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Beyond designing, architects donate

Money goes to aldermen who hold keys to what gets built

BY BLAIR KAMIN AND TODD LIGHTY
Chicago Tribune

Chicago architects have long been viewed as more high-minded than developers, who are seen as plying the city's aldermen with campaign cash to get their projects off the ground.

But that image of political purity bears little relation to reality.

A virtual who's who of Chicago archi-

itects has given tens of thousands of dollars to City Council members who hold near-total power to determine whether their projects get built, a Tribune investigation has found. Architects even have hosted fundraisers for aldermen.

In some cases, donations are made while a project's future hangs in the balance. In others, aldermen reported receiving the contributions not long after the proposals were approved.

The timing of the donations begs the question of whether the architects are complying with the American Institute of Architects' ethics code, which forbids contributions that seek to sway officials'

judgments. The code, however, allows political donations to candidates, opening the door for architects to say they are following the rules.

Still, campaign finance watchdogs worry that the contributions give architects an advantage over ordinary residents who oppose projects but may not have their alderman's attention.

The Tribune's findings raise "serious questions" about the influence of the donations, said Alisa Kaplan, policy director for Reform for Illinois, a nonpartisan organization that studies the role of money

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Top Trump aide Kelly to leave by end of year

VP's chief of staff likely to fill that role for president

BY JOSH DAWSEY, SEUNG MIN KIM AND PHILIP RUCKER

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump announced Saturday that White House chief of staff John Kelly would exit his post by the end of the year, capping the retired Marine general's rocky tenure as the president's top aide and portending a major personnel shake-up as Trump prepares to navigate a divided Congress and focuses on his re-election campaign.



Kelly

White House officials said the two men had a private discussion Friday after months of mounting frustration on the part of the president about his chief of staff and nonstop speculation about Kelly's future.

Kelly is likely to be replaced by Nick Ayers, Vice President Mike Pence's chief of staff and an experienced campaign operative who possesses the political skills and network that Trump felt Kelly lacked.

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Health risks from Sterigenics still unresolved

EPA testing finds alarming levels of ethylene oxide

BY MICHAEL HAWTHORNE
Chicago Tribune

Another round of air monitoring near Sterigenics detected alarming levels of cancer-causing ethylene oxide near the west suburban facility, but federal officials cautioned Friday that they need more information before deciding if neighboring communities are still at risk.

Spikes of the highly toxic chemical were detected in samples collected during three days in mid-November at Willowbrook Village Hall and a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency warehouse, according to results posted online by the EPA. Both monitors are close to a pair of buildings off Illinois Route 83 and Interstate 55 where Sterigenics uses ethylene oxide to sterilize medical equipment, pharmaceutical drugs and food.

The highest average level of ethylene oxide detected during a 24-hour period

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Guy Price, standing, sorts Asian carp that was caught in an inlet of the Illinois River near Starved Rock on Tuesday.

'LIKE A CATTLE DRIVE IN THE WATER'

'Carp cowboys' round up invasive fish as Illinois, federal officials debate costly measures to protect Lake Michigan

BY TONY BRISCOE | Chicago Tribune

On a bleak and biting December morning, a team of state-contracted commercial fishermen at Starved Rock Marina slipped into their waders, salted down their johnboats to protect against ice and launched onto the Illinois River.

Armed with thousands of yards of netting, the fleet set course for a cove at Sheehan Island where they suspected a horde of silver and bighead carp, the most abundant and worrisome species of invasive Asian carp, were holed up for

the winter.

Within a half-hour, the fishermen transformed the inlet, which is big enough to hold Millennium Park, into an enormous booby trap, layering netting from the shores to the mouth of the bay.

Once they were finished, the stillness of the muted winter morning was broken by the fishermen collectively revving their motors, driving frenzied Asian carp into the nets.

While state and federal officials debate costly preventive measures, unreliable electrical barriers near Romeoville serve as the last rampart blocking these Asian carp from entering the Great Lakes. In the meantime, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources has been testing

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JOHN KASS

A crisis of confidence over the holiday ham

The last thing I needed after a week of stressful politics was more stress, like the big Christmas dinner ham drama, glazed with dysfunctional Kass family holiday “issues” of my own stupid making.

And I’m now in full ham panic, and it’s all so embarrassing.

“Just tell your readers the truth,” said my editor who went all “Ask Amy” on me. “You’re not doing standing rib of beef for Christmas because your brother didn’t praise your beef as much as you wanted last year, because you’re extremely thin-skinned about your cooking. In a fit, you’ve decided to serve ham, but they want beef. And now you complicated it all by passively-aggressively insulting your sister-in-law with a ham video.”

Yes. It’s all my fault. The family issues. The ham thing. I admit it. And I’ll never tell him anything again.

It’s all true: My brother Peter didn’t effusively praise last year’s Christmas standing rib roast from Casey’s Market to my liking. I cooked it low and slow, a technique taught to me by Chicago pitmaster Gary Wiviott — not to mention the gravy and the veal demi-glace — and there was also my French onion soup that took three days to make. And it was all perfect. Just perfect. I expected high praise. All I heard was the sound of chewing. Pride is evil.

Then, on Thanksgiving, my sister-in-law Georgia served a perfectly fine ham alongside her juicy brined turkey. Yet for some idiotic reason I stupidly emailed her a “How to Cook Ham” video the next day.

Betty wanted to kill me, saying I’d been rude. “No,” Georgia said. “You were just being your usual gracious self, and you can quote me.” Ouch.

Then my brother Nick weighed in with a long-distance burn: “What!? John’s not doing prime rib!?”

I’m making ham, dammit, and you’ll all going to love it or else! Merry Christmas!

What did you expect, a Hallmark card? This is a real family with warts, and I’m the wart hog this year.

And now I must pull off the perfect ham dinner, with homemade glaze, biscuits, escalloped potatoes, beans, several fine bottles of good wine, and dessert.

Or do I have the sides all wrong? I’ve lost the essential main ingredient: confidence.

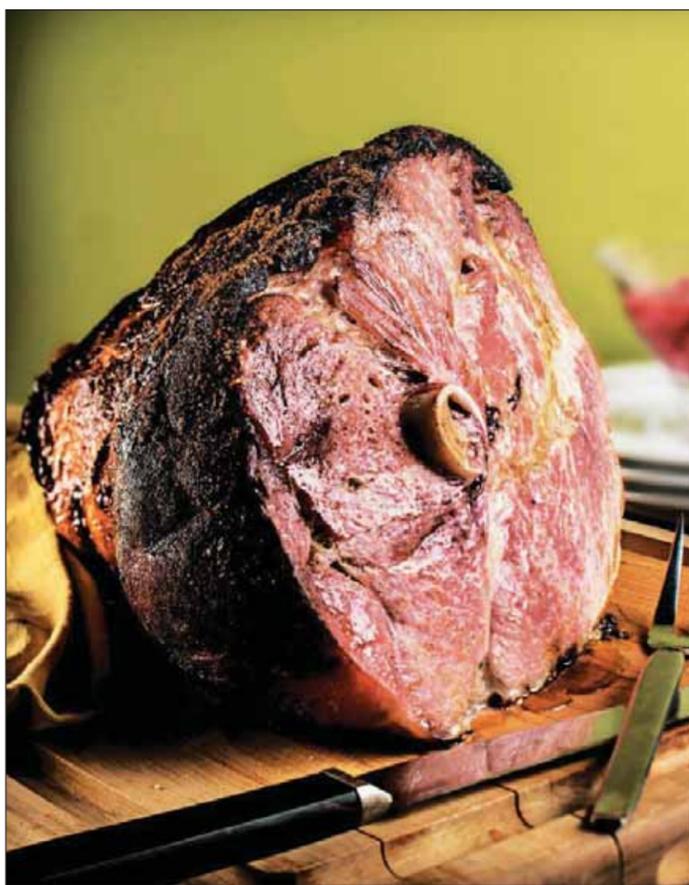
I might go with a good local Peer ham. The last time I tried one it was delicious, perfect.

But then I thought, foolishly as is my wont, that there might be other hams out there with a larger wow factor. So, I asked for ham recommendations on Facebook. And immediately, I was overwhelmed with ham info. People telling me to go to Wisconsin, Indiana, Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee. Telling me to fly to Spain, or go to this Chicago packing-house or that one.

Or to Elburn or Seward in Illinois. Several readers told me to call Slagel Family Farm, and I did, but they left me on hold forever — like 15 minutes — and with full ham panic building I just gave up.

There’s just too much ham information out there and I can’t process it all.

“I’ll save you the trouble,” offered



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reader Kevin Kokaska, renowned in some circles as an expert in fine beverages. “Go to Kentucky, but not for meat, rather a grain-based distillate, golden amber in color. It will change your life. You will have no need for ham after that.”

Kevin, I’d just love to go to Kentucky and drink fine bourbon with Sen. Rand Paul and listen to what he thinks will happen to the Republicans after Trump. But I need ham ideas, man, not booze ideas!

“The best ham for Christmas is prime rib, hands down,” said Tom Jorstad.

Yeah great, Tom, did my brother Nick tell you to write that?

“Ham BALLS!!” said Sandy Prizy. “It’s a recipe from my precious Grams, made from ground ham and ground turkey and people always ask for the recipe!”

Thanks Sandy, I’d love a platter of Gram’s Ham BALLS right now, so please send me the recipe, but I need real ham for Christmas dinner and Ham BALLS won’t do.

My friend and famous Michelin star chef Carrie Nahabedian — who cooked the finest meal I’ve ever eaten in my life at her Chicago restaurant Brindille — said, “Trust me.”

“Contact Joel Lezak and L & L Meats in Chicago. Tell him you want the bone in ham that I always use for family functions. Then, the best ham glaze is from Saveur Magazine, ‘Mon-

ty’s Ham.’ Use your own spin. The ham from Joel is so damn good you’ll never think twice about doubting your ham choice,” said Carrie.

But I do doubt myself. I have no confidence in the ham world.

Wiviott, the pitmaster who taught me how to barbecue, said that I would probably be overwhelmed.

“As you are well aware, there is a dizzying array of ham types,” Wiviott wrote. “My suggestion for your Christmas dinner is an uncooked, aged, bone-in country ham from a quality producer, seldom seen North of the Mason Dim Sum Line.”

But that would require unfamiliar techniques involving vinegar, soaking, simmering. And I don’t have time to practice!

My brother Peter just announced to everyone that I should get a large uncooked ham and smoke it in the backyard.

“I will eat it in a house, with a mouse, I will eat it in a box, I will eat it with a fox,” said Peter. “No pressure. No pressure at all!”

Yeah, no pressure, bro. Ham is a pain in the butt.

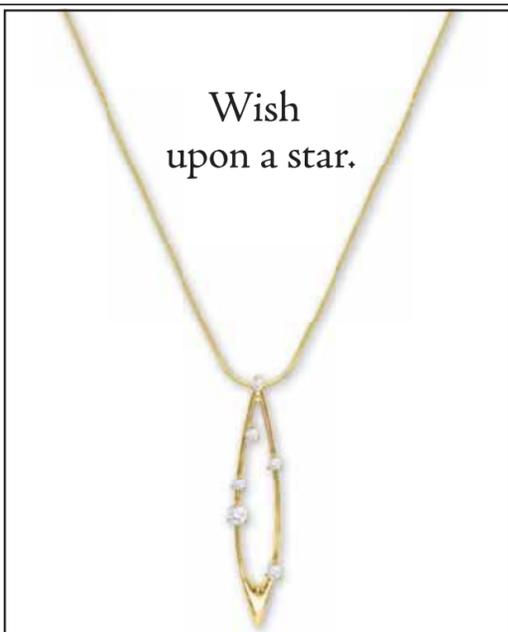
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Sister Stephanie Baliga, of the Mission of Our Lady of the Angels, stands in a roomful of Christmas presents on Friday.

A band of nuns, a Christmas party and rebuilding of a neighborhood



MARY SCHMICH

"You gotta see these shoes," Sister Stephanie Baliga said. In the frigid afternoon on Friday, she maneuvered past the bags of toys that crowded the old schoolroom. She reached into a big, brown box and pulled out a sneaker decorated in pink, blue, green and orange frogs. "They're psychedelic girls' shoes that if I weren't a nun I'd be wearing myself," she said. As it was, Sister Stephanie, who is 30, was wearing sandals, with socks, under her long brown clerical robe. The psychedelic shoes were gifts for the girls who would attend Saturday's Christmas party here at Mission of Our Lady of the Angels in Chicago. The mission sits on what Sister Stephanie and her community call "hallowed ground," though if you were to stand out front on West Iowa Street and look across North Avers Avenue — toward a boarded-up building and a vacant lot — you wouldn't easily guess why. It was here that on a December day 60 years ago a fire broke out in Our Lady of the Angels School. Ninety-two students and three nuns died. It was here that almost half a century later, a priest named Father Bob Lombardo arrived to establish a mission on the garbage-strewn site in a neighborhood that had known better times. There are now 10 Franciscans in the community he founded, eight women and two men. A friend of mine who has met some of the sisters describes them as a "bunch of young, funny, hard-charging nuns kicking ass." Sister Stephanie, as she's known, laughs at the description. What's dead

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serious is the fact that little by little, through the generosity of donors, this little band of Franciscans has restored the old church and surrounding buildings, creating a social-service oasis in a neighborhood short on everything. Kids come for tutoring. Senior citizens come for exercise and computer classes. A thousand families a month are fed by the food pantry. And every Christmas for the past decade, people come for a party. A hundred came to the first one. A thousand were expected this year. "It is the craziest day of the year for us," said Sister Stephanie, who in addition to her duties as the mission's maintenance manager is the chief party wrangler. On the day after Thanksgiving, neighbors lined up early to get tickets for the event. It didn't matter that the mission is Catholic and most of the neighbors are Baptist. Christmas is Christmas, and for at least a few partygoers, it's the most Christmas they get. Sister Stephanie remembers a previous party when she saw a 5-year-old boy race into the toy room in search of a football. "In this crazy world we live in," she said, "all he wanted was a football." Watching him, she knew she was doing what she ought to be doing with her life. As a student at the University of Illinois, Stephanie Baliga had been an accomplished long-distance runner. She still runs. She and another sister ran this year's Chicago Marathon to

raise money for the mission. But she hurt her foot in college, which changed her life. "Being a professional runner isn't going to work out," she recalls thinking. "So what is my life going to be?" She said this as we walked into the school that had been built to replace the school that burned down. No longer a school, it's under renovation as part of the mission's compound. In recent days, it has been the storage space for the Christmas party. Sister Stephanie pointed to a mound of new sheet sets, noting that bedding is a popular gift. "There are a lot of bed bug problems in the neighborhood," she said. Not all the gifts were so practical. There were dolls and basketballs, games of many kinds, something for all ages and tastes. On Saturday, 400 party volunteers would show up. Among them would be at least a couple of survivors of the 1958 fire. "As Catholics we live at the intersection of the past, the present and the future," Sister Stephanie said. It's a belief she would carry anywhere, but this hallowed ground on Chicago's West Side makes the thought more profound. All over the city this time of year, people extend themselves a little more than usual for other people. The party at Mission of Our Lady of the Angels is just one example. I asked Sister Stephanie what she'd like for readers of this story to walk away and think about. Standing on the hallowed land, she crossed her arms and reflected for a moment. Then she said: "A lot of people are looking to other people for solutions to the crazy world we live in, pointing fingers. But we've all been called to do something for others. Everyone needs to pray about what to do. And to do it." Amen.
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Cops' defense paints McDonald as villain

Cover-up case in teen's killing has familiar themes

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Observers of the watershed trial alleging a cover-up in the Laquan McDonald shooting could be forgiven for feeling a touch of déjà vu.

Attorneys defending the three current and former Chicago cops against charges they collaborated to protect Officer Jason Van Dyke struck many of the same chords as Van Dyke's lawyers in his murder trial earlier this year, painting McDonald as an out-of-control teen who posed a genuine threat to public safety.

That angle, in turn, provoked similar criticisms that McDonald himself was unfairly being put on trial four years after his death.

It's an argument that 12 Cook County jurors rejected in October when they convicted Van Dyke of second-degree murder and 16 counts of aggravated battery. But defense attorneys hope that Associate Judge Domenica Stephenson, a former prosecutor who is solely responsible for determining the three officers' fates, will find it more persuasive.

Ex-Detective David March, former Officer Joseph Walsh and Officer Thomas Gaffney all face charges they filed false police reports to exaggerate the threat posed by McDonald to Van Dyke. Those actions amount to a severe breach of public trust, prosecutors said repeatedly over the course of the five-day trial.

Defense attorneys vehemently disagreed.

"This case isn't about violating public trust. It's about McDonald violating the laws. It's about law and order," March's lawyer, James McKay, said in closing arguments Thursday.

Prosecutors dismissed the argument as a smoke-screen, urging Stephenson to remember that McDonald was not the one on trial. And that's unfortunate, assistant special prosecutor Ronald Safer said, because if the police had conducted themselves properly that night, then McDonald would be alive and able to answer for his own actions.

"What the law required was that he be brought to justice, not that he be murdered on the street, and not that these officers cover it up," Safer told the judge. "They are trying the wrong case, your honor. They are trying the Van Dyke case."

Both trials stemmed from Van Dyke's fatal on-duty shooting of McDonald in October 2014. As revealed more than a year later by the court-ordered release of police dashboard camera video, the 17-year-old was walking down Pulaski Road with a small knife in his hand. Van Dyke and Walsh, partnered up that night for



Police Officer Thomas Gaffney, left, and ex-Officer Joseph Walsh sit behind defense attorney Thomas Breen in court Thursday.



Former Detective David March listens to closing arguments by his attorney James McKay at his trial at the Leighton Criminal Court Building in Chicago on Thursday.

only the second time, exited their squad car as McDonald appeared to walk away from them; Van Dyke opened fire within seconds and continued to shoot after the teen fell to the pavement.

But officers including Van Dyke and Walsh said McDonald was acting aggressively, approaching them while swinging the knife as if he were about to attack, and that Van Dyke fired his weapon in self-defense. March, the lead investigator in the case, declared it a justifiable homicide, saying the dashcam video of the shooting was consistent with those witnesses' reports.

Prosecutors say the three officers filed false reports as part of a wider conspiracy to shield Van Dyke from scrutiny in the shooting. Stephenson is slated to announce her ruling later this month on the charges of official misconduct, obstructing justice and conspiracy.

While March, Walsh and Gaffney may be the ones who faced trial, defense attorneys often acted as if they were prosecuting McDonald. Walsh's attorney Todd Pugh acknowledged as much when he

asked Stephenson to imagine if McDonald had survived the shooting and prosecutors had charged him with aggravated assault. If the judge believes those charges would have been brought in good faith, Pugh argued, Stephenson must acquit Walsh, who submitted paperwork stating the teen had assaulted and battered him.

It makes sense for the defense to dedicate a significant amount of time to justifying the shooting, defense attorney Steve Greenberg told the Tribune. If they can convince the judge that Van Dyke shot an aggressive, menacing teen in order to protect himself and the public, then the officers' reports appear factual.

"In order to win this case, the prosecution has to prove that the reports contain absolute falsities and it's not subjective statements," Greenberg said. "That's why the defense is trying to get across to the judge that Laquan McDonald was a danger to the public that night. They are trying to point out that the reports have a ring of truth to it."

There are some aspects of March's paperwork,

"This case is about law and order. It's about Laquan McDonald not following any laws that night. There must be some individual responsibility attached to McDonald."

— James McKay, attorney for ex-Detective David March

however, that won't be as easy to dismiss. In ruling it a justified shooting, the detective wrote that the on-scene officers' statements were consistent with the dashcam video. His report does not mention several glaring discrepancies, including claims that McDonald moved as if to attack Van Dyke, that McDonald tried to get up after being shot and that Van Dyke backpedaled when the recording

clearly shows him stepping forward.

"That has always been the problem, hasn't it?" Greenberg said. "No matter how many explanations you give, the video does not back up the officers' version of events. That's why March has the toughest of the three cases to defend."

In the Van Dyke trial, defense attorneys pointed the spotlight even more squarely on McDonald. To present jurors with evidence of his allegedly violent character and history, they called witnesses who encountered him during his time in custody and juvenile courtrooms; they presented a pharmacology expert to testify that the amount of PCP in McDonald's system would have made him prone to aggression and hallucinations; and they characterized the hours before he was shot as a "wild rampage" through the city.

During closing arguments, Van Dyke's attorney, Daniel Herbert, made one juror bristle when he suggested the shooting could have been avoided if the teen had been wearing a Boy Scout uniform. She took the remark as racially suggestive. "They wanted to act like (McDonald) was some menace to society," Charlene Cooke told the Tribune after the trial. "He was a 17-year-old kid that did stupid things."

In the conspiracy trial, witnesses rarely disparaged McDonald on the stand. Instead, the defense attorneys hammered away at him, particularly McKay — who repeatedly expressed surprise that anyone could believe the teen didn't pose a threat to Van Dyke. McKay dedicated part of his opening statement to listing all the crimes he contends McDonald committed that night, including battery, aggravated assault, destruction of government property and even jaywalking.

"This case is about law and order," McKay said. "It's about Laquan McDon-

ald not following any laws that night. There must be some individual responsibility attached to McDonald."

The only defense attorney to lament McDonald's death during the conspiracy trial was Thomas Breen, who also represented Walsh. While giving a closing argument focused on the "human element" at play in this case, Breen acknowledged how many lives were irrevocably changed that night.

"When he went home to his family that day, he was through with this case," Breen said of Walsh. "There was no more paperwork, no more reports. His job was done. ... Life didn't go on for Laquan McDonald. I'm actually sorry about that."

But the teen still posed a genuine threat and Walsh did not have the benefit of hindsight in that moment, Breen argued. Walsh filled out his paperwork to the best of his ability after witnessing a traumatic event.

Prosecutors shot back, saying the officers on trial did, in fact, have the benefit of hindsight — unlike Van Dyke, who made a split-second decision. The officers wrote their reports hours after the incident, after they had a chance to watch the video and talk about it as a group.

"There were no hearts pounding when these crimes were committed. There was no adrenaline flowing," Safer said. "This case is not about the decision to shoot. This case is about what these defendants did in the calm, cool, reflective atmosphere of their offices and how they got their stories together and conspired to obstruct justice."

That makes any talk of the threat posed by McDonald largely irrelevant, said attorney Jeffrey Urdangen, director of the Center for Criminal Defense at the Bluhm Legal Clinic at Northwestern University.

"It's hard for me to believe that a judge who takes their job seriously would give any weight to that argument," he said. "It baffled me that the defense would spend so much time on an approach that wasn't relevant. It goes back to the fantasy the defense tried to construct in the Van Dyke trial. Most judges would give no credit to the argument."

Ultimately, McDonald deserved better than the way police treated him, special prosecutor Patricia Brown Holmes said Thursday in closing arguments.

"Laquan McDonald was a human being," she said. "He deserved due process in the law and not to have police officers write false reports and shape a false narrative. ... It's not honorable. It's a violation of the public trust. It's a violation of their oath of office."

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Ex-security guard pleads to charge of impersonating a cop

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A former security guard and south suburban police officer has been stripped of his law enforcement credentials in Illinois as part of a plea deal, according to the Cook County state's attorney's office.

Adrian Santos III, 35, pleaded guilty Thursday to a misdemeanor charge of attempting to impersonate a peace officer, said Tandra Simonton, a spokeswoman for the state's attorney's office. Cook County Judge Nicholas Ford then entered the order decertifying Santos as a law enforcement officer.

Santos, a former guard with Monterrey Security, was indicted on felony charges of impersonation of

a peace officer, court records show. The Tribune wrote about Santos in March after a shoplifting suspect died shortly after being in his custody.

Eric Bell, an attorney for Santos, said the charges stem from statements that Santos made to police. He would not provide details. "I think it's a fair and just resolution. ... Hopefully he'll be able to put this behind him and move on with his life," Bell said Friday.

In July 2017, a 23-year-old man died after being detained by Santos for shoplifting from a Walmart in Chicago's Hermosa neighborhood on the Northwest Side.

Santos, who had been fired by the Lake County, Ind., sheriff's office after he was arrested on charges of

domestic battery, took Donnell Burns into custody in the store parking lot, records show. Though Santos had not worked as a deputy in two years, he was wearing a vest with the word "Sheriff" on it, according to a police report. While Burns was on the ground, Santos pressed his knee on Burns' neck as another security officer held him down, according to video of the encounter taken by witnesses.

Burns, who was high on PCP at the time, later died due to physiologic stress and asphyxia during restraint, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office. His death was ruled a homicide.

Santos also told Chicago



Santos

police officers who arrived on the scene that he was a deputy with the Lake County sheriff's office, according to a police report.

Monterrey Security said it was not aware that Santos had been terminated from the sheriff's office until after Burns' death. The company said Santos provided documents indicating that he was a police officer.

"Monterrey takes great pride in the exceptional service it provides to all of its clients ... but like all security companies, there will occasionally be bad apples," a company spokeswoman said Friday. "When we find them, we take immediate action to remove them."

Monterrey fired Santos in December 2017. The next month, Santos joined the Police Department in south suburban Phoenix, according to state law enforcement records. He resigned in March after the Tribune published its story on Burns' death.

Also on Thursday, Santos was sentenced to 18 months of conditional discharge, according to Simonton. He was also fined \$414, court records show.

Since Burns' death, Walmart has terminated four Chicago-area contracts with Monterrey, according to Tara Aston, a company spokeswoman. She would not provide a reason for the split, saying the company does not discuss the details of its vendor relationships.

Following the Tribune

story, Santos' former employer in Indiana banned its deputies from working for Monterrey, according to a memo issued by the department March 13.

The Lake County sheriff's office memo revoked the off-duty employment certifications for 18 deputies listed as working for Monterrey.

"This unfortunate situation is due to circumstances that have surfaced in the investigation of a homicide that occurred at a Wal-Mart store in 2017," the memo said.

"Monterrey Security was in possession of fraudulent Lake County Sheriff's Department letterhead stating that an ex-officer was in good standing."

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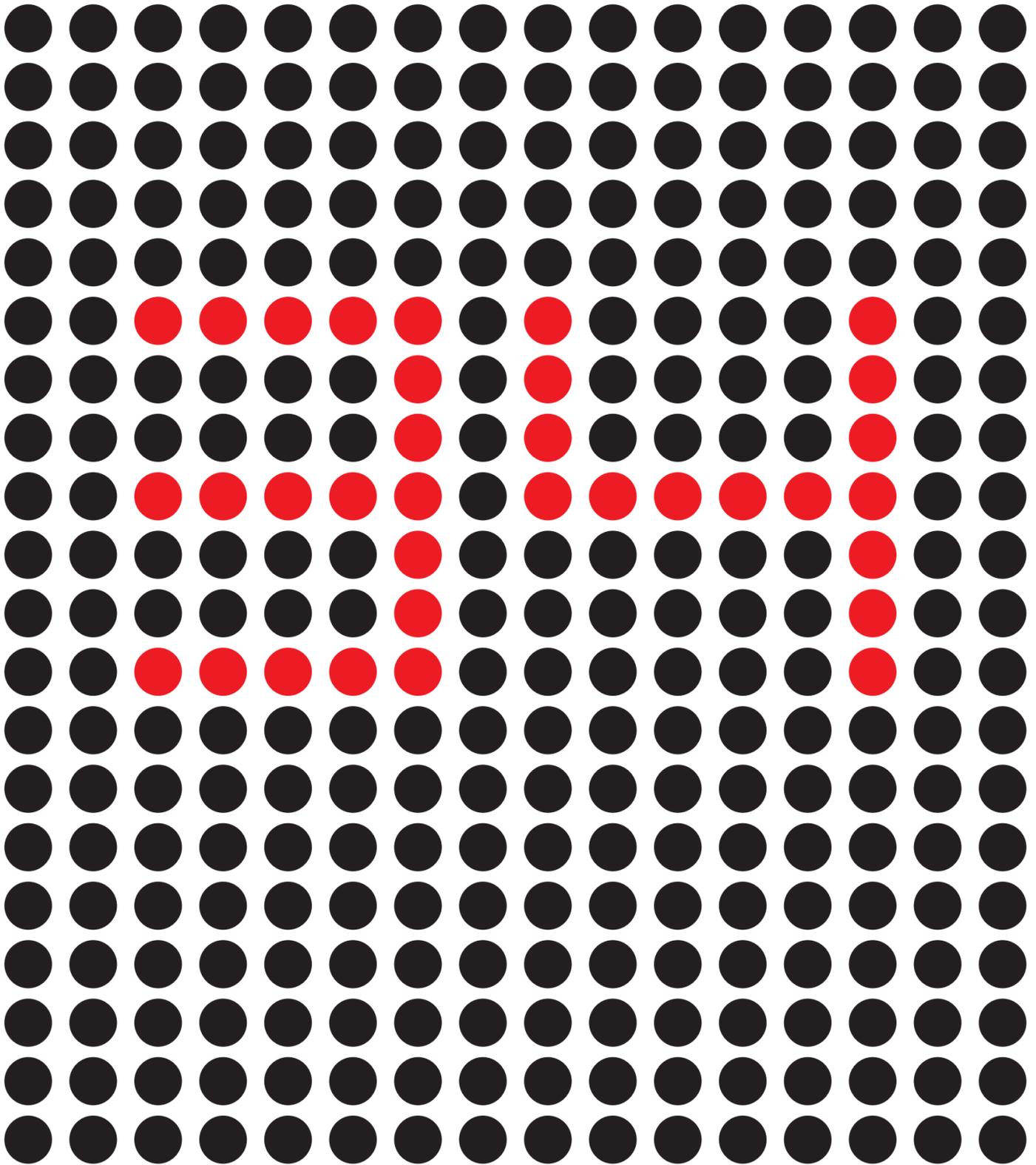
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Palos Park plots its westward expansion

Golf course resort, upscale retail among ideas for 1,400 acres

BY MIKE NOLAN
Daily Southtown

Now that it has cleared legal obstacles in annexing more than 1,400 acres of previously unincorporated land to its west, Palos Park is working on plans to guide future development there.

A golf course resort with a water park and conference center, upscale retail and high-end homes are among the ideas being considered, with officials hoping to have a master development plan in place sometime during the first quarter of next year.

The master plan is “one step in the process,” and “development is years off,” Mayor John Mahoney said.

The village held an open house to give residents the opportunity to look over some of the tentative plans for the land, which includes the Gleneagles Country Club and Cog Hill Golf & Country Club.

A year ago, Palos Park declared victory in a court battle with neighboring Lemont stemming from Palos Park's annexation of those and other properties.

For the last several

months, a Chicago-based planning company, Houseal Lavigne, has conducted studies to determine “what the market would absorb over the next couple of decades,” such as new housing development or commercial uses, John Houseal, the firm's principal, said.

He said his company has been working with the property owners, who would ultimately bring development proposals to the village for consideration.

At an open house at Village Hall on Tuesday, residents looked over large diagrams outlining potential redevelopment, such as a golf resort at Cog Hill that could include features such as a water park, spa and fitness center and a boutique hotel. The owners of the course have said they want to enhance the property, in part to make it more attractive to major golf tournaments.

In talking with Cog Hill's owners, “we have a sense of some of the things they would like to achieve over time,” Houseal said during the open house. He told visitors Cog Hill could be transformed into “an international golf resort destination,” with families taking advantage of amenities such as the water park and restaurants on the property.

Proposals so far don't envision large expanses of retail big-box stores, but one suggestion describes as an “excellent site” for commercial development the 46-acre Mid Iron golf range north of 131st Street and west of Bell Road.

Housing development could include a mix of high-end rental properties and owner-occupied single-family detached homes, and while Houseal said it's too early in the process to estimate how many homes could ultimately be built, rough proposals suggest there's room for several hundred.

Annexation agreements with Palos Park require that any single-family homes be built on lots of at least one acre, and a potential redevelopment of the 232-acre Gleneagles Country Club, south of McCarthy Road and west of Bell, for residential use could accommodate in the neighborhood of 200 high-end homes, according to one proposal.

School-age children living in any of the new housing would attend Lemont schools, and Mahoney said Palos Park is “keeping them (Lemont districts) involved in the planning process.”

As residents attending the open house looked over

tentative plans and asked questions, Houseal emphasized that no development plans have been finalized, and what they were seeing represents only concepts for now.

He and Mahoney said that a master plan for future development would undergo public hearings before the village's Plan Commission, with the Village Council also having to approve it.

One longtime Palos Park resident, Vanetta Wiegman, said after seeing the proposals that she likes what has been presented, and that potential retail development could bring higher-end stores not currently in the village.

