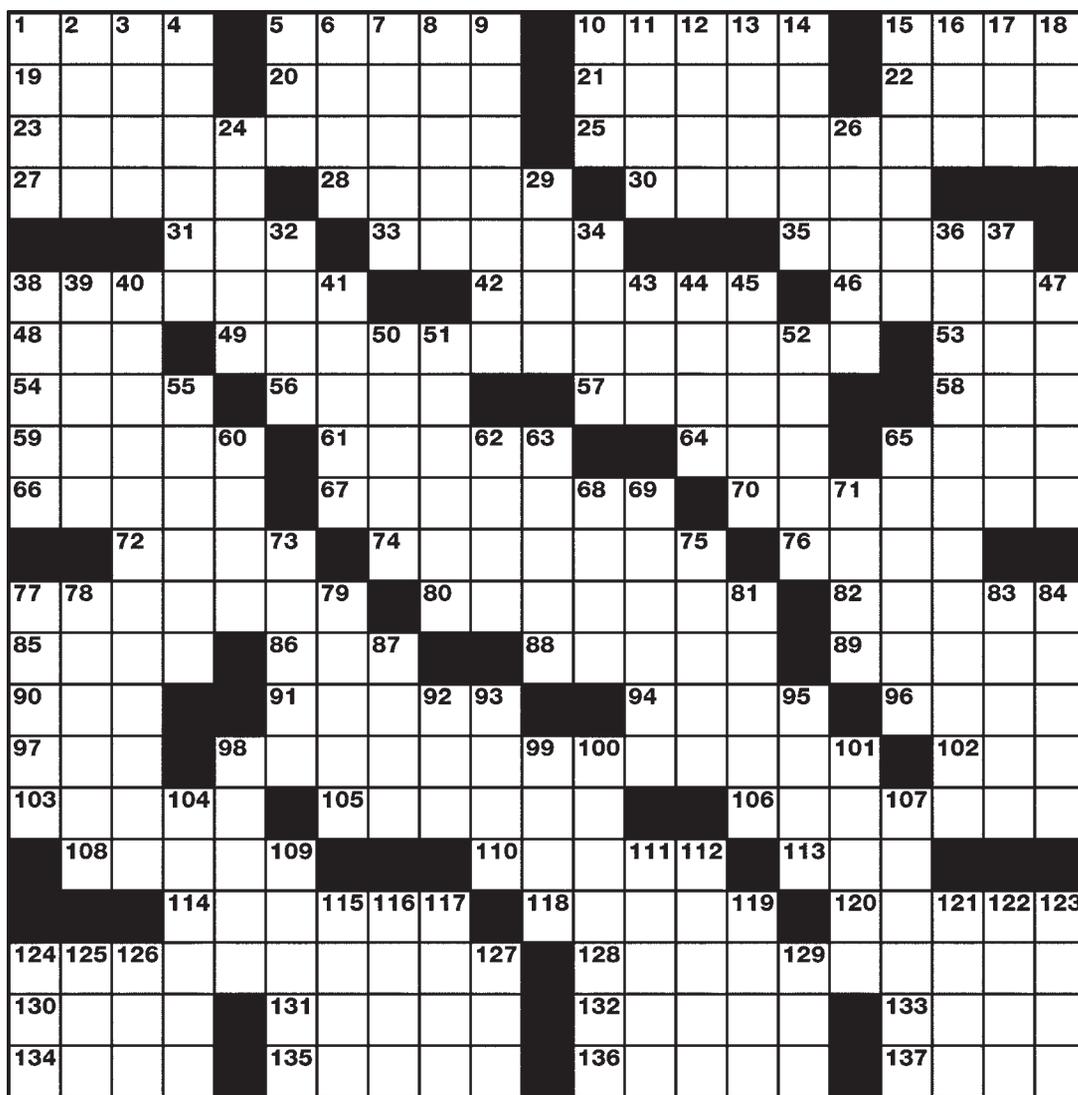
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110 Hogwarts potions professor
113 Singer Carly — Jepsen
114 Had totally fooled
118 In the midst of
120 Closes in on
124 Doodler's tablet
128 Not up on the latest
130 Arena level
131 Boat bottoms
132 Brief film excerpt
133 *Haus* wife
134 Lord's spouse
135 Melodious
136 Make confetti out of
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2 Purple shade
3 Cathedral section
4 Sweater fabric
5 Respectful address
6 Grandson of Adam
7 Chaperone, typically
8 Cruise ship
9 Most unfortunate
10 "No talking!"
11 Town near Santa Fe
12 Stare at
13 Whipped up
14 Dress carefully
15 Fire engine gear
16 Self-regard
17 Still wrapped
18 IRS ID
24 Symbol on a freeway exit sign
26 What combs contain
29 Actor Rogen
32 Pre-college, for short
34 Visionary giving advice
36 Be very frugal
37 Ornamental shrub
38 "King" of music
39 Migratory birds
40 Calming down
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43 Earth-friendly prefix
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50 Muscular
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73 Bouillon brand
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79 Bit of broccoli
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92 Some DJ discs
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95 Decorative pitcher
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104 Nun's beads
107 Start golfing
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111 Mailbag
112 Become a contestant
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116 Sporting blade
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119 Away from here
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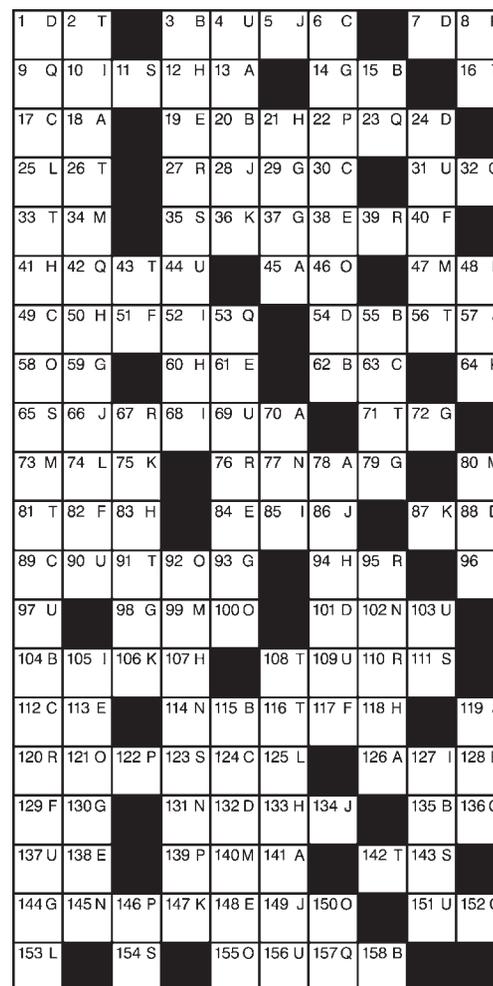
Quote-Acrossic

- Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
- Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
- When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

Clues

- Words**
- A. Make pleasant 13 126 70 141 45 18 78
- B. 1960s Jet quarterback 135 20 158 15 62 104 55 3 115
- C. Kind of flight 152 49 30 89 63 112 124 17 6
- D. Locklear or Graham 132 24 101 88 1 7 54
- E. Christian celebration 113 38 138 128 19 148 84 61
- F. Struck down 40 129 82 117 51
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- I. Jewish law 85 96 68 10 52 127 105
- J. Sudden realization 86 119 28 66 57 5 149 134

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- L. Large group 74 25 153 48 125
- M. King of the Huns 99 80 73 140 34 47
- N. Spoil 114 145 77 102 131
- O. Flagrant 58 155 100 92 150 32 46 136 121
- P. Strikes the 'send' key 8 22 146 139 122
- Q. Part of a barrel 9 42 157 23 53
- R. Very badly 120 76 95 67 110 27 39
- S. Muslim devotional month 11 154 65 123 111 35 143
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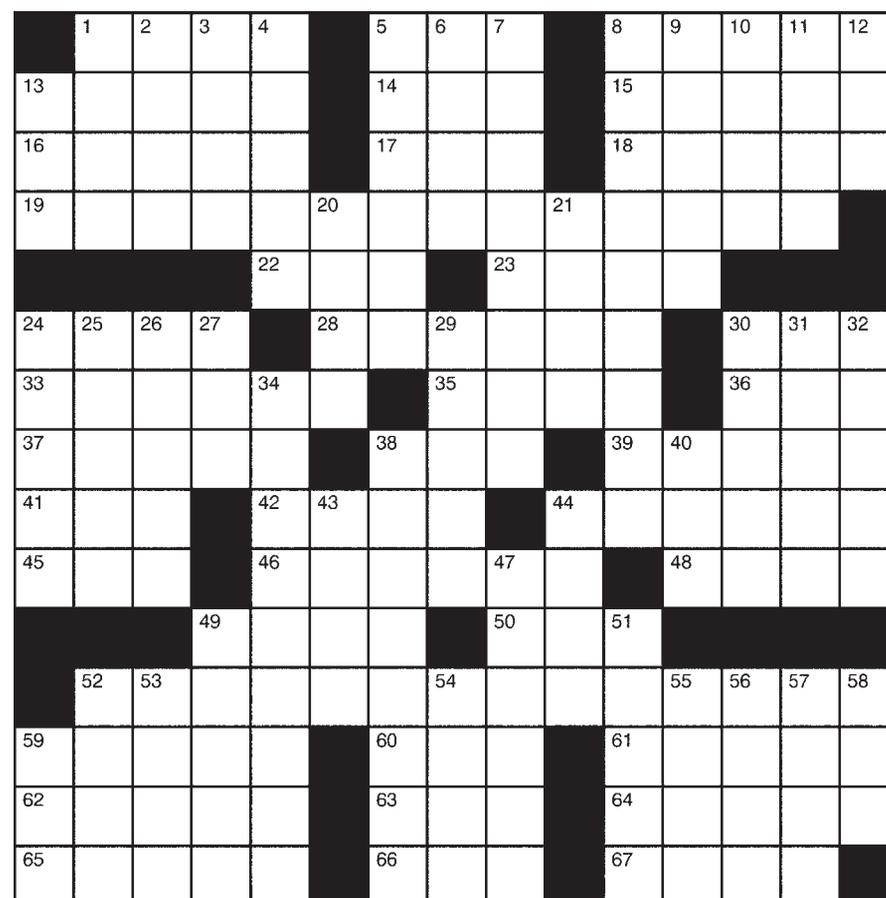
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45 Old English letter

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24 Author Hermann
25 Like some ancient buildings
26 Discard
27 Japan, formerly
29 Castle defenses
30 Certain patrol
31 Law's companion
32 *Over* ___
34 Athlete's hose
38 County in southern Wales
40 Sturdy canine
43 Undiluted
44 Customer
47 Ingratiate oneself
49 Mister's Latin relative
51 Took a chance
52 Converse
53 Israeli dance
54 Uninhibited
55 Entwined
56 Mystery-writer Lesley
57 Unrefined
58 Bishopric
59 Thatcher and Churchill, briefly



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Hangers-On

BY MARK McCLAIN AND GEORGE TELFER
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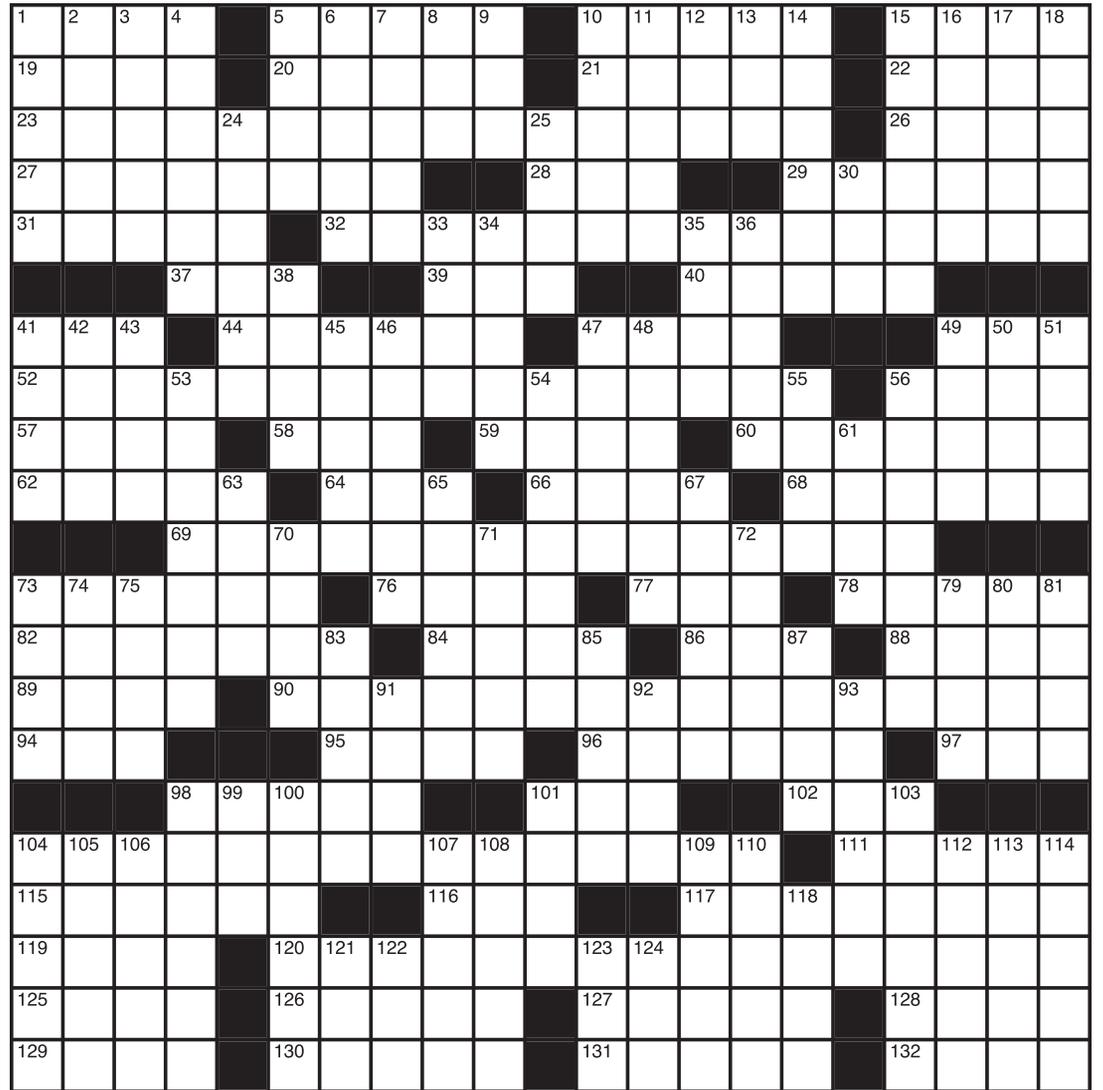
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- 5 Selling point?
- 10 Weasel cousin
- 15 Passed quickly, as time
- 19 Pigeon calls
- 20 Kind of column
- 21 Stands at lectures
- 22 Lead in a movie, say
- 23 What the acrobatic landlady liked to do?
- 26 Wile E. Coyote supplier
- 27 Run-of-the-mill
- 28 Former LeBron team, on sports tickers
- 29 Lost on purpose
- 31 Buds, possibly
- 32 TruTV show for board game enthusiasts?
- 37 Sorority letter
- 39 Former LeBron team, on sport tickers
- 40 Takes a breather
- 41 "The Simpsons" retailer
- 44 "Chain of Fools" name
- 47 Out in the yacht
- 49 Bite playfully
- 52 When a pro might practice at Augusta National?
- 56 Departed
- 57 "Once ___ a time ..."
- 58 Yon yacht
- 59 Name in a Tolstoy title
- 60 Formal split
- 62 Electric wheels
- 64 Second-tallest living bird
- 66 Inform
- 68 Skin-related
- 69 Gym employees for those getting in shape fast?
- 73 Don't hold your breath
- 76 Antelope playmates
- 77 Musical muscle car
- 78 Agave plant
- 82 "The wisdom of many and the wit of one": Russell
- 84 Dread
- 86 Bigelow product
- 88 Often painful crack
- 89 Cut with a small knife
- 90 Gold medal winners at the Renaissance fair?
- 94 Thesaurus wd.

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- 95 Doing nothing
- 96 Cabinet department
- 97 Minute
- 98 China's Zhou ___
- 101 QB's stat
- 102 Shocked text letters
- 104 Wedding chapel's main form of advertising?
- 111 Vacation destination
- 115 Caroline Islands components
- 116 Rescue squad initials
- 117 Rant
- 119 Fictional plantation
- 120 Where bills should be put after an audit?
- 125 "Slippery" trees
- 126 "... but I could be wrong"
- 127 Celestial ovine
- 128 Shuts down
- 129 Colorist's supply
- 130 Price enders, often
- 131 Category
- 132 Obliterate, in Oxford

- 42 Nickname for José
- 43 Eerie fliers
- 45 Old anesthetic
- 46 Like many crosswords
- 47 "Up" star
- 48 WWII prison camp
- 49 Standard
- 50 Subject of Huáscar
- 51 Orange discard
- 53 Legally off base
- 54 Baited insect collector
- 55 Beans or greens
- 56 Scalia's successor
- 61 Enhancing word
- 63 Shaft between wheels
- 65 Handy
- 67 Trivial
- 70 Vivacious
- 71 Words near an "F," maybe
- 72 Musical handicap
- 73 Omar of "In Too Deep"
- 74 Doctor's order
- 75 French ___
- 79 Consider carefully, with "over"
- 80 Attention
- 81 Basilica recess
- 83 Astros catcher McCann
- 85 Bonnie Blue's dad
- 87 2012 Ben Affleck film
- 91 "Gotcha!"
- 92 Casino game requirement, often
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- 114 German state
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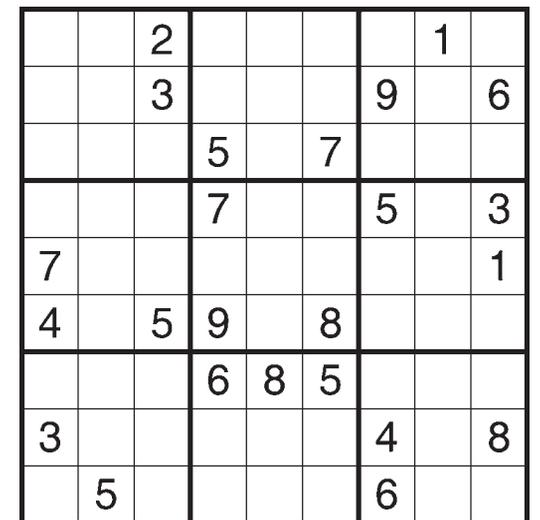
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BY ELIZABETH MAYHEW

The Washington Post

When I was growing up, it seemed as if every television commercial break featured at least one advertisement that showed people (read: women) enjoying the benefits of a bath. In the '70s and '80s, Jean Nate ran ads that showed a woman stepping out of a luxurious bath and refreshing herself with the popular apres-bath scent. And who can forget the "Calgon, take me away!" ads? The catchy slogan became a verbal cry for any woman who needed a well-deserved break.