Mahoney said one concern he's heard from residents is that any new development needs to be compatible with what exists currently in Palos Park. Wiegman, who has lived in the village for more than 30 years, said the consultants “have a long history” with the village, which gives her confidence that compatibility will be a priority. Houseal said he has worked in various capacities as a planning consultant to Palos Park for 20 years.

Wiegman said she would encourage all village residents to weigh in as the process moves forward.

“It's important for anybody who drives by (the property) or lives in the village to give their ideas and be forthright in what we want our town to grow into,” she said.

In January 2016, Palos Park annexed Mid-Iron and Gleneagles, and the following month annexed Cog Hill and the Ludwig family property. The Cog Hill property, at more than 1,000 acres, is west of Bell and north of McCarthy, while the 111-acre Ludwig property is northwest of 131st Street and Bell.

Lemont officials had argued that the properties were much closer to that community and were part of Lemont's long-range development plans. Lemont had described Palos Park's efforts as a “land grab” that would establish an “island community,” while Lemont school officials said development on the land would severely impact their districts and potentially lead to larger class sizes or building additional schools to accommodate new students.

The families owning the annexed properties had previously said they began talks with Palos Park about annexing to the village several years ago, and had preferred becoming part of Palos Park over annexing to

Lemont. They said annexing to Palos Park would give them access to Lake Michigan water, which in turn would make their properties more valuable for future redevelopment.

A significant roadblock standing in the way of annexing all that land, however, was the fact that none of it was contiguous to Palos Park.

In 2015, following a bitter dispute that would quickly carry over into Cook County Circuit Court, Palos Park won Cook County's approval to annex about 200 acres of Cook County Forest Preserve District land near Mid-Iron. Palos Park, in exchange, would provide Lake Michigan water at no charge to a forest preserve district police station there and relinquish any zoning rights back to the district. That gave Palos Park the much-needed link to then annex the other properties.

Lemont challenged the legal validity of Palos Park's annexations, with the matter coming to a close, at least in the courts, when a state appeals court last December upheld a lower court ruling that had favored Palos Park.

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Health risks from emissions unresolved

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was 6.62 micrograms per cubic meter of air, more than three times greater than the amount that federal officials relied on earlier this year to calculate potential cancer risks in the area.

However, six other monitors — located at schools and in nearby residential areas — did not register measurable amounts of ethylene oxide during the same testing period, the EPA reported.

The latest results are the first posted since the company installed new equipment intended to reduce the amount of ethylene oxide leaking from its sterilization chambers. EPA officials said they won't be able to determine if neighbors are in danger until the agency has completed three months of community air monitoring and plugs the results into its computer modeling of pollution emitted by Sterigenics.

Though the new results aren't conclusive, they undercut the company's attempts to discredit the ongoing EPA investigation.

“For months, we've been told that Sterigenics was lowering emissions to levels so low they would be undetectable,” the Stop Sterigenics community group said in a Facebook post. “That is clearly untrue.”

EPA officials began taking a closer look at Sterigenics in late 2017 after determining that Willowbrook and surrounding



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Air monitoring was done near the Sterigenics plant in Willowbrook in May, September and November. The company said it is reviewing the latest results.

communities are among just a few dozen nationwide with unacceptable cancer risks from breathing toxic air pollution. Based on the amount of ethylene oxide the company reported it released in 2014, the EPA estimated the risk of cancer in one census tract near the facility is more than nine times the national average.

In May, three months before the EPA informed community leaders about the pollution problems, the agency collected its first air samples near the sterilization facility. The results suggested the health dangers

could be exponentially worse than initially estimated — more than 6 cases of cancer for every 1,000 people exposed.

Amid public outrage and under intense pressure from local and statewide officials, the EPA dropped another potential bombshell the day before Thanksgiving: It might have overestimated the amount of ethylene oxide in its May air samples by failing to discern a related chemical in its analysis.

“EPA disclosure ... clearly reveals report was based on flawed data,” Sterigenics said in a news release posted

on its website and promoted in Google searches.

The latest air samples were analyzed using a method that ensures the EPA is properly measuring ethylene oxide, also known as EtO.

Sterigenics said it is still reviewing the results. In a statement on Friday, the company noted that levels of ethylene oxide detected near its facility in November were lower than levels detected in May. “We will continue to work with the EPA to understand the results and will continue to cooperate fully,” the company said in its statement.

At least one public official said the results show why the government needs to take more aggressive action against the company.

“We now have confirmation that despite Sterigenics' efforts to limit and scrub EtO emissions, the dangerous toxin remains a public health risk for the citizens of Willowbrook and surrounding communities,” said U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth, one of several Illinois Democrats in Congress who is pushing for more stringent regulations and an independent investigation of the EPA's response to the pollution problems.

What happens next is an important test for the Trump EPA, where political appointees are focused on the president's campaign pledge to eliminate anti-pollution regulations.

William Wehrum, the administration's top air official, told a community forum in Willowbrook last week that the agency plans to overhaul its rules for commercial sterilization facilities, which haven't been updated since 1994. But the timing and details remain unclear.

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Architects design, aldermen decide

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in politics. “Even the perception of a quid pro quo undermines the political system,” she said.

Chicago architect Linda Searl, a member of the Chicago Plan Commission, which reviews major developments, also had concerns.

The problem is the timing of some contributions, said Searl, who chaired the commission from 2003 to 2012. “If (the architects are) doing it relative to when a project is getting approved, that’s quite suspicious.”

To be sure, architects do not only give to aldermen when their projects are under review or after the proposals win approval. But timely donations are part of an overall pattern of giving that is widely accepted among the city’s tight-knit architecture community and is little-known to the public.

The bulk of the money flows to City Council members in Chicago’s fast-growing wards. The architects and their developer clients have reason to stay on good terms with aldermen, who hold the power to advance a project, send it back to the drawing board or kill it.

From the start of the current building boom in 2010 through mid-November of this year, those with an occupation listed as “architect” have given more than \$180,000 to aldermen, their ward organizations, and other city politicians, including Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Illinois campaign finance records show.

The architects’ firms have donated even more, bringing the total haul for politicians to well over \$350,000.

Among the biggest donors are three large firms whose residential high-rises have remade the face of such areas as Streeterville, Lincoln Park and the West Loop: Antunovich Associates, Solomon Cordwell Buenz and bKL Architecture.

Firms with a bigger global presence, like Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, designers of the towers planned for the former Chicago Spire site, and Studio Gang, architects of the Aqua Tower, also give to aldermen, though far less frequently and in smaller amounts.

The biggest recipients of architects’ money include Ald. Brendan Reilly, 42nd, whose downtown ward is a hive of construction activity, and Ald. Daniel Solis, 25th, the longtime chairman of the City Council’s powerful zoning committee. Solis announced last month that he will not seek re-election next year.

Records analyzed by the Tribune suggest a pattern of targeted, timely donations by architects that precede and follow aldermen’s stamps of approval.

Architects, however, describe their campaign contributions as a way to build relationships, not buy influence. They portray themselves as supporting smart, civic-minded aldermen who share their vision of the city’s future.

“If someone wanted to say there was a quid pro quo, people who know me, know absolutely not,” architect Joseph Antunovich, namesake of his firm, said in an interview. “I give consistently to these great public servants who have come along with us.”

In the last five years, Antunovich and his firm have given more than \$43,000 to Solis’ 25th Ward Regular Democratic Organization — a hefty amount even by developers’ standards.

During that time, Solis has supported several Antunovich-designed projects, most notably the zoning committee’s 2013 approval of an ultimately unsuccessful plan for three towers around the city’s old main post office.

The contributions are part of a process that benefits both architects and aldermen: When a high-rise apartment project goes forward, an architect will typically reap hundreds of thousands of dollars in fees, according to interviews with architects and developers. When an alderman’s campaign funds grow by formidable amounts, it can scare off potential challeng-

Joseph Antunovich, left, has given \$43,500 to funds of Ald. Daniel Solis since 2013. Solis has supported several Antunovich projects, such as one for the old main post office, below.



ANTUNOVICH ASSOCIATES RENDERING



John Lahey of Solomon Cordwell Buenz, left, has given donations to officials including \$1,500 to Ald. Brendan Reilly, right, after the firm unveiled a plan for a Union Station addition.



SOLOMON CORDWELL BUENZ RENDERING



BKL ARCHITECTURE RENDERING

Ald. Reilly also received donations from bKL Architecture, founded by Tom Kerwin, right, around the time his firm was pitching a plan for three residential high-rises in the next phase of the 28-acre Lakeshore East development, above. Kerwin also co-hosted a fundraiser for Reilly in October.



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For example, members of several major architectural firms hosted an Oct. 29 fundraiser for Reilly at the Luxbar in the city’s Gold Coast. In mid-November, Reilly reported contributions of \$13,400 from the co-hosts. Also at that time, Reilly reported receiving \$5,000 from other architects.

The alderman, who has amassed a campaign fund of more than \$1 million, is running unopposed for re-election.

Like the architects, Reilly and Solis reject any notion the contributions influence them.

“This idea that supporting my campaign is going to get (architects) a leg up is unfounded,” Reilly said.

“It’s simply not how I operate.”

Regarding Antunovich’s contributions to his ward organization, Solis said: “Joe is one of the better architects in the city. I welcome his support.”

The same political system that spurs developers to lavish campaign cash on aldermen may encourage architects to give. Some architects who asked not to be identified for fear of alienating their clients said that members of the development firms had encouraged them to contribute to specific aldermen.

Unlike their counterparts in other U.S. cities, Chicago’s 50 aldermen have virtually unchallenged authority over what gets built in their wards — an unwritten practice known as “aldermanic privilege” and “aldermanic prerogative.” Aldermen have defended the custom, arguing that they, and not some faceless City Hall bureaucrat, know what’s best for their wards.

But having near-absolute power over development often has led to corruption. Nearly half of the 29 aldermen convicted since 1972 supported zoning, permit or license approvals in exchange for cash, home improvements or campaign donations.

While the architects’ donations are smaller than what developers typically give, they are not inconsequential, as revealed by the giving habits of three architects.

Antunovich’s old main post office plan, designed for eccentric British multimillionaire Bill Davies and unveiled in 2013, envisioned an audacious remake of the sprawling structure. It would have wrapped the historic 1932 building in a flashy, \$1.5 billion mixed-use complex with three skyscrapers, including one that would have been the nation’s tallest.

Antunovich made two contributions of \$2,500 to Solis’ ward organization in 2013 — one Solis reported receiving in March of that year, the other in September. Solis’ committee approved a rezoning for the post office in July 2013.

Though the project never got off ground, the rezoning helped raise the property’s value to \$130 million from the \$24 million Davies paid for it. (Davies died in 2016. Another developer is now turning the old post office into modern office space.)

Antunovich has made contributions to other aldermen who control the fate of his projects.

Since 2013, the architect and his firm have given \$12,000 to the campaign fund and ward organization of Ald. Tom Tunney, 44th.

Tunney reported receiving a \$1,500 Antunovich donation in May 2016, about three months before the alderman told the Chicago Plan Commission that a proposed, Antunovich-designed high-rise in the 400 block of West Belmont Avenue was a “bold, new project.”

Now under construction, the 18-story apartment tower is being sandwiched between two lower buildings. One is a courtyard complex of two- and three-story residential units where Kelly King-Taylor lives with her husband and daughter.

“We’re not thrilled at all. You’re just packing more people into an already-dense area,” said King-Taylor, standing in the doorway of her home, talking over the din of construction noise. She expressed concern about additional traffic congestion on Belmont, as well as surprise that Chicago architects were making contributions to aldermen.

Tunney said Antunovich’s donations played no role in his decision to back the project, and that

the donations do not give architects an advantage over citizens’ groups who oppose proposals.

“We just put these (architects and developers) through the wringer,” Tunney said. “In our neighborhood, it’s a very rigorous process.”

John Lahey, chairman of the firm Solomon Cordwell Buenz, is another frequent donor. Since 2010, Lahey has given more than \$20,000 to aldermen in the city’s booming wards.

Nearly three-quarters of that amount — \$14,500 — went to the campaign fund of Reilly, whose ward is home to several high-rises designed by Lahey’s firm.

The donations included a \$1,500 contribution that Reilly reported receiving June 30, five days after Solomon Cordwell Buenz unveiled its plan to place a modern seven-story apartment addition on top of historic Union Station.

Following widespread criticism that the design would produce an eyesore, Reilly rejected the plan. The firm on Sept. 11 unveiled another design that eliminated the controversial addition.

During the next three weeks, Lahey and another member of his firm gave Reilly a total of \$1,250. The Plan Commission approved the revised proposal on Oct. 18 with Reilly’s support.

Lahey declined a request to be interviewed. In an email, he wrote that he receives electronic invitations to Reilly’s fundraisers rather than being personally solicited by the alderman. “My contributions coincide with these events,” he wrote. “They are not meant to influence the approval of particular projects.”

Reilly also said there was nothing improper about donations to him from Lahey and other architects.

“I can assure you I maintain an extremely thick firewall between my government operation and fundraising team (I outsource that work), so neither knows what the other is doing any given day,” Reilly wrote in an email.

A third active donor is the firm bKL Architecture. The firm and its founder, Tom Kerwin, have given more than \$11,000 to aldermen and other Chicago officials since 2010.

In June 2017, Reilly reported that the firm and two of its directors gave him a total of \$2,500. A month later, the alderman held a public meeting at which bKL unveiled plans for three residential high-rises in the next phase of the 28-acre Lakeshore East development. Reilly rejected that plan, citing concerns over traffic and other issues.

The donations continued, both before and after the firm unveiled a revised design at a community meeting hosted by Reilly in August 2018.

In March 2018, Reilly reported receiving \$500 from bKL. In September 2018, the alderman reported getting another \$500 contribution from the firm. The donation preceded an Oct. 18 Chicago Plan Commission meeting at which the commission approved the project with Reilly’s support.

Eleven days after the commission’s vote, Kerwin co-hosted the Oct. 29 fundraiser for Reilly at Luxbar, according to an email about the event obtained by the Tribune.

In the email, sent to architects co-hosting the event, Kerwin wrote: “Thanks very much for everyone’s support. Most of you have already made your donation on-line. You can also bring a check on Monday, and I will send those details to those who have not made the online contribution.”

Kerwin declined to comment on the fundraiser or the email.

An architect will often assist in putting together such events, sending emails and making phone calls to colleagues, several architects said.

Architects from several other prominent firms — Adrian Smith + Gordon Gil Architecture, Goettsch Partners, Pappageorge

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Haymes Partners, GREC Architects, Solomon Cordwell Buenz, Stantec, and Thomas Roszak Architecture — co-hosted the event. Reilly reported receiving \$13,400 from those firms and bKL, according to campaign finance records.

Reilly spoke at the event and discussed his vision for his ward, said an architect who attended the event and spoke on condition of anonymity. About 30 people were present, including engineers and contractors, the architect said. He added that there was an open bar and the chance to talk face-to-face with the alderman.

In an interview, Kerwin said there was no connection between the timing of his contributions and Reilly's support for the Lakeshore East towers. "Nothing we've done is tied to any project. We've done nothing wrong."

Reilly, responding by email, wrote that his fundraising consultants coordinated the Luxbar event, adding that the architects' political donations have "no bearing on how I negotiate development projects or whether or not I approve them."

Reilly said he spoke briefly at the fundraiser, thanked people for their financial support and shook their hands on his way out the door. "There were no substantive conversations."

Some of Chicago's marquee firms also have opened their wallets for aldermen.

In June 2017, Reilly reported that Skidmore, Owings & Merrill and one of its principals, Scott Duncan, donated \$2,500 to attend one of the alderman's fundraisers. The firm this year unveiled its design for two residential towers at the former Chicago Spire site at 400 N. Lake Shore Drive, in Reilly's ward.

Duncan, who had just started working in Chicago, said in an email: "I had heard so much about (Reilly's) focus on architecture and urban design since my arrival to Chicago and wanted to meet him, so, when an opportunity to attend a fundraising dinner came up, we purchased a ticket."

Although Duncan said he did not attend the event, he later had "several interactions" with Reilly before the aldermen held community meetings about the 400 N. Lake Shore Drive plan.

In October, Reilly sent the proposal back to the drawing board, citing a variety of issues raised by community groups.

For its part, the firm of architect Jeanne Gang, best known for the curvy Aqua tower at 225 N. Columbus Drive, has given \$4,000 since 2010 to Ald. Leslie Hairston, 5th. Gang has completed two high-rise projects in Hairston's ward, including the new Solstice on the Park at 1616 E. 56th St., which was designed in 2006 but delayed by the Great Recession.

The firm's contributions to Hairston were made in 2010, 2013 and 2017. The third donation came more than a year after the Plan Commission approved the Solstice project with Hairston's support.

Gang said her firm was not attempting to influence Hairston. "I frequently interact with business, non profit, and government leaders and sometimes I get asked to events and some of them are fund-raisers," the architect wrote in an email.

Hairston, asked why Gang's firm donated to her rather than other aldermen, replied that she thought the firm "wanted to be supportive."

"It was definitely never a quid pro quo," she added.

Regardless of the outcome of the architects' projects, the timing and persistence of their campaign contributions raise the question of whether they are adhering to the ethics code of the American Institute of Architects, a Washington, D.C.-based professional body to which many of them belong.

The code prohibits the institute's members from offering or making any payment or gift to a public official "with the intent of influencing the official's judgment in connection with an existing or prospec-

"This idea that supporting my campaign is going to get (architects) a leg up is unfounded. It's simply not how I operate."

— Chicago Ald. Brendan Reilly, 42nd

tive project." At the same time, the institute notes that the rule "does not prohibit campaign contributions made in conformity with applicable campaign financing laws."

The institute declined to respond to specific cases

documented in this story. Instead, the organization's president, Carl Elefante, a Washington, D.C., architect, issued a statement that the institute would look into any allegations of influence-buying that came to the attention of

its National Ethics Council. In the past, the council has considered ethical lapses such as firms that make false claims about an architect's qualifications.

"The American Institute of Architects stands for the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and competence," Elefante wrote. Its ethics council "has the authority to address allegations of misconduct that are brought forward."

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'CARP COWBOYS' ROUND UP FISH

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alternative approaches.

Kevin Irons, the manager for the aquatic nuisance species program at the Illinois DNR, has traveled to the Asian carp's native China three times, most recently in October. There, he learned how teams of fishermen methodically captured the fish each year by strategically casting their nets to divide waterways and scoop up carp sector by sector in multiday campaigns.

Irons has shared this technique with commercial fishermen contracted by Illinois who have added their own twist. In China, they fish quietly, but Illinois' "carp cowboys" are exploiting the species' fear of loud noises using golf clubs, baseball bats and even plungers to bang on the sides of their boats, essentially herding the fish into their nets — often tens of thousands of pounds at a time.

"Our fishermen didn't quite have the patience. It's kind of like a cattle drive in the water," he said.

But similar to the Chinese, local fishermen are employing a common strategy and working together over an extended period of time.

"They want to harvest the whole lake. We want to harvest the whole river to remove them, so now we're working together like a small strike team," Irons said.

Coincidentally, Chinese researchers studying conservation have also traveled to Illinois, in part to study why carp are thriving in the Midwest.

The populations of silver and bighead carp are declining in China, where it is a common food source, and becoming threatened due to a combination of overfishing, pollution and the construction of a colossal hydroelectric dam. The problem has gotten so dire that Chinese officials plan to implement a year-round ban on commercial fishing in the Yangtze River by 2020, Irons said.

A gantlet of deterrents

In Illinois, current strategies have successfully reduced the leading edge of the Asian carp population by 93 percent since 2012, according to sonar scans. By removing more than 1 million pounds of carp annually in the past several years, the state has contained the adult population to the Dresden Island Pool, 47 miles away from Lake Michigan, near Minooka, Ill.

But computer modeling suggests it's not enough. To repel Asian carp, about four times that amount needs to be removed from downstream.



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Fishermen and biologists with the state Department of Natural Resources prepare to round up Asian carp in the Illinois River.



Seth Love, a fisheries biologist with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, sorts Asian carp in the Illinois River near Starved Rock on Tuesday.

In February, the state plans to roll out a new pilot program to incentivize more commercial fishermen to sign up to catch Asian carp in the Lower Illinois River near Peoria. Because Asian carp only sell for about 10 cents at market compared to as much as 50 cents for more popular fish, few fishermen can make ends meet catching carp alone.

But under this new program, the state would pay fishermen an extra 10 cents per pound for Asian carp they take to processors and fish markets. A recent week-long haul by contracted fishermen in the Upper Illinois River yielded about 60,000 pounds. The ambitious program, which eventually aims to remove 20 to 50 million pounds of Asian carp from Illinois waterways annually, also hopes to rebrand the domestically unpopular fish, widely establishing a fledgling demand for "silverfin" fillets and fish cakes.

The Army Corps of Engineers last week released a final version of its plan to install a gantlet of deterrents, including an electric fence, a bubble barrier and

underwater speakers at Brandon Road Lock and Dam in Joliet that the agency believes will ward off adult fish as well as fish eggs. But the controversial project has almost tripled in price to \$778 million.

Even if construction began without a hitch, the development wouldn't be finished until 2025 at the earliest.

Without the infrastructure, there's a 29 percent probability that Asian carp could establish in the Great Lakes by 2071, according to a report by the Army Corps. The fate of the project, which has been supported by environmental groups and Great Lakes fishing organizations, is ultimately in the hands of Congress.

Gov. Bruce Rauner's administration and the Illinois DNR have argued this figure isn't a true risk assessment and misrepresents the threat posed by Asian carp.

And at least one well-known, local fisherman believes not all solutions need to be expensive. Don Dubin, 81, of Lincolnwood, a member of Chicago's fishing advisory board, has suggested fishery managers look into cutting off the Asian carp's food source.

"How does a fish get that big eating microscopic plankton?" Dubin asked. "I'll tell you why. On both sides of the river, there's lots of farmland. Every time it rains, fertilizer from the field gets into the river, and it creates plankton (that make up algae blooms). If you want to control Asian carp, don't plant crops near river's edge. If you don't have food, you will eliminate the Asian carp."

In the 1960s and 1970s, when government agencies became more mindful of the dangers of using pesticides and chemicals, introducing Asian carp was viewed as a more eco-friendly approach. Filter-feeding bighead and silver carp were stocked into small ponds where farmers raised catfish to control algae blooms.

Though the carp offered some benefits in closed quarters, fishery managers had no idea the havoc they would wreak when floodwaters washed the fish into the open waters of the Mississippi River basin.

The bighead and silver carp, species that can consume 20 to 120 percent of their body weight a day in microscopic plankton, have been proved able to grow up to 100 pounds while native fish have grown leaner. Females can lay up to 1.9 million eggs a year. The easily frightened fish are also known to jump as high as 10 feet out of the water, posing a threat to recreational boaters.

By 1986, Asian carp had

stormed into the Illinois River, which researchers say has the highest concentration of silver carp on the planet. As populations of silver and bighead carp traveled farther upstream, their skyrocketing population has agitated fears that Asian carp could become the next disastrous invader to establish itself in the Great Lakes.

"We started to do the mental math and saying, 'We've got this fish, they've got pretty good numbers in the Illinois River — oh my God, they might get into Lake Michigan,'" Irons said.

Turning the tide

On Tuesday, near the banks of Sheehan Island where Asian carp like to take refuge, state-contracted fisherman Shawn Price gunned the engine of his boat while his father hit a wooden stick on the side. Minutes later, Shawn Price began pulling in nets chock-full of Asian carp.

Price has been fishing since high school when he could afford to buy his first gill nets. While he grew up netting catfish, buffalo and gizzard shad, for the past eight years he's been helping the state get a handle on Asian carp.

"They are an interesting creature," Price said, tossing carp in the middle hold of his boat. "They are a fish all their own. They don't follow the same rules most (fish) follow. When they want to be fast, it's hard to get a net around them. And they're super-smart. You can see on sonar the fish in the net, but some fish are jumping in between nets. But when we catch them, their weight adds up way faster because there's way more of them."

And the progress on the Upper Illinois River is evident, Price said.

Asian carp are much smaller than they once were. So much so that Price has had to decrease the mesh size of his net. This week, most of the silver carp he wrangled were 5 to 7 pounds, much smaller than the behemoth 78-pounders he's netted in the Mississippi River as a part of a separate program.

"Three hundred to 400 used to fill the boat. Now it barely makes the boat look good," he said with a laugh.

With the state fishing program ending for the season this month, Price said he may be lured to work the remainder of the winter in Kentucky where the state provides a 5-cent-per-pound incentive for Asian carp. While subsidy programs are good in theory, Price said state officials need to keep an eye on the market prices to ensure fish markets aren't taking advantage of the situation.

Price said fish markets will pay less and pocket a larger profit if they know the state is subsidizing the catch.

"The fish market is going to get its cut regardless," Price said. "And that's already happened in Kentucky. Instead of paying the 18 cents they were paying, now they are only paying 13 cents, because the subsidy was a nickel."

What to do with all this fish

Since 2010, much of the Asian carp caught in Illinois has become fertilizer, fish meal for livestock or pet food. Some of it has also been dumped into landfills or exported abroad. But the domestic demand for Asian carp at restaurants and markets has remained thin.

That's due, in part, to the fact that the fish is bony. But experts say the stigma behind the term "carp" has also unfairly lumped Asian carp with bottom-feeding common carp, a species that is widely considered "trash fish."

Bighead and silver carp, however, feed on plankton and have a sterling reputation in China where they are in high demand.

With a new focus on sustainable seafood, "invasivory" — the practice of eating invasive species — is becoming a niche area for some, including Louisiana chef Philippe Parola, who has attempted to rebrand Asian carp as "silverfin."

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has become an early adopter of the practice. After hearing only negative rumbblings about the fish, Kit Smith, Illinois' assistant director of dining procurement, said he was coaxed by a local fish market and tried it out of "morbid curiosity." Smith, a chef by training, was surprised by how much he enjoyed the silverfin fillets, which he said have a taste and texture similar to cod.

Fortunately, he said, the students have been more open-minded. Since fall 2017, the university has turned more than 50,000 pounds of Illinois-caught Asian carp into silverfin fillets and fish cakes for its dining halls, and it has received no complaints, Smith said.

"The college-aged students now, which is pretty much Gen Z, their approach to food is different than previous generations, even millennials," Smith said. "They're more open to different food experiences and trying something different. They're not so much hung up on — oh just because someone said something was bad, they are more likely to try it for themselves."

"That helps out a lot. It opens up what food can be, especially in the Midwest. It doesn't always have to be meatloaf and mashed potatoes all the time."

Little Calumet River scare

On June 22, 2017, a lone silver carp was found in the Little Calumet River, 9 miles from Lake Michigan, a scare that sparked a two-week dragnet operation called Operation Silver Bullet.

Though no other Asian carp were found in the Chicago-area waterway, the episode put public officials on high alert and galvanized

supporters of a federal project to install infrastructure at the Brandon Road Lock and Dam to prevent Asian carp from moving into the Great Lakes.

The projected construction costs now have climbed to \$778 million, which would be split between the federal government and the state of Illinois, casting some uncertainty on whether sticker shock might cause some public officials to withdraw their support. Even when the project was pegged at \$275 million, Rauner's administration had been hesitant to support the construction, citing millions of dollars worth of operating costs that would be shouldered by Illinois taxpayers.

Earlier this year, Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder offered to take on much of the operating costs, leaving Illinois to pay a much smaller tab. With a little more than a month left in office, Rauner appears to have essentially tabled the proposal.

Molly Flanagan, vice president of policy at the nonprofit Alliance for the Great Lakes, traveled to Washington, D.C., this week to meet with federal lawmakers. But she said cooperation with legislators in Springfield will be paramount if the project is to move forward.

"Gov. Rauner's administration has largely been an obstacle to progress at Brandon Road, downplaying the risks of Asian carp getting into the Great Lakes and questioning the need for additional protection beyond nonstructural measures," Flanagan said. "Gov.-elect Pritzker and his administration will have a chance to establish Illinois as a leader in efforts to block Asian carp. He can really take Illinois from obstacle to champion."

Rauner's successor, J.B. Pritzker, who will take office in January, has yet to take a stance on the project.

"JB understands the importance of protecting the Great Lakes' marine habitat," Pritzker spokeswoman Jordan Abudayyeh said in a statement. "That's why members of his Powering Illinois' Future transition committee are discussing solutions for a variety of energy and environmental issues facing Illinois, including Asian carp."

Illinois U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth, a member of the Committee on the Environment and Public Works, which oversees issues related to the nation's waterways and infrastructure, has pledged to back the project.

"Invasive species like Asian Carp are a growing threat to the Great Lakes and its vibrant \$7 billion fishing industry, which supports thousands of jobs and families across our region," Duckworth said in a statement Wednesday. "We need to do what we can to protect these families' livelihoods and preserve our native species, which is why I have been working to support efforts like the Brandon Road project and ensure we are using the best available science in the most effective way possible."

Becoming a chore

Some experts have speculated that even if Asian carp breach Lake Michigan, they won't have enough plankton to survive because invasive zebra and quagga mussels have depleted the plankton. Others argue they could simply hover around the shoreline where plankton is abundant, possibly spreading to rivers in neighboring states.

So far, the removal efforts by a small band of commercial fishermen have been extremely encouraging, especially considering how far they've come since initiatives to remove Asian carp first started.

"In those eight years, we've come a long way," Irons said. "We have a high confidence knowing where these population of fish are, and we should be able to fish from realistic, logical strategies to fight carp now. We shouldn't be fearful. We understand their behavior."

"Now, that's not to say because of progress we can just stop. I tell people it's like cutting the grass, because if you don't do it regularly, the fish will come back."

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Lamprey pie, anyone? Which invasive species can you eat?

BY TONY BRISCOE
Chicago Tribune

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources wants more people to join in the fight to keep Asian carp out of the Great Lakes, and the only tools required are a fork and knife.

For more than 30 years, the hyperfertilized and glutinous Asian carp species has been wending its way up the Illinois River, raising fears that the fish might make their way into the Great Lakes.

Now, the Illinois DNR is attempting to establish a domestic food market for Asian carp in hopes that rising demand could encourage more commercial fishermen to sign up to remove them out of Illinois waterways.

Rebranded as “silverfin,” Asian carp dishes have already been featured at the Taste of Chicago, the Illinois State Fair and, starting last fall, at dining halls on the campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

But Asian carp aren't the only invasive species that has been featured on the menu. With more attention given to sustainable fishing, “invasivory” — the practice of eating invasive species — might become a new thing.

At least, 25 aquatic invasive species have breached the Great Lakes since the 1800s, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Kevin Irons, manager of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' aquatic nuisance species program, weighs in on which you can eat and which you should avoid:

Zebra and quagga mussels: No These mussel species, native to the Black and Caspian seas, arrived in the Great Lakes by stowing away in the ballast tanks of ocean-faring ships. In a matter of decades, trillions upon trillions of these mus-



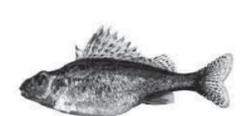
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A silver carp, top, and big-head carp, bottom.



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Zebra mussels.



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Round goby.



GETTY
The bottom-dwelling ruffe.



JOHN FLESHER/AP
Sea lamprey.

sels colonized the bottom of Lake Michigan.

While there are plenty of mussel species that are edible, zebra and quagga mussels aren't among them. Because of their ability to filter water, they also take in a lot of pollutants.

“They're very high in PCBs and contaminants,” Irons said. “They sit there and filter the water all the time.”

Round goby: Not recommended Round gobies also hail from the Eurasia region. Their diet consists heavily of zebra and quagga mussels, meaning they likely accumulate higher-than-average contaminants, Irons said. For this reason, they should probably be kept off the menu.

Ruffe: Yes The small bottom-dwelling fish often is mistaken for native perch or walleye. So chances are, fishermen lacking a keen eye for its spiny fin could have eaten a ruffe. Lucky for them, it's palatable.

“I've eaten ruffe,” Irons said. “I've caught probably one of the ones out of Lake Superior. I caught one (around 1986), and I misidentified it. I had never seen one before. I was just a student, and I thought it was sauger or something. They didn't document it in the area until a year later. “It was fine.”

Sea lamprey: Yes Perhaps one of the most terrifying invasive species in appearance, the sea lamprey is essentially the vampire of the Great Lakes. The eel-like, parasitic fish has a mouth resembling a suction cup, fixed with dozens of hornlike teeth, which it uses to clamp onto native fish and suck their blood.