But in today's frenetic, digitally paced world, taking baths — and owning bathtubs — has, to some, become a thing of the past.

If one looks to hotels as a sign of the state of the tub, many of the newer boutique hotel brands such as Canopy by Hilton have done away with bathtubs altogether. Instead, each bathroom is outfitted with a barrier-free walk-in shower.

Gary Steffen, the global head of Canopy by Hilton, says the company conducted years of research, including a survey of more than 9,000 travelers, and found that their guests most valued functionality. Canopy's rooms feature extra storage for amenities, doorless "open" closets and walk-in showers — all helpful for a traveler with a time-crunched schedule.

The standard rooms at the Draftsman Hotel — a new property in Charlottesville, Va., that is part of Marriott's Autograph Collection — also have bathrooms outfitted with walk-in showers only. But the bathrooms in suites have tubs as well as walk-in showers.

The implication is that the tub signifies luxury, only afforded by those who have the ultimate luxury: the time to soak in that tub.

The no-tub trend applies to homes as well. Millerton, N.Y.-based architect John Allee says that almost all of his clients would prefer not to install bathtubs and usually do so only for resale value. When they do request a tub, it's usually for the master bathroom only, and it's a free-standing soaking tub (he often uses Victoria + Albert's contemporary, sculptural Barcelona model).



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IS A BATHTUB A NECESSITY OR A LUXURY?

For some, the answer could be changing

"Many of my clients are past toddler time (except for grandchildren) and will put in a tub/shower combo only if there is a logical place, like an extra guest suite," Allee says.

Even his clients with younger kids only install a functional kid-washing tub if they have three or more full baths. Allee theorizes that his clients' move-

ment away from installing bathtubs is a combination of our culture's fastidious hygiene and our busy schedules. Relaxed bathing is a luxury and a therapeutic experience, neither of which seem to be interests of Allee's busy clients.

Dolores Suarez and Caroline Grant, who head the New York-based design firm Dekar Design,

say most of their clients need a tub and a shower. In their experience, it's often a his-and-her situation, in which one prefers baths and one prefers showers, so creating a designated space for the tub is essential. And if there are children, they say a tub is critical as it's the safest and most fun way to bathe them.

Michael Rankin, a managing

partner at TTR Sotheby's International Realty, feels differently. As one of the top real estate agents in the D.C. area, he says his buyers still want tubs, but that they don't necessarily need them.

"Everyone is too busy, and time is short, but when you finally have a quiet moment — and that may only be every month or two — people still desire a bath," Rankin says. He equates the bathtub conundrum to that of the dining room: "A dining room might only get used four or five times a year, but the buyer still wants a house with one."

Rankin also makes it clear that having a tub, particularly in a master bathroom, is a sign of luxury that his clients expect. "Free-standing spa tubs and walk-in showers with rain shower heads, hand-held fixtures and numerous body sprays are master bathroom musts."

Nancy Taylor Bubes, another top D.C.-area agent and associate broker for Washington Fine Properties, has a personal bias because she loves a bath and doesn't go a day without taking one. But she has found that the market has changed, particularly in urban areas.

"Young professionals are living in smaller places and seem to prefer the walk-in shower convenience because it's quick and easy," Taylor Bubes says. Plus, a walk-in shower design is low maintenance; with fewer parts to clean and fewer corners where mold can get caught, walk-in showers are a bonus for busy families.

Traditionally, Taylor Bubes says, bathtubs were always installed in the hall bath for the kids' use, and the master bath was outfitted with a shower only. But over time, master bathrooms got bigger, and tubs got architecturally fancier. Eventually, high-end buyers began to expect to see free-standing luxury tubs in master suites.

"Sometimes I feel like tubs are the fireplace of the bathroom — they are the centerpiece, the focal point of the bathroom," she says. "Many people still want both tubs and fireplaces, but the reality is that they don't use either as often as they might think."

"Interesting," Taylor Bubes ponders, "fireplaces and tubs — the places we relax around — could both be on their way out?"

Cool-season edibles offer tasty beauty

Veggies, herbs can be dazzling in landscaping

BY NORMAN WINTER
Tribune News Service

The cool-season vegetable garden can be one of incredible beauty, all the while providing tasty produce.

Such is the case with the Columbus Botanical Garden in Columbus, Ga. Its Sally Adams vegetable terraces, located adjacent to the old historic Gin House, were designed by the renowned landscape architecture firm Studio Outside Landscape Architecture of Dallas.

The stone terraces planted with seasonal vegetables are always worthy of being photographed and dazzle as part of the overall landscape. Best known as a tourist stop, the owners make regular contributions of produce to Mercy Med for distribution to people in need.

The terraces are planted by volunteers under the watchful eye of the director and have become a hit with the local community. Recently I attended a pre-gala party just before sunset and was mesmerized by their beauty.

There was a stunning array of color and texture provided by cabbage, kale, collards, mustard, lettuce and chard, along with a tantalizing selection of herbs. The volunteers have supplemented the plantings with Cool Wave pansies that will soon cascade over the rock walls.

Even if you don't have a dedicated vegetable garden like the one in Columbus, you can grow a bounty of tasty veggies, incorporating them in the landscape, mixed containers and even baskets. These crops are so wonderfully ornamental even the toughest homeowners association "police force" will approve.

The edible landscape concept is a scorching hot trend not just for the culinary artist in the kitchen, but for the Monet-like designer gardening outdoors.

Brie Arthur, a rock-star horticulturist and friend, has recently written a book titled "The Foodscape Revolution." You can put her tips and techniques in place immediately or get prepared for



NORMAN WINTER/TNS PHOTOS

The Sally Adams vegetable terraces at the Columbus Botanical Garden in Georgia provide a feast for the eyes and produce for those in need.

spring.

In Columbus, this concept gets applied to mixed containers at the finest shopping centers and in high-profile entrances to neighborhoods and upscale apartment complexes. If you are thinking I am just talking kale and cabbage, I am not, although they are certainly high on the list. There are a lot more edible beauties just sitting outside those favorite boutiques.

You are likely to see collards with pansies, Swiss chard or Red Giant mustard with snapdragons, violas with red leaf lettuce and architecturally wonderful plants like cardoon and dinosaur kale. Such is the wonder and fun once you, too, start growing cool-season vegetables.

All of these cool-season vegetables love those light and fluffy soil mixes you find in mixed contain-

ers. In the landscape, they will thrive as well as long as you have good fertile, well-drained soil and plenty of sun to allow them to really perform up to your expectations.

The Garden Guy was raised in the South, and when it comes to eating, the thought of fried catfish, cornbread and a heaping pile of mustard greens, collards or Swiss chard cooked like spinach will trump landscape beauty on many occasions.

Those in zones 7-10 have a lot of edible landscape opportunities before spring planting. Those in colder zones should try these as window sill-type crops.

Visit your favorite garden center this weekend. You'll find plants that will allow you to dress up the landscape before the holidays while creating some incredible combinations with edibles.



Dinosaur kale, also known as Tuscan kale, offers wonderful texture and color for landscaping and cool-season containers.

SOCIAL GRACES

Getting out of event at an old plantation

BY CHRISTEN A. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Q: You get invited to an event on an old slave plantation. You feel uncomfortable and aren't going. Should you tell the host the real reason?

A: It's so easy to wiggle out of an uncomfortable situation, but responses like "I have another engagement that day" are neither truthful nor ethical.

Why lie? Are you afraid you'll miss future invitations from this person or that this person will think less of you? Do you think this person will be embarrassed if you tell the truth?

If the truth is that you are horrified at the thought of entering an old slave plantation, be honest without causing an affront to the host. Respond genuinely, keep it short and end on a pleasant note.

Suggested responses:

1. "No, thank you. Knowing the history of slavery makes visiting an old plantation not for me. Enjoy, and keep in touch afterward."

2. "A slave plantation? I'll pass. Thank you for thinking of me, though."

Never compromise your values or ethics. You'll be amazed how it feels to clear the cobwebs of obligations.

— Sharon A. Hill, *diversity and etiquette expert*

A: Given the historical

significance of plantations in America, it's understandable that you find the venue off-putting. Considering plans are underway, it's best to decline without explaining beyond regrets.

If a response card comes with the invitation, include a handwritten note saying, "Thank you for your invitation. Regretfully, I'm unable to attend the event. Sending best wishes for its success, and hope we can get together for dinner soon."



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How forthright should an invitee be about not wanting to attend an event because of the venue?

Sharing your reason for not attending, without being asked, will surely upset your host and likely damage your relationship.

— Erika Preval, founder of Charm Etiquette

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Damaging the bark and underlying tissue around the trunk can potentially kill a tree. The water vessels essential to growth are just beneath the bark.

Girdling very dangerous for trees and branches

BY BETH BOTTS
Chicago Tribune

In the fashion world, a girdle is outmoded and slightly funny. For a tree, girdling is no joke.

To girdle a tree is to damage the bark and underlying tissue all around the trunk or a branch, killing it.

“The vessels that carry water up and down a tree are just beneath the bark,” said Sharon Yiesla, plant knowledge specialist in the Plant Clinic at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle. “If you damage those vessels, you’ve cut off the water flow.”

“It may take a while for the whole tree to die back, but it’s a deadly injury. A tree can’t recover from girdling.”

In fact, when land managers need to kill a tree — for example, to battle invasive species — they often deliberately girdle it by cutting away a band of bark all around the trunk. The term comes from an Old English word referring to a band or belt.

There are many ways homeowners and contrac-

tors can inadvertently girdle trees or branches, Yiesla said.

Tying ropes or wires around trees. If an encircling rope that held a hammock, a sign or tree stake isn’t removed, it will start to cut into the bark as the trunk grows. Eventually it will sever the water vessels and girdle the tree. The same thing can happen to a branch if a swing is tied to it with ropes.

Hitting trees with power tools. Lawnmowers or string trimmers that chop at the base of a tree can damage the bark all the way around, girdling the tree. To keep power tools well away, spread a safety zone of mulch.

Not removing ropes and wires at planting. Some trees are transplanted with their root balls bound by wire baskets or ropes. If those wires or ropes are not removed at planting, they can eventually girdle the tree.

A tree also can girdle itself when a root encircles the trunk. As the trunk expands, the root will constrict it and kill off the bark. “It’s self-strangula-

tion,” Yiesla said.

This can happen when a tree is growing in a constricted space where there’s not enough room for its roots, such as a parkway. Some species, such as Norway maple, are especially prone to girdling roots. Girdling roots also can develop if a young tree is grown in a container with roots circling inside. “If you find that you bought a tree with circling roots, be sure to spread the roots out using your fingers when you go to plant,” Yiesla said.

If a tree or branch seems to be dying back, girdling is a likely cause. “Check to be sure that the bark is undamaged all the way around so water can flow,” Yiesla said. “Throughout the tree’s life, make it a priority to protect the bark from girdling.”

For tree and plant advice, contact the Arboretum’s Plant Clinic (630-719-2424) or plantclinic@mortonarb.org.

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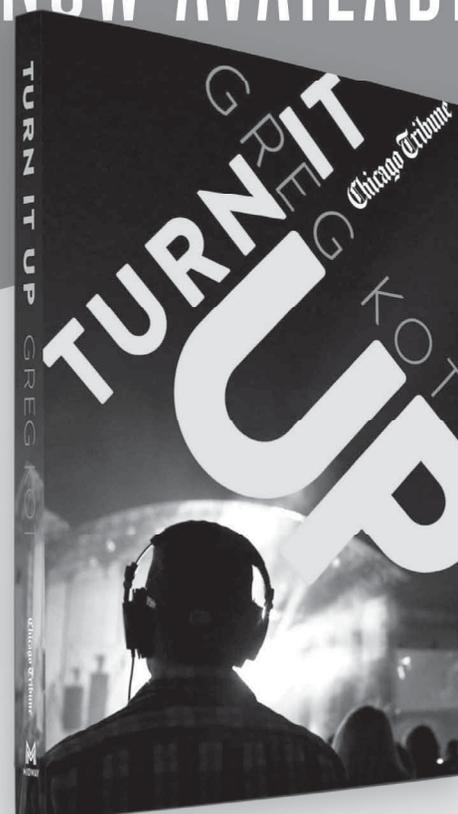
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Jessica Moazami is a freelance stylist.

What to do to fight fading hair color



ELLEN WARREN
Answer Angel

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: I am in the sun almost every day. Do you know of any hair care products that will keep my hair color from fading?
— Judy T.

Dear Judy: I've had the same problem and figured that my only solution was a hat, which all women know leaves your hair, hmmm, not at its best.

On the recommendation of my colorist, I have started to use purple shampoo. Yeah, it is actually purple-colored. It's Joico's Color Balance Purple, which claims on the label: "Eliminates brassy/yellow tones on blonde/gray hair" (amazon.com, \$16.14). I haven't noticed any difference since I started this regimen.

I put your question to another stylist friend, Mark Rudnick, who told me about a product created to help keep your hair color fresh: conditioner with sunscreen. While I was dozing on a sunny beach (I wish), a whole slew of hair-color protection was being developed to solve our hair-frying woes. Take a stroll through the drugstore or a cosmetics super store (Sephora, Ulta), and you'll see a wide array of conditioner sprays and lotions with sunscreen from \$7 to infinity. Just apply it and go.

And those of you who are lucky enough to be lounging on a beach somewhere, please let me know how (or if) they work.

And for a reader with the opposite hair/weather problem ...



JORDAN SIEMENS/GETTY

Fading hair color is a hazard when you're often outdoors. Conditioner with sunscreen could help alleviate the problem.

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: Help! I have been looking for some "ear protectors" that are like earmuffs only the band goes behind your head, not on top, ruining your hair! They used to sell them all the time. Please help!
— Mary H.

Dear Mary: Maybe you started your search too early in the cold-weather season. I've seen what you're looking for at Nordstrom Rack. Amazon has them in a four-pack for \$15.99, which sounds about right for my personal loss ratio every winter — along with gloves, scarves, hats and, that old favorite, left-on-the-bus umbrellas. There also are bandless earmuffs that are even easier to lose than the ones with bands.

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: I'm a huge sports fan, and just about every professional athlete seems to be wearing a beard these days. I want to try to grow one, but I'm clueless on how to care for it and the skin underneath.
— Pete L.

Dear Pete: Fortunately, I'm not a bearded lady, but I've got many male friends and relatives whose advice I trust on matters of facial hair. Here goes:

■ Don't use head hair shampoo, which can be too harsh. Use a cleanser marketed for facial hair. There are many. Cremo (cremo.com) makes an all-in-one "beard & face wash," which could be an answer if you don't want to invest in a bunch of products.

■ Moisturize: Beards can get gnarly, scraggly, split ends and breakage. You need to hydrate your facial hair with a beard oil. There are many, scented and not.

■ Keep it neat: A professional who establishes the where-to-shave lines on your cheeks and neck will be money well spent, so you can follow the outline.

■ Food in your beard: Ewwwww. It is inevitable. Frequent use of a napkin while eating will help. Head to the restroom to check for particles as soon as the meal is over. Moist cleansing towelettes also help.

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: I rarely wear dresses, but I found a gorgeous light-mint-green dress suit with a knee-length skirt. It will be

perfect for spring and summer. I have two questions: What color shoes should I wear with it? And what can I do about my legs? I have pretty bad varicose veins. I hate hose (and they seem to be out of fashion anyway), but I tried self-tanner, and it only helps a little. Any ideas? Thanks!

— Kathy F.

Dear Kathy: Let's start with the easy question first: Shoe color. Anything goes with that mint-green outfit. Seriously. The trend in footwear is color, so blue, lemon yellow, dusty rose, you name it. I'm still a neutrals fan, so I'd probably choose bone or ivory — maybe patent or fabric — or even white (which is enjoying a comeback year-round). You can't go wrong

with black patent.

Moving on to your legs. There are spray-on products that are like makeup for the legs, but they're messy and rub off on your clothes, so forget those. You've ruled out self-tanners, but perhaps you need to change brands or apply it over time to get a shade that helps conceal those veins. The best (still not great) solution if you hate hose is a professional spray tan, but book an appointment a few days before you want to wear that green ensemble.

Now, let's talk about hosiery. It's back. Bare legs are still fine, but hosiery is too. I'd really like you to give it a chance. Choose a neutral or perhaps a gray to compliment your green. If all else fails, a wowzer necklace and/or earrings will keep the focus away from your legs.

Angelic readers

"One thing I've learned over the years: Get a good full-length mirror. When you're dressed and ready to go, look in the mirror. If you like how you look, you probably look really good. If you look in the mirror and question that you look good, you probably don't look good. The only thing that matters is that you like the way you dress and wear your hair!"

— Joy I.

Reader rant

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Super-chic cozy sweaters

BY DAVID SYREK | Chicago Tribune

What's the No. 1 reason to embrace winter? A cozy sweater, of course. Whether you are cocooning at home or braving the great outdoors, some forecasters have predicted a colder winter than last. And that sounds like the perfect reason to hit the sale racks and wrap up in style.

The newest styles are at both ends of the spectrum, from slouchy oversized knits to cropped looks perfect for layering. Here are a few of our favorite sweaters to warm up your winter.



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Michigan Avenue's longest shopping line?

Customers flock to Canada Goose

BY CHRIS LAMORTE
Chicago Tribune

The first blizzard of Chicago has hit. We hope you're dressed for it. We met some people this weekend who certainly are.

Last year, the winter coat of choice was Canada Goose. This year, the persistently long lines of customers waiting to enter the brand's flagship store on Michigan Avenue seem to indicate that it's this year's choice as well.

On Friday, a Canada Goose employee clad in — what else? — a bright-red, fur-lined parka gracefully attended to the long line of customers waiting outside the brand's Michigan Avenue flagship store like a Sherpa diligently attending to climbers stranded on a crowded mountain pass.