As intimidating as they sound, they are edible. In fact, serving sea lamprey pie for English royalty has been a long-standing tradition that is carried on by Queen Elizabeth II. Because they're protected in the United Kingdom, the queen's pie contains lamprey imported from Canada, the BBC reports.

While Irons said there had been discussion of capturing Great Lakes sea lamprey for human consumption, it was ultimately determined not to be the most effective way to control the population.

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The Greater Chicago Food Depository has received enough in donations from the Insult-A-Columnist Holiday Food Drive to provide nearly 80,000 meals.

Insult-A-Columnist Holiday Food Drive booms. But where are all my haters?



REX W. HUPPKE

Prepare to regain a sliver of your faith in humanity.

On Monday, I announced an utterly ridiculous idea: An online food drive that would let those who dislike my columns donate money to the Greater Chicago Food Depository under the appropriately derogatory team name "RexStinks."

Being an equitable fellow, I told readers who inexplicably enjoy my word barfings they could donate under the team name "RexRocks." Either way, the money would go to the Food Depository, which serves hundreds of thousands of people in Cook County who wrestle with food insecurity.

That was what we in the column writing biz call "a risky play." There was a reasonable chance the idea would fall flat, donations would be minuscule and I would look like even more

of a fool than usual.

But something wonderful happened. As of Friday evening, the Insult-A-Columnist Holiday Food Drive had brought in more than \$28,500. With the Food Depository's ability to purchase food at pennies on the dollar, that translates to more than 105,000 meals.

And the good news is the food drive isn't over. Not even close. It runs through Dec. 14.

While the donations already are overwhelming, there is one small problem: the RexRocks crowd is winning in a landslide. It's not even close.

People who naively think I rock have donated more than \$27,000. The smart ones who recognize me for the doofus I am have only chipped in a little under \$1,500.

I have no clue how or why this is happening. I have ample email evidence that shows I am a detestable left-wing moron, an enemy of the people and a generally annoying twerp.

So I must ask: Why are those who recognize my many failings not jumping at the opportunity to publicly denounce me?

In Monday's column, I made it clear that if the RexStinks team donates the most money, I will write a follow-up column criticizing myself mercilessly. It will be a spectacle of written self-flagellation, and I'll be lucky if walk away with a shred of dignity.

On the flip side, if the RexRocks team wins, I will write a column extolling my good looks and innumerable virtues.

It seems any self-respecting person who despises my columns and points of view would pony up serious cash to prevent me from showering myself in plaudits. And since many of my detractors are avid supporters of President Donald Trump, I have to assume they are flush with cash, as they're constantly praising the Trump tax cuts and telling me the economy is booming and America is finally great and prosperous again.

Why not dole out a little of that Trump-induced largesse to a good cause while simultaneously castigating a "fake news"-spewing, brainwashed liberal snoot who's trying to destroy America with his nonsense?

Opportunities like this don't come around often.

Perhaps a taste of what's to come will help loosen the online pocket books.

This is what you can expect if the RexRocks team prevails: "Once in a generation, a journalist like me comes along, one whose elegant way with words is matched only by his Hollywood-handsome face and rugged devotion to humanity. Many say they have never seen better. All others are simply blinded by envy."

Disgusting, right? Now if the RexStinks team gets its donation act together, the follow-up column will go something like this: "I am as loathsome as the fetid Florida swamp from which I oozed. Motivated by malice, I have spent years hurling bilious words in all directions, hoping someone might choke on a clump of my mind filth. The drivell I call "columns" are almost as repellent as my foul stench. I am a wretch, a worthless fop-doodle, the Gollum of journalism."

That's the good stuff right there. And you can have an entire column of it,

sentences and paragraphs that you can quote and use against me for years to come!

And all you have to do is visit this web address: <https://myfooddrive.org/#Rex>. Follow the directions, make a donation of \$5 or more and make sure you select "RexStinks" where it says "Direct donation to this team."

All donations will help the Food Depository buy nutritious food for people in our communities. (This drive is not a part of the 2018 Chicago Tribune Holiday Campaign but, to avoid confusion, I want to point out that the Food Depository is one of six charities that will benefit from that effort.)

So please, if you roll your eyes when you see my column, if you read it just to feel the adrenaline rush of outrage, if you spend your free time sending me 1,000-word emails detailing my disreputableness, take a moment and contribute to the Insult-A-Columnist Holiday Food Drive.

Really let me have it, folks. Give until I hurt.

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'It was quite a journey'

Students return a wartime Japanese flag to surviving brother of original owner

BY KATHY ROUTLIFFE
Pioneer Press

In 1944, 21-year-old Tokichi Shimizu, a Japanese soldier stationed on the Marshall Islands in the central Pacific, headed into battle. The young man carried with him a Japanese flag from his family and neighbors, inscribed with their names and good luck wishes.

Shimizu, the eldest of five children, died in that battle. His family did not have a body over which to mourn.

Seventy-one years later, during 2015 construction work at New Trier High School, a maintenance worker discovered the worn flag behind the walls of a basement archive room destined for demolition. It was glued to chip-board; attached were the tattered remnants of a newspaper clipping showing only a photo of four soldiers and the headline "To the conquerors."

Today, thanks in part to New Trier's Japanese language students and members of its Japanese Culture Club, as well as social studies students, Tokichi Shimizu's surviving brother has the flag to remember him by.

New Trier students helped translate messages on the flag and solve the

mystery of its provenance. They wrote 45 letters in Japanese to Teruo Shimizu, delivered to him this year with the flag. This fall, they were surprised and moved when the 90-year-old farmer from Yamanashi Prefecture responded, thanking them with a heartfelt letter of his own.

"Realizing that what we did really did have such an impact on him was really surprising," Wilmette senior Tyler Shinohara said.

Sending the flag from New Trier to Shimizu's family was a long process, started by faculty members Susan Holderread and Gardiner Funo O'Kain, then furthered by Suzuki and her students.

In the fall of 2015, students translated some of the names on the flag, and some of the messages, which included admonitions that told the elder brother to continue fighting for his country, "even if you die nine times" while doing so.

They learned the flag was a type called a *yosegaki hinomaru*, usually given as a good luck gift to soldiers by family and community. They deciphered Shimizu's name and realized he was the likely owner of the flag.

They were never able to determine how the flag made it to New Trier. Their best guess was that one of

the four soldiers in the picture was a graduate, and brought it to the school.

Funo O'Kain contacted the OBON Society, an Oregon-based group dedicated to reconciliation between Americans and Japanese citizens by repatriating Japanese memorabilia taken by U.S. soldiers during the war.

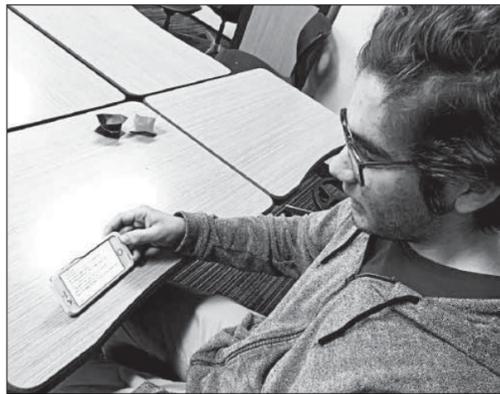
The flag was briefly displayed at New Trier before Funo-O'Kain sent it, along with all the students' clues, to the society in November 2015, Suzuki said. The society then spent almost three years tracking down Shimizu's family.

Suzuki had a new crop of students in her classes and the club when OBON representatives contacted New Trier this August. The group was about to send the flag to Japan, and said school representatives could send letters to Teruo Shimizu if they wanted.

Shizuki turned to her advanced language classes and the club. Despite the challenge of using their new-won skills with at least some Japanese, they wrote letters.

"In a way, not knowing a lot of Japanese allows you to focus on what's really important to say," Shinohara said.

Suzuki advised students to write about themselves and what they liked about Japanese culture. They didn't need to attempt more sophisticated concepts or refer to the history



KATHY ROUTLIFFE/PIONEER PRESS

New Trier senior Sam Pomerantz keeps a photo of the letter sent by 90-year-old Teruo Shimizu.

of the war.

"When I joined the Japanese program and started coming to the club, I realized that what we have is almost a family. We're trying to learn about a culture," Glenview senior Sam Pomerantz said. "I wanted him to know that, so that's what I tried to write about."

Suzuki said students thought it would be cool if Shimizu were to respond, but didn't really expect it of the older gentleman. But in September, they got his letter, hand-written in Japanese. Suzuki helped them translate it.

Like some of the messages on the flag, Shimizu's language was occasionally hard to understand because of his old-fashioned style of writing. But making the effort was more than worth it, students said.

He told them about his brother's one-year stint in the army, where Tokichi died, and how grateful he,

Teruo, was to receive the flag for himself and for his remaining younger sister, now 87.

Even more so, he wrote, he was grateful for the letters.

"During the 90 years of my life, I have never received letters that moved me so much," he wrote, adding later, "I pray for the further development of New Trier High School. I also pray for the good health and development/growth of New Trier High School students."

From Yamanashi Prefecture to the Marshall Islands. From there to New Trier High School and thence, years later, returned to Yamanashi Prefecture.

"We didn't know it would take this long," Suzuki said. "It was quite a journey."

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List of accused priests names 42

Credible allegations of abuse apply to 2 with Chicago ties

BY ELVIA MALAGON
Chicago Tribune

Two Catholic Jesuit priests with ties to the Chicago area have been named on a published list of ministry leaders with credible allegations of sexual abuse, some of which are decades old. The list was published Friday by the Jesuits U.S. Central and Southern Province, which is based in St. Louis and covers 13 states, Puerto Rico and Belize. The list includes 42 priests who had at least one credible claim of sexual abuse that involved a child or vulnerable adult.

Most of the men on the list are dead, and others are no longer Jesuits. The province says four still are members of the province but are not active in ministry and live in supervised housing.

At least two of the men on the list had previously been under the jurisdiction of the Chicago Province of the Jesuits, which last year became the Midwest Province. Two others were assigned to Marquette University in Milwaukee.

One sexual abuse allegation dating to the 1960s was made against the Rev. James A. Condon, who had extensive ties to Chicago. He was a priest and teacher at St. Ignatius College Prep for 24 years, according to an obituary published in the Tribune. He also worked at Loyola Academy at the time it moved from Chicago to Wilmette. Condon also was involved during the early 1960s in a summer program called Catholic Action that an estimated 3,000 high school students in Chicago attended, according to the obituary.

The U.S. Central and Southern Province's website did not specify where priests were assigned at the time of the abuse allegations. Condon, who had been a priest since 1939 and died in 1993 at age 86, also served as a pastor at the Queen's Work in St. Louis, according to the website.

In a statement, St. Ignatius College Prep said the school has never received any allegations regarding Condon during his time as a priest and teacher there. Loyola Academy did not respond to requests for comment Friday.

Bernard P. Knoth, who left the priesthood in 2009, also was named on the list published Friday. He became a priest in 1977 and was removed from ministry in 2003 by the Chicago Province, now the Midwest Province, according to the Central and Southern Province's website.

Knoth at one point worked at Loyola University Chicago, The Associated Press previously reported. He was the president of Loyola University in New Orleans but resigned in 2003 when the allegation of sexual abuse surfaced. The allegation, which dates to the 1980s, involved a student at a Jesuit school in Indianapolis, The Indianapolis Star reported.

The Midwest Province, which is based in Chicago and covers much of Illinois outside the St. Louis area and 11 other states, is expected to announce a list of credible allegations Dec. 17, according to a statement from the Midwest Province.

A province that covers several states, Jesuits West, released a similar list of 111 men credibly accused of misconduct Friday.

The Associated Press contributed.

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Lewis University changes commencement date

By SUSAN DEMAR LAFFERTY
Daily Southtown

Lewis University in Romeoville has rescheduled its winter commencement activities because of a mumps outbreak, school officials said.

Commencement activities have been moved to May 17-19 from Dec. 15-16, officials said.

"This decision was not taken lightly and we understand that this will create hardships for our graduates and their loved ones," the school said in a statement. "This decision is consistent with our cancellation or rescheduling of all public events occurring on campus before December 28, 2018, a decision designed to mitigate the further transmission of the mumps."

According to the university's website, the rescheduling of commencement won't delay the traditional timeline for graduates to receive their diplomas and have access to transcripts.

After the university certifies degrees, diplomas will be mailed to graduates sometime around Feb. 19, according to Lewis.

One confirmed case of the mumps and nine probable cases have been reported at Lewis University

in Romeoville, according to officials.

There also was one possible case at Lockport Township High School, officials said.

Probable cases can indicate symptomatic swelling for two or more days, according to the Will County Health Department.

The university stepped up its cleaning measures, and beginning Monday, all Lewis students, faculty and staff who have not submitted evidence of immunity are restricted from campus until at least Dec. 28. Several university events have been canceled out of concern for public health and safety. Information about rescheduling will be posted on the school's website, www.lewisu.edu.

Courses, including exams, will continue as scheduled for the remainder of the semester, officials said.

Will County Health Department Epidemiologist Alpesh Patel says a mumps outbreak among college students can be a sign of mumps strains having evolved over the years to "elude the immune response triggered by the vaccine, or protection from the vaccine simply wanes over time."

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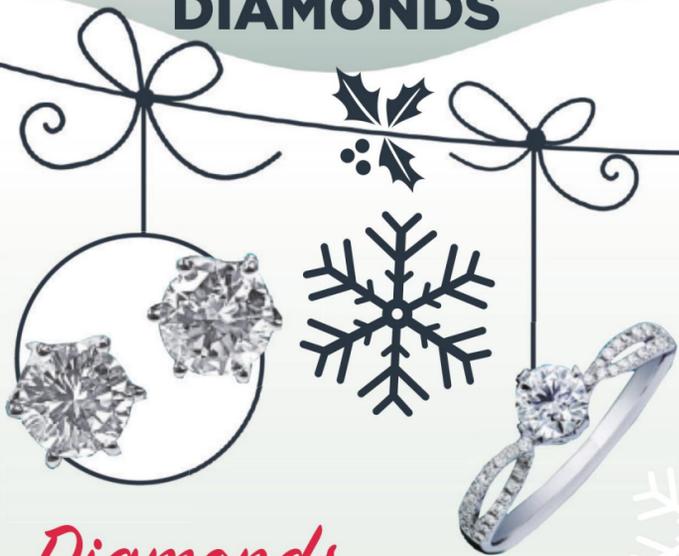
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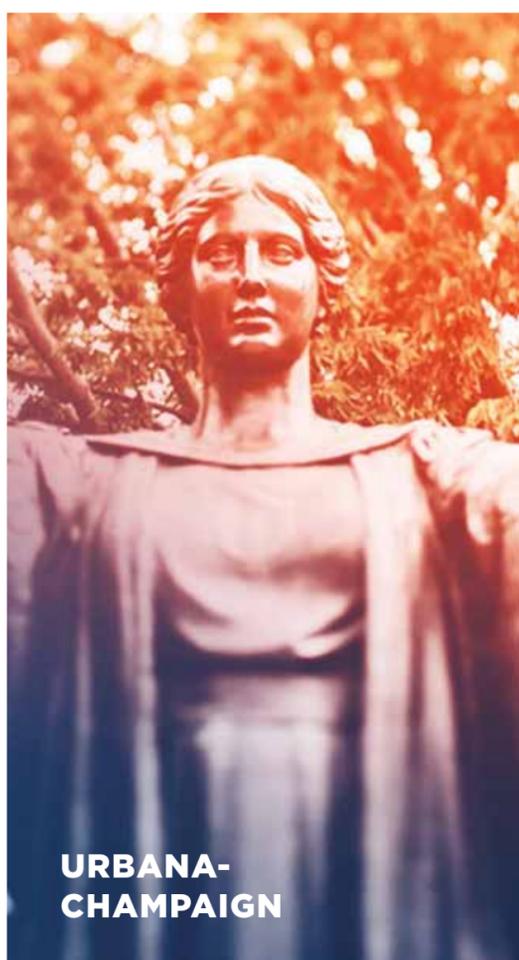
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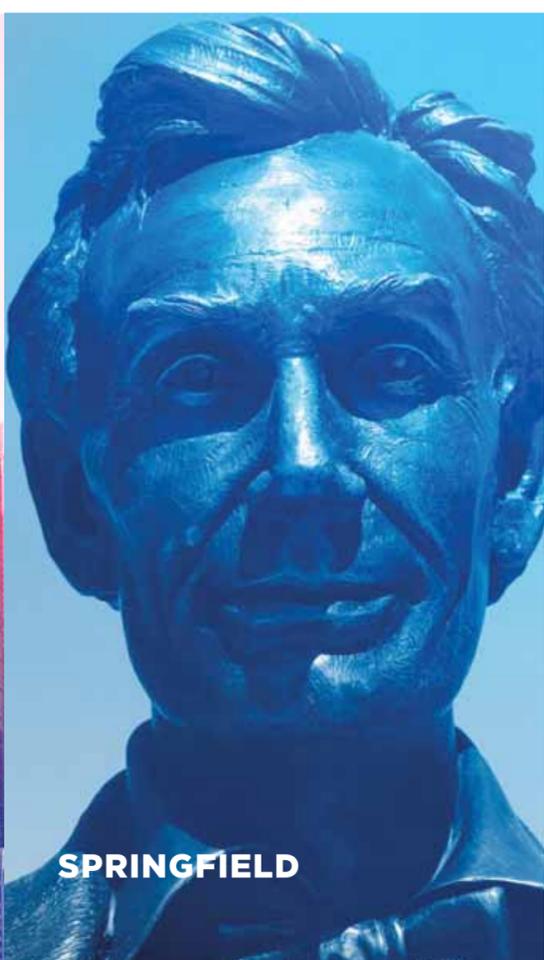
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Ditka's in Arlington Heights to close

BY CLIFFORD WARD
Chicago Tribune

Ditka's, a restaurant adjacent to Arlington International Racecourse that's named after former Bears player and coach Mike Ditka, is expected to close in the coming weeks, an Arlington Heights village official said Friday.

Michael Mertes, the village's business development coordinator, said the company that operates the restaurant confirmed it would be closing the Arlington Heights location by year's end. The company

did not offer a reason for the decision to cease operations, Mertes said.

There are two other restaurants in the Chicago area operated by the company and named for Ditka. The company also runs a restaurant called the 89 Grille in Westmont. Ditka wore number 89 in his playing days.

The Arlington Heights restaurant, located in a building at 2000 W. Euclid Ave., opened in 2014, and like the Ditka's in Oakbrook Terrace and the Chicago location at the Tremont Hotel on Chestnut Street, is

a sports-themed steakhouse.

The Ditka's in Arlington Heights is in a building that also houses an off-track betting establishment. The OTB is not affected by the closing, and it will continue to operate, Mertes said.

The building is owned by the Arlington racecourse ownership group. Mertes said the village will be working with the track to attract another restaurant or some other business to the space.

Clifford Ward is a freelance reporter.

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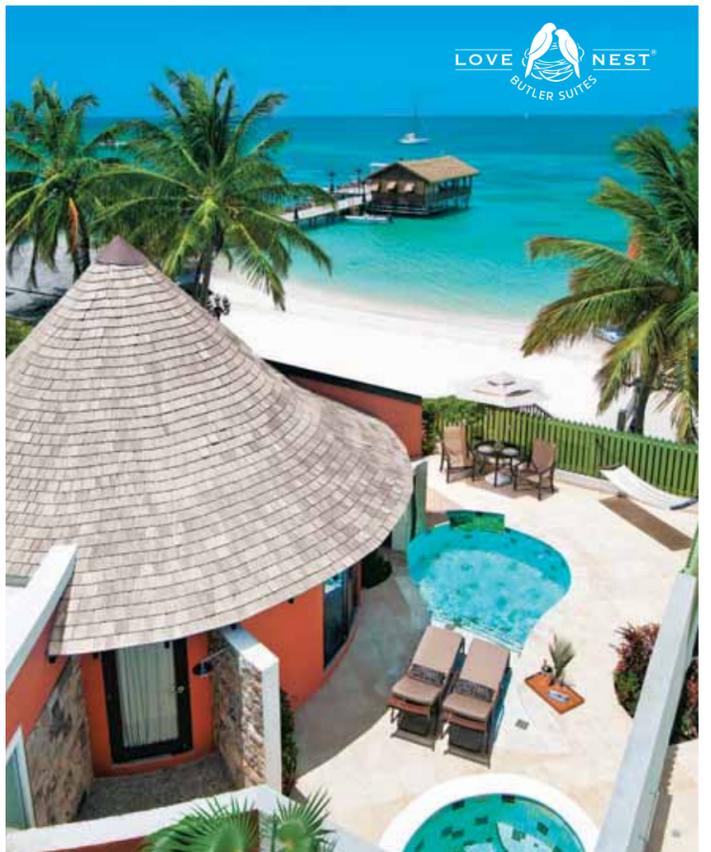
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Lena Dunham wrote her worst apology yet



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

Today we will talk about Lena Dunham's apology (a word I'm applying extremely loosely), and then I hope we will return to the proper amount of talking about Lena Dunham, which is never.

A year ago, Dunham lied in order to discredit a woman who had just gone to the police to report a sexual assault.

On Wednesday, she penned a rambling, pretentious opus about women in Hollywood ("Heroines have emerged. We are cracking open windows and beating down doors. The air is circulating and the light is pouring in,") and sneaked a whiny, half-hearted mea culpa into the ninth paragraph.

We're so used to Dun-

ham apologizing at this point (Lena Dunham Apologizes is an actual Twitter handle) that we went ahead and lumped this garbage onto her giant apology pile.

But before we toss them aside, her words are worth examining, if only as a reminder that when we screw up, which all of us do, we should apologize directly, authentically and humbly.

Dunham did nothing of the sort.

First, let's back up: In November 2017, actress Aurora Perrineau filed a police report accusing "Girls" writer and executive producer Murray Miller of raping her in 2012, when she was 17 years old. ("Girls" was Dunham's HBO show.) Miller said Perrineau was making the whole thing up and accused her of trying to extract money from him.

Dunham sent a statement to The Hollywood Reporter, co-written with "Girls" showrunner Jenni Konner, saying, "While our first instinct is to listen to

every woman's story, our insider knowledge of Murray's situation makes us confident that sadly this accusation is one of the 3 percent of assault cases that are misreported every year. ... It is a true shame to add to that number, as outside of Hollywood women still struggle to be believed. We stand by Murray and this is all we'll be saying about this issue."

Until Wednesday, when she admitted the "insider knowledge" thing was a bunch of baloney.

"And so I made a terrible mistake," Dunham wrote in Wednesday's piece, after talking about Harvey Weinstein, wage equality, systemic bias, "layers of crinoline and repressed rage," an op-ed she wrote last year and disguising her own pain with medication and chronic overwork.

"When someone I knew, someone I had loved as a brother, was accused, I did something inexcusable: I publicly spoke up in his defense," she continued. "There are few acts I could

ever regret more in this life. I didn't have the 'insider information' I claimed but rather blind faith in a story that kept slipping and changing and revealed itself to mean nothing at all."

(Should have been her first paragraph.)

"I wanted to feel my workplace and my world were safe, untouched by the outside world," she continued.

(Who doesn't?)
"... and I claimed that safety at cost to someone else, someone very special."

(Claimed that safety? Try "lied." "Lied" is clearer.)
(Also: She didn't address the worst line of all in her original defense of Miller, "It is a true shame to add to that number." A true shame? The shame is Dunham's and Dunham's alone, for turning Perrineau into a statistic, for scolding her, for changing the subject to false accusations, when the conversation belonged on the accusation at hand.)

Next, Dunham addressed Perrineau directly. (But, like, in a magazine, so

we can all follow along.)

"To Aurora: You have been on my mind and in my heart every day this year. I love you. I will always love you. I will always work to right that wrong. In that way, you have made me a better woman and a better feminist."

(Is she turning another woman's assault into her own teaching moment?)

"You shouldn't have been given that job in addition to your other burdens ..."
(THEN DON'T GIVE IT TO HER.)

"... but here we are, and here I am asking: How do we move forward? Not just you and I but all of us, living in the gray space between admission and vindication."

(I don't know what that means.)

"It's painful to realize that, while I thought I was self-aware, I had actually internalized the dominant male agenda that asks us to defend it no matter what, protect it no matter what, baby it no matter what," Dunham wrote. "Some-

thing in me still feels compelled to do that job: to please, to tidy up, to shop-keep. My job now is to excavate that part of myself and to create a new cavern inside me where a candle stays lit, always safely lit, and illuminates the wall behind it where these words are written: *I see you, Aurora. I hear you, Aurora. I believe you, Aurora.*"

At this point, Dunham's apology is little more than performance art. The latest episode of her favorite show: Project Lena.

The more we watch, the deeper she digs into her own not-that-fascinating psyche, tuning out the lived experiences and thoughts and pain of other people, except as they relate to hers.

Enough. I can't watch anymore. I feel complicit in her marginalization of literally every person whose orbit she enters. Farewell, Lena Dunham. Please get better soon.

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Survey: Dockless bike-share a favorite

Online respondents liked it better than Divvy-style program

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI
Chicago Tribune

Dockless bike-share, which was recently tested in a pilot program on the South Side, is more popular than bike-share that uses a docking station, such as Divvy, according to a city survey.

The online survey found that 69 percent of respondents preferred dockless bike-share, while just 8 percent said they preferred programs that used docking stations.

The city's Department of Transportation tested dockless bikes for six months, ending in October, on parts of the city's South Side not served by Divvy. Unlike Divvy, dockless bikes are located using a phone app, can be left anywhere within a program's geographical boundaries, and do not have to be returned to a docking station. Dockless companies offered cheaper single-ride rentals than Divvy. Many bikes in the dockless program also were electric-assist, meaning they provided an extra boost to riders, which helps with headwinds and hills.

Respondents to the city survey said that access to bikes was very important, and some complained that they were not able to use the bikes because they could not find one. The most common reason given for using the bikes was recreation and exercise, followed by getting to CTA or Metra stations.

One user commented: "I miss these bikes so much. Just bring them back please."

"We absolutely want to be back," said Nico Probst, manager of Midwest strategic development for Lime-Bike, which participated in the pilot program. He said Lime hopes the city will expand the program. "We need way more bikes," Probst said.

Lime complained about being limited to just 50 bikes because it used wheel locks to secure bikes after riders were done with them — the city wanted bikes that could be locked to stationary objects.

The "lock-to" requirement was intended to avoid the problem seen in other cities, where dockless bikes have been vandalized or left blocking sidewalks. But the city survey found that respondents preferred wheel-lock to "lock-to" bikes.

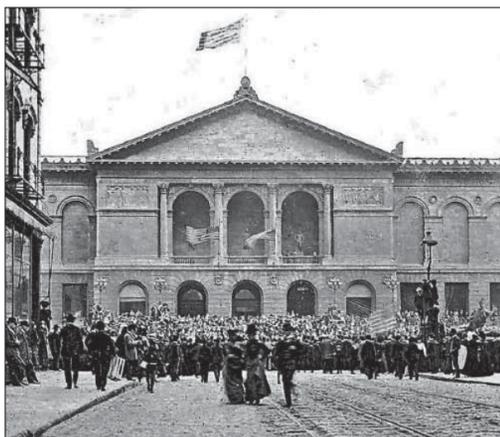
Chicago Department of Transportation spokesman Michael Claffey said the city continues to analyze the pilot to decide how to proceed next year. The unscientific survey was conducted between Oct. 29 and Nov. 21, according to the city.

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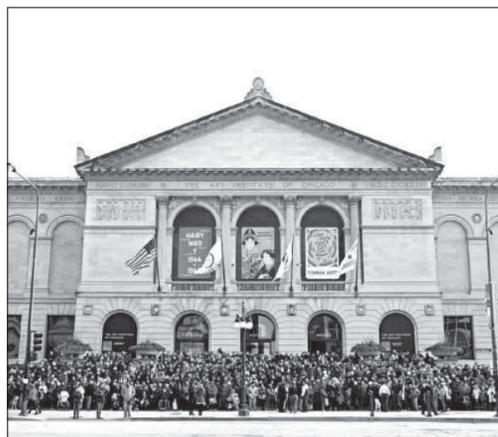


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Chicago residents and tourists gather in front of the Art Institute of Chicago on Saturday to see a re-creation of a photo from the institution's early years. The event is part of its 125th anniversary celebration.

Ex-Harvey schools superintendent wins \$400,000 verdict

Retaliation suit was against District 152, her former employer

BY ZAK KOESKE
Daily Southtown

A former Harvey schools superintendent who claimed she was threatened, harassed and punished by the school board after requesting a forensic audit of district finances was awarded \$400,000 last month following a five-day jury trial.

Denean Adams, who served as the superintendent of Harvey School District 152 from 2013 to 2016, filed suit against her then-employer in 2015 alleging that board members retaliated against her when she expressed "serious concerns regarding possible financial irregularities with the way that state and federal funds were being used."

Rather than supporting Adams' efforts to examine district spending, she claimed one of the board members "became en-

raged" and threatened her with physical violence, according to her suit.

After she reported the threat to police, her suit claims, the board rescinded a one-year contract extension it had approved a few months earlier.

On Nov. 6, a jury found the school board had retaliated against Adams when it rescinded her contract extension and awarded her \$400,000 in compensatory damages, court records show.

"We're pleased with the verdict," Adams' attorney Jerome Davis said. "The evidence was overwhelming that Dr. Adams was a good worker who delivered significant results for the people of that community and when she had the temerity to ask for an audit and challenge finances, she was threatened."

Christopher Petrarca, an attorney for the district, declined comment on the verdict, but said he planned to appeal the case. He filed a motion this week arguing that the verdict should be

overturned for a variety of reasons.

Adams replaced Harvey Mayor Eric Kellogg as District 152 superintendent in July 2013. At the time, the elementary school district operated eight schools for about 2,100 students.

The school board approved a one-year extension for Adams in February 2015, after it deemed her to be performing "good-very good" in every category measured in a performance evaluation that year, her suit claims.

Three months later, Adams came to the board with concerns about district finances after "uncovering \$500,000 in annual payments to a contractor for services that were not clearly identified, overpayment of salary to an employee who was terminated by the District, thousands of dollars of improper payments for the District's summer school program, and many other questionable expenditures," accord-



Adams

ing to her suit.

When she sent the board a draft of her proposal to hire a forensic auditor to examine the expenditures, board member Tyrone Rogers called her and told her she was "itching for an ass-kicking," her suit alleges.

Adams attempted to file a complaint against Rogers with the Harvey police, but they would not take her report, according to her suit.

She alleges that at the board's next meeting she was summoned into closed session and informed that the board had several issues with her job performance and was considering rescinding her contract extension.

A month later, at its August 2015 meeting, the board voted to rescind her extension and issued a written resolution stating that Adams had failed to meet the board's expectations.

She sued the district that September, calling the

board's actions "part of a custom of cronyism and public corruption that exists in District 152 where the Board protects its own and punishes anyone who dares to speak against them."

Over the next several weeks, Adams claims the board initiated a series of "sham disciplinary proceedings" and ultimately issued a "Notice of Remedy" that said her performance as superintendent was "improper, inappropriate, and/or unsatisfactory," according to an amended complaint she filed.

That December, the board voted not to renew her employment contract, which ran through June 2016, and proceeded to "engage in a campaign of harassment aimed at humiliating (her) and interfering with her ability to run the day-to-day operations of the District," until her tenure with the district concluded, her suit claimed.

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China's President Xi Jinping, left, and President Donald Trump join talks Dec. 1 in Argentina. Among the casualties of Trump's trade moves have been Midwest farmers.

Trump's meddling is bad for the economy



STEVE CHAPMAN

One crucial test of leadership is knowing when to leave well enough alone. Fixing things that are going badly can be hard. What is easy is not screwing up things that are doing fine without your help.

These are among the many presidential lessons that Donald Trump didn't learn before taking office and has ignored ever since. The virtues of silence and restraint are lost on him.

Barack Obama arrived in the depths of the Great Recession and was forced to confront a raft of crises, from rising unemployment to the instability of the financial system to the collapse of the auto industry. Trump came along when those problems were out of the way, and he had the luxury of riding an economic expansion that was well into its eighth year.

Thanks in part to the tax cuts he signed last year, which provided a jolt of fiscal stimulus, economic growth was up significantly the past two quarters. Inflation is low, exports are rising and unemployment is lower

than it's been since 1970. As the U.S. Chamber of Commerce said in May, "America's economy has found the sweet spot."

But lately, sour notes have been heard. The Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500 have erased virtually all of this year's gains and are in the midst of their worst quarter since 2011.