She passed out sustenance in the form of brightly wrapped pieces of Christmas candy and bottles of Norwegian bottled water. She thanked these dedicated pilgrims for their patience and, after checking with ground control via a radio in her pocket, quietly assured them that, no, it wouldn't be much longer now. Hang on.

It's not just Chicagoans who love the brand. The 61-year-old publicly traded "extreme outerwear" brand, which outfits missions to Antarctica, teams of Iditarod mushers and Hollywood stars, remains, well, hot.

This is all in the face of its Everest-like high prices — parkas can go for almost \$1,700. Even animal rights protests, which earlier this year tried to ruffle the company's feathers with a billboard campaign decrying its use of down insulation, seem to have had limited effect.

But what is the reason for the popularity? Is it



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Despite controversy about the brand and \$1,700 price tags, customers line up outside of Canada Goose's Michigan Avenue store.

fashion? Fear of freezing to death?

I stopped by to ask those in line what brought them out to wait for as long as 50 minutes to spend this kind of money.

Christine Jeng, a 19-year-old Glenview resident and student at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, says she had to stand in line. This was the only place that had the jacket she wanted.

"I checked every single retail store. Then I called this Canada Goose flagship store, and they're the only ones that had this specific jacket I wanted. It's called Canada Goose Trillium." The cost: \$950.

"Yeah, I think it's definitely overpriced," Jeng admits. "But I paid \$600 for my North Face jacket, and it doesn't keep me as warm as a Canada Goose would have."

Kristin Merk, of Wilmette, stood in line for 30 minutes with her daughter, who goes to school in Maine. She finds the whole thing — the lines, the price — just a little much.

"I am a little bit disappointed with myself that I actually did this," she says, shaking her head at the line behind her. "But she goes to school in Maine ... where it's very cold, which is why I made this trip to this crazy name-brand expen-

sive place."

And it's not just millennials, Gen Z and parents spending on their kids who are attracted to this brand. The parents want it as well.

"We came all the way downtown for this one reason ... to come here," says Brian Johnson, 54, of south suburban Frankfort, who made the trek to the store with his family.

"It's like buying a nice watch or a nice car," he says of the price. "If you buy something that holds its value and is worth it in your mind, then it's worth spending that money"

His kids are split. Hanging on the perimeter of the line next to dad, daughter Amanda Johnson, 26, is visiting from Boston. She says she's just happy to get the time with her parents. "We're coming downtown to experience this city. I wouldn't personally buy this jacket. But I support them if that's what they want."

Son Joe, 34, of Orland Park, is less reserved. "I encourage them to spend their money. They have been hoarders with their money. They've saved. And saved and saved. And they've given to us. And now it's time for them to splurge on themselves."

Chris LaMorte is a freelance writer.

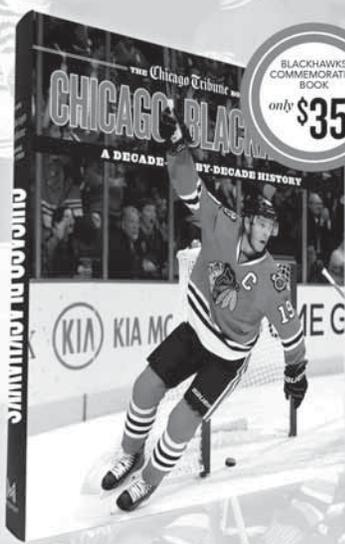
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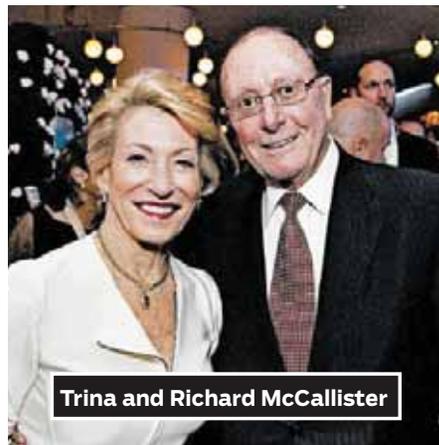
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Candid Candace

BY CANDACE JORDAN
Chicago Tribune



Elegant Prentice event benefits women, infants

Friends of Prentice hosted its 33rd annual benefit at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel with an elegant theme inspired by the film “Casablanca.” The Nov. 3 event attracted more than 400 supporters who helped fund research, education and patient care programs at Northwestern Medicine Prentice Women’s Hospital.

Many guests arrived in white dinner jackets and glamorous gowns. Decor by Taylor & Co. carried the evening’s theme with tables draped in silver-sequined linens topped with palm fronds and white Casablanca lilies in tall silvered vases. A monochromatic color palette of silver and gray was a nod to the silver screen.

A saxophone player led guests into dinner, where Cheryl Skender, Friends of Prentice board president, opened the program and shared the success and future goals of the organization.

“Since our inception in 1983, we have raised more than \$20 million and awarded grants to more than 80 researchers and clinical programs. I’m proud to share that Friends of Prentice has funded projects in the areas of gynecologic oncology, mental health, heart disease, disparities in access to care, diabetes, HIV, uterine and pelvic medicine, genetic biomarker research, home health care outreach and more,” she said.

Skender also shared news of a groundbreaking initiative, funded by FOP and developed by researchers Dr. Craig Garfield and Young Seok Lee, Ph.D. The Smart NICU2HOME app, currently being tested in the field, will support parents and newborns in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

A live auction conducted by Dan Campbell realized over \$50,000 and included travel and golf experiences. Entertainment was provided by BeatMix Music with a jazz trio led by Tina Jenkins Crawley. Following dinner, partygoers enjoyed dancing to the sounds of TC Squared’s 10-piece band.

Co-chaired by Meghan Gill, Erica Goldman and Donna Socol, the event raised over \$700,000.

Freelance writer Candace Jordan is involved in many organizations, including some whose events she covers.

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Joe and Mary Beth Turek have owned their Sears kit home in Downers Grove since 1982. There have been a few additions to the house, which was built in 1928, over the years. "I just thought it was a cool, old house," said Mary Beth Turek, who was unfamiliar with the history when the couple bought the home.

CATALOGING HISTORY

A nostalgic look at Sears kit homes still standing throughout Chicagoland

By **DARCEL ROCKETT**
Chicago Tribune

Once upon a time, you could purchase a home for less than \$5,000.

The Barrington. The Lexington. The Sheridan. The Hazelton. The Malden.

From the early 1900s until 1942, Sears, Roebuck and Co., more commonly known as Sears, sold thousands of mail-order kit homes, which buyers could pick from a catalog. The Barrington, for example, cost \$2,606 and came with everything from trim, windows, millwork and flooring — some 30,000 pre-cut and numbered parts shipped by rail for assembly by owner or a local contractor. Housing styles were in the hundreds, floor plans customizable and prices from around \$100.

While the Hoffman Estates-based retailer filed for bankruptcy in October, many of its iconic kit homes still stand, evoking a

sense of nostalgia for better times in the department store's history.

"I think the reason Sears houses are important is because homeownership is the quintessential American Dream," said Lara Solonickne, Arlington Heights resident and researcher and blogger behind Sears Homes of Chicagoland. "Sears sold affordable houses in their catalog, and that gave all Americans — including women, minorities and immigrants — the chance to become homeowners. We need to recognize these hidden stories and the people behind these old Sears houses."

Mary Beth Turek, a Downers Grove resident, is one of those people. She and her husband, Joseph, have owned their Barrington model since 1982. They were completely clueless about the home's origins, she said.

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A copy of an ad for the Barrington style home, which is the model owned by the Tureks. Sears offered a wide range of designs, floor plans and options with its kit houses.

Push to cut back on home appraisals sparks controversy



KENNETH R. HARNEY
The Nation's Housing

The Trump administration wants to eliminate professional appraisals on a large number of home-sale transactions — a move that critics say could push the country back toward the see-no-

evil days of mortgage lending that preceded the housing crash.

Just before Thanksgiving, the administration's top financial regulators — the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., the Federal Reserve and the Treasury Department's Office of the Comptroller of the Currency — issued a joint proposal that would make traditional appraisals unnecessary for many new mortgages originated for less than \$400,000. Instead of a formal appraisal, these homes would receive an "evaluation" by individuals who have no appraisal

licenses or certification and would not be subject to current state regulatory oversight requirements that govern appraisers. The evaluators could be an "independent bank employee" or unnamed "third part(ies)." They would, however, have to be "competent" and possess "knowledge of the market, location and type of real property being valued."

The goal in loosening standards is to lower costs and reduce time in home-mortgage transactions, according to the agencies. There is already an exemption

from mandatory appraisals for new mortgages less than \$250,000 when a loan is not intended to be sold to government-backed investors such as Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac, insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) or guaranteed by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

The new proposal would increase the \$250,000 ceiling to \$400,000, significantly expanding the reach of the no-appraisal approach. The agencies estimate that if their plan had been in place

during 2017, approximately 214,000 home transactions would have been affected. The median existing home price nationwide in October was \$255,400, according to the National Association of Realtors, far below the proposed \$400,000 threshold.

Appraisers are reacting to the regulators' plan with outrage — not surprising given the dent it could leave in their incomes. But appraisers say the issue goes far beyond money and instead gets to

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Several ways to divide real estate portion of inheritance

BY ILYCE GLINK AND SAMUEL J. TAMKIN
Chicago Tribune

Q: How do I divide a real estate inheritance? An uncle died and named me the executor of his estate, worth several million dollars. It included several pieces of real estate. Only one sibling and I were included in the estate. (My other two siblings are really angry!)

I get how to divide the cash portion of the estate. And, stocks and bonds can be estimated. But how do I divide the real estate portion of our inheritance?

A: When you're facing a family squabble over money, we suggest that you work with an attorney to help guide you through the probate and inheritance distribution process.

Since your specific question deals with the real estate side of the estate, we'll focus on that issue.

There are several ways to do this. You can determine the value of the real estate and then decide how to distribute it. You can sell the real estate and then divide the proceeds, or you or your sibling can decide to buy one or the other out with other assets you've inherited, and then keep and continue to op-

erate the real estate properties.

But really, if the real estate is worth that much, you should have someone advise you on those properties and explain which scenarios will be the most valuable to you over time and from a tax perspective.

For example, those properties may be income-producing, in which case you need to figure out whether keeping them or selling them would be in the heirs' best interest. Depending on the type of properties, you can work with real estate brokers, investment advisers, real estate attorneys, tax accountants and tax advisers to go through the many issues you'll face in owning and managing that type of real estate investment.

It doesn't appear that your uncle's estate would be subject to federal estate taxes. You should also make sure that his estate is not subject to any state taxes. As you work through the estate, you'll need to make sure you have income to pay for the ongoing expenses of those properties, including real estate taxes, insurance, mortgage payments and ongoing maintenance expenses. If you decide to sell one or all of the properties, the broker or companies you hire need to work with you through the process. Given

the value of the property, we suggest you to use a real estate attorney to handle the sales or other legalities that may come up.

Before you sell, think carefully about the short-term and long-term benefits of holding onto these real estate properties. Whether it is a piece of farmland or a shopping center, different properties can provide a variety of benefits, problems, financials and future prospects. With these variables, it would be easy for us to tell you to just sell the properties and split the money, but we'd prefer you evaluate the properties and make an informed decision so you don't inadvertently leave money on the table.

Finally, make sure the attorneys you hire are smart enough (and have experience) in sibling inheritance issues. The siblings not included in the estate could decide to lawyer up, and you need to be aware of pitfalls that might create. Remember, being rich is nice, but you will have to figure out a way forward with the siblings who were not included in the bequest.

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Anxiety can hold back qualified homebuyers

BY ELLEN JAMES MARTIN
Andrews McMeel Syndication

A federal employee in his early 30s just signed a yearlong lease for an upscale apartment near the National Mall in Washington, D.C. For a two-bedroom, two-bath apartment, rent tops \$3,000.

Instead of paying that much rent each month, he could have bought a condo or a modest townhouse in the D.C. area. In fact, that would have been his preference. But having come of age during the housing downturn of a decade ago, he's terrified of the commitment that comes with a mortgage. So he keeps renting.

Like the man in this true story, some millennials are too fearful about homebuying to make a purchase. These include people with vivid recollections of family and friends who lost their properties to foreclosure during the Great Recession, which cost them sleepless nights and ruined credit.

But is financial upheaval truly more likely for homeowners than renters? A new study from the Urban Institute, a Washington, D.C., think tank, questions that assumption. The study — which compared the finances of tenants versus owners — found that those who rent suffer more financial uncertainty.

"Rents can often climb each year, compared to a fixed-rate mortgage where home payments remain the same every month over a period of years or even decades," says Corianne Payton Scally, a co-author of the study.

Scally acknowledges that homeowners can confront rising property tax bills, obviously not a problem for tenants. Still, she says that compared



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with owners, renters at the same income levels face higher rates of "material hardship" and are less likely to have savings.

"Renters can see a higher proportion of their income going to pay their rent year over year if their income does not keep pace with rising rents. They can start to feel the financial pinch and may have few options but to start cutting costs elsewhere," she says.

Are you a renter who, despite your fears, is determined to pursue homeownership? These pointers could help:

Remind yourself why you want to buy.

Anxiety can stop people from actualizing their homebuying plans, even when logic tells them it's the right time to go forward, says Sid Davis, a real estate broker and author of "A Survival Guide for Buying a Home."

It's important to head into any purchase with as much objective information as possible, he says.

To be sure, there could be legitimate reasons to wait. Perhaps you worry that your company could soon lay off employees, or that your spouse could soon face a job loss.

"None of us has a crystal ball. But those who have

secure jobs and truly want to own a home in order to build equity and enhance their family life might be kicking themselves later if they wait too long," Davis says.

Seek mortgage preapproval from a reputable lender.

The recession ushered in an era of conservative lending practices, and most lenders still go to great lengths to ensure that the mortgages they originate are solid. This means borrowers must be well prepared to respond to requests for documents.

Many lenders now insist on more than just pay stubs and W-2s.

For example, they'll likely ask you for federal tax returns. They'll probably want assurances that the funds you've accumulated for your down payment have been in your bank account for some time and weren't borrowed from an uncle last week.

The time you spend documenting your eligibility for a home loan is time well spent if the lender gives you a preapproval letter before you begin shopping for a property. This letter is a vital bargaining tool to help you win the home of your choice.

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Should I refinance to pay for home renovations?

Refinancing a mortgage can be a powerful tool for homeowners. While it's often done to snag a lower interest rate, another popular reason is turning your home's equity into cash for home improvements.

Increasing your mortgage balance to renovate or repair your home may be reasonable, or even smart. But not always. You'll want to consider the trade-offs carefully.

For instance, if refinancing will substantially raise your interest rate, it's likely not a great move. Also, if you think you'll sell your home within the next few years, opting for a home equity loan or line of credit will probably serve you better than opening a new mortgage.

You'll also want to forego refinancing if you don't have upwards of 20 percent equity in your home. That's because dropping below this threshold will trigger private mortgage insurance, which is an expense you want to avoid.

Also keep in mind that refinancing isn't free — you'll incur some costs for the privilege — and it will involve running a credit check, so will impact your credit score.

But if you expect to keep your home five or more years, and can get a comparable or better APR on your new mortgage, refinancing can be a good source of funding for that home improvement project.

Renovations like major updates or adding to a home's size are good candidates for tapping home equity since they'll also increase the value of your home. But cashing in equity for a new roof can also make sense, especially if your only other option is accessing a credit card or other high-interest loan.

In any scenario, the smartest move is researching what the refinancing will cost, how your other funding options and costs compare, and how the new mortgage amount and rate will affect your monthly payments.



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the "safety and soundness" responsibilities the federal agencies have concerning banks and mortgage lenders. Without a truly independent, professional valuation of a home — its interior, exterior and recent comparable sales — the door could be open to more loans on houses with inflated appraisals designed to "hit the number" needed by the lender to close the deal.

James L. Murrett, president of the Appraisal Institute, the country's largest group representing appraisers, says adoption of the plan would represent "a return to the loan production-driven environment seen during the lead-up to the financial crisis, when appraisal and risk management were thrown aside to make more — not better — loans. Apparently, the nation's bank regulators have learned nothing from that experience."

Ryan Lundquist, an appraiser in Sacramento, Calif., says the financial regulators' claim that cost is a motivating factor in their proposal is bogus. "In reality," he says, "the appraisal is one of the least expensive elements in a transaction, especially when compared to what loan officers and the banks make." Yet at the same time, it is one of the most important for consumers. On a \$350,000 home purchase, a \$500 appraisal represents 0.0014 percent of the cost. For a

home buyer, a professional opinion of value serves as a check on whether the house is priced too high.

Pat Turner, an appraiser active in the Richmond, Va. market, told me that if the regulators' goal is to reduce time and costs, they should cut back on the role of "appraisal management companies," middlemen who add anywhere from 40 percent to 50 percent or more to what the home buyer pays. Management companies are involved in the majority of new mortgage transactions; they choose the appraisers for assignments, review the valuation and send it to their lender clients. When the home buyer is charged \$500, Turner says, the appraiser may only be receiving \$250, while the management company pockets the other half. Without the middleman, the appraiser might charge \$350, and that's all the buyer would pay — a \$150 saving.

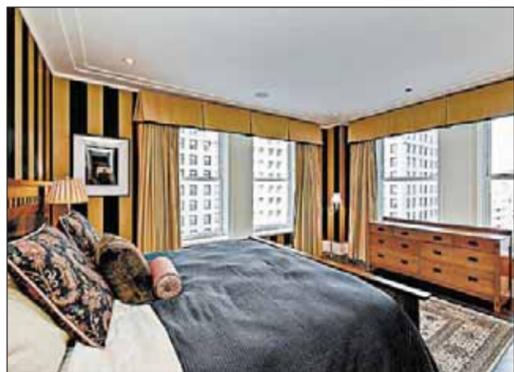
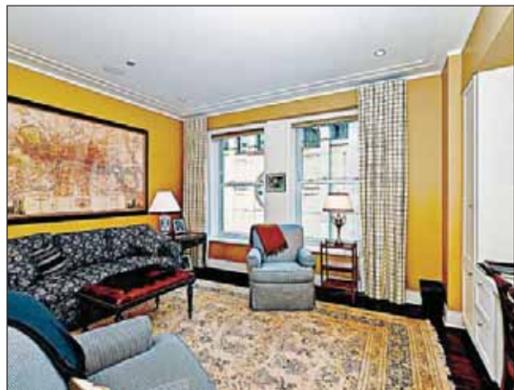
Equally relevant, he says, is that the presence of management companies in the transaction inevitably adds "days to the whole process." Turner also notes that evaluations typically do not involve interior inspections, so the value estimate is missing a crucial set of observations. The house might have serious interior or structural damage that lowers its true market value. But if a bank only sees an "evaluation" with no interior inspection, it might well have no clue.

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HOME OF THE WEEK

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The Palmolive Building was constructed in 1929, and the building's 99 residences are the result of a complete renovation. This 2,485-square-foot, two-bedroom corner unit has east, west and north exposures. The rooms feature high ceilings, large windows, hardwood wide-plank floors throughout the living areas and bedrooms, and crown molding. The eat-in kitchen has Wolf, SubZero and Miele appliances, granite countertops and Italian cabinetry. Other features include a formal entry, limestone baths, a living room with a fireplace, custom built-ins and a laundry room. One parking space is included in the asking price.

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"I just thought it was a cool, old house," said the former engineer-turned-therapy dog trainer. "This was our first house, and our only house, and we've had relatives say: 'When are you moving to your real house? This is a starter house.' But this is our real house."

Maintaining the home, which was built on a hill in 1928, means fixing cracks in plaster walls, replacing windows with duplicates of the originals, and adding insulation and siding, which homes built in that era didn't have, Turek said. All worthwhile to enjoy her favorite spot: A window seat that was part of an addition built in the 1970s.

"There's no closet space, but that's true of every old house because Americans have too much junk," she said. "But I love it, the charm, the character. I think there's a place for small homes — not everyone needs a McMansion."

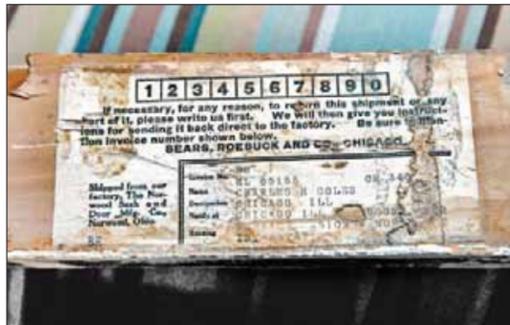
Barrington resident Wende Dau has lived in her three-bedroom 1926 Sheridan-model Sears home with her husband and two children since 2007. The couple have renovated some — they finished the basement and added two bathrooms, increasing the space from 1,700 square feet to 2,100. Dau would recommend buying a Sears home if the opportunity presents itself.

"It's just a novelty," said the former Lake Zurich village clerk. "It's a small home. It's easy. They're very buyer-friendly. There's nothing nutty about the layouts, they're very practical."

Ohio has the largest number of Sears kit homes, followed closely by Illinois, according to Solonickne, who started researching the topic seven years ago thanks to her daughter's school project. Because many of the original sales records weren't easily accessible, Solonickne decided to take on the task herself.



Mary Beth and Joe Turek in their Sears mail-order kit home in Downers Grove.



A Sears label on an original piece of wood that's part of the home owned by the Tureks.

But she's not a one-person fan club. A number of blogs and websites are dedicated to locations and history of Sears homes, including one specific to Park Ridge and one to Ohio. At one point the company even kept a national list of Sears kit homeowners and enthusiasts.

As of late summer, Solonickne counts 213 Sears homes in Elgin, 149 in Carlinville, 146 in Rockford and 69 in Downers Grove.

"I decided to start the website devoted to Sears houses in the Chicago area so we could better preserve and protect them to edu-

cate people," she said.

Solonickne gives lectures and walking tours of Sears homes throughout the year. She said people from around the world have reached out to her — a recent email came from a man in Quebec who wanted to know if his residence could be a kit home.

"Sears houses are hidden in plain sight. ... You could be driving by one every day on your way to work and not really notice. So finding these houses is much like a scavenger hunt. It also teaches you to pay very close attention to all the residential architecture



A Sears kit home on Narragansett Avenue in Morton Grove. Elgin is also home to a number of Sears homes.

around you," Solonickne said.

They aren't always easy to identify either. Rebecca Hunter, an architectural researcher and author who lives in Elgin, offers a few tips on her website, including checking wood with part numbers stamped in dark ink — usually with a capital letter followed by one or more numerals, (e.g. A159, L23, C2). The numbers are usually near the end of a board, on the wide side (for example, the 4-inch side of a 2-by-4). A model number or order number may be handwritten in grease pencil.

Still, there's no quick and easy way to prove your house is from a Sears catalog.

A number of companies — such as Aladdin Co. of Bay City, Mich., and Chicago-based firms Montgomery Ward and Harris Brothers — produced and sold mail-order homes. Each of these companies, including Sears, offered large luxury models (around 10 rooms) as well as two- and three-room vacation cottages, Hunter said.

According to Solonickne, people living in Montgomery Ward homes have

thought they were living in Sears homes.

Solonickne recommends curious homeowners look at county and mortgage records, land deeds and building permits to see if Sears financed the house. She also said some building permits may list Sears Roebuck as the architect.

"Sometimes people have the original blueprints in their house; sometimes people have the original paperwork from Sears. So there's different ways to authenticate things, and sometimes there's a little luck involved in doing that, but it's always worth investigating," Solonickne said.

"I think the reason Sears homes has become a synonym for any mail-order home is much the same way we call any facial tissue, Kleenex, or soda, Coke," Hunter said. "So 'Sears homes' has become inaccurately used to describe all sorts of things that are not Sears mail-order houses."

Michael Montana's Malden-model Sears house in Rockford was built in 1941, and is one of only a handful of that particular design known nationwide, according to Solonickne's blog. The new father has lived in the home since 2016 and says he wants to keep it as original as possible.

He and his wife always thought the exterior of the house felt like a home, but the small details, like original glass doorknobs — things you can't find with "cookie-cutter, general construction" — put the house over the top for them.

"If you're getting something like this today, you're paying a pretty penny," Montana said. "The folks that have heard of Sears homes, they think 500-square-foot house, a cardboard kind of deal, but the fact is they were some very high-end homes. It's pretty impressive. Sears was the Amazon of their time. They were ahead of their time, for sure."

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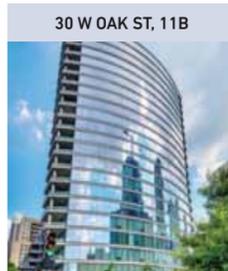
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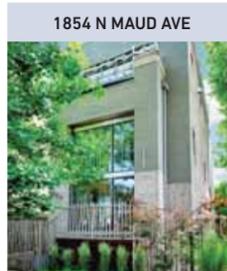
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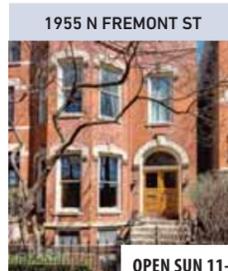
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'Chicago P.D.' actress buys condo for \$535K

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH
Chicago Tribune

Actress Marina Squerciati, a cast member in NBC's locally filmed drama "Chicago P.D.," paid \$535,000 in late September for a loft condominium unit in a Near West Side building where several other actors on related dramas also own units.

In 2016, Squerciati, 34, paid \$667,500 for a three-bedroom, 2,150-square-foot condo on the fifth floor of the building. Now, Squerciati has purchased an adjoining two-bedroom triplex unit, which had not been publicly listed, for \$535,000.



Squerciati

The unit that Squerciati just purchased faces east and has two baths, exposed brick and metal, 28-foot barreled concrete ceilings, tongue-and-groove hardwood floors with a walnut stain, a living room fireplace, a white kitchen with new stainless steel appliances, a master bath with penny statuary marble flooring and subway tile, and a private and attached rooftop terrace.

Shortly after buying the unit in late September, Squerciati listed it for rent at \$3,600 a month. The agent representing Squerciati, Nicholas Colagiovanni, did not respond to a request for comment.

Other actors who appear in NBC's "Chicago" franchise of dramas who own in Squerciati's building include "Chicago Fire's" Taylor Kinney, who paid \$1.225 million last year for a two-bedroom, 3,380-square-foot condo unit on another floor, and "Chicago Med's" Yaya DaCosta, who paid \$795,000 last year for a three-bedroom, 2,200-square-foot loft condo on the same floor as Squerciati's units.

\$50 million Lincoln Park mansion taken off the market: The Chicago area's highest-priced residential real estate listing — a

\$50 million massive Lincoln Park mansion — came off the market Nov. 17, and it's not known what comes next for the home, which sits on eight city lots.

United Automobile Insurance Co. Chairman and CEO Richard Parrillo and his wife, Michaela, built the mansion about a decade ago after paying \$12.5 million in 2005 to buy the site from the Infant Welfare Society. In December 2016, they placed the mansion on the market for a record asking price of \$50 million.

Across close to two years, the Parrillos have never budged on their asking price because, their original listing agent told Elite Street in 2016, the couple had spent \$65 million to build the mansion, including land costs.

Both the mansion's size and its value are up for debate. Listing information has stated that the mansion measures 25,000 square feet — which, at a \$50 million price tag, would mean a cost of \$2,000 per square foot — but the Cook County assessor reports that it is a more slender 15,533 square feet. Similarly, the mansion's \$50 million asking price dwarfed the assessor's 2018 estimated market value, which is \$19.36 million. That value is up significantly from the assessor's \$13.98 million estimated market value for the mansion in 2017, likely owing to other high-end house and condo sales and listings in the city and suburbs.

With the Parrillos' mansion off the market, the highest asking price now for any residential property in the city — and, indeed, also the highest asking price for any single-family house in the city — is Pete's Fresh Market co-founder and owner James "Jimmy" Dremonas' \$21.9 million asking price for a six-bedroom, 13,400-square-foot mansion on North Dearborn Street on the



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"Chicago P.D." actress Marina Squerciati paid \$535,000 for a loft condo in this Near West Side building.



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The Chicago area's highest-priced residential real estate listing — a \$50 million Lincoln Park mansion — was taken off the market Nov. 17.

Near North Side. Dremonas' asking price also is higher than the listing prices for any suburban home currently on the market.

R. Matt Leutheuser, the Parrillos' most recent listing agent, did not respond to requests for comment.

Vintage Winnetka mansion with eight fireplaces sells for \$3.76 million: More than two years after its owners' controversial and ultimately unsuccessful bid to subdivide the property, a vintage, six-bedroom, 15,519-square-foot mansion on 1.96 acres adjacent to the Indian Hill Country Club in Winnetka, sold last month for \$3.76 million. Built in 1922, the three-story

mansion, which originally was known as Wynwyd, was designed by architect Reginald Davis Johnson and later was owned by members of the Nuveen family. Daniel and Debra Gill bought the property in 1999 from the Nuveen family for \$2.525 million and built two additions to the mansion, including a new breakfast room, a family room and a screened porch. They also added a pool and pool house and remodeled the existing gardener's house on the property.

The mansion has 8 1/2 baths, eight fireplaces, a de Giulio kitchen, a screened porch with a fireplace, a 1,500-bottle wine cellar, a paneled adult library, a children's library, a game room in the basement, a home gym with a

weight room and an indoor lap pool, an indoor basketball court and a six-car garage. Outside are bluestone terraces, formal gardens, an outdoor pool and pool house, and a gardener's house.

The Gills first listed the mansion in 2012 for \$7,999 million. They reduced their asking price to \$7.25 million in 2013 and then to \$6.899 million in 2014. Later in 2014, they slashed their asking price to \$5.999 million, followed by further price cuts to \$5.695 million in 2015 and to \$4.995 million in 2016.

In March, the Gills reduced their asking price to \$4.595 million and then cut the price further to \$4.295 million the following month. Public records show that the buyer of the mansion was a land trust whose beneficiary could not yet be determined.

"It was a magnificent house and a spectacular property, and my clients absolutely loved it, and I know that the family who bought it will too," listing agent Joanne Hudson told Elite Street.

For her part, seller Debra Gill, who in 2013 paid \$4.65 million for a lakefront home in Kenilworth, told Elite Street that the Winnetka home "is going to a nice young family, so I'm thrilled."

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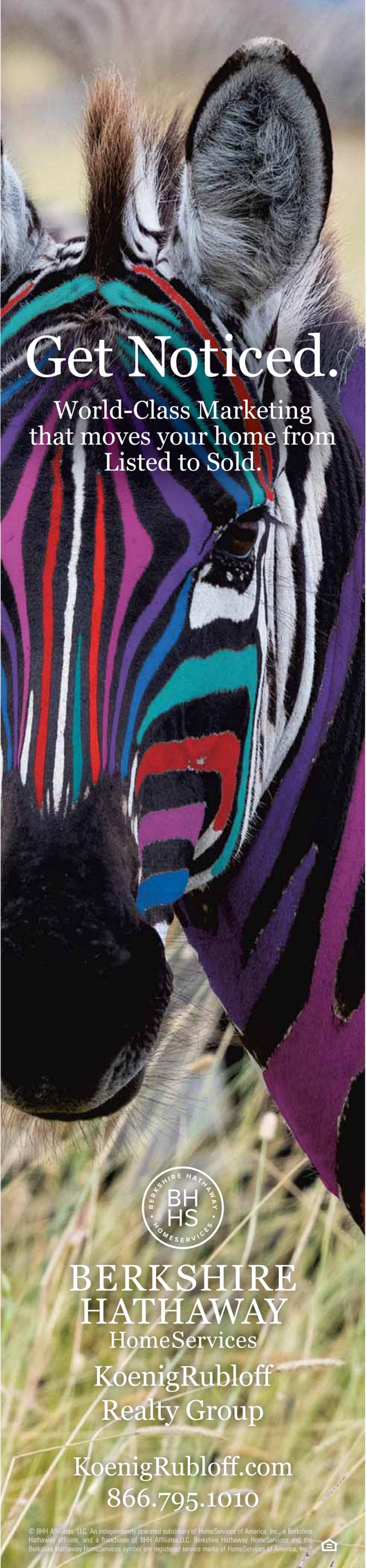
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The 2018 Honda Accord EX-L ranked best among the three midsize sedans tested. It offers the best ride, handling and sound dampening, though the transmission disappoints.

3 best-selling sedans ranked

Popular cars are put to test for crossover contrarians

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There's no question that American consumers are increasingly flocking to crossovers at the expense of conventional cars, but cars still represent millions of annual sales. Of those cars, midsize sedans remain popular, and none is more popular than three Japanese models that outsell competitors by a substantial margin: the Toyota Camry, Honda Accord and Nissan Altima.

Now that Nissan has redesigned the Altima as a 2019 model, we set out to test it side by side with its top rivals, which were similarly overhauled for the 2018 model year.

We set a price range of \$28,000 to \$32,000 (including destination charges), as equipped, and required automatic transmissions and a volume-selling engine choice. Our contestants include front-wheel drive, midpriced trim levels of each model: the 2018 Honda Accord 1.5T EX-L, 2019 Nissan Altima 2.5 SV and 2018 Toyota Camry XLE.

3. 2018 Toyota Camry XLE

2.5-liter four-cylinder engine and eight-speed automatic: \$30,390.

The best-seller earned praise for its child seat accommodations, clever cabin storage spaces, and a high seat position leading to good visibility. It drove pretty well too.

"The Camry has a smooth, well-damped ride that contributes to it being a pleasant commuter, but it

doesn't come at the expense of handling prowess," said Aaron Bragman, Cars.com Detroit bureau chief. "The Toyota turns in smartly and doesn't embarrass itself on twisty roads at all — this may be the most adept, athletic Camry I've ever sampled."

"Its eight-speed automatic is a willing and able partner with smooth, responsive shifts," said Jennifer Geiger, Cars.com news editor.

The interior also felt higher quality than its midlevel trim. "Highlights include its handsome stacked-dashboard design, color-contrasting quilted seats and interesting-looking accents on the dashboard and doors," Geiger said.

The bad was the multimedia system.

"The Camry's system is a tired, overcomplicated jumble of screens, panel buttons and knobs just begging for retirement," said Geiger. "Dated graphics and a lack of Apple CarPlay and Android Auto make it stand out as the old-timer in the group." (Note: Toyota has added Apple CarPlay for the 2019 model year.)

Road noise was pretty bad too.

"Road, wind and drivetrain noise are excessive," said Kelsey Mays, Cars.com senior consumer affairs editor.

"Driving next to big trucks on the highway can make you cringe," Bragman said. "It doesn't feel well-insulated from noise."

"Even at idle, the Camry is loud, and its gruff engine



The 2019 Nissan Altima 2.5 SV is equipped with a responsive continuously variable transmission that simulates shifts for a more natural feel.



The 2018 Toyota Camry XLE comes with an overly complicated and outdated multimedia system. Apple CarPlay has been added for 2019.

note intrudes into the cabin," Geiger added.

The verdict: The Camry's third-place finish obscures the likelihood that it would rank third in the full field of midsize sedans. A few flaws, such as a tired, chaotic multimedia system, proved fatal, but many aspects remain praiseworthy.

2. 2019 Nissan Altima 2.5 SV

2.5-liter four-cylinder with continuously variable transmission: \$29,030.

Altima had the best overall value and the best technology, including an

intuitive multimedia system and the most complete advanced driver assistance systems. It was the only car to offer lane-centering steering all the way to a stop, a feature confined until recently to expensive luxury cars. The powertrain was a pleasure too.

"The 2.5-liter and continuously variable automatic transmission are a solid pair," Geiger said. "Power is ample, and the CVT is among the most responsive and natural-feeling I've sampled thanks to its simulated shifts that feel and sound believable." Bragman called the trans-

mission "the first example of a CVT that I've actually enjoyed driving — it's responsive, quick to react to driver inputs and makes the Altima feel light and fun."

"This is the best multimedia system in the group, and perhaps the best one Nissan has yet come up with — clean, easy to use, and it displays only the necessities, so as not to distract," raved Bragman.

"Its visibility high on the dash is good, and its menu system is easy to figure out," Geiger added.

The bad:

"The Altima's interior is a big letdown," Geiger said. "The overwhelming theme is chintzy: lots of driver-knee-area hard plastic, tacky looking faux carbon-fiber trim on the door panels and cheap-feeling velourlike seat upholstery stand out."

"You could chalk up the missing features in our Altima SV to its lower price," Mays added, "But the degradation of cabin quality is less excusable."

Bragman thought the front seats were uncomfortable, as well. Lack of cabin storage, smaller trunk space and vague steering were also drawbacks for the Altima.

The verdict: There's plenty to like in the redesigned Altima, not the least of which is value, but some interior aspects remain weak spots.