"Investors' worries run deep, taking into account not just the negative impact of a trade war but fading fiscal stimulus, rising short-term interest rates and declining bond buying by the world's central banks," The Wall Street Journal reported Thursday.

Friday's jobs report came in below expectations. A new forecast from the UCLA Anderson School of Management predicts that growth in real gross domestic product will decline from 3 percent this year to 2 percent next year to 1 percent in 2020.

Some events are beyond the control of the president, but much of the anxiety is the product of his policies. He claimed to have won major trade concessions from Chinese President Xi Jinping, but the Chinese have yet to confirm that, and Trump has threatened to inflict higher tariffs if he doesn't get what he wants.

His impetuous, erratic pronouncements sow endless confusion. The monthly Economic Policy Uncer-

tainty Index — maintained by economists Scott Baker (Northwestern), Nick Bloom (Stanford) and Steven Davis (University of Chicago) — has run consistently higher since Trump was elected than in the previous two years. Uncertainty makes it hard for businesspeople to gauge what they can expect to sell and what it will cost to make.

Trump's tariffs on steel have hurt U.S. companies that use steel. Prices have risen 19 percent since Trump took office, making them higher than they are almost anywhere else in the world. That means soybean growers, who have seen their sales to China dry up, are also facing higher prices for their machinery, squeezing them from two directions.

As a candidate, Trump promised that the U.S. auto industry would thrive under him. But General Motors just announced it will close five North American factories and lay off 15 percent of its employees. Ford is ending U.S. production of sedans and is expected to make big cuts in its workforce.

After his meeting with Xi, Trump crowed that China would remove tariffs on American cars. But the White House later admitted there was no such agreement.

When it comes to his central goal of reducing the trade deficit, the pres-

ident has completely whiffed. The gap has been growing, and in October it was the biggest since 2008 — and the largest ever with China.

The oil industry, which was booming when crude went for \$80 a barrel, has seen prices plunge — something Trump credits to his cozy relations with Saudi Arabia. He has urged the Saudis to boost production to cut prices still more. But The New York Times notes, "The United States became the world's largest oil producer this year, and a collapse in prices could hurt scores of businesses and hundreds of thousands of workers in the energy and manufacturing industries."

The economy would be stronger and the outlook would be brighter if Trump had simply taken the credit for the good times and done nothing to disrupt them. But he can't resist meddling.

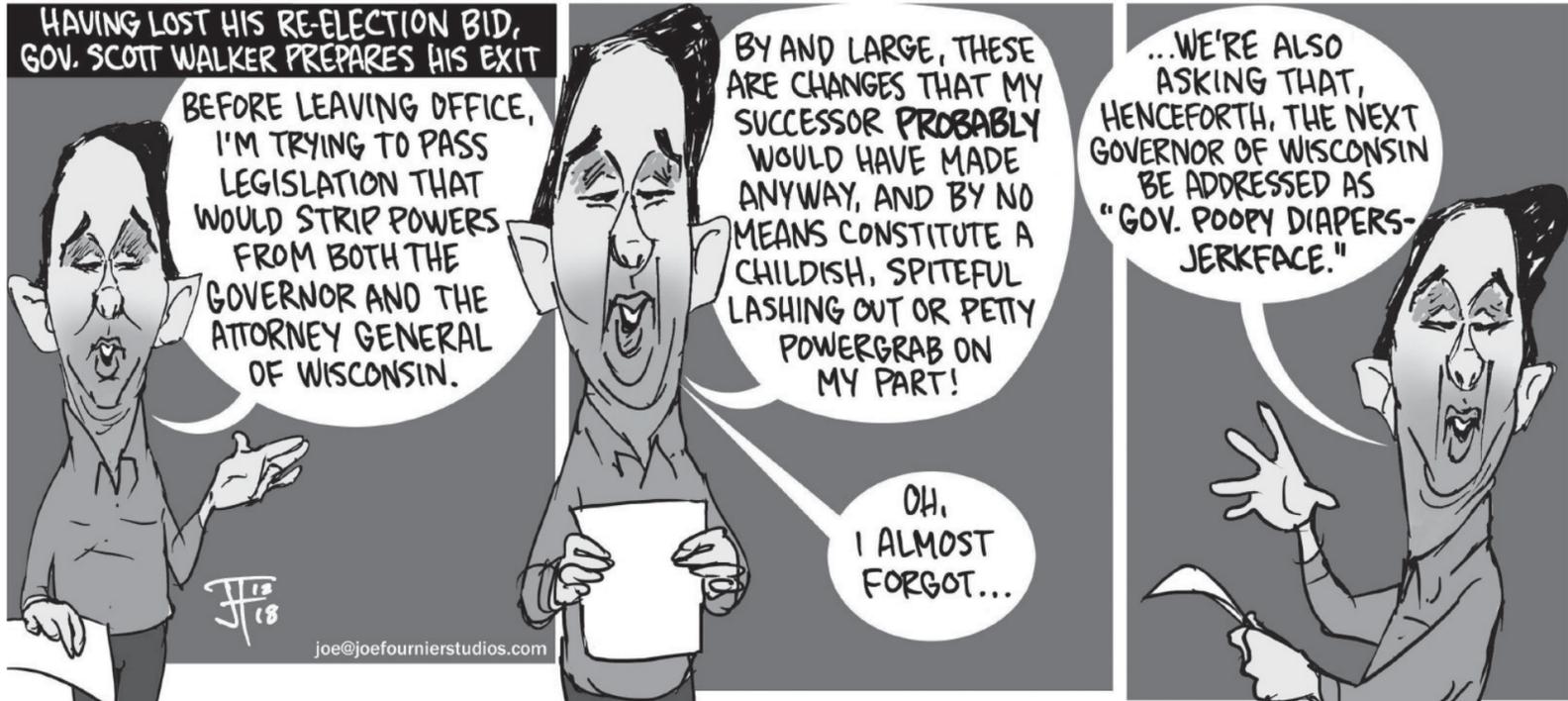
The wisdom of Calvin Coolidge would have served him well. "Don't you know," he once asked, "that four-fifths of all our troubles in this life would disappear if we would just sit down and keep still?"

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CHANGE OF SUBJECT

BY ERIC ZORN



Pedway odysseys point the way to clearer future

I decided to try to take the Pedway back to the office. It wasn't particularly cold or snowy last Monday, but since the weather is only going to get colder and snowier in the next few months I thought I should learn the subterranean route from 303 E. Upper Wacker Drive — the studios of WGN-AM 720 where I go several times a week to blivate — to the Tribune's offices at 160 N. Stetson Ave. in Prudential Plaza, roughly three blocks away. Chicago's Pedway is a beautiful network in theory — a 5-mile web of mostly indoor, largely underground walkways connecting more than 50 buildings to commuter train stations and other amenities in and near the Loop, a haven from traffic and the elements.

In reality, though, it's an ugly labyrinth — a thicket of confusing signs, dead ends and frustrating choices.

So "try" is the operative word in my opening sentence. I was going to try to take the Pedway back to the office.

I plunged down the escalator apprehensively. Two minutes later I wandered into a hotel lobby having mistakenly followed what I thought was the proper arrow. Five minutes later I found myself opening a door onto a Metra platform. I tried to retrace my steps and, three minutes after that, I was clomping around the dank recesses of Lower Michigan Avenue dodging water runoff from the street above.

Earlier this year, after we vacated Tribune Tower, I had similarly frustrating misadventures in my first few attempts to take the Pedway from the Washington stop on the CTA Blue Line to Prudential Plaza. The first time I somehow ended up on Lower Randolph Street and had to back-track through the Aon Center. The second time I had to double back when I reached the bowels of the Harris Theater.

"It's laughable," said Howard Learner, executive director of the Chicago-based Environmental Law and Policy Center, the organization that's leading efforts to



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People navigate the Pedway alongside the basement of Macy's in Chicago's Loop.

improve the Pedway. "The signage directing you from the Metra station to the Pru is easy to miss and sophomoric. One has a letter missing. If you don't walk that route everyday, you'll get lost."

"You are here" maps are scarce, difficult to decipher and too small. Directional signs are inconsistent, stingy with addresses and insufficient in number. They assume a knowledge of the relative position of major buildings, fail to include far-off destinations or distances and, as a final insult, feature a compass logo that in no way serves as a compass.

I've often felt that the worst effort to produce helpful Pedway signs by the laziest student in a Graphic Design 101 class couldn't possibly be as bad as what's now posted there.

"It's very difficult to find your way around if you're not down there a lot," said Lorie Westerman, a Chicago Architectural Center docent who designed and leads Pedway tours.

Chicago Loop Alliance associate director Laura Jones referred to Pedway signage as "a nightmare."

Tribune architecture critic Blair Kamin has written of the Pedway, "It's as though the system is for insiders only."

The basic problem is that the Pedway is owned and managed by numerous private entities along its route and by the Chicago Department of Transportation, which oversees the public segments. This explains why portions of it are bright and spruce and others dingy and drab; why certain doors and hallways are locked at certain times and why we've yet to see a coordinated effort to make the Pedway truly visitor- and tourist-friendly.

"There is no Pedway Commission," said Learner. "The Pedway is still just a lot of pieces spliced together instead of a coherent whole. Even after all these years" — the first passages were designated in 1951 — "it's not obvious

and easy to know exactly where you are and how to get to where you want to go."

It's not even obvious how to enter the Pedway from a city sidewalk, as many potential entrance points aren't labeled.

To my mind, the entire city suffers from a mild case of Pedway Syndrome. Our directional signage — on train platforms, at key intersections and at other major locations — is so skimpy as to feel almost grudging. "If you don't know that 'west' means 'north' as you get onto the Kennedy, or that 'Forest Park' means 'take this train downtown' at Northwest Side CTA Blue Line stations, then you don't belong here, stranger."

Last year I interviewed Mike Rawlinson, a founding director of City ID, a design company with offices in New York and the U.K., about "wayfinding," an emerging concept in urban planning aimed at minimizing just the sort of confusion that has left me tiptoe-

ing around pigeon poop in the dark every time I've tried to reach a new destination via the Pedway.

"It's ironic that cities spend tens of millions of dollars on their infrastructure, and then a pittance on helping people to interpret it, use it and engage with it," Rawlinson said. He described wayfinding as an effort to orient pedestrians, passengers and motorists that is "part anthropology, part psychology, part geography and part architecture."

Wayfinding starts with big, clear, numerous signs, of course, but also includes lighting, landscaping and other visual cues that can provide subliminal clues, as well as digital information readily available on smartphones.

The considerable promise of the Pedway will never be realized without it.

Learner said the Environmental Law and Policy Center is in regular meetings with business groups and city officials in an effort to "upgrade and vitalize this underutilized city asset" that will include, yes, improved signage.

I never made it back to work that day — just staggered in defeat to the CTA station over city streets.

May my piteous story shame all Pedway stakeholders into action.

Re: Tweets

The winner of this week's online reader poll for funniest tweet is "Me: 'It's sweet how my cat sits on my chest to comfort me when I'm sick in bed.' Cat: 'I think I'll eat the eyes first.'" by @JohnLyonTweets.

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Smokestacks and cooling towers at a coal-fired power plant near Bergheim, Germany. President Donald Trump has contended that the climate “will change back again.”

5 MYTHS ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE

BY KATHARINE HAYHOE

The Fourth National Climate Assessment — the work of 13 federal agencies and more than 350 scientists, including me — is clear: Earth is warming faster than at any time in human history, and we’re the ones causing it. Climate change is already affecting people, and the more carbon we produce, the more dangerous the effects over the coming century. Nevertheless, many people continue to believe and propagate some misleading myths. Here are the five I hear most frequently.

MYTH NO. 1

Climate scientists are in it for the money.

When the second volume of the National Climate Assessment was released last month, Rick Santorum, a Republican former senator from Pennsylvania, took to CNN to proclaim that climate scientists “are driven by the money that they receive.” Former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, appeared on the network the next day declaring the report to be “made by scientists that get paid to further the politics of global warming.”

I was one of the report’s authors. How much did I earn for the hundreds of hours I spent on it? Nothing. Nearly every day, climate scientists are accused of venality. Our other purported sins include fabricating data, selling out to “big green” — which supposedly tethers our grant money to doom-and-gloom findings — and fanning the flames of hysteria to further our nefarious agenda.

The reality is that nearly every climate scientist could make at least the same amount of money — and often much more — in a different field, including the oil industry. And the money we do receive in grants doesn’t go into our pockets. A \$1.1 million grant from the National Science Foundation provided me with a mere \$37,000 a year, all of which went to paying for the proposed work, including a graduate researcher, a computer and publication fees. (In summer, I do some climate-focused consulting with cities and water districts to cover my salary when I’m not teaching.) Santorum, meanwhile, receives a substantial income from serving as a consultant to Consol Energy, a coal company.

MYTH NO. 2

The climate has changed before. It’s just a natural cycle.

Last fall, when the first volume of the National Climate Assessment was released, White House spokesman Raj Shah responded that “the climate has changed and is always changing.” President Donald Trump himself has embraced this position, claiming that the climate “will change back again.” This line is a popular one with people who dismiss climate change by maintaining that we’ve had ice ages before, as well as warm periods, and so the warming we’re seeing now is just what Earth has always done.



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Protesters march last week in Brussels to call attention to climate change. Scientific consensus is overwhelming that Earth is warming.

But we can look at the natural factors that affect the climate. First, over the past few decades, energy from the sun has been going down, not up, so if changes in the sun’s energy drove our temperature, we should be getting cooler, not warmer.

Others argue that we’re getting warmer because we’re recovering from the last ice age. But ice ages — and the warm periods in between — are caused by Earth’s orbital cycles, and according to those cycles, the next event on our geologic calendar is another ice age, not more warming.

We can also rule out volcanoes, which do produce heat-trapping gases, but less than 1 percent of the CO₂ that humans produce. And big eruptions, when they happen, cool the planet instead of warming it. In other words, the climate change we’re experiencing now definitely isn’t natural.

MYTH NO. 3

Climate scientists are split on whether it’s real.

We often hear that climate scientists are split 50-50 when it comes to whether global warming is occurring. “Each side has their scientists,” Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., told Politico in 2014. Trump echoed that rhetoric on “60 Minutes” this October, telling Lesley Stahl, “We have scientists that disagree” with human-caused global warming.

In reality, more than 97 percent of climate scientists agree that global warming is happening and that humans are causing it. At least 18 scientific societies in the United States, from the American Geophysical Union to the American Medical Association, have issued official state-

ments on climate change. And it’s been more than 50 years since U.S. scientists first raised the alarm about the dangers of climate change with the president — at the time, Lyndon Johnson. The public confusion has been manufactured by industry interests and ideologues to muddy the waters.

MYTH NO. 4

Change won’t affect me.

We often think the most widespread myth is that the science isn’t real. But according to public opinion polls by the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication, the most prevalent misconception — one that the majority of people have bought into — is that climate change just doesn’t matter. While 70 percent of American adults agree that climate change is happening, only 40 percent of those surveyed believe it will harm them personally. Sure, it’ll hurt polar bears, and maybe people who live on low-lying islands in the South Pacific. But the world has warmed by just 1 degree Celsius, or 1.8 degrees Fahrenheit, since 1900. What’s the big deal?

Climate change is a threat multiplier that touches everything, from our health to our economy to our coasts to our infrastructure. It makes heat waves stronger, heavy precipitation events more frequent and hurricanes more intense, and it nearly doubles the area burned by wildfires. It supercharges natural disasters like Hurricane Harvey and the Camp Fire, as those suffering the effects of these events know firsthand. Climate change is no longer a distant issue in space or time: It’s affecting us, today, in the places where we live.

MYTH NO. 5

It’s cold outside — global warming can’t be real.

Whenever a cold snap brings out our winter parkas, there’s a politician or pundit saying, “Global warming? Global cooling, more like!” Trump has done so repeatedly, tweeting just before Thanksgiving, “Brutal and Extended Cold Blast could shatter ALL RECORDS — Whatever happened to Global Warming?” In 2015, Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., brought a snowball to the Senate floor in an attempt to reject the reality of climate change.

But cold weather doesn’t rebut the data that shows the planet is warming over climate time scales.

Think of it this way: Weather is like your mood, and climate is like your personality. Weather is what occurs in a certain place at a certain time. Climate is the long-term average of weather over decades. The fact it was cold and snowy one day last week? That’s weather. Global warming or not, cold days still occur, particularly in winter. But since 2000, we’re seeing far more new hot-temperature records than cold ones. In fact, in 2017, we saw more than 10,000 cold-temperature records broken at weather stations across the United States. And more than 36,000 high-temperature records were broken the same year.

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EDITORIALS

The Blagojevich mandate to Illinois voters

Ten years ago this Sunday, the 9th of December broke rainy and gray, with Rod Blagojevich decked out in jogging togs and FBI handcuffs. Beyond the terrible import of his crimes and punishment, he unwittingly would help create a trivia question: Which state has seen four of its last 10 governors frog-marched to federal prisons? Blagojevich's betrayals of 12 million-plus Illinoisans qualified him for a sentence of 30 years to life. Instead he got 14 years. U.S. Bureau of Prisons inmate 40892-424 is scheduled for release on Thursday, May 23, 2024 — the eve of Memorial Day weekend. He'll be approaching his 68th birthday.

A vivid epiphany

Why observe the 10-year anniversary of a takedown? Because none of us in Illinois should let such a vivid epiphany fade from our memories. Since that morning in late 2008, the defrocked governor has given Illinoisans expert instruction about a chronic disease in our body politic. Often the candidates in a race aren't distinguishable by their integrity, trustworthiness or other ethical concerns. But when candidates are distinguishable, each of us is obliged to vote for the better candidate, not the candidate with whom we most agree. When the name Blagojevich started up at them from the ballot in 2006, a majority of Illinois voters didn't do that. There's no wisdom in railing at those voters for bad choices. All of us should, though, expect to learn from our mistakes. The questions that forever will confront Illinoisans: Have we voters absorbed the mandate that Blagojevich has given us? Do we pledge always to vote for the better person?

Six-year crime spree

"He was corrupt when he took the oath of office," a prosecutor famously said of Blagojevich. "He was corrupt until the day he was arrested." The paradox, recall, was that another governor's corruption put Blagojevich in office. Dogged by scandal and isolated by the convictions of his cronies, incumbent George Ryan in 2002 didn't run for a second term. Blagojevich played the reformer who would end the sinning. Benefiting from voter confusion over too many Ryans, he defeated Attorney General Jim Ryan with a modest 52 percent of the vote; years afterward, Wikipedia still wrongly identified Jim Ryan as George Ryan's son.

The stench of corruption

Rather than cleaning up Springfield, Blagojevich further defiled it. Yet running for re-election in 2006, his TV ads slimed incorruptible opponent Judy Baar Topinka as if she were the crook in the race. We were writing that the scent of scandal around him signified more than smoke — it was a five-alarm fire. The fatal, let's-never-repeat mistake was that in order to re-elect Blagojevich, Illinoisans had to look past all of this: A 24-count federal corruption indictment accusing Blagojevich adviser and fundraiser Antoin "Tony" Rezko of a kick-

back scheme designed to put \$1.5 million into the governor's campaign fund. U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald characterized the scheme as "pay to play on steroids"; through Blagojevich, Rezko had placed associates on several state boards and agencies. A guilty plea by political insider Stuart Levine, whom Blagojevich had reappointed to the state teacher pension and hospital oversight boards, to extensive public corruption; Levine was cooperating with a federal investigation of Blagojevich's administration. An accusation by the governor's first inspector general that efforts by Blagojevich's office to subvert state hiring laws reflected "not merely an ignorance of the

law, but complete and utter contempt for the law." A state investigation into the awarding of advertising contracts at the state lottery. A federal investigation into a state power-washing contract awarded to a relative of an administration insider. A federal investigation into contracts at state Tollway oases connected to Blagojevich insiders. A mysterious \$1,500 check made out to the governor's 7-year-old daughter from a close friend whose wife had just landed a state job. The woman had failed a state hiring exam, but the exam wasn't recorded by the state. Scathing audits by the state auditor general that found troubling contract

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award procedures, improper expenditures and mismanagement in state agencies under Blagojevich's control. A letter from U.S. Attorney Fitzgerald to Attorney General Lisa Madigan disclosing that prosecutors were probing "very serious allegations of endemic hiring fraud" and "have implicated multiple state agencies and departments" in the Blagojevich administration.

Filmsy responses, foretold

Meeting with the Tribune Editorial Board before the general election, Blagojevich insulted the people of Illinois by offering no better explanation for the scandals enveloping him than he would offer years later as a criminal defendant: He didn't know, he couldn't recall, he was the victim ... Wrong. The victims were all the honest individuals cheated out of government careers or state contracts because in Blagojevich's lawless realm, the fix was in. He tried to bamboozle voters with promises — universal health care for Illinois! — that a state with unbalanced budgets, exorbitant debts and billions in unpaid bills couldn't begin to afford. Meanwhile Blagojevich's fellow Democrat, Comptroller Dan Hynes, was sounding sirens: "State pension, Medicaid and debt obligations will absorb virtually all likely new economic revenue growth over the next few years," Hynes warned, "allowing little opportunity for growth in other state programs." A few days before the vote, a statewide poll put Blagojevich's unfavorable rating at 57 percent. Only 37 percent of respondents believed his claim that he hadn't known about Rezko's crimes. Yet Blagojevich was leading Topinka by 9 points. "They're basically calling him a liar, but they're still going to vote for him." Research 2000 pollster Del Ali told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Blagojevich was gambling that many Illinoisans would hear what they liked and ignore what they didn't. He won the bet and the election. He had license to commit more crimes — until Dec. 9, 2008.

Trump has this thing and it's golden

So the felon sits in prison, apart from the wife and daughters he selfishly humiliated. In April, justices of the U.S. Supreme Court flicked off his last appeal the way they flick lint off black robes. His hope now is that President Donald Trump uses his executive power to reduce Blagojevich's sentence. That would be one more insult, one more injustice, to the serially abused people of Illinois. The place where they can prevent the lying, the cheating and the corruption crime spree isn't in the halls of power. It's at the polling place. Blagojevich has spent 10 years teaching this mandate: All of us have a responsibility as voters to elect ethical leaders. Agreeing with them is nice but not necessary. May we the people of Illinois never dishonor Rod Blagojevich by forgetting what he's taught us.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

December marks the 20th anniversary of Bill Clinton's impeachment. ... If he'd told the truth, even accompanied by a moving public apology, the toll would have been enormous. ... He would have been an object of loathing and ridicule — the goat in the White House, a laughingstock. Members of his party would have come down on him like a ton of bricks. Newt Gingrich and the Republicans would have gleefully rubbed his face in it every day. There would have been calls for impeachment. It would have lasted many months. And he would have survived and his presidency continued. Much more important — here is why it is a tragedy — it wouldn't have dragged America through the mud. It only would have dragged him through the mud. His full admission of culpability would have averted the false testimony in a criminal investigation that became the basis for the Starr report and the two articles of impeachment the House approved. ... If he had chosen the path of honesty, Americans wouldn't have backed impeaching him, because they are adults and have also made mistakes and committed sins. They would have been more like the grand jury member who spoke comfortingly to Monica Lewinsky as she wept near the end of her testimony: "Monica, none of us in this room are perfect. We all fall and we all fall several times a day. The only difference between my age and when I was your age is I get up faster." Peggy Noonan, The Wall Street Journal

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PERSPECTIVE



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Bush showed us that brutish masculinity wasn't 'prudent'



CLARENCE PAGE

When former President George W. Bush broke down and briefly cried near the end of his eulogy to his father, former President George H.W. Bush, I felt more than sorrow for him. I felt connected.

I was reminded of when I got up to deliver a eulogy at my own father's funeral. "Keep it together, keep it together, keep it together ..." I silently coached myself. Alas, I did not get nearly as far as "W" did.

Standing before an audience of family and friends in the church in the southern Ohio town where I grew up, I heard my dad's voice well up out of my memory, telling me to "stand tall like a man," and my throat choked up and the tears burst forth like Chicago's Buckingham Fountain.

No shame in that, I told myself. Some tragedies are worth crying about. So are certain moments of great joy. When John Boehner was speaker of the House, he famously cried at moments as varied as a papal visit, a commencement speech, inaugurations and a "60 Minutes" interview.

When friends who knew that I

grew up in Boehner's reliably Republican southern Ohio district asked me about his tears, I explained, "It's a Miami Valley thing."

Displays of honest feelings, even those that betray one's outer veneer of machismo, seemed to have a special significance at the services for the nation's 41st president. His amazing life of courage, service and humility naturally invited comparisons to the current president, Donald Trump, without any speaker mentioning Trump by name.

It is one of the more intriguing and possibly dangerous aspects of today's political conversations that Trump's aggressive language and swagger are equated so often with manliness as his rivals are demeaned as wimps. Kanye West praised Trump's "male energy" for giving him inner strength. When Andrea Tantaros was a Fox News anchor, she called Trump the "last hope" of blue-collar voters "to get their masculinity back."

The elder Bush, by contrast, was tagged by an October 1987 Newsweek cover story headline: "Fighting the Wimp Factor." Then-editor Evan Thomas, who penciled in the word "wimp" over the objection of the story's reporter, Margaret Garrard

Warner, apologized for that in an essay last December.

Good. Bush's life was anything but wimpy. He enlisted in the Navy at age 18. He was shot down over the Pacific and rescued by a submarine crew after floating in hostile waters for four hours. He led the nation in the war to push Iraq's Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait, yet was prudent

enough to refrain from expanding the war into the disastrous invasion that would come under his son's administration.

He managed the U.S. reaction to the fall of the Soviet Union without triggering a catastrophe. In an extraordinary display of political courage that probably cost him a second term, he broke his own "no new taxes" pledge to reach a compromise with Democrats to reduce

the deficit that had been run up under President Ronald Reagan.

The elder Bush was no wimp, writes the conservative National Review's David French, a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. "No, he was a man in full," French writes. "Decency requires strength. The conservative movement (and our nation) would do well to remember that vital truth."

Both sides need to remember that theatrical displays of toughness and strength cannot substitute for core values.

So would liberals and others on the left and right. Both sides need to remember that theatrical displays of toughness and strength cannot substitute for core values that pursue peace, cooperation and national unity in our very diverse society.

Of course, savvy politicians don't want to project images of weakness either. The memory of Bush's 1988 Democratic opponent Michael Dukakis, an Army veteran like me, riding a tank but looking like Snoopy in a failed campaign ad, still haunts Democrats.

There's a proper time and place for everything, my dad used to say. A president's primary job is to run the government and command our national defenses. But presidents also set a tone that shapes a national culture.

If the unbridled and brutish side of masculinity takes over, the culture breeds more brutes. The elder Bush invited both praise and satire when he insisted that some bold, yet risky, moves "wouldn't be prudent." But prudence has its place when it reminds us to consider the serious and often unforeseen consequences of our theatrics. That doesn't make us wimps. It means we're smart.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Person of the Year: Donald Trump

It's the time for Time magazine and other media outlets to select their person of the year. I suggest that but for one person we would never have had a reliable and honest investigation into the most conflicted U.S. president in modern times.

President Donald Trump has repeatedly expressed displeasure that his attorney general, Jeff Sessions, outsourced the investigation of Trump's political and financial entanglements. Trump simply refused to disclose his complex financial dealings while running for the presidency. However, he neglected to make sure that Sessions would steer clear of overturning rocks and looking behind the curtain to view his complicated business dealings.

For that reason, I believe this year's person of the year should be Donald J. Trump, who acciden-

tally put special counsel Robert Mueller on his tail. Most believe Mueller's report will detail Trump's relationship to Russian oligarchs and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

— Sheldon I. Saitlin, Chicago

Battling climate change

The federal government's comprehensive and well-sourced report on climate change paints an alarming picture that needs a strong response at every level of government and in every American's decision-making. President Donald Trump and his science-denying know-nothings will scream "fake news" or try to bury this pressing issue through obfuscation. What's crystal-clear now is that if this country, and indeed the world, doesn't get this issue right, then literally nothing else will matter.

— Mary F. Warren, Wheaton

Let's make a deal

Any proposed amendment to the Illinois Constitution allowing for urgently needed reforms to public pensions should be packaged with another allowing for a progressive income tax to make these amendments more palatable to competing constituencies. (Even pension loopholes are protected? Then amend the Illinois Constitution, Dec. 6) Amendments providing for legislative term limits, apolitical redistricting and permanent property tax reform might also be added to the package to reverse generations of government by the politicians for the politicians.

— Hall Adams III, Chicago

Why ridership is down

You published an article about CTA ridership significantly dropping ("Fewer residents taking public transportation," Dec. 1). It is not surprising considering the stench of urine on trains and in stations, the homeless people setting up residence on the trains, the ubiquitous presence of pan-

handlers and the riotous behavior of high school children.

The CTA has been negligent by not putting a halt to these behaviors. Tolerance of these people has ended. I see this in myself and others.

— Neil Spun, Chicago

Build that wall

Much of our border has very poor fencing, or even no fence at all. Next to the border at Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, there is only an iron bar about 2 feet high above the ground, and many illegal immigrants come right into the park and look for water in the campground.

A wall doesn't look much worse than a good fence, but there are places that a wall is needed to prevent entrance. A wall is expensive, but it would save a lot of money to not need three shifts of border control guards over 2,000 miles of southern border.

Our country has enough population. The farmland we have left is losing topsoil. We are also losing badly needed aquifers from overuse, and they will soon be depleted. We do not need many

more immigrants from anywhere.

— Norma Friedemann, Evanston

Politically correct Christmas

The latest victim of political correctness and the #MeToo movement is the song "Baby It's Cold Outside." In the court of the highly critical, I guess there's no slack given to a song that is nearly 75 years old?

What's next, "Deck the Halls" because of a reference to gay apparel? Or maybe "Here Comes Santa Claus" for its threat of punitive action to children who don't watch out?

Speaking of Mr. Claus, is it wrong by today's standards for kids to honor the image of a white male who is grossly overweight and not above heisting milk and cookies from hardworking families?

It can't be easy anymore to be a grade school teacher caught up in the holiday spirit. For one thing they face the wrath of religious fanatics for not promoting the birth of Christ.

— Bob Ory, Elgin

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Legal clouds darken over Trump

But president has not been charged with any crimes

By JULIE PACE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The more that special counsel Robert Mueller and federal prosecutors reveal, the darker grow the legal clouds over President Donald Trump.

Trump's own Justice Department has now implicated him in a crime, accusing him of directing illegal hush-money payments to women during his 2016 presidential campaign. Mueller keeps finding new instances of Trump associates lying about their contacts with Russia during an election the Kremlin worked to sway in the Republican's favor.

The president hasn't been charged with any crimes. He may never be. Whether a president can be prosecuted while in office remains a matter of legal dispute.

But Trump also hasn't been cleared of wrongdoing. Each new legal filing underscores that the president is a central figure in investigations that have brought down several who worked closely with him and remain a threat to others in Trump's orbit.

Even if the president is never charged with illegal activity, the months of investigations and legal wrangling have cast a pall over his administration and exposed the culture of lying that has surrounded Trump, both in and out of office.



Special counsel Robert Mueller hasn't ruled out the idea of election coordination between Russia and Trump campaign.

Trump's moniker in some of the filings: "Individual-1."

Trump allies argue that if Mueller had information that Trump broke the law, the special counsel would have made his case against him by now. To the president and his supporters, the fact that the special counsel has been working for well over a year without making a direct accusation against Trump means the investigation is an effort to damage the president politically.

"AFTER TWO YEARS AND MILLIONS OF PAGES OF DOCUMENTS (and a cost of over \$30,000,000), NO COLLUSION!" Trump tweeted

early Saturday.

Despite Trump's declarations, Mueller hasn't ruled out the prospect of election season coordination between Moscow and the Trump campaign, and only recently received written answers from the president about possible Russian interference. Mueller also is still pursuing whether Trump obstructed justice while in office.

Yet the most precarious legal situation for Trump appears to be separate from Mueller's inquiry: an assertion by federal prosecutors in New York that Trump directed his former lawyer, Michael Cohen, to make illegal payments dur-

ing the campaign to silence women alleging extramarital affairs.

Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., who will oversee the House intelligence committee next year, said that a new court filing Friday "implicates the president very directly" in a crime.

"It puts the issue squarely before the Justice Department whether a sitting president should be indicted or whether the Justice Department has to wait until he's out of office," Schiff said.

Federal law requires that any payments made "for the purposes of influencing" an election must be reported in campaign finance disclo-

tures. The court filing Friday makes clear that the payments to porn actress Stormy Daniels and Playboy model Karen McDougal were made to benefit Trump politically.