1. 2018 Honda Accord EX-L

1.5-liter turbocharged four-cylinder with continuously variable transmission: \$30,865

Reviewers praised its relative cargo volume, spacious legroom in the rear seats, comfy front seats and overall interior quality,

including a sharp multimedia system that "smartphone users will pick up in no time," Geiger said.

Ride and handling, as well as reduced noise levels, earned strong marks.

"It strikes the most comfortable balance in terms of ride and handling," Geiger said. "Bumps are well-damped, and it maintains composure in corners."

"This car feels like it's a class above the other two," Bragman said. "It has a heft to it, a substantial feel like it's an entry-level luxury car, not an ordinary family sedan."

"Not much road noise entered the cabin either on the potholed streets or at speed on the highway," Bragman said. "I credit the car's excellent damping and solid-feeling construction for creating a cabin that feels pleasantly insulated from the outside world."

The bad: Accord was the priciest without adding any features. The low roofline also leads to a low seat position, which can be a turnoff with all the taller crossovers on the road.

The CVT was the biggest detractor. "It isn't responsive, doesn't react quickly to driver inputs and, in any kind of aggressive driving, disappoints in its laggy performance," Bragman said.

"Its rubber band-like unnatural feel and loud drone annoy," Geiger added.

The verdict: With the most appealing ride and handling balance as well as refreshingly straightforward multimedia controls and a handsome, well-made cabin, the Accord overcomes its maligned transmission to take the prize.

Rivian and traditional automakers aim to take bite out of Tesla

By TOM KRISHER
Associated Press

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, Mich. — In a renovated old cash register factory in suburban Detroit, 300 engineers are toiling away on an all-electric pickup truck and an SUV that they hope can take on Tesla.

All of them work for Rivian, which on Monday unveiled the two vehicles ahead of the Los Angeles Auto Show. It is among a growing line of startups

and established automakers looking to enter the fully electric vehicle market.

The influx of vehicles that run solely on batteries will likely pull buyers from the current leader, Tesla, which likely will deliver over 300,000 vehicles worldwide this year.

Established automakers such as Audi, BMW, Mercedes, Porsche, Jaguar-Land Rover, Volkswagen, Hyundai, General Motors, Ford and even vacuum cleaner maker Dyson have promised to roll out new

electrics in the next few years. The luxury automakers compete directly with Tesla's higher-margin vehicles, the Models X and S.

Michael Ramsey, senior analyst for Gartner, says Tesla "will unquestionably lose market share as more competitors come in."

What is unknown, though, is whether the demand for electric vehicles will rise enough so that there's room for everybody. Currently the market is tiny. In the U.S., electric vehicles only amounted to

0.8 percent of new vehicle registrations through August this year, according to data from IHS Markit. But that's substantially more than the 0.5 percent at the same time in 2017. Automakers in the U.S. sold just over 155,000 fully electric vehicles through October, about 1 percent of total sales, Edmunds.com says.

Yet globally, Navigant Research predicts huge growth in the next seven years, from just over 1 million sales this year to 6.5 million by 2025.



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A Rivian R1T pickup at Rivian headquarters in Plymouth, Mich. The company, which hopes to enter the electric vehicle market in the near future, also unveiled a sport utility vehicle in Los Angeles last week.

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The Rolls-Royce Cullinan SUV, named for a large diamond, is the British brand's first SUV and first all-wheel-drive model. The base price is about \$325,000.

5 things we learned driving the \$450,000 Rolls-Royce Cullinan

BY ROBERT DUFFER
Chicago Tribune

Ride alongside the wild horses in Wyoming. Plow over the dunes of the Arabian Desert. Or dodge potholes on a blustery day in Chicago.

Everything except that last bit is the marketing promise of the world's most expensive SUV, the Rolls-Royce Cullinan. Yep, Rolls-Royce has an SUV, just like everyone else. Range Rover has the \$180,000 SV Autobiography, Bentley has the \$230,000 Bentayga and Rolls has the \$325,000 Cullinan. It will likely average about \$450,000, once the well-heeled make it their own.

We recently spent the morning with the Rolls-Royce of SUVs in a decidedly less exotic location than in the marketing videos. Here's a bit of what we learned about the bespoke British brand's fifth and soon to be best-selling model.

1. It's all about firsts.

Cullinan is the first-ever SUV, and, like the Phantom, it rides on a space-frame architecture that will underpin all future Rolls-Royce models. Prior to the Phantom, Rolls had been using a version of parent company BMW's 7-Series. Also firsts for Rolls: first all-wheel drive, first power folding rear seats, first opening tailgate,

first "three-box" SUV, with an available glass partition that can be raised between the rear seats and the cargo area for quieter travel.

2. No third. There is no third row for this posh people mover. The second row is a bench seat with a power two-thirds to one-third folding option. That is another first. Surprisingly, the "lounge" seats don't recline, but they are comfy. In true Rolls-Royce fashion, the seats are deep in the rear, behind the C-pillar and above the rear axle, to keep rear seat passengers hidden from view, with or without the power sliding curtains. Those rear-hinged coach doors, or what we Yanks call "suicide doors," also keep rear passengers hidden. There is an available captain's chair setup separated by a champagne cooler instead of the third seat. The individual seats are meant for the chauffeured, while the "lounge" seats are meant for owners who will use the SUV as an SUV. Cullinan has both a liftgate to open to the sky and tailgate to open parallel with the ground.

3. Easy entry. The front doors are designed to tuck under the frame of the car, so that when you're getting in there is no outdoor muck on the sill to rub off on your trousers. This also keeps out road noise. Of course, approaching those

doors and unlocking the fob, or pulling on the handle, will automatically lower the Cullinan about 1.6 inches to make getting in easier. And forget shutting your own doors, you plebe; there is a button for that. Ground clearance is 22 inches, with the suspension fully raised in off-road mode.

4. Float. Once buckled in (you have to do that yourself) the ride is characteristically Rolls-Royce. Like the Phantom, it feels like you're floating above the road surface. The air suspension system uses all sorts of inputs and calculations to smooth out dips and pits in the road. With the first-ever all-wheel-drive system, an air compression system pushes down any wheel that is losing traction so all four are on the floor, delivering all 627 pound-feet of torque, which is available at just 1,600 rpm.

5. Power. The Cullinan SUV weighs just under 6,000 pounds and is powered by the same 563-horsepower 6.75-liter twin-turbo V-12 engine found under other Rolls-Royce bonnets. Hitting 60 mph in 4.8 seconds, Cullinan is not quick by the 60 mph standard, but there is so much available power in so much available space carrying so much weight, it seems like an onslaught. It gets 18.8 mpg combined.

Screech coming from engine? First, put away the screwdriver



BOB WEBER
Motormouth

Q: I have what you might call a classic vintage car, a 1988 Lincoln Town Car. When I was returning from the store about a month ago, I heard a loud screech from the engine. I turned the key off, but it kept screeching. About a quarter-mile later, the noise stopped. I had it towed to a shop where they replaced the starter and solenoid, and everything was fine for about two weeks, but the problem came back. I opened the hood and smacked the solenoid with the handle of a screwdriver, and the noise quit. Do you think the repair shop left the old solenoid in the car?

— J.G., Chicago

A: If the solenoid looks old and cruddy, yeah, they probably didn't change it. However, even a new component can be faulty. Give the shop a chance to make it good.

Q: We have a 1980 Lincoln Mark VI. Everything checked out fine during a recent tuneup except that it blows black smoke. The mechanic can't find the problem. Any ideas?

— E.L., Allentown, Pa.

A: We don't often have an opportunity to answer questions about classic cars, but two in a row and both Lincolns? Wow. If memory serves us, the engine in that car had a variable venturi carburetor. That's right, an old-fashioned carburetor. It needs attention. Black smoke indicates excessive fuel being incompletely



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An old Lincoln Town Car, such as the 1999 model seen here, won't benefit for long from smacking the solenoid to stop screeching coming from the engine.

burned. By the way, blue smoke comes from oil, not gas.

Q: How do you clean an engine compartment?

— B.R., Yorktown, Va.

A: You could have it professionally steam cleaned, but if you want to save some money, clean it yourself. You will need an engine cleaning product and there are plenty on the store shelves. After spraying it all around, and waiting the prescribed time, rinse it off with water. If you have a pressure washer, all the better. Just avoid any electrical connections. You don't want water to get inside them.

Q: Have a wedding and need to drive five family members and luggage 850 miles. Two are seniors, and I'm looking for comfort for the 14-hour drive. Obviously a minivan will do, but when in 7-seat mode, the luggage space is often small. Small SUVs seat five but have little luggage space. Larger SUVs seem to be what I want, but there are a lot of models. Plus it seems the luggage space can be an issue if all three rows are used. I'm confused. So I thought, perhaps, you'd have an opinion on some "premium SUV" or

"large SUV" models that would fit the need. Give me something to use as a baseline to judge the offering of the rental car company.

— Anonymous

A: We don't do car reviews, but three SUVs come to mind: the Chevrolet Suburban, Ford Expedition (especially the EL version) and Toyota Sequoia. The standard Suburban seats eight. It also has about 40 cubic feet of cargo space. The seats in the Expedition will accommodate seven. The Sequoia seats eight, seven with the second-row captain's chairs, which may suit the elders. All have adequate luggage space unless grandma insists on bringing her steamer trunk.

Editor's note: I do car reviews, and if you don't want a full-size SUV, the Chevy Tahoe and GMC Yukon are large; the largest midsize SUVs with three rows are the new Chevy Traverse and Volkswagen Atlas.

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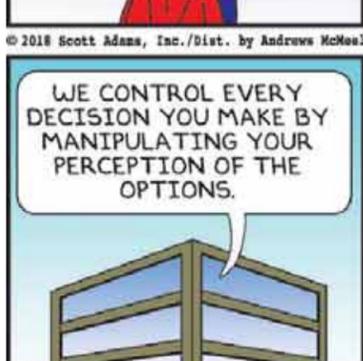
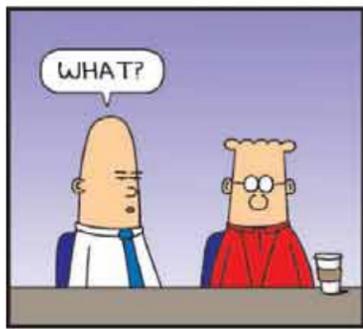
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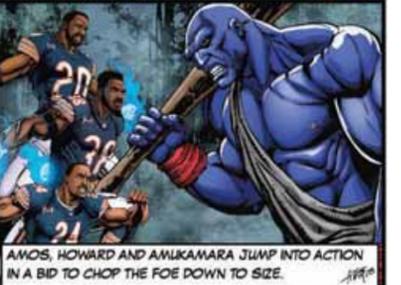
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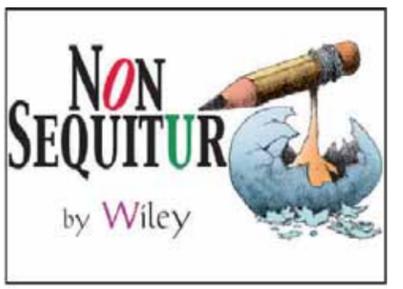
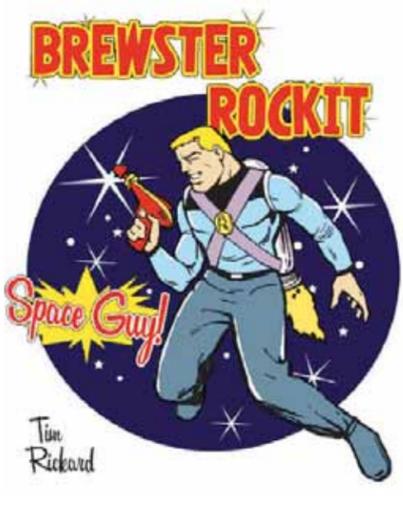
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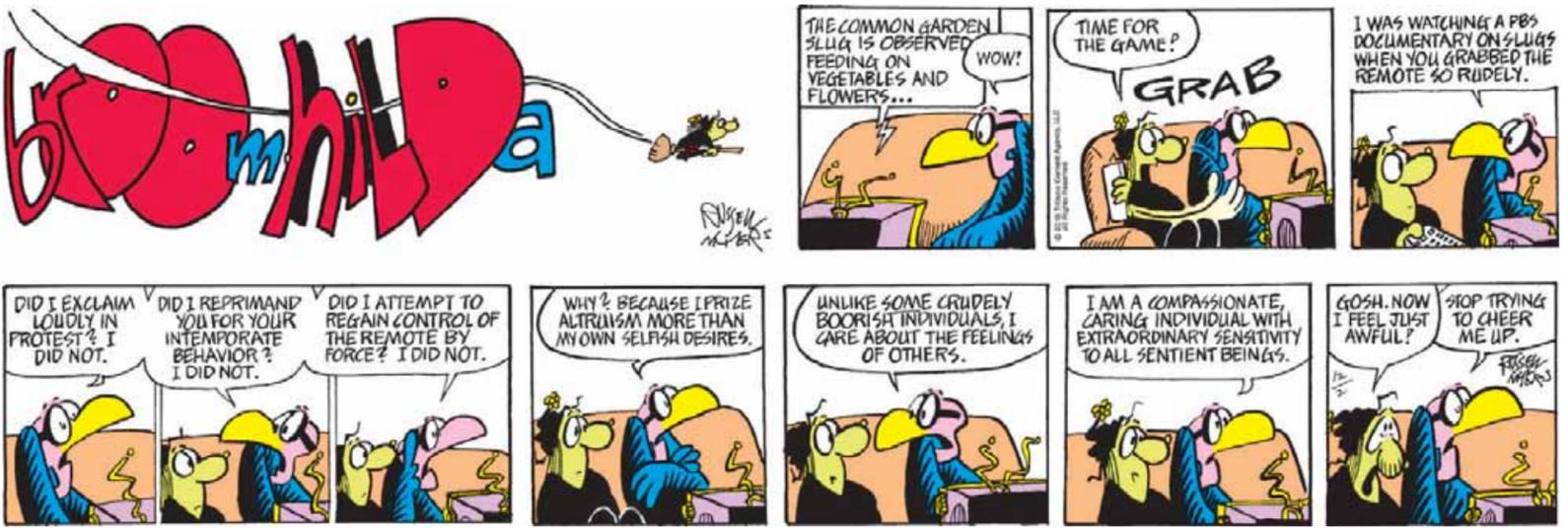
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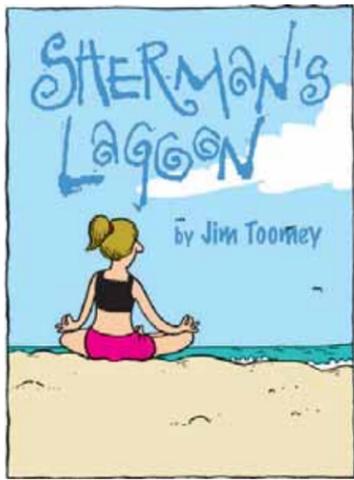


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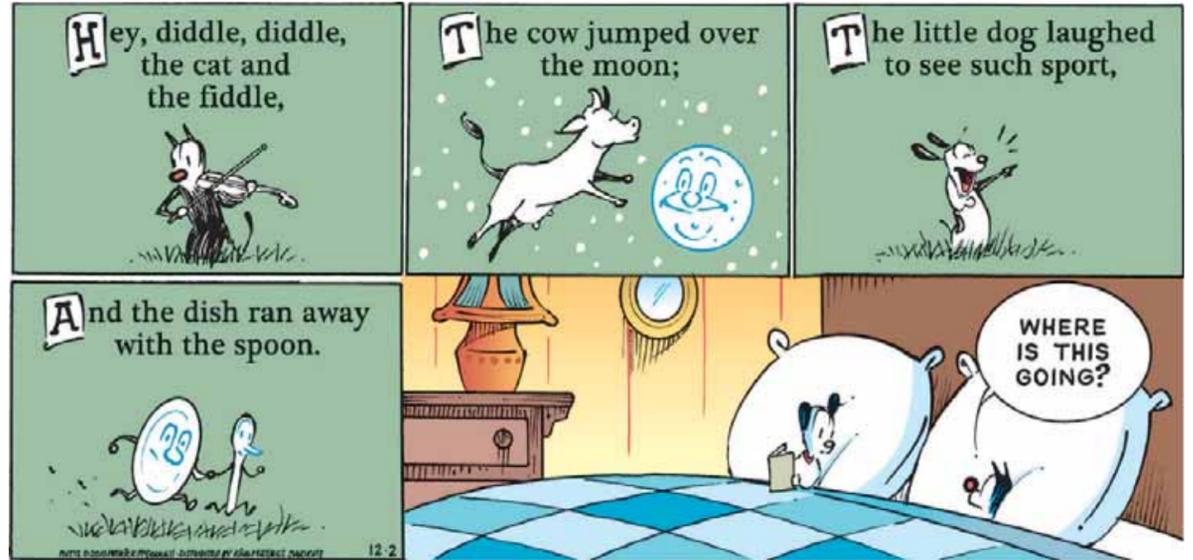


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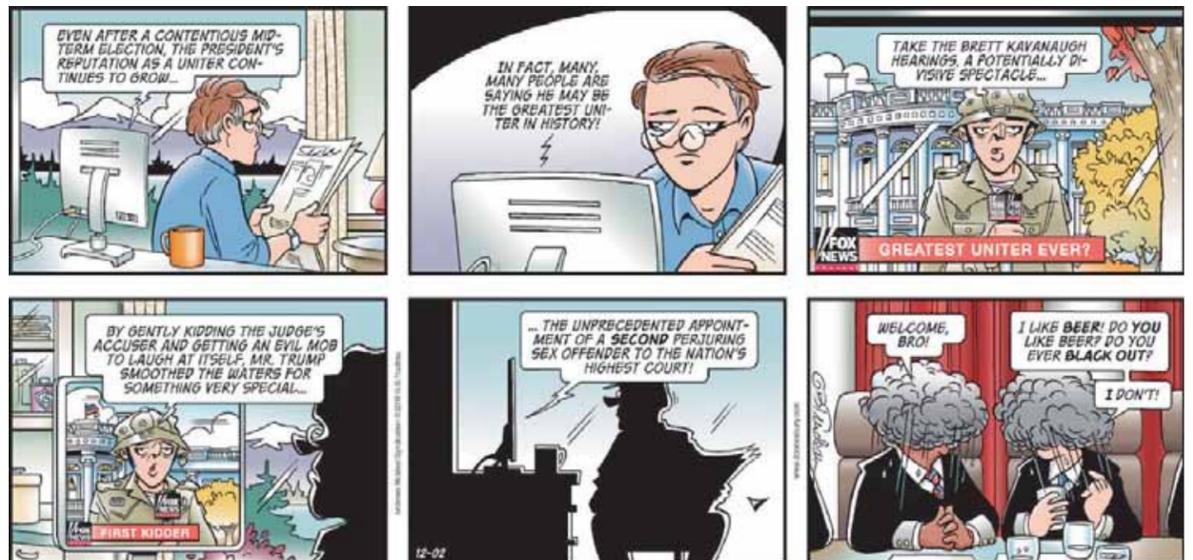
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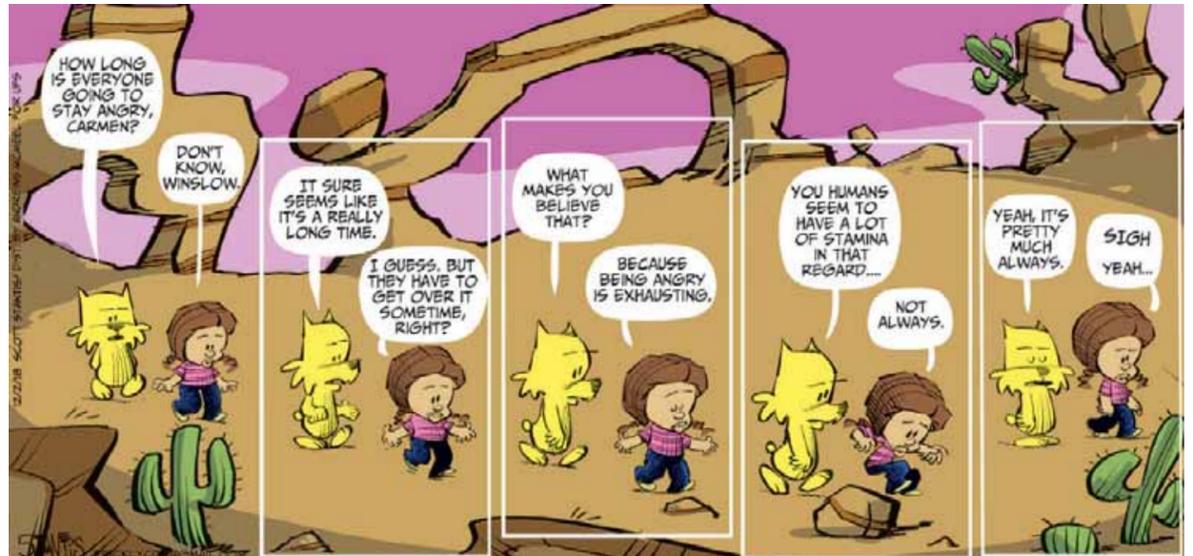
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RETURN TO TV

Jennifer Love Hewitt returns to TV

BY YVONNE VILLARREAL
Los Angeles Times

If Jennifer Love Hewitt ever needed a job to fall back on, taking calls as a 911 dispatcher would not be high on the list.

"I'd be such a nervous nelly," Hewitt insists. "I'd panic. I'd be the worst 911 operator. What they do is amazing. The pressure they are under and their ability to stay calm so that they can get someone the help they need is incredible."

Hewitt's own inabilities aside, the actress can at least play the part. This season, she has joined Fox's hit drama "9-1-1," as Maddie, the sister of firefighter Evan "Buck" Buckley (Oliver Stark). Her character becomes a 911 dispatcher in an attempt to restart her life after leaving an abusive relationship.

The role marks Hewitt's return to TV after nearly three years away — an intentional break motivated by the birth of her second child, Atticus, now 3 (her daughter, Autumn, will be 5 in November) and the enduring grief over the death of her mother in 2012.

"9-1-1" also returns Hewitt to the Fox fold almost two decades after her breakthrough role in "Party of Five" and its spinoff, "Time of Your Life." The following is an edited transcript.

Q: You joined the cast of "9-1-1" this year after taking some time off. What prompted the break and how did living life off camera enhance your work?

A: I had needed to take

some time for myself and needed to grieve my mother. I needed to become a new mom; I needed to learn how to be a wife. There was a lot going on in my own life that just felt like I needed some space and some time to kind of be. I've really enjoyed the break, and I feel like now, the last few months, having gone back into acting, it's really done a beautiful thing for me in that it's made everything that I do in my acting/entertainment life not less important but less like, "It's everything all the time," like it used to be.

I also feel like I have new things to pull from as an actress that I didn't have before. I think it's so odd as actors that we, especially kid actors, which I was, we're expected to pull from all these life experiences that so many of us haven't had. I remember I directed an episode of "Ghost Whisperer," and I had to work with a girl who had never been in love before. And she was doing a story all about love. And she was like, "I'm sorry, I just don't know what it is, what it feels like." And I was like, "Oh my God. Let's go to lunch. Let me give you all that I've got." I feel like I acted for a lot of years from my heart, but not really, truly understanding some of the things that I understand now.

Q: The death of a loved one can sometimes prompt people to be more fearless; for others, it can cause them to retreat. How did it weigh on you?

A: I went into a very fearful place. I started get-



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Jennifer Love Hewitt returned to series TV this fall in Fox's "9-1-1," in which she plays a 911 dispatcher.

ting a lot of anxiety, and I've had anxiety since (my mom) passed. It's still something that I deal with on a daily basis. I try not to give it to my kids. But yeah, it's been really hard for me.

I think, initially, I went into survival mode. I knew that I couldn't sit indoors and just grieve her. I needed to change my surroundings, so I moved. I got rid of some stuff. I just needed a change. I traveled a little bit — she loved to travel. That wasn't something that I had done before. I did some things that

I was afraid of. But "Phase Two," for me, I was real afraid. I remember every time the phone would ring, I'd be like, "Oh my God, someone else ..."

And then I lost my grandmother a little less than a year after my mom, so that was hard. She was the other significant female in my life. So, yeah, I just went through a lot of that. But when my daughter came around, and I got pregnant, this really beautiful thing happened where I went, "Oh, but there's life too!" The one that moves

you forward is the trust and the non-fear place, and the one that holds you back is the fear place. And so I just tried to move forward.

But I think because I was so fearful, for me to act and to have to tap into those things not in a safe place, would have been really hard for me. So I do think that that was part of why acting scared me at that time. Because I just wanted to be in joy. I didn't want to force myself to go deep into that place.

Q: What's it like know-

ing that 'Party of Five' has reached reboot status? And what are your thoughts on Freeform's plans to remake it as a story about immigration?

A: It doesn't surprise me that they would do something so smart and so lovely with that show. I think it's going to be great. But it does, for a second, make me go: "Oh God, I'm old enough that something is being rebooted." But I'm actually really excited to see it. I think it's interesting the way they are doing it and I love it.

How to tuck your shirt into that pencil skirt



ELLEN WARREN

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: This fall I've been rocking a lot of shirts and sweaters with pencil skirts and tights to the office. On some skirts, when I turn around, you can see where my shirt is tucked in due to a thick shirt seam at the bottom, the shirt bunching up throughout the day or simply because it's a fitted skirt. Is there a way to get a perfectly smooth backside but still have a nice tucked-in shirt?

— Alanna G.

Dear Alanna: I've had the same problem. All the solutions are imperfect and have drawbacks, but here goes:

Wear Spanx, and tuck your shirt in this girdlelike garment; same goes for support pantyhose (although they're not as likely to have a smoothing effect).

Wear a bodysuit top, which stays put with a snap crotch, instead of your shirt.

Buy shirrtail garters on Amazon. Most are designed for men, and they're odd-looking devices that have an elastic band that fits around your thigh and have clips that attach to the shirrtail. I haven't tried them, but my friend Kyler says they work great. Just be sure the thigh part isn't too big for your thighs (some are adjustable).

Or, resign yourself to the bunching problem, and just move on.

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: What is an appropriate professional bag to carry to work every day. Is a backpack OK with a suit?

— David G.



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Pencil skirts look great with button-up shirts — but tucking a top into a skinny skirt can be a challenge.

Dear David: I see plenty of professional men in suits carrying backpacks, but it is not a preferred look. The classic leather briefcase is fine but cumbersome without a shoulder strap. The compromise is a messenger bag but not the casual canvas kind. Check out Tumi messenger bags at tumi.com in black leather (such as the Harrison) or ballistic nylon (like the Alpha 2). These are expensive, so find similar ones at luggage shops, department stores or discounters like T.J. Maxx. The fewer the flappy straps and showy external zippers, the better.

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: My daughters and I would like to get some expert advice on what skin care products and makeup are best for each of our individual complexions. We're reluctant to go to a cosmetics counter in a department store because they will only sell us their own products. We're not sure how well-trained the staff in stores like Ulta and Sephora is in making recommendations. Any advice?

— Nancy

Dear Nancy: This is going to require you to do some research since the answer depends on where you live. Your best resource is the

internet; search for makeup consultants with your ZIP code. You'll likely turn up lists such as Yelp's and local magazines with many reviews for you to read to make your choice. I agree that department store cosmetic counters that are organized by brand are not a reliable place to get the best advice on the huge array of cosmetic and skin care choices. Beauty superstores like Sephora offer classes and hourlong makeover lessons by appointment.

And spas and salons also have makeup specialists you can book for a session, but make sure those specialists offer a wide selec-

tion of brands and not just an expensive line of products that is impractical and not worth it.

Angelic readers

There were so many suggestions for KFK, the widow who was having trouble donating unopened \$18,000 worth of her late husband's cancer drugs to a good cause because of regulations prohibiting such prescription giveaways.

Kathy K. and Suzanne H. sent along this link (bit.ly/2fP3dCZ) to the National Conference of State Legislatures to enable you to find out whether

your state has a program for donating unused drugs. The site says 38 states have laws allowing donations (although 12 of those as of mid-2018 haven't yet set up programs to do so). Kathy K. adds, "Another suggestion: Call the manufacturer, and find out who is in charge of charity programs. They call them Drug Assistance Programs, and every company has one. Explain that you have one of their drugs and want to return it for someone to use who otherwise couldn't afford it. I did this at Astra Zeneca, and they sent me a postage-paid bag to mail the drugs back to them."

Vicki E. says, "Check with pet rescue organizations. Some human meds can be used for dogs." Janice S. suggests specialty vets. Shirley C. says, "She should try to find a group or organization that does medical mission trips. They are more than happy for donations of medicine to take to impoverished countries." Carmel M-P had the same suggestion.

Kathleen R. donated her late husband's unused meds to Doctors Without Borders, which volunteers in impoverished countries offering free medical help. Eve B. sent this link to Partners in Health, which sets out donation guidelines: bit.ly/2SglQjg. Eileen T. also suggested Partners in Health.

Judy M. donated unused drugs to World Medical Relief. Eileen F. and Rose also suggested World Medical Relief. Barbara B. suggests the Greece-based givemed.org.

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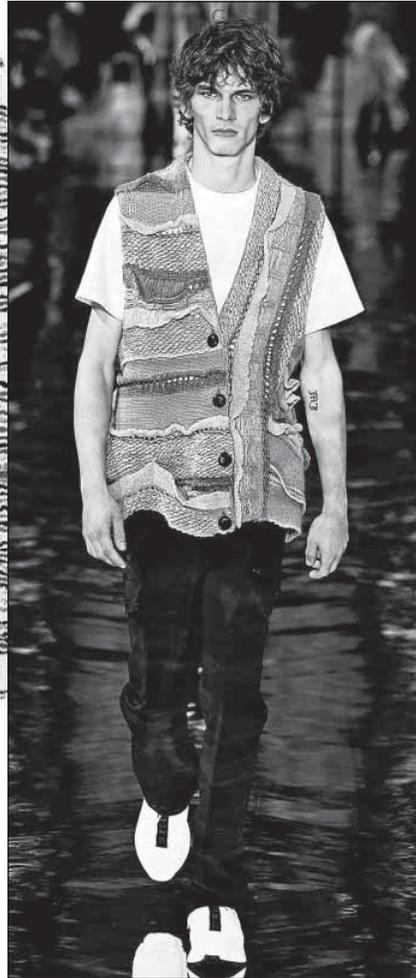
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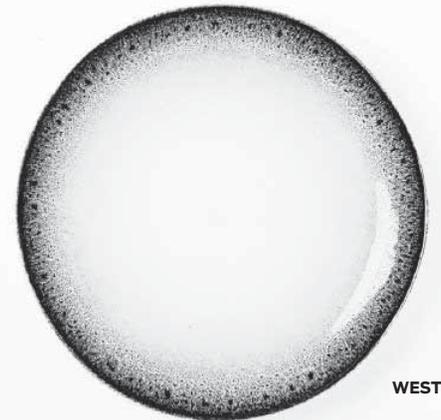
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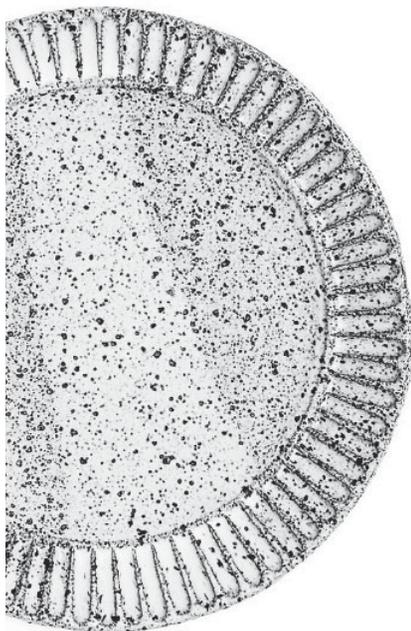
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Maybe the best test of a bedsheet's quality is done at a hotel, where sheets are being put through the literal wringer daily.

"We're flipping the sheets every single day, so they need to be as soft, sturdy and pristine as they were on day one," says Ave Bradley, creative director and senior vice president of design for Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants. "We also pressure-test our linens before they're rolled out." While Kimpton uses 300-thread-count Frette linens (and sells them to guests who want to take them home), Bradley uses 100 percent organic Coyuchi crinkled percale in her guest bedroom in Los Angeles.

Which made us wonder: What do bedding experts — designers, hospitality gurus — choose for their own beds? Most of the professionals we spoke to advocate for natural materials, especially linen. Lightweight linen is nice for warmer climates, while a heavier linen is preferred for cooler climates or seasons, Bradley explains. Thread count doesn't matter as much as the material, which should be 100 percent cotton. Note that percale sheets are a bit heavier than others, with more texture, a more relaxed feel and a 200-thread count; sateen sheets have a slight sheen to them, with a 300-thread count.

"When it comes to affordable options that are still good quality, Target is my go-to," says Moorea Seal, a Seattle-based retailer and author of the 52 Lists project series. "They have great prices and a great variety of patterns." She's a fan of any material that Nate Berkus designs,



COMPANY STORE

Designer Frances Merrill likes using the Company Store's Classic Percale Solid Sheet Sets.

including the new sateen, 100-percent cotton Modern Printed Sheet Set in blue stripe by Project 62 + Nate Berkus (\$45.99 for queen fitted sheet, flat sheet and two pillowcases, target.com).

Los Angeles designer Vanessa Alexander uses linen in most of the bedrooms she designs. While a favorite is the local-to-her high-end Matteo brand, she also likes Parachute's Linen Sheet Set for a less-expensive linen option (\$169 for queen fitted sheet and two pillowcases; \$110 for an added top sheet, parachutehome.com). The neutral colors bone, fog and gray are her usual picks. Kimpton's Bradley agrees with the linen choice: "Linen to me is a symbol of true luxury — the finest hotels in Europe use linen bedding. It's a fabric that will always be chic and never go out of style."

Sheets are more widely

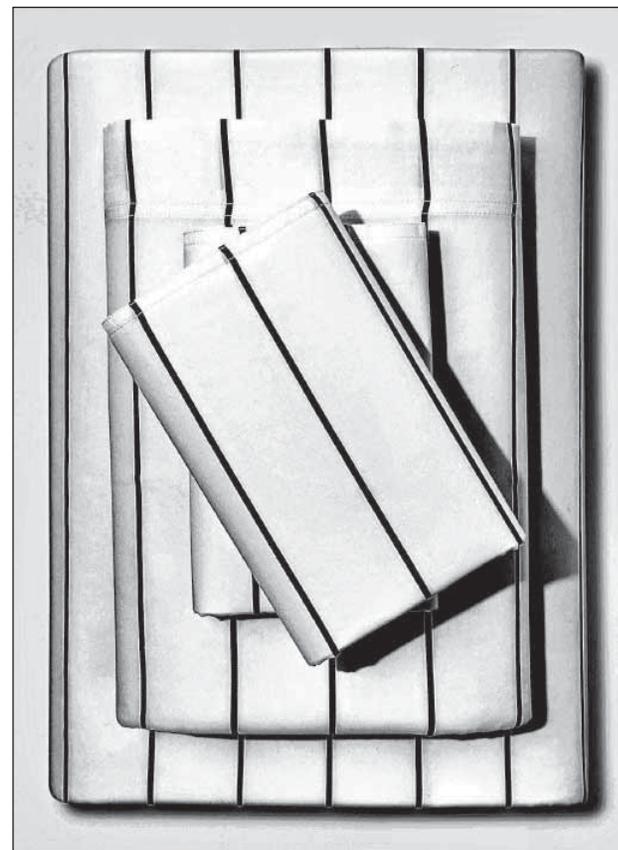


BROOKLINEN

Brooklinen's Classic Sheets in lightweight cotton percale come in a variety of bundles: \$101 for queen fitted sheet and two pillowcases; \$129 for queen fitted sheet, flat sheet and two pillowcases; brooklinen.com

available than they have ever been, without even requiring a trip to the department store. "I think the direct-to-consumer economy is always great for the customer, and I love how it has spread into amazing bedding companies," says Christiane Lemieux, author of "The Finer Things: Timeless Furniture, Tex-

tiles, and Details" and CEO of the new textile company the Inside in New York. Lemieux says that some of her favorite sheets are from Brooklinen. "I love that they strip out unnecessary costs and deliver real value," she says. Brooklinen's Classic Sheets in lightweight cotton percale come in a variety of bundles at



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Target offers Project 62 + Nate Berkus' sateen Modern Printed Sheet Set in blue stripe.



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One of Traditional Home magazine's "New Trad" designers, Frances Merrill, likes using the Classic Percale Solid Sheet Sets from the Company Store, espe-

cially in kids' rooms, where she likes to colorblock with bedding (\$116 for queen fitted sheet, flat sheet and two pillowcases, the companystore.com).