Trump's only defense? Cohen, he says, is a liar.

After going publicly silent in the run-up to the midterm elections, Mueller has roared back with a series of legal moves that suggest he is actively pursuing the central question of whether Trump's campaign illegally coordinated with Russia during the election.

In a filing released Friday, Mueller revealed that a Russian national claiming close ties to the Kremlin

reached out to Cohen to propose government-level "political synergy" during the election. The November 2015 outreach — which Mueller says Cohen did not pursue — appears to be the earliest known effort by Russia to build ties with the Trump campaign.

Cohen has admitted to lying to Congress about efforts by Trump's real estate company to build a project in Moscow as late as the summer of 2016, after Trump became the Republican nominee for president.

Mueller has not alleged that the president knew about these interactions with Russia. Even so, some Trump supporters now believe the president is unlikely to emerge from the investigations unscathed.

Alan Dershowitz, a Harvard law professor and frequent defender of Trump, said Mueller appears poised to issue a report that will be highly critical of the president, though Dershowitz believes it will deal "more with political sin than a federal crime."

Of course, political sin could still put Trump in a dangerous position, now that Democrats are within weeks of taking over the House. The new Democratic majority will have broad subpoena power. Party leaders will be under pressure from some members to pursue impeachment, if Mueller's report makes direct accusations of the president.

Schiff, who will oversee some of the congressional probes into Trump, said the swirl of investigations "tests the proposition that no one is above the law."

U.S. importing important medical jobs

Nearly 1 in 3 physicians here are from other countries, underscoring immigration's role

By MARIE MCCULLOUGH
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — At a time when immigration is a hot-button issue, the American health care system is highly dependent on professionals born in other countries, an analysis of U.S. census data shows.

In 2016, roughly 17 percent of professionals in 24 medical fields — from optometrists to chiropractors to veterinarians — were foreign-born, and almost 5 percent of them were not U.S. citizens, according to the analysis published this week in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. The analysis could not distinguish between professionals trained in their country of origin and those trained in the United States.

The rates were even higher for the most educated providers.

About 1 in 5 pharmacists, 1 in 4 dentists, and 29 percent of physicians — approaching 1 in 3 — were foreign-born.

Among one of the biggest occupational groups — psychiatric, nursing and home

health aides — 23 percent were foreign-born.

"We rely very heavily in health care on those who were born abroad," said lead author Anupam B. Jena, an economist and physician at Harvard Medical School. "That tells you what would happen if we had a policy that restricted skilled immigration."

Controversy has surrounded the Trump administration's policies aimed at curbing illegal immigration from Mexico, and his ban on travel from six predominantly Muslim countries. But changes that are less well known have chipped away at legal immigration, including new compliance rules, documentation requirements and visa restrictions for skilled workers and college students.

Jena's interest in the intended and unintended consequences of immigration policy is partly personal.

He was born in Chicago, but his parents — a physician and a physicist — emigrated from India.

"People like my mom who are able to make it to this country and perform professionally, these are



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generally very skilled, very motivated people," Jena said.

Yet doctors trained outside the U.S. are so often perceived as less qualified or less competent that Jena and his colleagues did a study to evaluate the quality of the care they provide. The study found that hospitalized Medicare patients who were treated by international medical school graduates had lower mor-

tality rates than patients treated by U.S. medical graduates.

For another study, Jena looked at the scientific contributions of foreign medical graduates by counting their journal publications, federal research grants, and clinical trials. The conclusion: Physicians educated abroad but working in the U.S. account for nearly a fifth of U.S. biomedical research scholarship.

Jena led the new analysis — which used data from an annual household survey conducted by the Census Bureau — to look broadly at the health care workforce. While studies over the past decade have reported that about a quarter of doctors working in the U.S. were born abroad, most other health care professions haven't been examined.

The fields with the smallest percentages of foreign-

born professionals were audiologists (5.9 percent), veterinarians (7.3), nurse-anesthetists (8.4) and psychologists (9.5).

About 16 percent of nurses, optometrists, dietitians and dental assistants were born abroad.

Asia was the most common region of birth, accounting for 6.4 percent of all U.S. health care professionals. Mexico and the Caribbean were next, accounting for nearly 5 percent.

"As the U.S. population ages, there will be an increased need for many health care professionals, particularly those who provide personal care like home health care aides, a large proportion of whom are currently non-U.S. born," the researchers concluded.

Jena speculated that current anti-immigration policies and sentiment may discourage skilled workers from coming here, even if a move would mean better economic prospects.

"Skilled immigration isn't going to stop," he said. "But at the margins, there are always people on the fence. That's true for anything in life. Do we want them on the fence when they are contributing to the American health system?"



JIANG HONGJING/XINHUA

Chang'e 4 lunar probe launches Saturday from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in China's Sichuan Province.

China to shed light on dark side of moon

By CHRISTOPHER BODEEN
Associated Press

BEIJING — China launched a ground-breaking mission Saturday to land a spacecraft on the unexplored far side of the moon, demonstrating its growing ambitions as a space power to rival Russia, the European Union and the U.S.

A Long March 3B rocket carrying a lunar probe blasted off at 2:23 a.m. from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in Sichuan

Province in southwestern China, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

With its Chang'e 4 mission, China hopes to be the first country to make a soft landing, which is a landing of a spacecraft during which no serious damage is incurred. The moon's far side is also known as the dark side because it faces away from Earth and remains comparatively unknown. It has a different composition than sites on the near side, where previous missions have landed.

If successful, the mission would propel the Chinese space program to a leading position in one of the most important areas of lunar exploration.

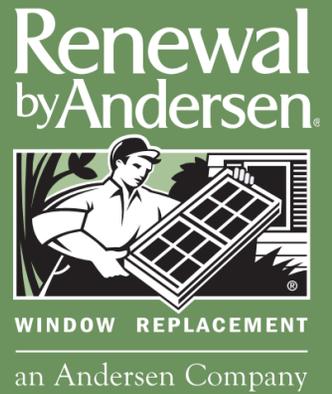
China landed its Yutu, or "Jade Rabbit," rover on the moon five years ago and plans to send its Chang'e 5 probe there next year and have it return with samples — the first time that will have been done since 1976. A crewed lunar mission is also under consideration.

Chang'e 4 is also a lander-rover combination and will

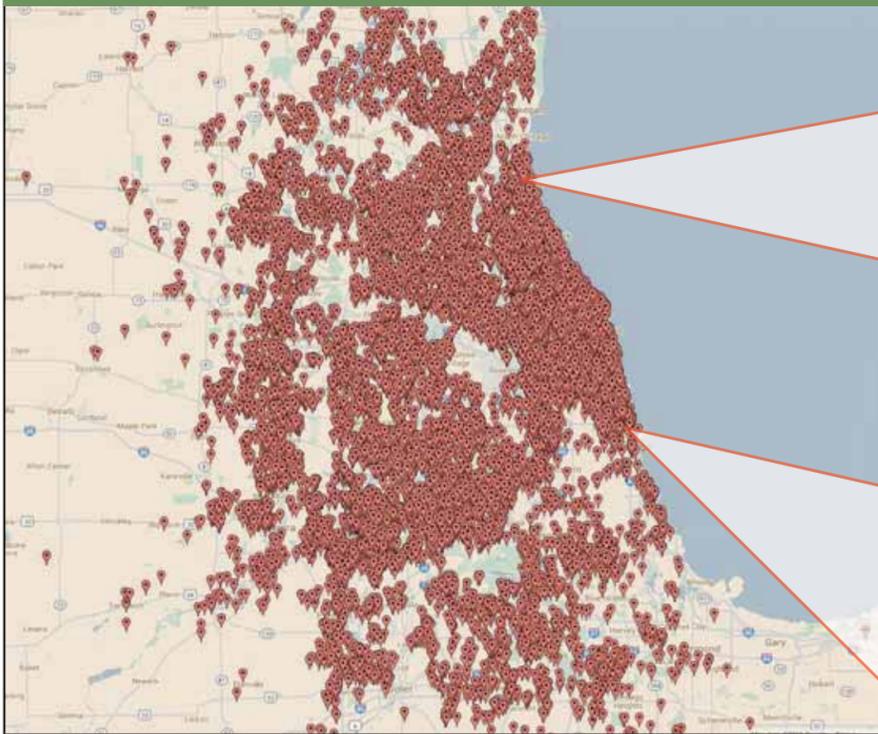
explore both above and below the lunar surface after arriving at the South Pole-Aitken basin's Von Karman crater following a 27-day journey.

It will also perform radio-astronomical studies that, because the far side always faces away from Earth, will be "free from interference from our planet's ionosphere, human-made radio frequencies and auroral radiation noise," space industry expert Leonard David wrote on the website Space.com.

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General leaving with particular set of skills

Kelly, from Page 1

But the departure of Kelly, a four-star general with battlefield experience and deep government know-how, deprives the West Wing of a seasoned leader who was seen by allies as a check on some of the president's more reckless impulses.

The selection of Ayers was not final Saturday as the president attended the Army-Navy football game in Philadelphia, and the two men remained in negotiations about the amount of time Ayers would commit to serve, according to White House officials.

As he departed the White House on Saturday, Trump told reporters that he would name a replacement in coming days, and that it may be on an interim basis.

"John Kelly will be leaving — I don't know if I can say 'retiring' But, he's a great guy," Trump said on the South Lawn of the White House as he prepared to board the Marine One presidential helicopter. "John Kelly will be leaving toward the end of the year, at the end of the year."

Earlier Saturday, Trump picked an Army general, Mark Milley, to be his next top military adviser.

If confirmed by the Senate, Gen. Milley, who has been chief of the Army since August 2015, would succeed



SUSAN WALSH/AP

Army Gen. Mark Milley, the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, chats with the president at the Army-Navy game.

Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Dunford's term doesn't end until Oct. 1.

Milley commanded troops during several tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Kelly's tenure in the White House came with its successes and failures and underscored a bigger ques-

tion: How much difference can any White House chief of staff make with the headstrong and mercurial president, who often governs by impulse and tweet, is uninterested in reading lengthy documents and is happiest at his raucous rallies?

Current and former aides say Kelly brought much-needed discipline to a dys-

functional West Wing by limiting the number of visitors to the Oval Office, curbing erroneous information from the president's desk and limiting attendance at meetings to people who needed to be present. He often talked the president out of his worst impulses, removed some of the president's most con-

tentious aides, including Omarosa Manigault Newman, Sebastian Gorka and Stephen Bannon, and provided the president necessary lessons in national security matters.

Among Republicans in Congress and military officials, Kelly was seen as an essential steadying hand.

"He was a force for order,

clarity and good sense," said House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis. "He is departing what is often a thankless job, but John Kelly has my eternal gratitude."

Though Trump loyalists said Kelly tried to change the president too much, Kelly also drew derision internally for supporting the president's rhetoric after last year's deadly white-nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Va., and mishandling the case of former staff secretary Rob Porter.

In one of his most memorable episodes, Kelly falsely attacked Rep. Frederica Wilson, a Florida Democrat who criticized the president.

Kelly's departure is anti-climactic, after months of the president's musing about replacing him and complaining about his chief of staff to some advisers even discussing possible successors. Still, current and former officials said Trump continues to respect Kelly, no matter how often the two men clashed.

Trump and Kelly had agreed that the chief of staff would announce the move Monday.

But the president announced it Saturday amid a flurry of headlines he wanted to change, advisers said.

Associated Press contributed.



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Some 10,000 protesters, mostly from the yellow-vested movement, took their anger to the streets of Paris, double the number in the capital last week, the interior minister said.

71 hurt as rioting engulfs Paris over French taxes

BY ELAINE GANLEY AND JOHN LEICESTER
Associated Press

PARIS — The rumble of armored police trucks and the hiss of tear gas filled central Paris on Saturday, as French riot police fought to contain thousands of yellow-vested protesters venting their anger against the government in a movement that has grown more violent by the week.

A ring of steel surrounded the president's Elysee Palace — a key destination for the protesters — as police stationed trucks and reinforced metal barriers in the neighborhood.

Stores along the elegant Champs-Elysees Avenue and the posh Avenue Montaigne boarded up windows as if bracing for a hurricane, but the storm struck anyway, this time at the height of the holiday shopping season.

Protesters ripped off the plywood protecting the windows and threw flares and other projectiles.

Riot police repeatedly repelled them with tear gas and water cannon.

Saturday's yellow vest crowd was overwhelmingly male, a mix of those bringing their financial grievances to Paris — the center of France's government, economy and culture — along with groups of experienced vandals who tore through some of the wealthiest neighborhoods, smashing and burning.

Police and protesters also clashed in other French cities, notably Marseille, Toulouse and Bordeaux, and in neighboring Belgium. Some protesters took aim at the French border with Italy, creating a huge traffic backup near the town of Ventimiglia.

The French government's plan was to prevent a repeat of the Dec. 2 rioting that damaged the Arc de Triomphe, devastated central Paris and tarnished the country's global image. It did not succeed, even though it was better prepared.

Although Saturday's protest in the French capital started quietly, tear gas choked the Champs-Elysees Avenue by evening.

Interior Minister

Christophe Castaner said that 135 had been injured and 974 taken into custody amid protests around the nation. Paris police headquarters counted 71 injuries in the capital, seven of them police officers.

An estimated 125,000 demonstrated around France while 10,000 took their anger to the streets of Paris, double the number in the capital last week, the interior minister said.

Toughening security tactics, authorities deployed 8,000 security officers in the capital alone, among the 89,000 who fanned out around the country.

A Starbucks near the Champs-Elysees was smashed open and people were seen stepping over broken glass and serving themselves to beverages. The window of a nearby bank was smashed in with a wrought-iron decoration used to encircle city trees.

All of the city's top tourist attractions — including the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre museum — shut for the day, fearing the kind of damage that hit the Arc de Triomphe a week ago.

Fatal police shootings chill black gun owners

Many still fear being taken for bad guys because of racism

BY JESSE J. HOLLAND
Associated Press

ODENTON, Md. — Gun-rights advocates like to say, "The only way to stop a bad guy with a gun is with a good guy with a gun."

Some black gun owners, though, are not so sure it's a wise idea for them to try to be the good guy and pull out a weapon in public.

Twice in the span of 11 days last month, a black man who drew a gun in response to a crime was shot to death by a white police officer after apparently being mistaken for the bad guy.

Some African-Americans who are licensed to carry weapons say cases like those make them hesitant to step in to protect others.

"I'm not an advocate of open-carry if you're black," said the Rev. Kenn Blanchard, a Second Amendment activist and host of the YouTube program "Black Man With a Gun TV," a gun advocacy show. "We still have racism. We still scare people. The psychology of fear, it's bigger than the Second Amendment."

The recent shootings of Jemel Roberson and Emantic Bradford Jr. amplified long-held fears that bad things can happen when a black man is seen with a gun.

Roberson was working security at a Robbins, Ill., bar when he was killed Nov. 11 while holding at gunpoint a man involved in a shooting. Witnesses said the officer ordered the 26-year-old Roberson to drop his gun before opening fire.

But witnesses also reportedly shouted that Roberson, who had a firearms permit, was a guard.



JAY REEVES/AP

April Pipkins holds a photograph of her son, Emantic "EJ" Bradford Jr., slain by Alabama police Thanksgiving night.

And a fellow guard said Roberson was wearing a knit hat and sweatshirt on which was emblazoned "Security."

Bradford, 21, was killed Thanksgiving night by an officer responding to a report of gunfire at a shopping mall in Hoover, Ala. Police initially identified Bradford as the gunman but later backtracked and arrested another suspect.

Ben Crump, a lawyer for the dead man's family, said witnesses claimed Bradford was trying to wave people away from the shooting.

Crump said Bradford was licensed to carry a weapon but was presumably seen as a threat because he was a black man.

The two shootings have brought up some of the same questions about racist assumptions and subconscious fears that were asked after the killings of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo., and Trayvon Martin in Sanford, Fla.

In some other cases involving black men killed by police: Philando Castile was shot in a car in 2016 in Minnesota, seconds after informing the officer he had a gun. The officer was

acquitted of manslaughter. And John Crawford III was shot in a Walmart in Ohio in 2014 while holding a BB gun he had picked up in the sporting goods section. Security footage showed he never pointed it at anyone.

According to the advocacy group Mapping Police Violence, 1,147 people were killed by police in 2017, 92 percent of them in shootings. While blacks made up 13 percent of the U.S. population, they accounted for 27 percent of those killed by police, 35 percent of those killed by police while unarmed, and 34 percent of those killed while unarmed and not attacking, the organization said.

Andre Blount of Tomball, Texas, once pulled out his shotgun to help a neighbor who was being attacked by an armed white man.

The police eventually arrived and defused the situation, he said.

"For me, being a legally registered owner and having a concealed weapon permit, I feel like I have to be more careful than the next person," Blount said. "Because if not, the only thing anyone sees is a black man with a gun."

Scientists develop first honey bee vaccine

BY KATI POHJANPALO
Bloomberg News

A growing number of honey bees die each year due to pesticides, vanishing habitats, poor nutrition and climate change, with potentially disastrous consequences for agriculture and natural diversity.

Now, scientists at the University of Helsinki, hoping to save at least some of the pollinators, have developed the first edible vaccine against microbial infections.

"We might be right now at a tipping point, without even realizing it," Dalial Freitak, the lead scientist on the project, said in an interview. "We've been taking the pollination services for granted for so long. These insects are not there, they are disappearing."

The first vaccine inoculates bees against American foulbrood, a globally spread disease that can kill entire colonies and whose spores can remain viable for more than 50 years. The technology may someday be used to

combat fungal diseases and other bacterial infections.

The vaccine is administered via an edible sugar patty that is suspended in the hive for the queen to consume over seven to 10 days. After she ingests the pathogens, she is able to spark an immune response in her offspring, eventually generating an inoculated hive.

The vaccine still needs a lot of work before it can become commercially available. Scientists must ensure it's safe for the environ-

ment, the bees themselves and humans who consume the honey. Regulatory hurdles will take years to clear. It's also too early to estimate how much beekeepers will have to shell out to buy inoculated hives, Freitak said.

While yields for potatoes, rice, wheat, and other crops that don't need pollination may also benefit from more bees, vitamin-rich fruits such as apples, tomatoes and citrus won't deliver a crop without them, Freitak said.



DANIEL ACKER/BLOOMBERG NEWS

An edible vaccine for American foulbrood, which can kill entire hives, has been developed by scientists in Finland.

Soldier without papers mans border

Deployed to bar migrants, an illegal immigrant worries

By ALEX HORTON
The Washington Post

The U.S. soldier was ready to deploy across the world at a moment's notice, but when the orders came down weeks ago to mobilize on the southern border, it sparked a flash of concern.

He knew the mission was in support of border agents combing harsh borderland terrain to arrest anyone unlawfully in the country.

People like him. "I'm an illegal immigrant," the Chinese-born soldier said.

His duties do not often intersect with Customs and Border Protection agents, he said, but he has avoided them out of fear they will learn one of 5,400 troops in their orbit is in violation of immigration law.

That has placed him in the unusual situation of serving a nation that has not recognized him as a citizen, despite promises from the Pentagon to quickly naturalize skilled immigrants in exchange for service, as it had done for thousands of troops since 2009.

The Post is withholding the soldier's name and certain details, including his duty location, because he fears discipline for speaking to the press.

The soldier, now in his late 20s, began his path to the United States nearly a decade ago after high school.

His home in southeastern China is beautiful, he said, the region dotted with lakes and towering limestone karst formations. But it is also stifling. He felt trapped by family expectations, and a passion for engineering could only take him so far there.

There were better opportunities in America, he believed.

He joined his sister in California on a student visa



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and enrolled in college. The military seemed like a place to further his career, he said, and the Pentagon's immigrant recruit program guaranteed something more than job security: "A sense of pride," he said.

His enlistment would also harness something that makes him especially valuable to the military — his voice. He speaks several dialects, including Mandarin Chinese, which is among several languages the Pentagon has deemed strategically vital but in short supply among U.S.-born troops.

And as the Pentagon has increasingly worried about China's military ambitions, it seemed like the perfect time, then, for the Chinese-born soldier to offer his skills.

He was scheduled to begin training in August 2016, according to documents.

The program guaranteed something more than job security: "A sense of pride," he said.

— undocumented Chinese man who is a U.S. soldier

That's about when everything started to go very wrong. The Pentagon program he enlisted through, Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest, was beginning its yearlong implosion.

Immigrant recruits commonly timed their enlistment so their student and visitor visas could carry them through with enough time to legally protect them.

But the Pentagon's security screening was so slow that "some number of 4,300 MAVNI applicants" had fallen out of lawful status as they waited, according to an

internal agency memo dated Sept. 30, 2016.

The agency later said the number crested at 1,000 recruits. That number included the Chinese soldier, whose enlistment date slid back amid the chaos. Many recruits waited months, or years, to move forward.

The Chinese soldier did not have even weeks.

In September 2016, the Pentagon introduced vastly more complicated security checks amid fears of foreign infiltrators.

Weeks later, in October, his legal status expired, making him an unlawful

immigrant.

He picked up fares as a Lyft driver while he waited for his enlistment to move forward, he said, and took pains to avoid the border when he ventured to San Diego. He wouldn't risk flying, either.

In August 2017, after nine grueling months under threat of deportation, he was granted deferred action by Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS), but that already expired, he said, putting him back into the crosshairs of immigration enforcement.

The MAVNI program was shuttered last fall, crushed by its own bureaucratic inertia, and remaining applicants in the system trickled through enlistment. Military naturalizations plummeted just as the Chinese soldier readied for training.

USCIS closed its offices

at three basic training sites in January 2018, BuzzFeed reported, despite laws that mandate faster naturalizations established after a U.S. soldier from Trinidad was killed in Iraq on his way to gather paperwork for his citizenship. A Pentagon spokeswoman did not immediately return comment on how and why immigrant troops may arrive at their units without being naturalized.

Soon after the January closures, the Chinese soldier made it to basic training.

His drill sergeants told him he would not be naturalized during basic training in Missouri, he said.

He then moved to advanced training in Texas. He said he was told the base was not set up for naturalizations, either.

And then, soon after he arrived at his home station, he was mobilized for the border deployment.

In China, his parents have worried about his status and his safety after seeing images of Central American migrants fleeing tear gas.

He feels sympathetic to fellow immigrants, he said, who like him left their home to pursue opportunities elsewhere.

"At the same time," he said, "a massive group rushing in wasn't the best way to do so, I think."

At his new unit, paperwork for his naturalization was underway, he said, but the border deployment has paused the process while he is gone.

Troops on the border were scheduled to leave by Dec. 15.

But last week, the Pentagon extended forces there to the end of January.

He has kept busy in his down time by working out, reading and studying for certification tests, he said.

Sometimes he will catch a sunset of brilliant orange and pink.

It's wondrous out there, he said, in the big, beautiful country not quite his home.

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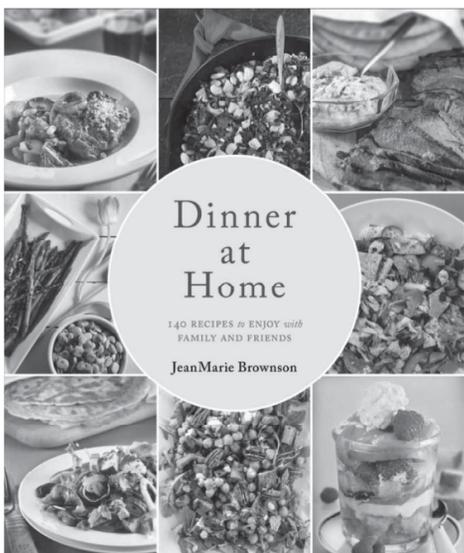
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For 8 years, mom in dark about son

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Honduran Haydee Posadas' son had fled violence for the U.S.

BY MARIA VERZA
Associated Press

SAN PEDRO SULA, Honduras — Haydee Posadas had waited eight years for her son to come home. On the last night of her long vigil, she was too agitated to sleep.

Her son had fled Honduras for the U.S. in 2010 in part because of gang threats, just as thousands are doing today in the migrant caravans headed north, including men from the same neighborhood.

But en route in Mexico, again like so many others, Wilmer Gerardo Nunez disappeared into the vortex of drug violence that he was trying to escape in the first place. Left in limbo, his anguished mother prayed for an answer.

"I am between a rock and a hard place," she begged God through the years. "I know nothing about my son, whether he's dead or alive."

Nunez's story is part of the hidden toll of migration to the U.S. through Mexico: In the last four years alone, almost 4,000 migrants have died or gone missing along that route, The Associated Press has found. That's 1,573 more than the previously known number, calculated by the United Nations.

And even the AP's number is likely low — bodies may be lost in the desert, and families may not report missing loved ones who were migrating illegally.

These Latin American migrants are among 56,800 worldwide who died or disappeared over the same period, the AP found.

While migrants everywhere face risks, the Mexico route holds the added danger of drug trafficking and gang violence. More than 37,000 people have gone missing throughout Mexico because of this violence, with the highest number in the border state of Tamaulipas, through which many migrants cross.

The sheer numbers of the disappeared, along with crushing bureaucracy and the fear of gangs, makes it difficult for families to track what happened to their loved ones — as Posadas found out.

Ciudad Planeta in San Pedro Sula looks like an ordinary working-class neighborhood, with one-story concrete houses with metal roofs. Only the bars that hem in nearly every porch let on that it is one of the most dangerous neighborhoods in one of the world's most dangerous countries.

This is the neighborhood Nunez left for the first time in the 1990s to go to the United States at 16, when his mother lost her factory job.

"He did not say anything to me. One day he simply left," said Posadas, a diminutive 73-year-old grandmother known in the neighborhood as "Mama Haydee."

Nunez was not the oldest of the 10 children in the family, but he was the one who looked out for the others. He sent money home, some of which Posadas used to build metal bars around the porch. And he called his mother almost every day.

Nunez was deported twice but returned to the U.S. each time. In 2007, he fell in love with a Mexican woman, Maria Esther Lozano, now 38, and they had a child, Dachell. When Lozano was about to give birth to another child, in July 2010, Nunez was deported a third time.

Posadas was happy to have him back home. He would make lunch with her, stewing meat, kneading tortilla flour and frying up ripe bananas.

"He cooked better than a woman," Posadas said, her face lighting up at the memory.

But the neighborhood had grown more dangerous, with organized crime moving in and frequent bloody raids. All of Posadas' children left except for one



Relatives attend the burial of Wilmer Gerardo Nunez in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. An official report of the 2010 San Fernando ranch massacre stated that body No. 63 was a male with tattoos, one reading "Dachell."

who stayed and one who died of illness.

Once Posadas' daughter was handcuffed to the bars of the house, while men who said they were police went inside and shot her grandson because they suspected his involvement with gangs. Other nights there were shootouts in the streets. Sometimes Posadas awoke to the thunder of footsteps from someone fleeing across the metal sheet roofs of houses.

Posadas has a mantra for survival in Planeta: "If you saw it, you didn't see it. If you heard it, you didn't hear it. And everyone keeps quiet."

The third time Nunez was deported, in 2010, things were so bad he barely went outside the home.

"He seemed very pensive," Posadas said. "I'm afraid," he told me.

He was also anxious to get back to California and meet his new daughter. After just a few days in San Pedro Sula and an apparent threat from gang members, he left earlier than planned.

"I have to get out of here now," he told Lozano, without further explanation.

Nunez, his nephew, Joao Adolfo, and two neighbors hopped on a midnight bus that takes dozens of migrants daily to the Guatemalan border.

In the past, Nunez had crossed the U.S. border in California. But this time he hurt his ankle while fleeing from the Zetas gang in Veracruz state, Lozano said. So he struck out for the border with Texas, a shorter but more dangerous route.

He called Lozano every day, sometimes from the phone of the smuggler taking them across the border. He liked the guide but worried that the group was too big, with dozens of migrants in two trucks.

About a week after he left Honduras, he spoke to his mother for the last time, telling her to pray that everything would turn out well.

A day later, he spoke to Lozano, for nearly an hour. Rula — Nunez's nickname — seemed relaxed, making jokes, she said.

They were in Piedras Negras, across from Eagle Pass in Texas. Lozano was supposed to wait for a call to pay the smuggler half the money, about \$3,000. Then she needed another call from Nunez's sister to confirm his safe arrival before paying the remaining \$3,000.

The calls never came. Lozano never heard from Nunez. She talked to the smuggler a couple of times, who told her they were still waiting to cross. Then the phone went unanswered.

At first Posadas and Lozano weren't too worried. They were used to losing contact with Nunez, then 35, for a few days during his trips, for example when his cell-phone failed.

But about two weeks after he left, when Posadas turned on the television news, fear suddenly



Wilmer Gerardo Nunez as a young adult, at his mother's home in the Ciudad Planeta neighborhood of San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

seized her. Authorities had found 72 corpses of migrants on a ranch in San Fernando, Tamaulipas, across the border from Texas, the report said.

"I started to weep like a crazy person. There were no names, but I was shaken," said Posadas.

It turned out that gang members in vehicles marked with the letter Z — the calling card of the feared Zetas drug cartel — had stopped two tractor-trailers with dozens of migrants in northern Mexico. They were taken to the ranch and asked to join the cartel. Only one agreed.

The rest were blindfolded, tied up on the floor and shot dead. An Ecuadorian managed to escape and alerted the navy.

A list of victims released days after the massacre included the names of Posadas' grandson and the two neighbors who had been traveling with them. But there was no trace of Nunez, and authorities told Posadas that if he was not among the dead, he could be alive.

Posadas asked local prosecutors, the Honduran foreign ministry and Mexican authorities about her son, but no one had information for her. Her ex-husband, Nunez's father, offered a DNA sample to be compared with the cadavers that had not yet been identified. Photos of those cadavers did not include Nunez.

Hoping against hope, Posadas and Lozano worked to find Nunez. They tried jails, detention centers and hospitals. Nothing. Lozano gave the Honduran consulate names, photos and descriptions of Nunez's tattoos, including one of Dachell and another of the number 8. She went there every day.

Still nothing. Then they heard that the Ecuadorian survivor said another man — a Honduran — also had escaped the massacre and helped him get away from the ranch. Honduran and Mexican authorities refused to give Lozano any more information because the man was under protection. They would not even confirm whether it was Nunez.

There was no luck with the Ecuadorian embassy, either, when Lozano asked to convey a photo of Nunez to the Ecuadorian survivor.

"I didn't want to see him, or even talk to him, just for him to look at the photo and tell me if it was the same person who helped him," Lozano sobbed.

In Honduras, Posadas also ran

up against hurdles. She went to the capital, Tegucigalpa, to consult with Honduran and Mexican officials, but nobody could say what had happened with her ex-husband's DNA sample. She called and called for a year, until finally they stopped answering.

The only thing left was to go to Mexico. But how could a sick old woman do that? Lozano was in no better position to do so, with five children depending on her and no legal residence in the U.S.

Lozano hired a lawyer to help relatives search prisons in Tamaulipas. That's when they thought they had a breakthrough: The lawyer said he saw a man resembling Nunez in one of the prisons. Posadas asked herself, "Has God heard my pleas?"

But that lead also vanished. They heard nothing more from the lawyer, and Lozano's brothers had to abandon the search because of threats from the Zetas.

Posadas told herself that if her son were alive, he would have called her. Yet without information or a body, she still held on to hope.

After three years of searching, that began to diminish. She spent nights awake in her small living room, decorated with knickknacks and photos, including one of Nunez as a teenager. Days were just as desperate.

"I felt like I was falling into a terrible depression," Posadas said. "I would walk down the street, and people would see I was smiling, but it was on the outside nobody knew how I was on the inside."

Posadas had no way to know, but she could have had her answer days after the mass killing.

The official report on the massacre stated that body No. 63 was a male with tattoos, including "Dachell" and the number 8. Documents note the finding of a Honduran driver's license in the name of Wilmer Gerardo Nunez Posadas, with a photo of a man with a moustache and beard.

Yet nobody made that information public, and body No. 63 was buried in a common grave.

In September 2013, the Argentine Forensic Anthropology Team and other groups reached an agreement with Mexican prosecutors to identify more than 200 bodies from three massacres, including the one at San Fernando. All the bodies in the common grave were exhumed for new autopsies. In March 2015, Mexico's attorney general's office sent a letter to the Honduran Supreme Court asking for help locating the relatives of two men, including Nunez.

When the Argentine team found out about Nunez's ID, they tried to track down the family, but did not want to set foot in Planeta.