"It is the price and the variety of colors that keep us coming back," says Merrill, who owns Reath Design in Los Angeles and has a background in textiles.

Trip in his 20s to Ireland cast a spell

BY JAE-HA KIM
Tribune Content Agency

Australian actor Ben Lawson (“13 Reasons Why,” “The Good Place,” “Designated Survivor”) loves his homeland but says there are parts he has yet to explore. “The Great Barrier Reef is so beautiful,” says Lawson, 38, who lives in Los Angeles. “And I recommend Uluru, although I’ve never been myself. It’s on my bucket list to go to what we call the Red Center. Actually, I’d love to drive across the Nullarbor Plain and experience that part of the country, too.”

An edited version of our conversation follows.

Q: What is your favorite vacation destination?

A: This is a really tough one to answer, but in terms of a place that I keep returning to again and again, it’s New York City. I lived there for a little while in 2015 and completely fell in love with it. No other city fills me with excitement the way New York does. It’s not a relaxing place, but I don’t really travel to relax; relaxing’s what I do at home.

Q: What untapped destination should people know about?

A: I think Colombia is such a cool country, and I had a great time at the port city of Cartagena. I definitely want to go back and explore more of Colombia and South America.

Q: What was the first trip you took as a child?

A: When I was about 6 years old, my family moved to Southeast Asia — Malaysia, Singapore and Hong Kong — for my dad’s work. My memories of it are mostly of all the new foods we were suddenly eating. I’m obsessed with fried rice to this day. Another memory is of a parade where men with hooks pierced through their backs pulled a float down the street. I think it’s fair to say my 6-year-old mind was blown.



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Q: Have you ever done something on a trip you regret?

A: When I was in Bolivia, my brother really wanted to ride Death Road, a treacherous 35-mile road that’s famous for being the most dangerous road in the world. It’s become popular for tourists to get on a bike at the top and ride down to the bottom. I have a fear of heights and really didn’t want to do it, but eventually he convinced me. On the way there, we made friends with Christian, who was traveling by himself from Norway. Long story short, Christian accidentally went off the side of the road and lost his life. It’s easily the worst travel experience I’ve had.

Q: What is your best travel memory?

A: When I was in my 20s, I took a bus around Ireland with a bunch of other tourists, mostly Aussies, Kiwis and Brits. Every night, we were in a different city and instead of drinking with the rest of the backpackers, I’d usually head out by myself to wander around. In Galway I met a girl at a bar, and when she found out I was leaving the next day, she took me on a walking tour of the city. It was after midnight and everything was closed, but we looked through the window of her favorite gallery and walked along the river and saw the swans. I walked her home, thanked her and went back to the hostel. That was a pretty good night.

Julianna Zobrist talks about fears, style and Ben

BY DAVID SYREK
Chicago Tribune

On the cover of her new book, Julianna Zobrist sits confidently in a multicolored cloud of tulle, but she's just as comfortable in a Cubs T-shirt (sequined, of course). Now her 120,000 Instagram followers who are treated to posts documenting her edgy style can connect on another level. With her new book, "Pull It Off;" the Christian pop musician, social media influencer, fashion muse and mother of three digs deeper into her own life.

I caught up with her as she zigzagged across the country on her book tour, and we talked about fashion, facing your fears and life with Chicago Cubs World Series MVP Ben Zobrist.

This interview has been edited for space and clarity.

Q: What did the book's message of empowerment grow out of?

A: We all have insecurities, and we struggle with them. And I realized that we are all alike in that way.

We are all talking so much about empowerment, or fearlessness, or that we don't care what people think, but yet we still do, and we still need to know how to be empowered.

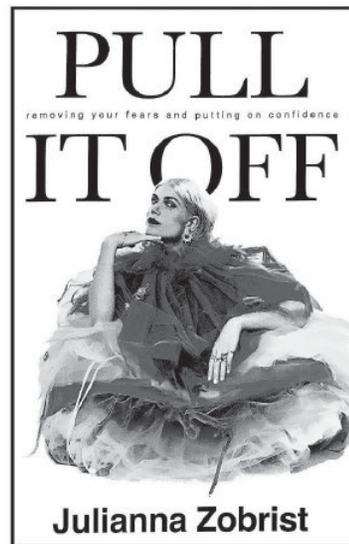
Q: Do you see a connection between people's insecurities and their obsession with social media?

A: I think that insecurity is natural, but I think that we can feed it.

If we are insecure, a lot of times, that can manifest itself in comparison or in competition with other people.

We can get to a place of true confidence, which is not just positivity and not just girl power. I call it holistic or redemptive, meaning that I'm not everything, I'm not fearless, I am who I am. I have my things that I'm good at, and I have my struggles.

When you can look at yourself



and dig a little deeper and know who you are — with all of the cracks and crevices and broken parts. If you can own that, then you don't have to compete with other people, because they have different gifts than you, and they have different talents than you, and they've been given different opportunities. To me, the most confident people that I know are celebratory of others.

There's a part in the book where I talk about courage and the part of the brain that fires when you're in the act of being courageous.

Q: What's the difference between image and identity?

A: I think that we inappropriately tether who we are to the way that we look.

I know that I have done that. When I've had babies and I find myself crying on the closet floor questioning who am I — and what am I doing with my life — all because I've gained weight and I don't know how to get it off, and feeling insecure about myself and where I'm at.

At those moments when you find yourself on the closet floor crying because your image has changed, those are telling moments. I think that we've given way too much value to the way

that we look.

Q: In the book, you point out that what we call self-expression isn't really that at all. Why is that?

A: Often what we think is self-expression is actually others-expression. There are so many trends — and that's not bad — but we are more apt to express ourselves, or call it self-expression, when we know that it's going to be met with approval.

I think true self-expression does take into account that if you're being honest about how you feel, and how you want to dress, then it has nothing to do with the input of others.

Q: In the book, talking about your style, you mention a quote that you regularly tell your kids: "You don't have to like it; you just need to appreciate it." That applies to a lot of aspects of life, don't you think?

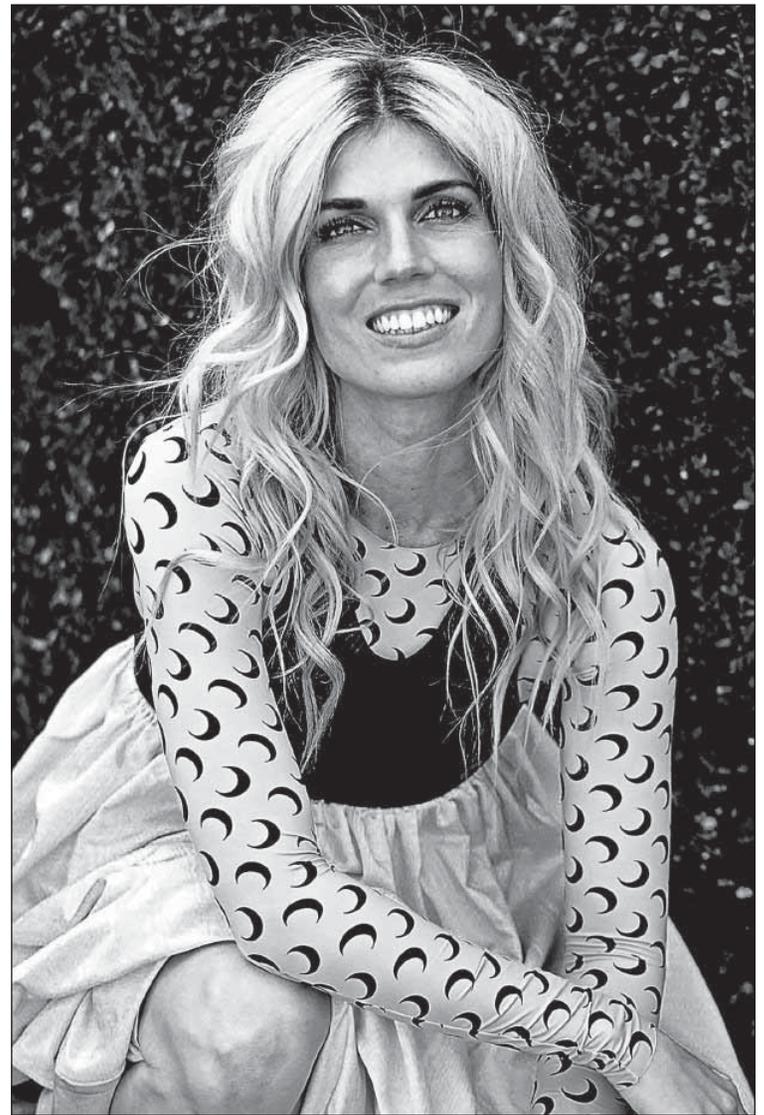
A: Yes it does. It also applies, itself, to things like the art museums that I take my children to. If they want to move on, and if my youngest is really into a Jackson Pollock painting — you don't have to like it. It's not about us all liking the same things. I think that would be incredibly boring, and that honestly is where trends come from — this false consensus that we all think and act and love the same things. Well, that's simply not true, and it limits creativity.

Q: What is the foundation of self-confidence?

A: Worth. When you know your worth and your value, then you feel and you know that it is of utmost importance to be true to yourself. Because you know that you have that worth. And the world deserves to see that.

For me, day to day, it's much more about the work and the grind and the growth than it is about the accomplishment. It's always the growth.

Q: How do you hold on to



FAITH NICHOLS

Julianna Zobrist is a musician, fashion muse and mother of three.

self-expression?

A: For me, it's believing that — and it comes down to my faith — God doesn't make mistakes, and that we're all meant to be the person that we are. And so in a way, you're reflecting a part of God's character just by staying true to who you are.

Q: Why do so many people feel the need to blend in, follow the crowd with their style?

A: Because they want to be liked (laughs). I've felt this. We feel the pressure of fitting in. That's why my message to my children and people on Instagram is "fit out." If you feel like you're not fitting into the world or the trends or to the fashion statements, then you're onto something really good, because it's honest.

Q: You and Ben both have packed schedules. How do you find "together time"?

A: (Laughs.) We have to schedule it. We have a six-day rule, where we try to not spend any longer than six days apart.

It really comes down to priorities, perspective and passion. We prioritize our family first and foremost. And we both are always spurring one another on to be the best at what we are passionate about.

There's a lot of mutual respect. Especially when it's a hard time. If he's walking through a difficult time in baseball, then I'm the one reminding him of what's on the other side. Or if I'm in a moment of self-doubt, he will come in and champion and encourage me. When one person is struggling, the other person picks them up.

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GARTH GOES TO COLLEGE

On Dec. 2, **Garth Brooks** stars in the new CBS special *Garth: Live at Notre Dame!*, recorded at his concert at the Indiana university. Here are five facts you may not know about Brooks, 56, the best-selling solo artist in U.S. history.



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A solid athlete, he's done spring training with the New York Mets, the San Diego Padres and the Kansas City Royals.

Brooks was selling cowboy boots when, in between customers, he wrote "Not Counting You," which became one of his first hits in 1990.



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The eldest of his three daughters is named Taylor in honor of singer **James Taylor**.



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He will sing love duets only with his wife, **Trisha Yearwood**.

His music went out of this world when Col. Bill McArthur brought a copy of Brooks' **The Hits** on board the Russian Mir space station in 1995.



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Law as Dumbledore

Jude Law, 45, is having a movie moment. He plays a younger version of Harry Potter's wizarding master Albus Dumbledore in *Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald*, currently in theaters. Then, on Dec. 7, he stars in the musical drama *Vox Lux* as the demanding manager of a teenage singer who rises from the ashes of a national tragedy to become a global superstar, played by Natalie Portman. Law and Portman also worked together in the movies *Cold Mountain*, *Closer* and *My Blueberry Nights*.

Mrs. Maisel Hits the Comedy Clubs

Rachel Brosnahan, 27, returns as Midge Maisel in the second season of *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel* (Dec. 5 on Amazon Prime Video), which picks up one year after her marriage ended and she began performing stand-up comedy. "At the end of season one, we left Midge in a pretty triumphant moment," says Brosnahan, who won an Emmy for her role. "She's finally arrived [as a] stand-up comedienne. I can't say a whole lot about where she'll head in season two, but good things can't last long."



Walter Scott Asks

Dolly Parton

The country music icon, 72, has written six new songs for the soundtrack of the Netflix movie *Dumplin'* (streaming Dec. 7). It's about the plus-size Willowdean (Danielle Macdonald), who finds inspiring messages in the music and sayings of her idol, Dolly Parton. Willowdean's mother, a former beauty queen, is played by **Jennifer Aniston**.



In *Dumplin'*, you are held up as an icon—which you certainly are to your fans. Do you feel a responsibility as a result? I do. I try to be an example. It's a big responsibility because I'm just a person too.

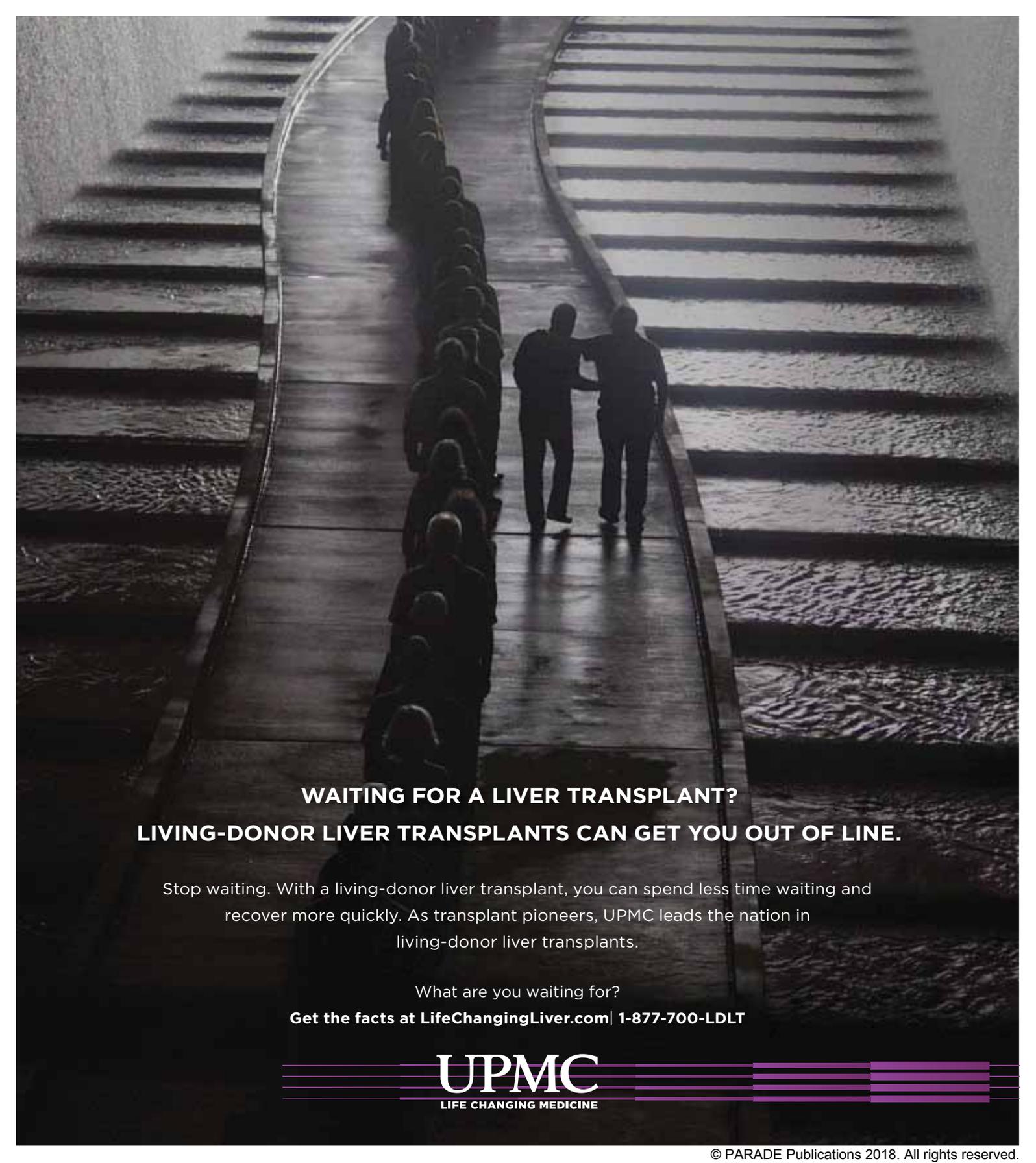
Like Willowdean, you once had weight issues. Did that help you relate to her story? Absolutely. Back in the day, yes, I got really fat. When I was doing *Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*, I was way up there. I could still be that big if I didn't watch it. I love to eat, cook and go to restaurants. There's a *Dumplin'* inside of me trying to get out.

The Netflix series *Dolly Parton's Heartstrings*, coming next year, will feature stories based on your songs. I've always wanted my songs to be stories, so I asked, "What do you think about doing something called *Dolly Parton Theatre*, where they do a movie each week from stories based on my songs?" Netflix loved it.

The sequel to *9 to 5* is being written for you, Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin. The idea, I think, is new girls who are still having the same problems that we had in the original say, "Who were these women that made so many changes back so many years ago?" And they look us up.