"I made it clear that I could not enter that area," said Allang Rodriguez, a psychologist with the Committee of Relatives of Disappeared Migrants of El Progreso, a group working with the Argentines.

The Catholic church helped in

the search, and talked to nuns who worked with migrants. One woman, Geraldina Garay, knew a taxi driver who lived in Planeta. He offered to leave a scrap of paper with a phone number that Posadas could call in one of the neighborhood's oldest stores, behind her home.

A neighbor saw the message and brought it to Posadas late last year. Confused, she called the number. The voice on the other end wanted to meet to talk about her disappeared son.

"Today I finally have hope," she thought.

When they met, the forensic experts told her about the driver's license and the tattoos. They arranged for DNA tests for her and for Wilmer Turcios Sarmiento, 18, who was thought to be Nunez's son from a teenage relationship before he left for the U.S.

In May, Posadas learned the DNA tests had come back positive — one of 183 matches for dead migrants found with help of the Argentine team since 2010.

"My heart hurt so much most of all because of the death he suffered, not even knowing who killed him, with his eyes blindfolded, hands tied," Posadas said, her voice trailing off, tears in her eyes.

The DNA tests also proved Nunez was Turcios' father. It was like finding and losing a father at the same time, he told his grandmother.

One question continued to rattle around in Posadas' mind, and it was what pained her the most: "Why? Why, having the proof, did they hide it so long?"

The report she was given spoke of errors and inconsistencies in the handling of the case, and called for an investigation into the delay. To date, nobody has been convicted for the killings, and nine people are still unidentified. Mexican officials did not comment.

On Oct. 31, Wilmer Gerardo Nunez came home to Honduras.

The coffin arrived at the airport in San Pedro Sula, packaged in cardboard with a thin black ribbon and Nunez's name, and was transported to the morgue. When it was opened, the odor of death filled the room, softened by chemical products.

Posadas, holding a small red towel to wipe away tears and sweat, approached with her husband, her sister and a psychologist. A forensic worker unwrapped the cadaver. By now the head was just a skull, but on the arms some of the skin remained, along with tattoos. Posadas didn't need to see any more.

About 20 people came to the brief wake at the house in Planeta, where the coffin took up most of the living room in the baking sun. After eight years, the final goodbye lasted about two hours. Posadas feared that if it went any longer, the gangsters who control the neighborhood would show up.

Then a bus from the Planeta Baptist Church took the family to a small cemetery with a motley collection of unkempt tombs.

"I am finally sure. It is him. It is him. I give thanks to God," Posadas sobbed before collapsing next to the coffin.

Several mourners took cellphone video for relatives in the United States to see, but Nunez's children in Los Angeles still don't know he is dead. His younger daughter, Sulek Haydee, now 8, talks more and more to her grandmother online, and often asks: "Where is my daddy? Why doesn't he come to see us?"

"He can't, mamita," Posadas answers with a knot in her throat. "He's working."

Nunez's son in Honduras dreams of going to the U.S. to seek a better life. "Anything is better than this," Turcios said.

Eight years and three months after the last hug from her son, Posadas says she feels peace for the first time, although she still wants justice.

In her prayers now, she asks for her grandson not to migrate.

Fewer want to join cities' finest

Job applications to be police officers plummet across U.S.

BY TOM JACKMAN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Chuck Wexler talks to police chiefs frequently, as head of the Police Executive Research Forum think tank in Washington. Recently, he asked a roomful of chiefs to raise their hands if they wanted their children to follow them into a law enforcement career.

Not one hand went up, he said.

Across the country, interest in becoming a police officer is down dramatically.

In Nashville, Tenn., job applications dropped from 4,700 in 2010 to 1,900 last year. In Seattle, applications have declined by nearly 50 percent, in a department where the starting salary is \$79,000. Even the FBI saw a sharp drop, from 21,000 applications per year to 13,000 last year, before a new marketing campaign brought an upswing.

And retaining officers once they've joined is getting harder too.

In a PERF survey of nearly 400 police departments about voluntary resignations, 29 percent of those who left their police job voluntarily had been on the force less than a year, and an additional 40 percent had been on the job less than five years.

At a PERF gathering of police chiefs and commanders from across the country in Washington last week, many attributed their declining numbers to a diminished perception of police after the 2014 shooting and unrest in Ferguson, Mo., and an increase in public and media scrutiny of police made possible by technology and social media.

"There's an increased potential for officers to be



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criminally liable for making a good faith mistake," said Terry Sult, the Hampton, Va., police chief.

"We're seeing a lot more media coverage of officers being prosecuted, and that weighs heavily on a lot of officers' hearts. ... That's a stressor on whether I want to stay in this position or not."

Russ Hamill, an assistant chief of the Montgomery County, Md., police, said he would prefer his kids enter another profession — "even lawyers," he said, to big laughs.

It wasn't all gloom and doom in the gathering of 250 law enforcement executives in Washington.

The police commanders

traded ideas on how to recruit, and retain, quality police officers, including lowering the requirement of a college degree, relaxing rules on prior drug use and easing tattoo policies.

Making departments more welcoming to minorities and women, in part by providing them with mentors and physical training help, has enabled Tempe, Ariz., to maintain its recruitment numbers, Chief Sylvia Moir said.

The videos of police misconduct, or fatal shootings, have damaged the perception of American police officers, but not irrevocably, said Antoinette Archer, director of human relations for the Richmond, Va., po-

lice.

For many people, "they're taken aback by the brutality, not by the profession," Archer said. "If we can be inclusive" of women and people of color, "those individuals who can see a part of their fabric in the department will come forward. ... If the environment is not inclusive, you're going to lose them."

When Wexler asked the room if anyone had problems recruiting for diversity, every hand went up.

The trend toward fewer police officers per capita has been steady for 20 years, according to findings from the Bureau of Justice Statistics. While the U.S. population has risen from 267

million in 1997 to 323 million in 2016, the number of full-time sworn officers per 1,000 U.S. residents has dropped from 2.42 in 1997 to 2.17 officers per 1,000 residents in 2016.

The raw number of sworn officers peaked at nearly 725,000 in 2013, and is now down to just more than 701,000. Houston Assistant Chief Lori Bender said Houston should have 2,000 more officers to efficiently handle its population.

Wexler theorized that some decline may be from the gradual retirements of the 100,000 officers hired nationwide as part of an initiative by President Bill Clinton in the 1990s.

But whatever the reason for officers leaving, the process of replacing them has gotten tougher. Nearly 66 percent of the nearly 400 police departments surveyed said their number of applicants had decreased. Hiring in a healthy economy is one problem, police officials said, because private industry can offer better salaries.

Still, pay isn't the main reason many pass policing by, Deputy Seattle Chief Marc Garth Green said.

"Number one is validation," Green said. "The validation that they're putting their life on the line. There's no respect for that," and he blamed the news media for undermining respect for police authority.

A recent survey of 800 college students majoring in criminal justice found that they didn't have the misgivings often cited by veteran cops, criminal justice professor Charles Scheer of the University of Southern Mississippi said.

"This generation expects social media and scrutiny," Scheer said. "They're not afraid of the perception of police."

He said African-American students were often deterred by family members who were "not too hot on the idea" of a relative becoming a cop and a misunderstanding of how often officer-involved shootings occur. Scheer suggested a college football-style recruiting approach where an applicant's whole family is wooed.

Wexler had a number of new officers present to offer their views. Clario Sampson, a young officer in Newark, N.J., said he gladly donned a body camera every day to demonstrate and defend his policing.

"For the older officers, it's an adjustment," Sampson said. "I do believe that because of the cameras and how the media looks at it, we have to do more training."

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

Ex-convict charged in death of North Carolina teen, FBI says

LUMBERTON, N.C. — Police have arrested and charged a man with killing a 13-year-old girl who was kidnapped last month from a North Carolina mobile home park.

The FBI said Saturday that Michael Ray McLellan has been charged in connection with the kidnapping and murder of Hania Noelia Aguilar.

McLellan, 34, faces first degree murder, rape and eight other felony charges. He'd been released from

prison in June and was still on parole from a 2017 felony breaking and entering conviction, the News & Observer of Raleigh reported. He was previously convicted in 2007 of assault with a deadly weapon and was released on parole in 2016, the newspaper reported.

He is being held without bond in the Robeson County Detention Center. He will appear in court at the Robeson County Courthouse on Monday.

Thousands take part in protest at U.N. climate talks in Poland

KATOWICE, Poland — Thousands of people from around the world marched Saturday through the Polish city that's hosting this year's U.N. climate talks, demanding that governments take tougher action to curb global warming.

The "March for Climate" protesters included farmers from Latin America, students from the U.S. and families from Europe.

Inside the U.N. meeting, negotiators were concluding the first week of talks, which are focused on finalizing the Paris rulebook that determines how signatories to the 2015 deal report greenhouse gas emissions. In a recent report, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change said drastic action is needed to achieve the accord's target of keeping global warming below 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit.

Rebel delegates report some progress at Yemen peace talks

RIMBO, Sweden — Yemeni rebel delegates at talks underway in Sweden to try end their country's ruinous civil war reported progress Saturday on the key issues of reopening the airport at the capital, Sanaa, and the implementation of an agreement reached earlier in the week on the exchange of prisoners.

U.N. special envoy to Yemen, Martin Griffiths, struck a positive note, say-

ing that the two sides were demonstrating a "positive spirit" in the talks.

Yemen's four-year conflict, which has pushed the country to the brink of famine, pits the country's Shiite rebels, known as Houthis, against Yemen's internationally recognized government supported by a Saudi-led coalition. The U.N. has led a push to resolve the conflict, but past attempts have failed.



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Relatives and friends comfort each other Saturday outside the morgue in Corinaldo, a town in central Italy. Five teens, three of whom were girls, and a mother died.

Stampede at rap concert kills 6, injures 53 in Italian disco

CORINALDO, Italy — A stampede at a rap concert in an overcrowded Italian disco killed five teenagers — three girls and two boys — early Saturday along with a woman who had brought her daughter to the event, authorities said.

Fifty-three people were reported injured, including 13 in serious condition.

Video broadcast on state TV RaiNews24 showed teenagers rushing out of a door and surging toward a low wall near an exit of the Blue Lantern disco in the central Italian town of Corinaldo, near Ancona on the Adriatic coast. The barrier then appeared to give way and a cascade of teenagers tumbled over it.

The bodies of the trampled victims were all found near a low wall, Ancona Firefighters Cmdr. Dino Poggiali told Sky TG24 News. The dead teenagers' ages ranged from 14 to 16 and the mother who was killed was 39, said Col. Cristian Carrozza, commander of the Ancona province Carabinieri paramilitary police.

The dead woman had accompanied her 8-year-old daughter to the concert and was the mother of four children, Italian daily Il Messaggero reported.

Italian rapper Sfera Ebbasta, who is popular with teenagers, was to perform at the venue.

Ancona Chief Prose-

cutor Monica Garulli told reporters that 1,400 tickets were sold, but the disco has the capacity to hold about 870 people. Later, Premier Giuseppe Conte said the disco had three rooms but only used one of them, with a capacity of 469 people, for the concert.

The stampede occurred shortly after 1 a.m., less than 30 minutes before the concert was to start. Italian media quoted concertgoers as saying that someone had sprayed an irritant, which triggered the panic.

Italian President Sergio Mattarella demanded that a "full light be shone on what happened, ascertaining any responsibility and negligence."

Official: Russian human rights pioneer dies at 91

MOSCOW — Lyudmila Alexeyeva, a human rights pioneer and dissident who challenged the Soviet and Russian regimes for decades, demanding that they free political prisoners and establish democratic rights, died Saturday in a Moscow hospital, a Russian official said. She was 91.

The activist was born under dictator Josef Stalin's regime. She risked her own freedom to protest the plight of political prisoners in the Soviet Union in the 1960s and 1970s and co-founded the Moscow Helsinki Group, Russia's oldest human rights organization, in 1976.

Alexeyeva was forced into exile in 1977.

She returned to Russia in 1993 after the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union and continued her work, but suspicion of non-governmental organizations under President Vladimir Putin's rule increasingly impeded her activities.

Monks killed in Algeria's civil war of '90s beatified

ALGIERS, Algeria — A cardinal dispatched by the Vatican to Algeria held an unusual beatification ceremony on Saturday for 19 monks, nuns and other Catholics who were killed during Algeria's civil war in the 1990s.

It was the first such ceremony in the Muslim world, according to Algeria's religious affairs minister. It came after Pope Francis recognized all 19 as martyrs in January, paving the way for Saturday's ceremony in the western Algerian city of Oran. Beatification is a step in the process of being declared a saint.

Those honored included seven French Trappist monks who were abducted from the monastery of Tibhirine, south of Algiers, in 1996, and beheaded. A radical group was blamed, but some observers have suggested Algeria's military was responsible.

In Israel: Israeli forces said Saturday they found another Hezbollah tunnel dug from Lebanon, an announcement that came shortly after troops fired at suspected members of the Lebanese militant group who approached the site. It's the second cross-border tunnel found since Israel began an operation last week.

In Kashmir: At least 12 people were killed and 18 others injured Saturday after a bus fell into a rocky gorge along a mountainous road in Indian-controlled Kashmir, officials said. The bus plunged off a Himalayan mountain road as its driver negotiated a curve near southern Poonch town and fell into a 200-foot-deep gorge.

Trump prods McConnell on sentencing legislation

Senate leader reluctant on bill, thinks it's divisive

BY LISA MASCARO AND KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's reluctance to hold a vote on a popular criminal justice bill has angered top Republican senators and created an unusual rift with a long-time GOP ally, Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa.

On Friday, it also brought a tweet from President Donald Trump.

"Hopefully Mitch McConnell will ask for a VOTE on Criminal Justice Reform," Trump tweeted. "It is extremely popular and has strong bipartisan support. It will also help a lot of people, save taxpayer dollars, and keep our communities safe. Go for it Mitch!"

Minutes later Grassley tweeted that he and the president had spoken about "the growing support" for the legislation.

"Pres Trump told me he wants it done THIS CONGRESS," Grassley tweeted.

Grassley has spent years working to build a coalition around the bill and is pushing for a year-end vote.

Grassley says more than two-thirds of the Senate supports it.

But McConnell declines to bring the legislation forward in a standoff that's dividing the Republican majority and putting Trump on the spot.

For Grassley, the 85-year-old chairman of the Judiciary Committee, this is not the way the Senate is supposed to operate.

Grassley was expecting some deference from McConnell after delivering on Trump's judicial nominees — including two now on the Supreme Court. Despite Trump's support for the measure, McConnell says it's divisive. His reluctance to take up Grassley's



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Senate leader Mitch McConnell's reluctance to bring the sentencing bill forward is dividing the GOP majority.

priority shows the limits of the Senate's old-fashioned customs in an era of heightened partisan politics.

"I think I ought to have some consideration for delivering on tough Supreme Court nominees, and a lot of tough circuit court nominees and maybe even once in a while you get a tough district court nominee," Grassley went on.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., intervened Friday, talking directly to Trump about attaching the criminal justice legislation to the must-pass year-end spending bill, which is already tangled in a separate fight over funds for the border wall with Mexico.

"Just talked with President," Graham tweeted. "He strongly believes criminal justice reform bill must pass now. He also indicated he supports putting criminal justice reform bill on year-end spending bill which must include MORE wall funding."

Trump has called senators about the bill and spoke about it Friday at an event on safe neighborhoods in Kansas City.

The bill is a project of Trump's son-in-law, White House adviser Jared Kushner, and would be the biggest sentencing overhaul in decades. It would reduce mandatory prison

terms for certain drug crimes and give judges in some cases more discretion on punishments. It would allow about 2,600 federal prisoners sentenced for crack cocaine offenses before August 2010 the opportunity to petition for a reduced penalty.

It also includes provisions to encourage education and workforce training in prisons.

Roughly 90 percent of prison inmates are held in state facilities and would not be affected by the legislation.

While Kushner has been meeting with senators on Capitol Hill, Trump is also hearing from allies who are against the legislation. Chief among them is Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark., who is warning senators that Republicans will be blamed if criminals are released and commit new crimes.

"Only thing worse than early release from prison of thousands of serious, violent, & repeat felons is to do that in a spending bill with no debate or amendments, forcing senators to either shut down government or let felons out of prison," Cotton tweeted Friday.

The spending bill will need approval by Dec. 21 to avoid a funding lapse days before Christmas.



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The African Prisons Project helps poor, illiterate inmates learn to read and study the law so they can advocate for themselves in court.

African prisoners find education can be freeing

Program teaches literacy and the law to inmates

BY DESMOND TIRO AND JOSPHAT KASIRE
Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — Morris Kaberia was on Kenya's death row and feeling suicidal when he came across a program that eventually set him free.

The former police officer had been imprisoned for violent robbery, and his protests that he had been framed went unanswered. Then he heard about the African Prisons Project, which is turning even illiterate prisoners into their own legal advocates in countries where such assistance is desperately rare.

In September, the 47-year-old was released after representing himself in court. He is now pursuing a law degree from the University of London. "Joining the program is actually the thing which gave me my life back," he said. "I saw that there is a possibility of

thinking big that the walls cannot limit me."

Eight hundred prisoners have been freed this year alone as of October, project spokeswoman Peggy Nyahera said.

The project in Kenya and neighboring Uganda was founded in 2007 by then-British law student Alexander McLean, who was volunteering in Uganda when he witnessed the sorry state of inmates. Many are illiterate and poor, with little resources to represent themselves.

Under the project, inmates who need it are mastering basic literacy and then encouraged to study law. Project staffers and inmates role-play in mock court situations while law students act as judges.

who works with inmates at a prison in Kenya.

The experience can transform inmates and change how others treat them, Mzari said. "People are now seeing that the people whom we took into prison, whom we had considered that they are the litter and the garbage of society, they are now coming out as polished gold."

The prisoner with the high score in May, George Karaba, 45, had been charged with murder and sentenced to death. He says he had lost hope. Now he's applying for a presidential pardon and has become a trustee, with a leadership role among his peers.

Currently 60 prisoners are studying for University of London Law degrees via correspondence from 30 prisons in Kenya and Uganda, the African Prisons Project said. The work is supported by the Queens Commonweath Trust.

The project also helps former prisoners into positions where they can work to revise what they call unjust laws.

OBITUARIES

PAT SOMERS CRONIN 1927-2018

Writer and columnist for Beverly Review

By GRAYDON MEGAN
Chicago Tribune

Pat Somers Cronin crafted advertising copy and wrote stories for the Chicago Daily News during a lifetime of writing that also included 20 years as a columnist for the Beverly Review on the Southwest Side.

The mother of 10, she was staunchly anti-abortion and wrote book reviews and commentary for the Catholic Press and other publications. She often described herself as being "addicted to the printed word," said her daughter Sheila Cronin, a novelist.

A graduate of what is now Dominican University in River Forest, Cronin was honored in 2003 with the school's Caritas Veritas Award, for a life reflecting the school's motto: A search for truth through charity or service.

"Pat Cronin was smart and forthright, a feminist, with a graceful disposition," university President Donna M. Carroll said in an email. "She was a great observer of people and situations and, as a journalist, she had the ability to weave a story with accuracy, empathy and good humor while remaining committed to the integrity of her words."

Cronin, 91, died of natural causes Nov. 14 in Smith Village in the Beverly neighborhood of Chicago, according to her son Michael. Cronin moved to Smith Village four or five years ago from the Beverly home where she lived for 50 years, but if asked would always say she was from South Shore, the neighborhood where she was born



FAMILY PHOTO

Pat Somers Cronin often described herself as "addicted to the printed word"

and grew up.

After attending the since-closed St. Xavier Academy in Chicago for high school, the former Pat Somers went to Rosary College, now Dominican. In a summer high school program in Quebec, she learned to speak fluent French, a skill she never lost.

She later received a master's degree in English language and literature from the University of Chicago, "amazingly, while raising 10 children," her son said.

After finishing college, she worked as a copywriter for companies including Marshall Field's and Sears, and also for the advertising agency then known as Young and Rubicam. It was during this time that she also wrote for the Daily News, according to her family.

In 1957, she married James Cronin Sr., a widower with four children. Later in her life, she played a role in raising the children of her daughter Ellyn Rose Cronin, who died of cancer in 2004.

Sheila Cronin said her mother went into marriage not knowing how to cook.

But she attacked cooking and baking as she did the learning of other skills. "She conquered both," her daughter said, adding that her mother's parties were legendary not only for the fun but for the food.

She continued to write and publish after her marriage.

"A story of hers critical of Catholic grade schools was published in America magazine in 1957 and went national that summer when Time magazine reprinted it," her daughter said in an email. "It caused quite a stir."

Her non-fiction story of losing a baby shortly after birth, "God Knows Best," was published in a 1960 anthology, her family said.

Cronin was also a columnist for the Beverly Review for about 20 years, writing "The View from the Hill" beginning in the late 1970s, according to Bob Olszewski, the paper's general manager. The column highlighted local events and people, Olszewski said. After the column ended, Cronin continued to do freelance features for the paper and submitted letters and opinion pieces.

"She was just so intelligent, articulate and gracious," Olszewski said. "She brightened up the office ... everybody loved her."

Her husband died in 1990.

Survivors include three other daughters Patricia Snead, Emily Chaveriat and Mary Ann; four other sons John, Walter, Joseph and James Jr.; 33 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services were held.

Graydon Megan is a freelance reporter.

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ON DECEMBER 9 ...

In 1608 poet John Milton was born in London.

In 1854 Alfred, Lord Tennyson's famous poem "The Charge of the Light Brigade" was published in England.

In 1886 Clarence Birdseye, developer of frozen foods, was born in New York.

In 1929 actor and filmmaker John Cassavetes was born in New York.

In 1940 British troops opened their first major offensive in North Africa during World War II.

In 1941 China declared war on Japan, Germany and Italy.

In 1942 the Aram Khachaturian ballet "Gayane," featuring the surging "Saber Dance," was first performed by the Kirov Ballet.

In 1958 the anti-Communist John Birch Society was formed in Indianapolis.

In 1965 Nikolai Podgorny replaced Anastas Mikoyan as president of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.



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On Dec. 9, 1996, archaeologist and anthropologist Mary Leakey died in Nairobi, Kenya; she was 83.

In 1975 President Gerald Ford signed a \$2.3 billion seasonal loan authorization to prevent New York City from having to default.

In 1984 the 5-day-old hijacking of a Kuwaiti jetliner that claimed the lives of two Americans ended as Iranian security men seized control of the plane, which was parked at Tehran airport.

In 1990 Solidarity founder Lech Walesa won Poland's presidential runoff in a landslide.

In 1992 Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana announced their separation.

In 1993 the Air Force destroyed the first of 500 Minuteman II missile silos marked for elimination under an arms control treaty.

In 1994 representatives of the Irish Republican Army and the British government opened peace talks in Northern Ireland. Also in 1994 President Bill Clinton fired Surgeon General Jocelyn Elders after learning she had told a conference that masturbation should be discussed in school as a part of human sexuality.

In 1995 U.S. Rep. Kweisi Mfume, D-Md., was chosen to become the new head of the NAACP.

In 2000 the U.S. Supreme Court ordered a temporary halt in the Florida vote count on which Al Gore pinned his best hopes of winning the White House. Also in 2000 Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak announced he would resign and call a special election. Also in 2000 Florida State quarterback Chris Weinke won the Heisman Trophy.

In 2002 United Airlines filed the biggest bankruptcy in aviation history after losing \$4 billion in the previous two years.

In 2003 the owners of a Rhode Island nightclub and the tour manager for the rock band Great White were indicted on charges related to a fire the previous February that killed 100 people. Also in 2003 former Sen. Paul Simon died in Springfield; he was 75.

In 2004 Canada's Supreme Court ruled that same-sex marriage was constitutional.

In 2008 Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich was arrested on allegations of widespread political corruption.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS		INDIANA	
Dec. 8	Powerball 14 32 34 46 61 / 10	Dec. 8	Lotto 19 28 29 33 44 46
	Powerball jackpot: \$217M		Daily 3 midday 572 / 0
	Lotto 19 31 37 39 43 52 / 03		Daily 4 midday 3818 / 0
	Lotto jackpot: \$2.5M		Daily 3 evening 925 / 8
	Pick 3 midday 355 / 3		Daily 4 evening 3319 / 8
	Pick 4 midday 8724 / 0		Cash 5 09 13 22 33 43
	Lucky Day Lotto midday 04 07 27 28 39	MICHIGAN	
	Pick 3 evening 111 / 5	Dec. 8	Lotto 01 05 08 16 33 44
	Pick 4 evening 8305 / 9		Daily 3 midday 758
	Lucky Day Lotto evening 07 17 25 26 35		Daily 4 midday 3880
Dec. 7	Mega Millions 04 10 20 33 57 / 13		Daily 3 evening 519
	Mega Millions jackpot: \$226M		Daily 4 evening 8706
	Pick 3 midday 254 / 5		Fantasy 5 05 22 26 31 32
	Pick 4 midday 4813 / 2		Keno 06 09 10 17 20 28
	Lucky Day Lotto midday 08 16 19 20 40		29 33 40 43 46 48 50 53
	Pick 3 evening 161 / 1		58 59 65 66 69 70 75 76
	Pick 4 evening 0423 / 6	WISCONSIN	
	Lucky Day Lotto evening 08 12 21 32 42	Dec. 8	Megabucks 05 07 10 16 24 26
Dec. 11 Mega Millions: \$245M			Pick 3 044
			Pick 4 0846
			Badger 5 07 08 25 30 31
			SuperCash 01 02 12 16 17 31

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In Memoriam

**Anthony 'Tony' DeCaro**

Two years have gone by since I've seen your face, two long years since our last embrace. You're with God and the Angels in Heaven above, and your baby girl Evey whom you cherish and love.

Missing you every day my beloved son.
Love,
Mom

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Evelyn Hudyka

Honoring the blessed memory of my beautiful mother.

Diane
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Death Notices

Bachmann, Jean R.

Jean R. Bachmann, nee Vietch. Age 101. Beloved wife of the late Ralph L. Loving mother of Ralph (June) and Bruce (Laurie). Devoted grandmother of 7 and great-grandmother of 8. Dear sister of the late Roy Vietch, Jr. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Visitation Tuesday, Dec. 11, 4-8 p.m. at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge. Funeral Service Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Park Ridge, 418 Touhy Ave., Park Ridge. Interment Town of Maine Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the First United Methodist Church of Park Ridge or Rainbow Hospice appreciated. Funeral Information, www.ryan-parke.com.

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Barrett, Doris H.

Doris H. Barrett, beloved wife of the late William J. Barrett; loving mother of Helene (the late Patrick Fumo) Barrett, William J. (Dee) Barrett, Jr., Denise (the late Joseph) Reicher, Maureen Barrett, & Joseph Barrett; dear grandmother of Michael, David, Katie, Carrie, Annie, & Meghan; proud great-grandmother of 9. Visitation 8:30 to 9:30 am on Tuesday, December 11 at St. John of the Cross Church, Western Springs. Mass at 9:45 am. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Alsip. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, Countryside. Funeral info: (708) 352-6500 or hjfurnerals.com

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Betar, Evlyn Doreen 'Evie'

Evlyn Doreen Betar ("Evie") passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 1st surrounded by her loved ones. She was born to Suava and John May on December 21, 1933 in Winnipeg, Canada and settled in Grayslake. She started work immediately after high school as a lab technician working for Dr. Oglesby Paul. There she met Dr. William Phelan and they married in Grayslake in January 1958 and raised John (Anne Lee deceased), Bill (Meg) Phelan, Tom (Suzy) Phelan, Julie (Ron) Thauer and Elizabeth Phelan (deceased). She remarried to Sam Betar in 1978 and helped raise the extended Betar/Phelan 11 kids until Sam's death in 1999. She was fiercely devoted to her 13 grandchildren.

Funeral Mass will be held Friday, December 21, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. Church of St. Mary, 175 E Illinois Rd, Lake Forest. For full obituary notice please visit Libertyvillefuneralhome.com **McMurrough Funeral Chapel** (847) 362-2626.

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Blair M.D., Sidney J.

Dr. Sidney J Blair, 94, a resident of Oak Park for 57 years, died peacefully, surrounded by loved ones, at Wellington Terrace in West Chester Pa. on November 24, 2018. Born on December 15, 1923 in Chicago to the late Kate and Harry Blair, he attended Sullivan High School and graduated from Washington University in St. Louis and received his M.D.

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Bowman, Ronald S. 'Ron'

It is with great sadness that the family of Ronald S. Bowman announces his passing on Tuesday, December 4th, 2018, at the age of 79 years. Ron was the devoted and loving son of Harriette, and nephew to Mildred Berchtold, Anne & Frank Richard and Al Adomaitis. Ron is lovingly remembered by his sisters and their spouses: Sandra & Donald Norwick and Carole & James Campbell. Ron is also fondly remembered by his nephews and nieces: Michael, Jeffrey, Mark, Patricia, Laurie, Matthew, Peggy, and Robert.

In keeping with Ron's wishes, no funeral or memorial services will be scheduled. Memorial donations in Ron's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN.

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Buckingham, Margery Cross

Margery Cross Buckingham, age 92, of LaGrange Park, formerly a long-time resident of Oak Park and River Forest, passed away peacefully on December 6, 2018. She was the beloved wife of the late Dr. William Brice Buckingham; loving mother of Cathlin (Albert) Poronsky, Megan (Mike) Hardy, Gillian, William B., Jr, Peter, Michael (late Paulette), John (Patti), Maura (Tom Norton), Mark (Ann), David (Nancy) and Deirdre Buckingham; cherished grandmother of 20, and great grandmother of 8. Visitation Monday 3 to 8 p.m. at Drechsler Brown & Williams Funeral Home, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. Friends and family will meet at St. Giles Church, 1045 Columbian Ave., Oak Park on Tuesday for Mass of Christian Burial at 10 am. Private interment, Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Sinsinawa Dominicans (Sinsinawa.org) or Misericordia Home (Misericordia.org) are appreciated. Funeral info: 708-383-3191 or drechslerbrownwilliams.com

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Buckley, William 'Bill'

William C. "Bill" Buckley, at rest December 4, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Dottie. Loving father of Scott (Julie), Jill (Frank) Fishella and the late Rusty Buckley. Father-in-law of Paula. Grandfather of Russell, Samantha, Sabrina (Scott) Schottenhamel, Salena and Lauren (James) Shepherd. Great-grandfather of Zachary, Jonah and Zoe Dench. Visitation is Sunday, December 9, 2018 from 12 noon until 4:00 pm at Adolph Funeral Home, Ltd., 7000 S. Madison St., Willowbrook. All services conclude after the visitation. Info at 630-325-2300 or www.adolphservices.com

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Carlson, Pamela Platt

Pamela Platt Carlson, 64, passed away Sunday, November 18, 2018. She was the beloved wife of Loyal Carlson, Jr; devoted mother of Jessica Carlson; cherished sister of Kathy (Bruce) Recher and John (Kathryn) Platt III; fond aunt of Jeffrey and Mark Recher and William Platt. She was preceded in death by her father John H. Platt Jr. and her mother Katherine Platt, nee Steed. Pamela attended Sunset Ridge Elementary in Northfield, IL and went on to graduate from New Trier High School in 1972. She earned a paralegal degree from Mallinckrodt College in 1982 and graduated from the College of Lake County in 2007. Pamela shared her love of reading and her library science expertise for many years on the staff of the Deerfield Public Library. Later in life, Pamela earned a cum laude Bachelor of General Studies from North Park University. While attending, she became a member of the National Omicron Psi Society, and they awarded her an academic honors certificate on April 26, 2013. Pamela will be deeply missed by all who knew her. A memorial service will be held Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018, 11 AM, at Northfield Community Church, 400 Wagner Rd, Northfield IL 60093. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Vasculitis Foundation, www.vasculitisfoundation.org. For info: 847-251-8200.

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Chapman, Marilyn

Marilyn Chapman, 89, of Chicago. Cherished daughter of the late Maurice and Anne Chapman; beloved sister of the late Myron Chapman and Adrienne (late Richard) Goldberg; loving aunt of Susan and Donna Goldberg. Funeral services will be held 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd., Wilmette, IL 60091. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions to your favorite charity appreciated. Funeral information 847-256-5700.

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Cogler, Ruth

Ruth Cogler, nee Juodaitis, age 92. Beloved wife of the late Rudolph. Dear mother of Sharon (Steve) Rosenbaum. Loving grandmother of Kathryn and Steve (Fiancée Kathleen Ginty) Rosenbaum. Dear sister of the late Olga (the late Mike) Martin. Fond aunt of Billie (the late Jimmy) Hosey, Bobbye (the late Tony) Pichen and great aunt of many nieces and nephews. Resting at **Beverly Ridge Funeral Home**; 10415 S. Kedzie Ave where services will be held Monday 11:00 a.m. Interment Lithuanian National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials to St. Germaine School; 9735 S. Kolin, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. The Rosenbaum Family would like to thank the Staff of Lexington Chicago Ridge, Mary Baker and Dr. Paul Omastiak for their dedicated care and service. Visitation Sunday 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. 773-779-4411

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Franconi, Isabel S.

Isabel S. Franconi nee Zito; Beloved wife for 71 years of Peter; Loving mother of Patricia (Harry) Sonn, Judy (the late Henry) Badgett and Sharon Franconi; Devoted grandmother of Jennifer Franconi and Roseanne (Chris) Rios and great-grandmother of Daniel Sandeen and Jordan Rios; Loving aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Service, 11:00 a.m. at **The Oaks Funeral Home** 1201 E. Irving Park Road (at Prospect), Itasca. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated. For funeral info: 630-250-8588 or www.theoaksfh.com
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Frett, Louise M.

Louise M. Frett, nee Geis, of Willowbrook, formerly of Westchester, age 93. Beloved wife of the late Charles B. Frett; loving mother of Barbara (Bruce) Utrata, Mary (Bruce) Montes, Paul, Robert (Nancy), Patty (Edward) Mullins, Betty Dignan and Nancy Frett; proud grandmother of Tracy Perk, Anthony (Nina) Utrata, Tara (Kip) Daniels, Brittany (Jake Cihra) Utrata, Kimberly (Chris) Travis, Robyn Montes, Kaitlin Montes and the late Melissa Montes, Tommy (Traci) Frett, Matthew (Nicole Capone) Frett, Michelle Frett, Morgan (Freddy) Fernandez, Kerry Mullins, Bridget Mullins and Shea, Danny and Molly Dignan; great-grandmother of 17; dear sister of the late Arthur (Virginia) Geis, Gladys (late Jake) Miller, Helen (late Larry) Devereaux and Jane (late William) Griffin; sister-in-law to Eugene (late Patricia), Carol Ann (late Ron) Berghage and the late Louis (late Shirley), Bernard (late Rita) and MaryAnn (late John) Koerber; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Thanks to Lexington Hospice and Lexington Care Center Lombard. The Frett family would like to give special thanks to Rumi and Naomi for the wonderful care they gave to mom. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Thursday, December 13, 2018 from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Friday 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home to Divine Infant Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org) or Ronald McDonald House, Tripp Ave at Airmail Rd., Hines, IL 60141. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Galvan, Alfred P.

Alfred P. Galvan of Mayslake, formerly of Lombard, age 95. Beloved husband of Inez A., nee Zavala; loving father of Dolores, Robert C. (Sandra) and Richard Galvan; proud grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather of many; dear brother of Reyes and the late Ruth Lopez, Jesse, Charles, Armando and Lidia Galvan. Lying-in-State Tuesday at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 8404 Cass Ave., Darien from 9:00 a.m. until time of mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Gargas-Parinella, Catherine A. 'Cathy'

Catherine A. Gargas-Parinella, age 63, of Aurora, Illinois passed away on Thursday, December 6, 2018. She was born on April 4, 1955 in Hammond, IN. Cathy is survived by her loving husband, Gary Parinella, many loving cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents Walter and Helen (nee Zych) Gargas. Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 9, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at **Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory**, 24021 Royal Worlington Dr. (RT. 59), Naperville. Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, December 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, 701 S. Eola Road, Aurora, IL. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers memorials in Cathy's name may be made to Our Lady of Mercy or the American Cancer Society. Info: 630-922-9630 or www.beidelmankunschfh.com

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Gaston, Mack C.

RDML Mack C. Gaston, USN (Retired) passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, December 2, 2018 surrounded by his family. He was born July 17, 1940 in Dalton GA to John Gaston and Felicia (Gilliard) Gaston. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Frederick Gaston. He is survived by his wife, Nancy (Lindblad) Gaston, his brother, Henry (Connie) Gaston, his daughter, Sonja (Larry) Henderson, step-son, Jeff (Karen) Williamson, step-son, Craig (Tara) Williamson, and nine grandchildren, Lawrence, Nicole, Jon, Shane, Aidan, Nate, Luke, Emma and Tyler, and one great grandchild, Lily.

He was a graduate of Tuskegee University, received an MBA from Marymount University and received a commission as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy in December 1965. Admiral Gaston had an impressive naval career spanning 31 years, including command of two destroyers and a cruiser, USS Josephus Daniels, and ashore as Commander Field Command, Defense Nuclear Agency. He was the first black Commander of Naval Training Center Great Lakes. He retired in 1995. Following retirement from the U.S. Navy, Mack pursued a successful corporate career at Waste Management, Inc. and Electronic Data Systems in senior executive positions.

His infectious smile, unbridled enthusiasm, boundless energy and firm, some would say "bone crushing" handshake were hallmarks of a man who throughout his life was focused on people, human rights, personal dignity, increased opportunity for all including women serving their country with honor. He served as a mentor, role model and positively influenced the lives and careers of countless individuals.

His love for his family and country were exceptional. He was a loving husband, father, step-father and grandfather and a distinguished and respected naval officer.

A memorial service will be held on December 12, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Village Church of Gurnee, 1319 N. Hunt Club Rd., Gurnee, IL 60031. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimers Association.

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Grotz, Genevieve M. 'Gen'

Genevieve M. "Gen" Grotz, beloved wife of the late Henry; loving mother of Robert, James (Jan) and Vincent (Mary); dear grandmother of Missy (Jim) and Robbie (Rachael); great grandmother of Ryan, Addison and Elizabeth; dear aunt and great aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday from 4-9pm at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago. Friends and family will meet Tuesday at St. Margaret Mary Church, 2324 W. Chase, Chicago for Mass at 10am. Interment St. Luke Cemetery. For info 773-736-3833 or visit Gen's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com

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Hardie, Cynthia Engle

Cynthia Engle Hardie, modest but not self deprecating, might have devoted a wall to vanity in her spacious condo on Chicago's Gold Coast. Photos of famous people shaking her hand. Awards for her impressive work in the field of public relations. Thank-you notes for her philanthropy. A Cubs banner, signaling faith in a team that regularly broke her heart. Exotica from her world travels. But instead of framed kudos, when she died December 7, 2018, she left an imposing array of better things.

When she retired in 2010 as general manager of the Chicago office of global communications behemoth FleishmanHillard, Hardie's colleagues rented Wrigley Field, naming her an honorary usher while wisely retaining her in their own lineup as a consultant. One of her most excruciating career moments was on the morning of 9/11, standing beside United Airlines executives as they reached out to grieving families of passengers on the company's two downed flights. Although her specialty was crisis communications, most professional drama was in her behind-the-scenes leadership, building a client base and nurturing talent. She had a national reputation and was summoned to put out figurative fires all over the country, always returning to her literal Midwestern base.

A childhood in Knoxville, Tennessee, left her with an unruly twang (a mangled "e" which showed up in times of stress), and her middle class upbringing left her with egalitarian views, which were always in evidence. After graduation from Indiana University, her career began in journalism at newspapers in Cincinnati, Kansas City and Chicago. After the death of her husband, Robert Coates Hardie, and realizing she was sole breadwinner for two young children, she spun her part time work as a writer into a full time gig at the largest advertising and public relations agency in Cincinnati. She soon took charge of its public relations division, and then moved on to FleishmanHillard in 1998.

During her off-hours, she helped launch Fernside, one of the nation's first centers for grieving children, and supported it for years with her brains and money. She shored up a floundering equine riding program for kids with special needs near her second home at a lake in Ohio - again with money and with wise counsel. She chaired the communications committee of the highly regarded Chicago Network, a philanthropic organization of influential professional women. Life outside the office also included transporting patients to their chemo, casserole patrols for the sick and grieving, and arm twisting for good causes.

During her own gallant, almost six-year battle with cancer, she brought attention and funding to the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network, an agency with precious little of either. She was a test patient for new drug protocols, aware they would not save her life but enduring terrible suffering which might help find a cure for somebody else. Even while desperately ill, she maintained intellectual curiosity and an impressive familiarity with the aisles of Costco and most of Chicago's theater venues. She had a wicked sense of humor, cooking for and entertaining wildly dissimilar people, although she had little patience for the passive or unimaginative.

She is survived by her brother and sister-and-law, Ward and Susan Engle of Nashville, Tennessee; her sister and brother-in-law, Norma and Phil Hyatt; her half-brother and half-sister-in-law Doug and Nancy Engle; her half-sister and half-brother-in-law Joanna and Grant Wilkins, and her step-mother Jo Engle, all of Knoxville, Tennessee.

She also reluctantly leaves a son and daughter-in-law, Chris Hardie and Kelly Burk, of Richmond, Indiana; a daughter and son-in-law, Erin and Eric Martineau, of San Diego, California, and three granddaughters. They are responsible for the single congratulatory memento in her home, a framed print in her kitchen: 70 Things We Love About You. "You loved me from the beginning," her step-granddaughter wrote. "She always puts lipstick on for life's biggest fights," her daughter said. Her children and in-laws celebrated her progressive worldview, her unwavering and unselfish support, her wit, her kindness, her intelligence and her flair in the kitchen. She was a fiercely protective boss, an inspirational colleague, a relentlessly generous and beloved friend, and the most devoted and dedicated mother. She could elevate a flower arrangement with a Gerbera daisy and a wisp of greenery. She knew just when a PowerPoint presentation needed a comma and when a casserole could use a sprig of cilantro, when to micro manage and when to slip into the background.

Cynthia Hardie relinquished life after a pitched battle with cancer, leaving behind a wide swath of goodness and hardly any vanity.

A celebration of Cynthia's life will be held Thurs., December 13th at 4PM Central time in Fourth Presbyterian Church, Buchanan Chapel, 126 E Chestnut, Chicago. In lieu of flowers please donate to the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network, bcn.org.
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Hehn, George Leo

George Leo Hehn September 6, 1947-December 2, 2018 Loving Brother of Richard (Debbie) Hehn and James (Michael O'Keefe) Hehn; Devoted Uncle of Bill and Ken Hehn; Cherished Son of the late William and Elizabeth Hehn. Visitation Saturday, December 15th 10:00 a.m. until time of Service, 11:30 a.m. at **The Oaks Funeral Home** 1201 E. Irving Park Road (at Prospect), Itasca. Interment private. For funeral info: 630-250-8588 or www.theoaksfh.com

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Henry, Margaret

Margaret Henry, age 90, long time former resident of Northbrook for 50 years. Devoted wife of the late Don for 67 years. Loving mother of Tom (Susan). Cherished grandmother of Kevin and Kyle. Daughter of the late Victor and Martha Rytlewski. Dear sister of the late Robert and Roger Rytlewski. Fond aunt of many. Memorial Visitation Saturday December 15th 10 am at St Catherine Labouré Catholic Church 3535 Thornwood Ave. Glenview, IL followed by an 11am Life Celebration Mass. In lieu of flowers donations to Misericordia Home at misericordia.com appreciated. Funeral info 847-537-6600 or funerals.pro.

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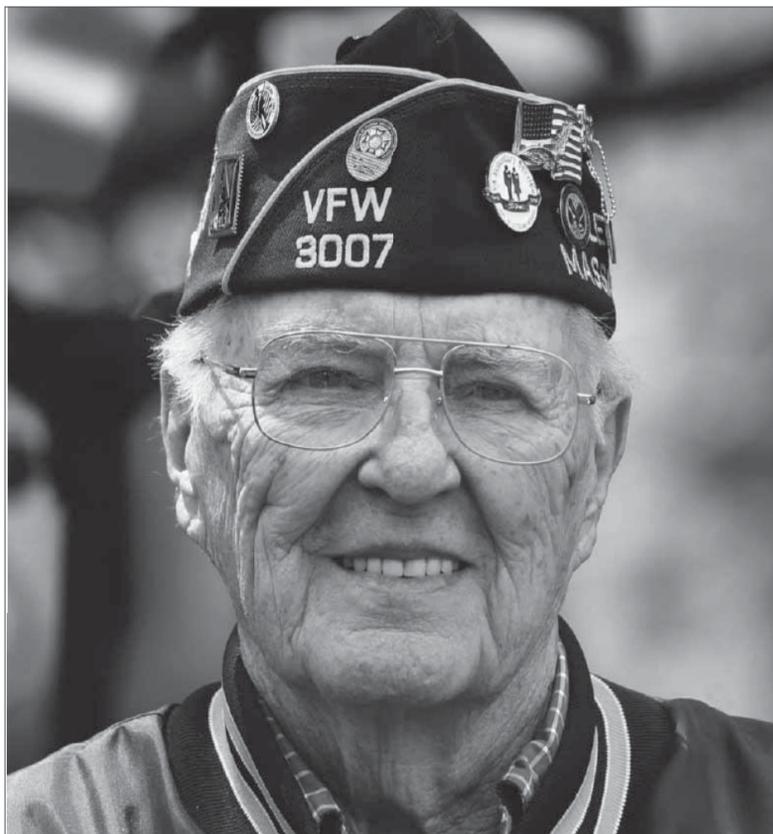
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Hille, Johan Edmund 'John'
 Born in Chicago, Illinois on January 12, 1930, Johan Edmund Hille devoted his life to educating young people. His inquisitive mind and his interest to share knowledge stayed with him until he died on December 3, 2018. He is survived by his wife and great love of 62 years Bettye, son Fred (Caroline), daughter Lisen, sister Patricia (Steve) Stack and family, grand-daughter Marianna, and many close and loving friends. Johan was a proud Scandinavian, Northwestern University trackman, United States Army Master Sergeant, former Kiwanis Club president and Hixon award recipient, and faithful member of his church. Johan started his career committed to education teaching at Hadley Junior High School (formerly Glen Ellyn Junior High School). He became the principal of Hauser Junior High School in Riverside, IL and never stopped encouraging and supporting children through various volunteer organizations. A memorial service to celebrate Johan's full life will be held on January 12, 2019 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Glen Ellyn at 11:00am. Memorials may be sent to: St. Mark's Episcopal Church 393 N. Main Street Glen Ellyn, IL 60137.
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Hirami, Yuri
 age 88, nee Donao, beloved wife of the late Maki, loving mother of Barbara (Late Steve Harris), Patricia, and Sandra (Richard) Pecirno. Dear grandmother of Ashley, Brian, and Caitlin. A celebration of Yuri's life will take place at a later date. Arrangements by Avalon Cremation Care.
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Jasinski, Robert 'Bob'
 Jasinski, Robert "Bob" 85 of Sun City, FL (formerly Chicago) passed away November 26, 2018 after a brief illness. Robert was predeceased by his wife Lorraine and son Scott. Robert is survived by Daughter Karen, Son-in-Law Scott and Grand-Dog Kaolin. This life-long Cubs Fan will be dearly missed by family and friends. Memorial donations: "Scott Jasinski Endowed Scholarship" at Lewis University/University Advancement-292, Lewis University, One University Parkway, Romeoville IL 60446. Checks payable to Lewis University with "Scott Jasinski Scholarship" in memo line. For online gift: alumni.lewisu.edu/Giving
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Jordan, Bette K.
 Bette K. Jordan, 98, of River Forest, passed away on December 2, 2018 at home. She was the beloved wife of the late Forbes E. Jordan; loving mother of Susan Jordan and Sally Jordan of Chicago, and Nancy Jordan of Media, Pa.; cherished grandmother of Sarah Rose Jordan and Nicholas Jordan Diefenbach; dear daughter of the late Oscar C. and Eva Kleinow (nee Conway); fond sister of the late Violet Rottschaefer and the late Jack P. Kleinow; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Bette grew up in Oak Park and later moved to River Forest where she raised her family. She had a long career in public relations. She learned the trade while working at the Patricia Stevens modeling and talent agency in Chicago during the 1950s. She handled press relations and publicity for the agency, including the agency's sponsorship of the Miss Chicago contest, which was part of the Miss America organization. A few years later, she became the head of public relations for the Oak Park Public Schools, a position she held for 17 years. Bette also had a second career as a real estate broker for F.C. Pilgrim Co. in Oak Park where she was a member of the Million Dollar Club. Bette was an accomplished writer and published several articles in the Chicago Tribune. She was ahead of her time as a working mother. She was active in several charities and a longtime member of the River Forest Presbyterian Church. She will be greatly missed by her family and many others who knew her. Services and Interment Private. Memorials to Oak Park Animal Care League or The Anti Cruelty Society of Chicago are appreciated. For further info: 708-383-3191 or drechslerbrownwilliams.com
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Kacek, George J
 86, of Chelmsford, MA passed away, suddenly on November 23, 2018. Born in Berwyn, IL on June 28, 1932, to the late George and Rose (Krizik) Kacek, George graduated with a BSEE and MSEE from Illinois Institute of Technology. He served in the army and was stationed in Okinawa. He went on to a successful management and computer software career at General Electric, and later Raytheon where he was instrumental on the Patriot missile program. George is survived by his sister-in-law, Carolyn (Hiner) Kacek of Naples, FL; nephew Scott (Ann McMullen) Kacek of Portland, OR; and niece Stacey (Dan Whitty) Kacek of Streamwood, IL. He was preceded in death by his brother Don Kacek. He will be remembered by family and friends as a kind and intelligent man. He spent his retirement years on his beloved Hart Pond, where he was always willing to lend a helping hand or debate politics. Services will be private. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Blake Chelmsford Funeral Home, Chelmsford, MA. For online condolences please visit chelmsfordfuneralhome.com or find us on Facebook.
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Katz, Barbara
 Barbara Katz nee Schaffner, beloved wife and best friend of Sherwin Katz for 58 wonderful years. Loving mother of Steven (Michelle) Katz, Marcia Pozen and Liz Severny. Adored grandmother of Michelle (Geo), Danny, Tyler, Nathan, Marissa, Hannah and Rachel. Dear sister of the late Rita (the late Al) Coven and daughter of the late Nathan and Ethel Schaffner and aunt, cousin and friend of many. Funeral services Monday, 11:00 AM at Shir Hadash Synagogue, 200 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling, Illinois, 60090. Interment at Shalom Memorial Park, Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers, remembrances to www.psp.org would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, (630) 648-9824 (630) MITZVAH or www.MitzvahFunerals.com.



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Katz, Sonia
 Sonia Katz nee Weiner, age 96. Beloved wife of the late Joseph J. Katz for 63 years. Loving mother of Anna (Jeffrey) Lieblich, Betsy Kessler, Abram (Marian) Katz and the late Mary Katz. Proud grandmother of Max (June Spector) Lieblich, Ben Kessler, Emma (Ryan Conner) Kessler and Alex Katz and great grandmother of Reuben Lieblich. Dear sister of the late Alvin Weiner and the late Carl Weiner. She was a wonderful artist whose artwork was and will be treasured. Service Monday 10AM at Chicago Jewish funerals 8851 Skokie Blvd., (at Niles Center Road) Skokie. Interment Oak Woods. Memorials to your favorite charity would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com



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King, Kathryn Mary 'Katie'
 Kathryn Mary "Katie" King nee Hansen, age 55; beloved wife of Dr. Kevin W. King; loving daughter of Bernie and Mary Hansen; dear sister of Carolyn (Lyle) Hehn, Patricia Hansen, Timothy (Carolyn) Hansen, Janine (Phillip) Ebersole, Daniel (Cassie) Hansen, and Amy (Anthony) Muscarnero; cherished aunt of 16 nieces and nephews, 1 grand-niece, and 2 grand-nephews; fond daughter-in-law of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. James King and sister-in-law of Scott (Kathy) King; wonderful cousin and friend of many. A Memorial Visitation will be held on Saturday, December 15th from 8:30 am until time of Mass at 10:00 am at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 8404 S. Cass Avenue, Darien. Memorial Contributions to ASPCA at www.aspc.org are appreciated. Funeral arrangements entrusted to **Modell Funeral Home** - (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com.
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Klatt, Thomas E.



Thomas E. Klatt, age 79 of Bristol, IL passed away surrounded by his loving family on Friday, December 7, 2018 at Edwards Hospital in Naperville, IL. He was born on August 5, 1939 in Sandwich, IL the son of Herbert E. and Frances (McInturf) Klatt. Tom was united in marriage on November 5, 1965 to Miss Karen Burns and they spent the next 53 happy years together. Thomas proudly served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corp. He was a longtime member of the Trinity Church United Methodist in Yorkville, IL. Tom was a Bristol Township Trustee since 1991. He was a former board member of several banks and was currently on the Board of Trustees at the Pioneer Bank. Tom was the owner and operator of both Today Cartage in Plano, IL and the Bechstein-Klatt Excavating Company in Tinley Park, IL. Tom was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle who will be deeply missed by his family and many friends. Everyone knew Tom as a smart, successful businessman whose door was always open. It would take a whole page to list all of the people that he knew and cared for throughout the years. Tom is survived by his wife, Karen Klatt of Bristol, IL; his children, Shawna (Brian) Watkins of Yorkville, IL and Thomas E. (Jennifer) Klatt II of Plano, IL; his grandchildren, Evelyn and Mary Watkins, and Nathan and Brody Klatt; his brothers, Robert (Donna) Klatt of DeKalb, IL, Gerald (Barbara) Klatt of Mendota and Terry (Susan) Klatt of Bolingbrook, IL; as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert E and Frances Klatt; his brother, Richard Klatt and his sister, Mary Ann Ackley. A Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at the Trinity Church United Methodist, 2505 Boomer Lane in Yorkville, IL with Pastor Michael Stoner, officiating. Interment with Military Honors will follow in the Oak Grove Cemetery in Bristol, IL. Friends may visit from 3:00 until 8:00 PM on Monday, December 10, 2018 at the **Nelson Funeral Home**, 1617 North Bridge Street in Yorkville, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to the Trinity Church United Methodist Building Fund. Arrangements by **Nelson Funeral Homes & Crematory**, www.NelsonFuneralHomes.com or (630) 553-7611.
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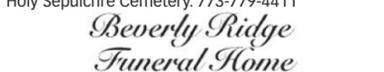
Kozacki, Mercedes E.
 Mercedes E. Kozacki, nee Pasowicz, age 100, of Oak Park, IL; beloved wife of the late Walter; loving mother of Mercedes (Charles) Eitz, Marcelline (the late James) Solecki and Theresa (William) Ringhofer; cherished grandmother of Karen (Richard) Dziagwa, Sharon (John) Szybkowski, Steven (Andrea) Solecki, Walter (Julie) Fisher, Susan Eitz, Sandra (Coby) Crawford, and Nicole (Kingsley) Austin; great-grandmother of Chas, Alexander, Christopher, Christian, Lilliana, Savannah, Kylie, Ethan, Ian, Kierstin and Jake; dear sister of the late Daniel (the late Lena) Pasowicz and the late Adele (the late George) Moritz. A funeral Mass will be held at Ascension Church in Oak Park at a later date. Interment private. Info: 708-383-3191 or drechslerbrownwilliams.com
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Kuhnen, William C. "Bill"
 William C. "Bill" Kuhnen, age 92, WWII US Navy Veteran, beloved husband for 66 years to Lorraine, nee Budz. Loving father of Karen (Tom) Hill and Janet (late Joseph) Klos. Cherished grandfather of Eric (Lisa) Kolodzik, Troy (Kelly) Kolodzik, Adam Klos, Pam (Nathan) Eikelberg, and Chris Hill. Dearest great-grandfather of Korra, Brody, Kennedy, and Addison. Dear brother of the late Lee Adler and Bud Adler. Retired from Western Electric. Visitation Thursday, December 13, 2018 from 9 a.m.-10:45 a.m. at **Colonial Chapel** 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL to St. Julie Billiart Church. Mass 11:15 a.m. Entombment Resurrection Mausoleum, Justice, IL. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400



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Kulikowski, Marilyn
 Marilyn Kulikowski, nee Brasky, age 90, passed away Thursday, December 6th 2018. Beloved wife of the late John. Loving mother of Patricia (Gary) Fritz, Pamela (Michael) Bentley and Martin (Laurie) Kulikowski. Cherished grandma of 12 and great grandma of 11. Marilyn was known as the "Candy Lady" to many. If she could put a smile on someone's face, she was happy. Marilyn will be truly missed. Visitation Tuesday 9:30 a.m. at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church; 10621 S. Kedvale, Oak Lawn, until time of Mass 10:30 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. 773-779-4411



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Lange, Donna Marie

Donna M. Lange, 54, of Wood Dale, beloved wife of Scott; loving mother of Maxine and Suzanne; dear daughter of Dolores L. (Robert) Johnson; cherished sister of William (Maria) Burrow. Visitation from 9:00 am until time of Funeral Service at 11:00 am, Saturday at the **Glueckert Funeral Home, Ltd.**, 1520 North Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the charity of Donor's choice appreciated. Funeral information and condolences www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.



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Latz, Stephen M.

Steve Latz, 62, devoted son of the late Lois and the late August; cherished brother of Bobbie (Frank), Dave (Helen), Greg (Karen), Mark (Irene), Jeff, Scott (Sofia), Nancy (John) and the late Jim (Donna); loving uncle and friend to many. Memorial gathering to be announced. For info www.nelsonfunerals.com or (847) 823-5122.



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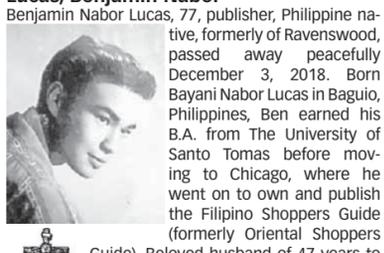
Leonard, Eleanor V.

Eleanor V. Leonard. Beloved daughter of the late John and Mathilda Leonard; Loving sister of the late John (Mildred), Nicholas (Perina), Joseph (Louise), Mary (Michael) Fitzgerald, Edward (Mary) and Rose Leonard; fond aunt, great aunt and great great aunt of many. Visitation Thursday December 13, 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at **Friedrichs Funeral Home**, 320 W. Central Rd., (at Northwest Highway) Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Visitation Friday December 14, 9:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 10:00 a.m. at St. Cecilia Church, Golf Rd., (Rt. 58) and Meier Rd., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Entombment All Saints Mausoleum. Funeral information (847) 255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com.
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Loeb, Frances M.

Frances M. Loeb nee Sarich. Beloved wife of the late John M. Loeb. Cherished mother of Robert (Joan) Loeb & William Loeb. Devoted grandmother of Matthew (Rachel) & Mark. Fond sister of the late Katherine & Al Cronberg & Michael Sarich. Dear aunt of many nieces & nephews. Funeral Tuesday 9:00 am from **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn to St. Gerald Church for Mass at 10:00 am. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Visitation Monday from 3 pm until 9 pm. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500
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Lucas, Benjamin Nabor



Benjamin Nabor Lucas, 77, publisher, Philippine native, formerly of Ravenswood, passed away peacefully December 3, 2018. Born Bayani Nabor Lucas in Baguio, Philippines, Ben earned his B.A. from The University of Santo Tomas before moving to Chicago, where he went on to own and publish the Filipino Shoppers Guide (formerly Oriental Shoppers Guide). Beloved husband of 47 years to Julie Anna Lucas (nee Alavazo), cherished father of Michelle Marie Lucas of Jacksonville, FL. Dear brother of Rosita, Florante, and Adoracion. Uncle, cousin, and friend of many. He was a true hero. Preceded in death by parents Serafin P. Lucas and Eugenia Nabor Lucas and siblings Eduardo, Lunining, and Ligaya. Memorial mass Saturday, December 15, 12noon, Our Lady of Lourdes, 4640 N. Ashland, Chicago. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to www.dementiasociety.org. Arrangements by **Cremation Society of Illinois**, 773-281-5058 or www.cremation-society.com.



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Majdecki Sr., Raymond J.

Proud U.S. Coast Guard Veteran during WWII serving from '43-'45 in the Pacific & Atlantic Campaigns. Lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus, 3rd Degree and VFW member at large. Beloved husband of the late Dorothy (nee Wojciechowicz). Loving father of Raymond Jr. (Sue) Majdecki, Rita (Don) Schuble & Robert (Mary) Majdecki. Cherished grandfather of Mark Majdecki, Todd (Stacy) Schuble, Craig (Bridget) Majdecki, Lisa (Tim) Ward & Matthew Majdecki. Adoring great grandfather of Madison, Carter, Brooke, Hope, Mason, Alexandra & Cameron. Dear brother of John (late Judy) & late Richard (late Ann) Majdecki. Fond brother-in-law of the late Alice (Clarence) Kisala & late Florian (late Lorraine) Walters. Visitation Monday, December 10th from 9 a.m. until time of chapel prayers 11 a.m. at the **Beccar & Son Funeral Home**, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood proceeding to Saint Alexander Church, Mass 11:30 a.m. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Down Syndrome Diagnosis Network, PO Box 140, Stillwater, MN 55082 and/or GiGi's Playhouse, 15954 S Harlem Ave., Tinley Park, IL, 60477 would be appreciated.
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Maloney, Charles J.
 Charles J. Maloney, age 83 passed away peacefully on December 5, 2018. He was preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Helen. Loving husband of Margaret, Cherished father of Charles (Karen), William (Kristen), Colleen (Declan) Byrne, Patrick (Margaret) & Maggie (Josh) Kinn. Beloved grandpa of Trish, Grace, Kate, Maeve, Jack, Roisin, Teage, Ellis, Conor, Patrick, Paul, Penelope, Lily, Waverly, Josephine & Charlie. Dear brother of Nell Gallagher and the late Sally, Joseph and Patricia. Chuck was a dear uncle and a friend to many. A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Paul of the Cross Church, 320 South Washington St., Park Ridge, at 10:00 a.m. on December 15, 2018. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, 1550 Bishop Court, Mount Prospect, IL 60056. Arrangements entrusted to **Green Burials of Love, Ltd.**, Marion Friel - Funeral Director (847)721-0322 or info@colonialfuneral.com



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Menotti, Marianne C.

Marianne C. Menotti, 80, of Glenview, loving mother of Ralph (Laura), Lisa, and Mel "Melph" Doerr (Gary Haverkamp); dear grandmother of Megan, Allisa, and Matteo, and canine grandkids Bob and Abby; fond sister of Diane (Jay) DuPree and Carol (Jim) Servis. Funeral from **Simkins Funeral Home** 6251 Dempster St. Morton Grove, IL 60053 Thursday 9:30 a.m. to St. Martha Church. Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment Ascension Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sign online guest book at www.simkinsfh.com. (847) 965-2500



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Merchut, Theresa B.

Theresa B. Merchut, nee Stopka. Beloved wife of the late Benedict. Loving mother of Mary Ellen. Dearest sister of Rita (late Stanley) Styra and the late Wendell Stockbridge, and the late Loretta (Robert) Meale. Dear aunt to many nieces and nephews. Funeral Wednesday 9:15 am from **Malec & Sons Funeral Home**, 6000 N. Milwaukee Avenue to St. Constance Church. Mass 10:00 am. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday 3:00 - 9:00 pm. (773) 774-4100. MalecandSonsFH.com.



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Mishlove, Stuart D



Stuart D. Mishlove, a resident of Longboat Key, Florida, and Chicago, Illinois, passed away on Nov. 23, 2018 in Sarasota Florida after a prolonged illness. Born in Chicago on February 20, 1936 he was a graduate of Senn High School, De Paul University and a Certified Public Accountant. He retired as owner and CFO of Envirodyne Engineers, Inc. Stuart was a lifetime trustee of the Art Institute of Chicago, a loyal supporter of the Lincoln Park Zoo, past President and board member of the North Dearborn Association. For over 20 years Stuart and his wife Nancie, resided much of the year at their home in Marbella, Spain. They traveled the world together experiencing life to its fullest. He enjoyed collecting French Art Deco Furniture and Lemoge cat boxes. His love of animals especially felines was well known. He is survived by his devoted wife of 50 years, Nancie, his Kitty Milkey, son Dr. Larry Mishlove, grand-children Zachary and Griffin, brother Edward, wife Donna, sister Lois and husband Dr. Sol Heiman along with numerous nieces and nephews. He will be missed by his family and many dear friends both here and abroad. Services were private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to the Art Institute of Chicago. A celebration of his life will be held early next year on Longboat Key, Florida and later in Chicago, Illinois.

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Moran, Thomas J.