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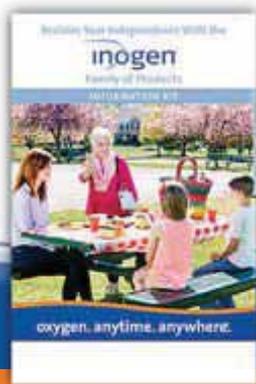


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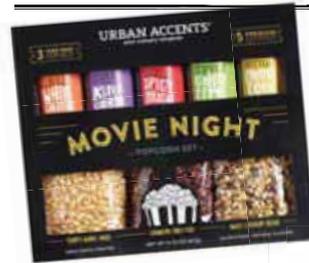
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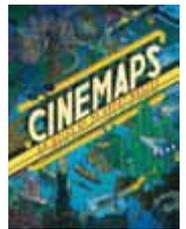


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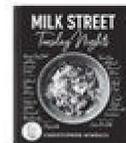
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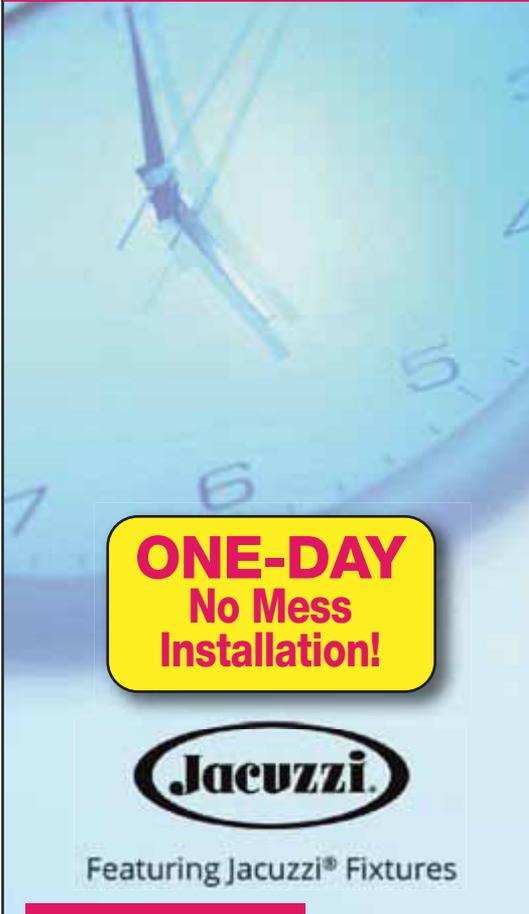
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- Injections with EYLEA may cause a temporary increase in eye pressure within 1 hour of the injection. Sustained increases in eye pressure have been reported with repeated injections, and your eye doctor may monitor this after each injection
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What are possible side effects of EYLEA?

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- Increased pressure in the eye
- Vitreous (gel-like substance) detachment

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WINTER MOOD LIFTERS

TO TRY TODAY

Skies may be gray, but your spirits can remain sunny with these tips to beat the seasonal blahs.

By Karyn Repinski

When the days get darker and the sun sets sooner, it's important to brighten up your day—literally and figuratively, says Patricia Farrell, Ph.D., a psychologist in Tenafly, N.J. Here are 10 easy ways to beat the winter blues.

1 VEG OUT. Plant-based foods like fruits and vegetables feed the good bacteria in our gut that help produce mood-regulating neurotransmitters like serotonin, explains Karen Bush, a board-certified functional medicine health coach at Cleveland Clinic. It doesn't have to be fresh: Frozen produce often retains its flavor and nutrition.

2 EMPLOY FLOWER POWER. People who woke up to flowers reported a better mood, in a recent study. So place a vase of tulips or daisies on your bedside table. When in

doubt, opt for blooms that are yellow, a hue that's often associated with sunshine, energy and happiness.

3 MAKE A PHOTO ALBUM. Positive memories greatly enhance our present happiness and can even reduce depression, says Dmitry Golubnichy, founder of the 100 Happy Days Foundation and author of *Can You Be Happy for 100 Days in a Row?* Sort through your photos and assemble the happy ones into a book you can flip through again and again.

4 LOL. "Laughter reduces stress and overrides other emotions in the moment," says Donna Agajanian, a New York City-based certified life and intuitive eating

coach. Laughter "therapy" has even been shown to function similarly to antidepressants by raising serotonin levels. Already viewed every cat video on YouTube? Try tuning in to a comedy podcast on your commute.



5 COLOR YOUR WORLD.

When you find ways to brighten your days physically, you'll literally feel brighter, says Amy Spencer, author of *Bright Side Up: 100 Ways to Be Happier Right Now*. Wear a colorful shirt or scarf. Buy a pen with green ink or some turquoise sticky notes. Get pillows for your couch in kelly green or sheets in tangerine. "Just a few shades of difference in your everyday items can make life feel more vivid all around," Spencer says.

6 CHANGE YOUR ROUTINE. "Small changes can bring big rewards for our spirits," says Agajanian. "Routines are often connected with the past, so changing one that links to a past negative association can break that link and open up space for other feelings." One tweak that takes minimal effort: Make your bed (if you don't already). "It's a form of self-care and a way of telling yourself that you matter. That alone can lift your mood," she says.

7 MAKE FRIENDS WITH WINTER WORKOUTS. Just 5 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise releases feel-good brain chemicals called endorphins. Exercising outside will give you an even better workout. For one thing, it tends to be more strenuous than indoor sweat sessions, so

you'll burn extra calories. Plus, researchers find that people who get physical outdoors enjoy it more. "I tell people to go outside for 10 minutes," says Bush. "But once they're out, they realize how beautiful it is and they stay for an hour."

8 USE YOUR SENSES.

Noticing the sights, sounds and smells of the season—how the snow hangs on the trees, the scent of a Scotch pine—can help you appreciate its beauty. "Our brains are hardwired for the negative—we think about how we have to shovel the snow or how someone driving by got slush on our pants," says Bush. "But purposely thinking about all the pleasing aspects of winter—and having gratitude for them—allows you to feel more positive moments."



9 WALK THE HAPPY WALK. People in one study who walked as if they were sad (slowly without a lot of energy or body engagement) ended up feeling sadder. How to make over your gait to gain a mood boost? Happy people walk with an upright, steady torso and swinging arms, reports Golubnichy.

10 FLASH A SMILE. It actually spurs a chemical reaction in the brain, releasing hormones like dopamine and serotonin that increase feelings of happiness and reduce stress. Even forcing a fake smile helps. For best results, smile with your eyes and your mouth. Speaking of eyes: One study found that people who'd had Botox for crow's feet, which make it harder to crinkle their eyes into a smile, felt more depressed.



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THE MERRY MEN

DICK VAN DYKE & LIN-MANUEL MIRANDA BRING THE JOY (AND SINGING AND DANCING) IN THE MOVIE RETURN OF DISNEY'S FAMOUS FLYING NANNY.

BY MARA REINSTEIN
COVER AND OPENING
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During a gray London afternoon last year, Lin-Manuel Miranda was in musical paradise: He was watching Dick Van Dyke, then 91, on the set of the new movie *Mary Poppins Returns*, singing and hoofing with the energy of a man half his age.

"I was geeking out!" the *Hamilton* star says. As for Van Dyke? "Everyone on the set was surprised I could do it," the iconic actor says. "And nobody was more surprised than I was!"

Fans of all ages will see this supercalifragilisticexpialidocious sight for themselves when Disney's *Mary Poppins Returns*, a sequel 54 years in the making, arrives in theaters on Dec. 19. Set 25 years after the original, the fantastical musical features the iconic British nanny (Emily Blunt, taking over for Julie Andrews) swooping down on a kite to once again care



OF MARY POPPINS

for now-grown siblings Jane and Michael Banks (Emily Mortimer and Ben Whishaw), along with Michael's three kids.

Tony- and Grammy-winning *Hamilton* maestro Miranda, 38, plays Mary's longtime friend Jack, a jolly streetlamp lighter. "Jane and Michael are convinced that all those adventures were things of their imagination," Miranda says, noting that the story is based on author P.L. Travers' later books in her *Mary Poppins* series. "Jack has never forgotten. He's got a little bit of childlike wonder about him."

Though Jack is fashioned as an apprentice of Van Dyke's original chimney-sweeper character, Bert, the acting legend appears in the new film as the son of his other character from *Mary Poppins*—the ancient banker, Mr. Dawes.

"Oh, I never thought I'd revisit this movie," says Van Dyke, who turns 93 on Dec. 13. "Being in the cast just thrilled me!"

THE DISNEY MAGIC IS ALIVE & WELL

Both of *Mary Poppins Returns*' merry music men ooze enthusiasm during our phone interview. Miranda sends a hearty salutation from the U.K.—the Manhattan-

based actor and composer is overseas working on a BBC/HBO series, *His Dark Materials*—by declaring, “Greetings from rainy Wales!” Van Dyke’s booming, baritone voice blares throughout his Los Angeles home, where he’s wide awake and rarin’ to go at 7:30 a.m. Marvels Miranda, “He’s human caffeine! He has a sheer joy of living that inspires everyone to be better.”

Van Dyke’s gung-ho attitude hasn’t altered much since 1963, when Walt Disney himself offered him the role of Bert without a screen test. At the time, the West Plains, Mo., native was already a Tony winner for originating the role of Albert Peterson on Broadway in *Bye Bye Birdie* (a role he reprised in the film). He was also a couple seasons into his hit classic sitcom, *The Dick Van Dyke Show*.

Mary Poppins was nominated for 13 Academy Awards and won five, and Van Dyke says that, to this day, children write him letters about his character, the lovable, singing, dancing chimney sweep Bert.

Van Dyke’s own successes span movies (1968’s *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*), TV (1993–2000’s *Diagnosis Murder*) and the stage (the 1980 revival of *The Music Man*). Most recently, he appeared in two *Night at the Museum* comedies.

He’s never stopped working, and has no intention of doing so. “I just love it,” he says. “Retirement is a very bad idea. If you’re doing something you like doing, why retire? It doesn’t make sense.” (He hasn’t ruled out a return to television either.)

A SUPER SPELLING TEST

Miranda has his own special set of *Mary Poppins* memories. He grew up in the Inwood section of New York City listening to show

tunes, courtesy of his mother, Luz, a clinical psychologist, and his father, Luis, a political consultant. “Do you know that my dad’s favorite movie is *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*?” he says with an incredulous laugh. “We couldn’t afford Broadway musicals, so I grew up surrounded by film musicals.” In the late 1980s and early 1990s, he says, he often sought out the Disney movies packaged in puffy white VHS boxes too big for the shelf. His go-to pick for the VCR: the musical about the wondrous singing nanny.

“Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious’ is every smart kid’s theme song because you’d run around on the playground and be like, ‘Can you spell it?’” he says. And on the playground of Hunter College Elementary School, “I met my best friend because he was the only kid I knew who could spell it backwards and forwards. It was a cool spelling litmus test!”

In a twist of irony, Miranda admits that, as a kid, he never could make it through the entire movie because the “Feed the Birds” ballad in the closing act was too upsetting. According to Van Dyke, that was Disney’s favorite song and he insisted on including it in the film.

Miranda notes that he got his “big break” by being cast as Conrad Birdie in a sixth-grade

production of *Bye Bye Birdie*—the same show that launched Van Dyke’s career. “After I got a taste of it, there was no going back,” he says. He’d go on to contribute the music and star in the Tony-winning musical *In the Heights*, co-write the music and lyrics for *Bring It On: The Musical* and make small appearances in *Modern Family* and *How I Met Your Mother*. On his honeymoon with his wife, Vanessa Nadal, he

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MARY POPPINS 1964: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Dick Van Dyke is the only actor to make an appearance in both the original *Mary Poppins* and the new *Mary Poppins Returns*. Here’s a look at the other stars who made the 1964 film a classic.

JULIE ANDREWS, 83, made her movie debut as the singing nanny (for which she won an Oscar). She went on to star in beloved fare, from *The Sound of Music* in 1965 to *The Princess Diaries* in 2001, and voiced Marlena Gru in the *Despicable Me* films.



DAVID TOMLINSON portrayed the lovable but gruff George Banks. He also starred in Disney’s *The Love Bug* (1968) and *Bedknobs and Broomsticks* (1971). He died in 2000 at age 83.



GLYNIS JOHNS had been acting on screen and stage for nearly 30 years when she played matriarch Winnifred Banks. Now 95, she last appeared in the 1999 comedy *Superstar*.



MATTHEW GARBER was cast as young Michael Banks at age 7. He contracted hepatitis during a trip to India and died from complications in 1977 at age 21.

KAREN DOTRICE, 63, played headstrong child Jane Banks. She had a recurring part on the TV series *Upstairs, Downstairs* (1975) before retiring in 1984 to focus on raising her three children.



HERMIONE BADDELEY was Ellen, the Banks family’s maid. She went on to receive a Golden Globe for her role as Mrs. Naugatuck on TV’s *Maude*. She died in 1986 at age 79.



ED WYNN got lots of laughs as eccentric Uncle Albert. The noted radio comedian had a small role in the 1965 Disney film *That Darn Cat!* and died in 1966 at 79.



From top: Miranda, Pixie Davies, Joel Dawson, Nathanael Saleh and Emily Blunt in *Mary Poppins Returns*; Van Dyke, Karen Dotrice, Matthew Garber and Julie Andrews in *Mary Poppins*.



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read a biography of revolutionary politician Alexander Hamilton and conceived of the idea of a hip-hop musical. Since its Broadway opening in 2015, *Hamilton* has become a cultural phenomenon.

One Wednesday afternoon in between *Hamilton* performances, Miranda agreed to a coffee with *Poppins* director Rob Marshall and his producing partner. "When they told me what they had in mind for me, I couldn't believe it," he says. "I was pretty much in from that day onward."

His two days on set with Van Dyke provided the ultimate high point. "I wanted to know everything about his theater experience," he says. "I asked him a lot of questions. I got what I could through osmosis."

Van Dyke jokes that he's still waiting on his *Hamilton* tickets.

STAYING ON THEIR TOES

So what keeps Van Dyke and Miranda quite literally on their toes? That mutual, unadulterated love of singing and dancing. Van Dyke regularly goes out dancing with his wife of nearly seven years, makeup artist Arlene Silver, 46 years his junior. (He has four children, Christian, Barry, Stacy and Carrie Beth, with his first wife, Margie Willett.) He sings in an a cappella quartet and a local six-piece jazz band that plays Dixieland and

ragtime music. When he goes to the market every morning and hears music playing in the background, he starts dancing.

"Oh, absolutely dancing keeps me young!" he exclaims. "I do a little dancing every day. Any kind of movement will help keep joints and bones moving."

Miranda will begin production on a movie adaptation of *In the Heights* starting in the spring. He's also helping collaborate on a live-action edition of *The Little Mermaid*. But he most eagerly awaits watching *Mary Poppins Returns* with his 4-year-old son, Sebastian. His

other son, Francisco, was born in February just a few weeks after he and his wife saw a rough cut of the film. "When people ask me how's the movie, I say, 'It's labor-inducingly good!'"

Why are musicals the essence of his life? "Musicals, on film or onstage—there is so much that needs to go right for a number to really lift off and give you goose bumps," Miranda says. "It's the hardest art form. And when it really works, there's no more amazing feeling."

"There's an old saying," Van Dyke adds. "To sing like nobody can hear you, dance like nobody can see you and love like you've never been hurt," he says. "That's a good way to live."

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From top: Miranda in *Hamilton* and Van Dyke in *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*

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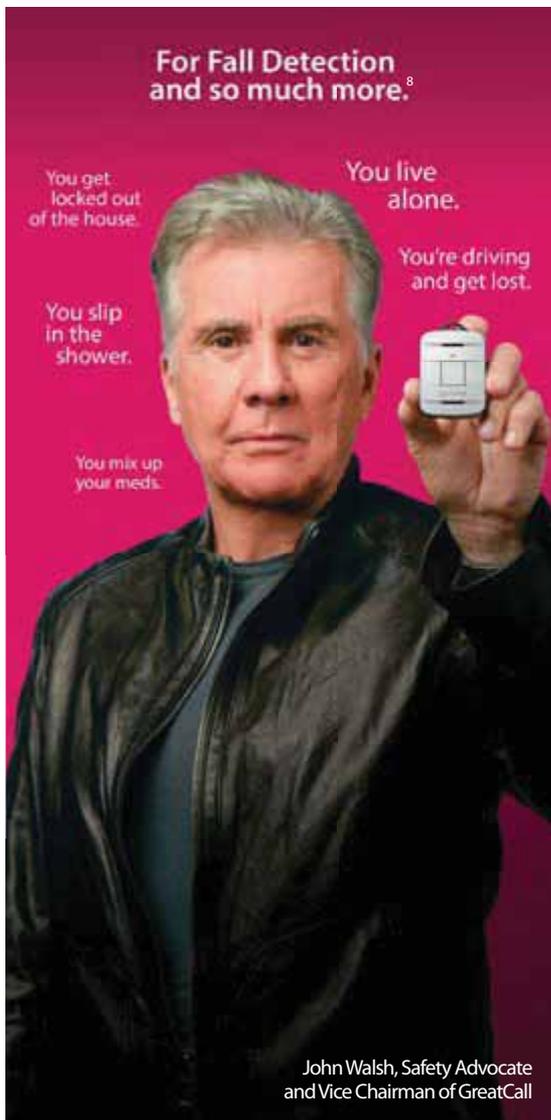
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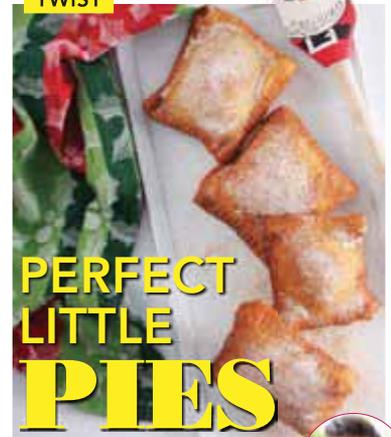
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A ball of refrigerated pizza dough is a neat cheat for these festive fried apple pies from *Parade* chef **Jon Ashton**. The secret ingredient: gooey cheese! Watch how he makes them in his *What America Eats at Home* video series at Parade.com/whatamericaeats.

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On a clean countertop, roll out 1 (1-lb) ball **refrigerated pizza dough** into an 18-by-9-inch rectangle. Cut crosswise into 6 strips. In a medium bowl, combine 1 (21-oz) can **apple pie filling** and ½ cup grated **cheddar cheese**. Spread ½ cup filling on bottom half of each dough strip. Using a pastry brush, dampen edges with water. Fold top of each strip over filling to form a pocket. Crimp with a fork to seal. Refrigerate 30 minutes. Heat 1½ cups **canola oil** in a skillet to 360°F. In a small bowl, combine ½ cup **sugar** and 1 Tbsp ground **cinnamon**. Using a spatula, carefully add 2 pockets to skillet. Fry 3 minutes on each side or until golden brown. Transfer to a paper-towel-lined plate. Sprinkle with cinnamon sugar. Repeat. **Serves 6.**

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Customer Rating **★★★★★**

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Customer Rating **★★★★★**

~~\$1.99~~ **ONLY 99¢**

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COMPARE TO IRWIN \$6.49

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Customer Rating **★★★★★**

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Customer Rating **★★★★★**

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COMPARE TO PREMIER \$6

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Customer Rating **★★★★★**

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~~\$9.99~~ **ONLY \$4.99**

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Customer Rating **★★★★★**

~~\$5.99~~ **ONLY \$4.99**

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Customer Rating **★★★★★**

~~\$16.99~~ **ONLY \$9.99**

SAVE 84%

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Customer Rating **★★★★★**

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