Thomas J. Moran, 78, resident of LaGrange Park, certified public accountant, passed away peacefully on November 4, 2018. Beloved husband of 44 years to Sondra Moran, nee Siegel. Born on August 8, 1940 in Chicago to the late Francis E. and Marie D. Moran. Thomas graduated from De La Salle High School and DePaul University in 1962 with a B.S.C. in accounting. He became a sole practitioner of public accounting for over 45 years. He was the loving father of Beth Royalty (Scott) Dillard and Heather (Mark) Whittle; cherished grandfather of Chelsea and Cassidy Whittle; Victoria (Taylor) Royalty-Buckley and Stephen, Elizabeth and Andrew Royalty; proud great-grandfather of Audrey and Maxim Buckley; devoted brother-in-law to Joan Siegel, Jan Siegel and Sara (Marv) Peiken; also remembered in love by his three nephews and spouses and their three children. A Celebration of Life ceremony will be held in the Spring of 2019. Friends, family and associates will be notified in advance with exact date, time and location. Memorials to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society are appreciated. Info: 708-562-5900.
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Nikceovich, Judith



Judith (Judy) Nikceovich (nee Kardos), age 82, formerly of South Shore, Flossmoor, and Palos Heights, passed away in Pompano Beach, Florida, on December 1. She is survived by her loving son, Mark, and brother, Richard. She was married to Michael (Mitch) Nikceovich from 1956 until his passing in 2001. She is predeceased by her parents, Joseph and Ella Kardos, brother James, and sister Linda Metcalf. She was born in Detroit, graduated from Southwestern High School, and attended Michigan State University. She was Miss Southwest Detroit and first runner-up for Miss Detroit in 1954. She enjoyed playing sports of all sorts and was a gifted amateur athlete. She was best known for golfing, bowling, tennis, racquetball, and softball. She lit up every room she entered and was an excellent salesman, spending most of her career with Rubbermaid, Inc. A committal service will be held on Monday, December 10, at 10:30am at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, Illinois. Friends are invited to attend a funeral luncheon at Noon at Palermo's, 4849 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangement by Joseph McPhee Funeral Directors, 708/897-6109.
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Nix, Helen J.

Helen J. Nix nee Kapitanik. Beloved wife of the late Robert Nix Sr. Loving mother of Marilyn (Thomas) Martin & Robert Nix Jr. Cherished grandmother of Kristi (Jason) Burks, Jessica (Phillip) Glecier, Michael (Robyn) Nix & Cindy Nix. Proud great grandmother of Logan, Tyler, Philip, Vivian, Brooklyn, Brandon, Caitlyn, Vinny, Trevor, Matthew, Michael & Richie. Dear sister of Estelle Higgins, Gertrude Rybowiak & the late Theresa Daluga, Peg Milas, Alice Kovarick, Skip Kapitanik, Cubby Kapitanik & Harry Kapitanik. Fond aunt of many nieces & nephews. Visitation Monday from 3:00 pm until 8:00 pm at **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th St. in Oak Lawn. Interment private Tuesday at Resurrection Cemetery thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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Owsley, Peggy L.

Peggy L. Owsley, beloved wife of the late Donald; loving mother of Michael (Suzanne), Susan (Michael) Dzijia and Cynthia (Jeff) Robert Panik; cherished grandmother of Michael (Shannon), Stephanie (Thomas), Nicole (Dan), Jillian (Mike), Andrew (JoElla) and Timothy (Emily); fond great-grandmother of Kailey, Mikey, Jackson, Payton, Weston, Nathan, Michael and John; dear sister of Jean Coulson and Steve Eli. Visitation Mon., Dec. 10, 2018, 9 AM until funeral service at 12 noon at **Matz Funeral Home**, 410 E. Rand Rd., Mt. Prospect. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Alzheimer's Association appreciated. 847/394-2336

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Paddleford, Mabel 'Laurie'

Mabel "Laurie" Elizabeth Paddleford, age 105, of Lombard. Dear wife of the late Merton E. Paddleford; loving daughter of the late Victor and the late Alice Laurence, nee Peterson; cherished mother of Jane (Earl) Henrickson, and Nancy (Leon Narvaez) Paddleford; devoted grandmother of Benjamin (Martha Schultz) Narvaez, Cristina (Christian Conesa) Narvaez, and the late David Narvaez; dear great-grandmother of Margaux, Veronica, Fabian Narvaez, and Lucia Conesa; beloved aunt and cherished friend of many. Laurie worked at Commonwealth Edison as a home lighting advisor after several years teaching art in Iowa and Illinois high schools. She was active in many charities, civic groups, and worked faithfully on behalf of her church, giving selflessly of her time. She brought brightness, joy and love to our lives and will be sorely missed. Visitation Sunday, December 9th, 1-4 PM at **Knollcrest Funeral Home**, 1500 S. Meyers Rd. Lombard. Interment, December 10th, 2 PM at North Lawn Cemetery, Fort Dodge, IA. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, December 15th, 1 PM, at Beacon Hill Retirement Community, DuPahze Hall, 2400 S. Finley Rd, Lombard, IL 60148. Memorial donations may be made to Moody Bible Institute, Stewardship Office, 820 N. LaSalle Blvd, Chicago IL, 60610. Funeral info: 630-932-1500 or www.knollcrest.net

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Palermo, Kathleen Mae 'Kate'

Kathleen "Kate" Mae Palermo, age 19, of LaGrange, IL, cherished daughter of Joan Vander Linde and James Palermo; loved sister of Madeline Palermo; adored niece of Karen (Tom Shaffer) and Len Vander Linde, Nancy (Bob) Yettah, Cathy Sullivan, and Liz (Eric) Hedberg; cousin of Rebecca, Sean (Caitlyn) and Joel Vander Linde, and Jon, Chris and Elizabeth Shaffer; friend of many. Memorial Visitation 3 to 9pm Thursday, December 20 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Memorial Service 1pm Friday, December 21 at First Congregational Church of Western Springs, 1106 Chestnut St., Western Springs. Interment private. Memorial donations may be made to Cal's Angels (www.calsangels.org) and iCAN Research (www.icanresearch.org). Please see full obituary at www.hjfunerals.com. Funeral Home Phone: 708-352-6500.

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Peterson, Deb L

Deb L Peterson of Libertyville, 62, passed away Dec 2, 2018 in Libertyville. Deb was born Dec 14, 1955 in Chicago and was a resident of Libertyville for more than 25 years. Deb enjoyed a 40-yr. business & management career at Sears, Swift/Beatrice Foods, Motient & Intermatic retiring in 2013. Family was the most important aspect of Deb's life.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Mark Ruggiero; her dearest siblings and in-laws - Robert (Kyle) Peterson, Cheri (Jim) Hart, Greg (Heidi) Peterson, Terri (Manuel) Peterson & Scott (Tammy) Peterson; her cherished godchild Jen (Brian) Hart & many loving nieces & nephews. Deb was preceded in death by her dear parents Robert & Beverly (Freitag) Peterson & her husband Richard Buzzee. A Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday, December 15, 2018, 10AM, at the Lutheran Church of the Master, 580 Kuhn Rd, Carol Stream, IL. A Family Visitation will precede the Service at 9AM. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations in Deb's honor be made to the Susan G. Komen Foundation (www.komen.org). Funeral arrangements by **McMurrough Funeral Chapel**, Libertyville. For full obituary and to sign guest book go to libertyvillefuneralhome.com

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Pierre, Dobrovolny

Pierre Dobrovolny, age 85 of Hawthorn Woods, formerly of North Riverside. Beloved husband of Vera (nee Bromova), loving father of Lucie (Albert) Casiello and the late Eva (Herve) Marand, cherished grandfather of Alena (Cameron) Berube, Alexandre "Alex" (Alicia) Marand, Anika Marand, Claire Casiello, Magdalena "Maggie" Casiello and great grandfather of Olivier Berube, dear brother of the late Pavel (Jitka) Dobrovolny. Private cremation services have held. Interment at a later date at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. Funeral arrangements handled by **Kuratko-Nosek Funeral Home**. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.KuratkoNosek.com. Info: (708) 447-2500



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Polisky, Earl

Earl Polisky, 77; beloved husband for more than 50 years of Sharon nee Berliner of blessed memory; loving father of Jeffrey, Michael (Liz) and Jennifer (John Leichenko); proud grandfather of Mia, Anna and Sam; brother of Stuart (Elaine) Polisky; treasured uncle; loving companion of Sheri Glazer and friend of many. Chapel service Monday, 2:30 p.m. at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to honorflightchicago.org or your favorite charity. For information or to leave condolences: (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.



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POWERS, PATRICIA A.

Patricia A. Powers, 65, loving sister of Kathleen M. (V. James "Jim") Grieco; dearest aunt of Jim (Lindsay) and Nick (Rebecca); fond great aunt of Ryan, Gabrielle and Andrew. Visitation Sunday, December 9, 3 to 8:00 p.m. and Monday, 9:00 a.m. till time of prayers at 9:45 a.m. at **Ivins/Moravecek Funeral Home** 80 E. Burlington St. Riverside to St. Mary Church Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepluchre Cemetery. Info at www.moravecek.com or 708-447-2261.

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Preston, Jody Lynne

Jody Lynne Preston, 63, of Portage Park, passed away suddenly on November 26, 2018. Beloved daughter of Elaine (nee Murzak) and the late Joseph. Loving sister of Drew (Kathleen). Dear friend to many. Avid pet lover and award winning blood donor. Former Nurse and CPO in the 16th district. A memorial mass will be held Saturday, December 15th, at 11:30 am at Saint Pascal Church located at 6199 W Irving Park Rd, Chicago, IL 60634.

Arrangements entrusted to **Chicagoland Cremation Options** of Schiller Park, Illinois.

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Prochaska, Mary Eileen

Mary Eileen Theresa McMahon Prochaska, as she often referred to herself, passed away on December 4, 2018, at the impressive age of 99 (although until the end she claimed 39!). Mary was known for her sharp wit, generous nature, and the ability to make everyone she came in contact with feel welcome and at home in her company. Like her husband, Joseph, who preceded her in death, Mary's final act of generosity was to leave her body to science, so that others may someday benefit from what may be learned. She was the loving mother of a daughter Mary, known by family as Teese, deceased, and two sons, Joseph (Becky) and John (Gosia). She was the loving grandmother of Bryn (Imran), Meryl, Tracy (Adam), and Olga (Justin), and great grandmother to Rakin, Rayya, Jasper, and Laith. A private memorial celebration of her life will be scheduled after the holidays.

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Ptack, Dorothy P.

Ptack, Dorothy P. nee: Gallina. Loving wife of the late James. Cherished mother of Judy (Gregg) Mangialardi. Devoted grandmother of Michael (Katelyn) and Alison Mangialardi. Fond sister and aunt of many. Visitation Monday, 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass 10:00 a.m. at St. Monica Church, 5136 N. Nottingham Ave., Chicago. In lieu of flowers please make contributions to Rainbow Hospice, 1550 Bishop Ct, Mt Prospect, IL 60056. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Arrangements by **Kolbus-John V. May** 773-774-3232 or www.kolbusmayfh.com.



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Raffel, Louis B.

Louis B. Raffel, 85. Beloved husband of the late Trudi (Gertrude) Raffel nee Weiner for 57 years. Loving father of Larry Raffel, Sharon (Gary) Riederman and Mark (Lisa) Raffel. Proud grandfather of Brett, Ian, Peter, Ali, Alec and Elizabeth. Dear brother-in-law of the late Milton Weiner and the late Evelyn (the late Sy) Greenberg. Dear uncle, cousin and friend. Service Sunday 2:30 PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd., (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Memorial Park. Memorials to the Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631, www.alz.org would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel**, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Reedy, Robert T.

Robert "Bob" Reedy, age 89, long-time resident of Villa Park, IL passed away peacefully on Dec. 4, 2018 in the company of his beloved family. He was a man of unwavering faith who found great comfort in his religious convictions. Bob married Anna Tomaso in 1954 and they were inseparable for nearly 65 years. They raised their five children in Villa Park and were dedicated members of St. Alexander's Parish. Bob joined his father and brothers in the family business (JW Reedy Realty) and worked for 40 plus years as a realtor. Bob's devotion to God was matched only by his steadfast commitment to his wife and children. He was the epitome of The Greatest Generation and joined the 81st Honor Flight Chicago to Washington DC. He was proud to represent his father's, brothers' and his own service to our country. Bob lived a life of gratitude and grace and will be missed by all.

Bob is survived by his beloved wife Anna M. (nee Tomaso). Loving father of John, Julie (late Steven) Glaser, Thomas (Melissa), David (Susan), Mary (James) Santucci. Cherished grandfather of 14 and great grandfather of 1. Bob was the fifth of ten children of John (JW) and Mary Reedy and is survived by Patricia Jandel, Jean Gerhard and Rosemary (Russell) Anderson and sister-in-law Donna Reedy. Visitation Sunday, December 9, 2018 from 3:00 - 8:00 pm at **Steuerle Funeral Home**, 350 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park, IL. Funeral Monday, December 10, 2018 - Gathering 9:30am/Mass 10:30am at St. Alexander Catholic Church, 300 S. Cornell, Villa Park, IL. In lieu of flowers memorials to JDRF.org or Misericordia.com

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Regan, Bridie

Bridie Regan nee Collins, native of Shanvallychill, Tourmakeady, Co. Mayo, Ireland; beloved wife of the late Thomas; loving mother of Anthony, Joann (Leo) Hughes and the late Peggy; cherished Nana of Thomas and Carol Hughes; dear sister of the late Sarah (John) McGing, the late Tommy (the late Maureen) Collins, Michael (the late Nell) Collins, the late John (Rose) Collins, the late Kate Collins, Mary (the late Mike) Gallagher, the late Jimmy (Mary) Collins, Nora (Tommy) Heneghan, and Padraig (Celeste) Collins; fond aunt of many; Thank you Jojo, who was a loving and caring caregiver. Funeral Thursday 9:30 AM from **Gibbons Family Funeral Home** 5917 W. Irving Park Rd. (1/2 Block East of Austin) to St. Pascal Church. Mass 10 AM. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 3-8 PM. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Mercy Home, EWTN Catholic Channel or masses. For info 773-777-3944 or www.GFFH.com

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Regner, Mary P.

Mary P. Regner nee Gallagher, 87; beloved wife of the late Philip W.; loving mother Cecile, Kurt (Joanne Leovy), Diane and Linda (Andrew) Currie; proud grandmother of Karl and Keane; dear sister of the late Henrietta A. Gallagher; fond daughter of the late Michael F. and Mary M. "Mae" Gallagher nee O'Malley. Mary was a graduate of Notre Dame High School for Girls. Her career included the Federal Reserve Bank and Illinois Masonic Medical Center. She enjoyed gardening, sewing and crafts. She volunteered with the Girl Scouts of America and many activities at St. Pascal's School. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Alzheimer Association Greater Illinois Chapter, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631. Services and Interment Private. Arrangements entrusted to **Gibbons Family Funeral Home**.

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Resnik, Frank

Frank Resnik, born April 16, 1942, peacefully began his final journey on December 6, 2018. He was preceded in death by his parents Dr. Harry and Sadie "Bobbie" Landes Resnick of Bridgeport, CT. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Susan nee Leblang with whom he shared a love of travel-especially of cruising- and a host of friends; by his

sister, Karen nee Resnik Richter and his brother in law, David Richter of Columbus, OH; by his niece Teresa Richter and grandniece, Kayla Lopez, both of Cooper City, FL; and by Susan's nieces, Amy (Steve) Kane of North Carolina and Carole Kosover of New York. Frank was a graduate of Antioch College and received an MBA from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business. In 1967, he left a position at Capitol Records to become Cook County Director of Systems and Procedures under County Board President Richard B. Ogilvie. When Ogilvie was elected governor in 1968, he named Frank as Assistant Director and then Director of the State of Illinois Department of General Services. In 1972, Frank was appointed head of Region 5 of the Federal Government's General Services Administration for six midwestern states. He held that position until 1976 when he was hired by Medline Industries. He had a 20 year trailblazing career at Medline Industries, Inc. Beginning in 1977, he started as President of Operations. From there, he moved to Sales, starting the Special Sales department. In 1986, Frank founded the Healthcare Sales Company within Medline, a dedicated sales force for nursing homes. By the end of the 1980's, he assumed the role of Chief Financial Officer. He held this position until 1996, at which point Frank was named Vice Chairman. In this final role at Medline, Frank had responsibility for Finance, Distribution, IT, HR and Customer Service. He retired on his 20th anniversary with Medline in 1997, walking out the front door, waving to all the employees he had mentored over the years. Frank left an indelible mark on all those that worked with him, and played a crucial role in the success of Medline during his tenure. In retirement, he continued to be a wonderful mentor and dear friend to many people at Medline, and his Finance team often got together for annual reunion lunches. He will be remembered for his many accomplishments, his generosity, and his wide range of interests; however, he will be best remembered as a good and loyal friend. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the scholarships at the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business, Melanoma Cancer Research, or a charity of your choice. A celebration of life will be held Monday, December 10, 2018, 3:30PM at the Union League Club of Chicago, 65 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel**, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Reuter, John F.

Loving husband, father and grandfather, an inspiration with his positive spirit in the face of MS. Called home Nov 26, age 86. Served as principal, teacher, organizer, and music director at Tabor Lutheran & Our Savior Norwood Park. A memorial service will be held on April 13th at 11:00AM, Trinity Lutheran, Lisle. Donations: Lutheran World Relief.

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Roche, John Patrick 'Jack'

John Patrick was born October 6, 1925 in Boston, MA. He died December 4, 2018 in Barrington, IL. John Patrick is survived by his wife of 58 years, Rita; children, John Michael (Deborah Kampmeier) and Jennifer (John F. Svolos); grandchildren, Zachary and Natalie Svolos, and Sophia Oppenheim; and sisters, Anna (late William) Campbell, and Kathleen (late Leo) Eshnhart. He was preceded in death by his parents, Patrick and Ellen Roche; and brothers, Donald Richard, Patrick Joseph, and Donald Francis. Memorial visitation will be at 9:30am until the funeral mass at 11am Monday, January 7 at St. Anne Catholic Church, 120 N. Ela Street, Barrington. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or National Forest Foundation. Please visit www.davenportfamily.com to send condolences.



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Rodriguez, Jose Mucio

Rodriguez, Jose Mucio
Age 91 passed away Thursday December 6, 2018 at Lakeview Rehabilitation Center in Chicago. Survived by his loving siblings Manuel (Laura) Rodriguez, Most Reverend Bishop Placido Rodriguez, Edmundo (Maria Elena) Rodriguez, Roman (Lourdes) Rodriguez, Concepcion, Eutimio, Antonio, Victor and Guadalupe also 37 nieces, nephews and many grand nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents Eutimio and Maria Concepcion Rodriguez; siblings Trinidad, Antonia, Eutimio (Ascencion), Diego, Simon (Marcela), Jesus, Carmen and Jose. Visitation Tuesday December 11, 2018 where he will lie in state beginning 9 am followed by Mass of Christian Burial, 11 am at Queen of Heaven Mausoleum, 1400 S. Wolf Rd., Hillside, IL 60162. Interment to follow Mass. Services entrusted to **Anderson Memorial Home**, Crest Hill, IL. (www.andersonmemorial-homes.com) (815) 577-5250

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Rohlicek, Bernadine J.

Bernadine J. Rohlicek beloved wife of the late Patrick; loving mother of Michelle (Jamie) Smith, Michael (Dawn), and Jeff; dearest grandmother of Jeffrey, Jimmy, Cara, Erika (Bobby) Niemi, Paige, Tony, Kelly, Sean, and great grandmother of Tristen; also many fond nieces and nephews. Funeral Tuesday 10:30 AM from the **Schielka Addison Street Funeral Home** 7710 W Addison St to St Francis Borgia Church for an 11 AM mass. Interment private. Visitation Monday 3 PM - 9 PM. 773-625-3444

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Rosenbaum

See Ruth Cogler notice.

Rozycka, Hala

Hala Rozycka of Westchester, age 95. Beloved wife of the late Henryk Rozycki; loving mother of Iwonna (William) King and Danuta Rozycka; proud grandmother of Valerie (Michael) Jirik and Christopher (Dedra) Schmidt; great-grandmother of Andrew, Joseph, Angela and Victoria; dear sister of Krysz (Wanda) Zwolakowski and the late Chester Chadzinski. Volunteer for over 20 years at Oak Park Hospital. WW II Veteran of the Polish Army. A memorial visitation will be held on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at Visitation Church, 851 S. York St., Elmhurst from 10:00 a.m. until time of Mass 11:00 a.m. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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www.ConboyWestchesterfh.com

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Rubino, Mary Rose

Mary Rose Rubino nee Barberini, 97, of Naperville. Beloved wife of the late Salvatore Joseph for 56 years; loving mother of Daniel (Annette) and Francis (Ophelia); cherished grandmother of Rosetta; dear daughter of the late Donato and Rose Barberini; sister of Rosalyn (the late Augustine) Rubino and the late Andrew Barberini, Michael Barberini and Frank Barberini; sister-in-law of Mary Barberini; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation at **Williams-Kamp Funeral Home**, 430 E. Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton from 8 :00 A.M. until time of prayers at 9:15 A.M. going to Christ the King Church, 1501 S. Main St., Lombard for Mass at 10:00 A.M. Thursday, December 13, 2018. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Memorials would be appreciated for the church. Funeral info @ www.williams-kamp.com or (630) 668-0016.

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Scholl, Allan Peter

A graveside service will be held honoring and remembering the life of Allan Peter Scholl on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 10 AM at Floral Haven Memorial Gardens, Broken Arrow, OK. Allen passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 28, 2018. He was 91.

Born 1927 in London, England to Frank and Edith Scholl, Allan was the fourth of five children. He attended Campion Jesuit High School in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin and later was admitted to The Citadel military college in Charleston, South Carolina.

He received an appointment to West Point in 1946 and graduated in 1950 with a bachelor of science degree. Shortly after graduation from West Point, Allan was commissioned into the infantry and by good fortune was not assigned duty in Korea. His last appointment was in Berlin, Germany before retiring in 1971.

Allan served for 20 years he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Allan married Sonya Zoe Little in 1953 and they ushered in three sons from that marriage.

In 1967, Allan married Nari Kaufmann. She remained by his side until passing away, January 2016. Mr. Scholl is survived by his three sons and their wives, Eric and Jacque of Tulsa, Karl and Robyn of Cairns, Australia, Mark and Cathy of Fredericksburg, Texas. He also leaves behind seven grandchildren, William and his wife Francesca, James, Leslie, Eric, Elizabeth, Nicholas and Jayde and two great-granddaughters, Olivia and Alexandra.

Viewing for Mr. Scholl will be held Tuesday, December 4, 2018 from 5 to 8 PM at Schaudt's Tulsa Funeral Service.

In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Allan to West Point Association of Graduates; www.westpointaog.org/waystogive or Mt. St. Mary's Abbey; 300 Arnold St. Wrentham, MA 02093. Arrangements are entrusted to Schaudt's Tulsa Funeral Service. Family and friends may send memories and condolences to the family, online at www.schaudtfuneralservice.com.

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Sebelik, Donald

Donald Sebelik, 77, passed away December 1, 2018. Beloved husband for 45 years to Judith nee Hrejsa; loving father of Sandy Burns, Cindy (Bob) Wolf and Jennifer Sebelik; grandfather of 7; brother of Marcy and Pat. Preceded in death by his parents, Josephine and Richard and grandson, Brandon Wolf. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Services held privately.

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Shrader, Sue E.

Sue E. Shrader, a tennis professional at Midtown Athletic Club for more than 30 years, died Nov. 29, 2018, at the age of 72 of brain cancer. Ms. Shrader, a native of Sacramento, Ca., joined Midtown in 1986 after working as the women's head tennis coach at Sacramento State University, her alma mater. A former player on the Virginia Slims Futures Tennis Circuit, Ms. Shrader also taught tennis at Marymount School in Westwood, Ca., and the Rio del Oro Racquet Club in Sacramento. Previously, Ms. Shrader won the USTA National Women's Doubles Championship in 1965. She had a top USTA ranking in singles and doubles play during both high school and college. Ms. Shrader brought her love for the game to Mid-Town, where she ran the "Matinee Tennis" program. Under her direction and tutelage, Matinee Tennis developed into one of Midtown's most popular programs for tennis enthusiasts of all abilities. Services are private. Memorial donations may be made to Guide Dogs for the Blind, P.O. Box 3950, San Rafael, CA. 94912-3950.



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Slobig, Francis J.

Francis J. Slobig, born September 10, 1935 in Chicago, Illinois, died on November 27, 2018. Survived by his wife of 49 years, Judy (Hanawalt) and, his children; Justin, Joshua, Zachary, Rebecca, and Timothy, daughters-in-law Erin Eger and Sacha Cunningham, and grandchildren, Isaiah Ahlstrom, Amara, Giselle, and Zia Slobig, Xavier Anderson, Andrea Slobig Romero, Nami Slobig, and Josie Hever-Slobig.

Frank grew up in Homewood, Illinois, attended St. Joseph School and Quigley Preparatory Seminary, founded in 1905 by his great-uncle, Msgr. Francis Andrew Purcell. He continued on to St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Illinois. Ordained by the Archdiocese of Chicago on May 1, 1961, he served in St. Boniface and Annunciation parishes from 1961-68, as Assistant Director of the Archdiocesan Office of Urban Affairs, on the Boards of Association House of Chicago and the Northwest Community Organization. He played a lead role in developing the Association of Chicago Priests and National Federation of Priests' Councils.

Fr. Slobig left the active ministry to marry Judy Ann (Hanawalt) on August 23, 1969. They moved to Washington, D.C. for his work with the U.S. Department of Labor. He directed the Roosevelt Centennial Youth Project from 1982-85, which evolved into Youth Service America and played a major role in the formation of the Corporation for National and Community Service and AmeriCorps. Frank and Judy served as Salesian Lay Missioners in Quito, Ecuador. He ended his career in New York, as the coordinator of Outreach Services for Caritas of Port Chester.

A celebration of his life will be held at St. Joseph Church in Homewood, Illinois on December 15th at 11am, and in Washington, D.C. in spring 2019.

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Smith, Kathleen M.

Kathleen M. Smith, nee Diamond, age 68 passed away at her home in Elmhurst, beloved wife of James W. for over 47 years; loving mother of Michelle Lynn (Pete) Hanssel and Kimberly Ann (Robert Jr.) Bozek; wonderful Grandmother "NaNa" of Colin and Mary Kathleen Hanssel, Robert John III, Aubrey Kathleen and Brayden James and the late Kayla Smith

Bozek; cherished daughter of the late George A. and the late Kathleen, nee O'Donnell; kind sister of Timothy G. Diamond and the late Bobby Diamond and sister-in-law of Donna and Ron Medema, and Glenn and Diane Smith; fond aunt of Mike, Cathy, Debbie, Ryan and Alex. Jim and Kathy met at a college dance in 1969, after years of seeing each other but never actually being introduced, and from that moment it was love for Jim. They married in 1971 and began their life together. Throughout life Kathy enjoyed vacationing with her family, walking her dog, and spending time with her grandchildren. Kathy was the most kind and generous person anyone could meet. She had a love for dogs especially her dog Odie, holidays and the St. Patrick's Parade in Elmhurst. While working most of her life, she raised her daughters to become great ladies and mothers. Her grandchildren were loved and Nana gave them anything she could. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her, but her memory lives on forever. Friends and family will meet Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 10:30 a.m. and celebrate a Mass of Christian Burial 11:00 a.m. at Visitation Catholic Church 779 South York Road, (At Madison), Elmhurst. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago, 3100 S. Central Ave Cicero, IL 60804 - a Non Profit Organization for children and adults with special needs. Arrangements handled by **Gibbons Funeral Home**, Elmhurst. 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com

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Smith, Roger W.

Roger W. Smith, age 80, of Manhattan, died Sunday, December 2, at Spring Creek Nursing Home, Joliet. He is survived by one daughter Colleen Smith of Chicago, three sons John of Lockport, Timothy of Chicago and Thomas of Manhattan. Also survived by one sister Carole (Joseph - deceased) Durbin, one brother-in-law, Robert Riley Sr., sisters-in-law Madeline (Pete) Bird, Marilyn (Greg) Gustafson, Myrtle (John) Briggs and Maureen (Todd Sr.) Bennett. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Preceded in death by his parents Howard and Leta (Sampson) Smith, his beloved wife Marjorie nee Riley, two sisters-in-law Mary Lou Wickham and Mildred Flanagan, two brothers-in-law Thomas Riley Jr. and Joseph Durbin. Nieces and Nephews. Roger retired from Caterpillar after 30 years of service as a machinist. He proudly served his country with the US Navy aboard the USS Pocono from 1957 to 1959. Roger loved his family very much and was fond of fishing.

Memorial Mass will be 11:00 A.M., Saturday, January 19, 2019 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 235 West North St, Manhattan, IL. Visitation will be the same day at church from 10:00 A.M. until the time of service. Memorials in Roger's name to the charity of your choice would be most appreciated. **Forsythe Gould Funeral Home**, 507 S. State St., Manhattan, IL 60442, 815-478-3321, www.forsythegouldfh.com

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Stern, Gerald M

Gerald M (Jerry) Stern- age 91 of Skokie, on November 30, 2018. Loving husband of Annette (Weinstein), dear father of Sheryl (Steve) Levin, Merle (Mark) Gallagher, Mark Stern and Mitchell (Sheryl) Stern, cherished grandfather of Kenneth (Kelly) Levin, Tara Levin, Zachary (Carolyn Oppenheimer) Stern, Lauren Gallagher, Robin Gallagher, Carly Stern and Brandon Stern, brother of Richard Stern. Service Monday, Dec 10th at 2 PM, Memorial Park Cemetery Mausoleum, Skokie. In lieu of flowers, tributes in Jerry's name can be made to Journey Care Hospice 2050 Claire Ct, Glenview, IL 60025 <https://journey-care.org/donate/> or Hadassah Chicago-North Shore, Attn: Gerald "Jerry" Stern Memorial Fund, 60 Revere Dr, Suite 800, Northbrook, IL 60062

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Stine, Laurence O.

Laurence O. Stine, age 94, passed away on December 4, 2018. with his family by his side. He was a 60 year resident of Western Springs and currently of Elmhurst. Born on November 5, 1924, in North Dakota, Larry was a WWII Navy veteran and a retired chemical engineer. Loving companion of Fran Wall, beloved husband of the late Antoinette; dear father of

Mary Alice Liedtke and Margaret Stine (Karl Johnson); fond grandfather of Alex Liedtke, Charles (Allison) Johnson, Kyle Johnson, and Bradley Johnson. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, December 15th, 2018, 10:00 am at Park Place, 1050 E. Euclid Ave. Elmhurst, IL 60126. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a charity of choice. Arrangements by **Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale**. For information 630-703-9131 or www.powellfuneral-directors.com.

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Sullivan, Jeanette M.

Jeanette M. Sullivan, nee Lechner, Age 89, passed away on December 3, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Gerald Sullivan. Loving mother of Gerald (Christine) Sullivan, Kathleen (Ross) Horne, John (Traci) Sullivan, Patricia (Thomas) James and Mary Ellen (Joseph) Muscolino. Dear Nana of Ryan, Erin, Eileen, Michael, Kelly, John, Jack, Tara, Fisher, Charlotte, Colleen, Thomas, Katie, Sean, Dana, Lauren, Kristy and Joseph. Dearest great-grandmother of many. Dear sister of Roy (Nancy) Lechner, Fay (Seth) Miller, the late Bernice (the late Walter) Tkachuk, the late Raymond Lechner and the late Earl (the late Mary Kaye) Lechner. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation, Sunday, December 9, 2018, 3:00PM to 9:00PM at **Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium**, 7861 S. 88th Avenue, Justice, Illinois. Funeral, Monday, December 10, 2018, 9:30AM prayers to begin from the funeral home to St. Symphorosa Church, 6135 S. Austin Avenue, Chicago, Illinois for 10:30AM Mass. Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Justice, Illinois.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org/donate, are appreciated. For more information, 708-496-0200 or www.kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com

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Sundh, June E.

June E. Sundh, 86, passed away December 6, 2018. June was the Beloved wife of the late Roy Sundh; Loving mother of Bruce (Marla) Sundh, Dennis Sundh, Curt Sundh, Catherine (Al) Sundh, James Sundh, and the late Ronald Sundh; Grandmother of seven; Great grandmother of twelve; Dear sister of the late Betty Johnson and Lucille Knowles. Visitation will be held Monday, December 10th, 2018 from 3-8pm at **Oehler Funeral Home**, 2099 Miner St. (corner of Northwest Hwy./Rt.14 and Rand Rd.), Des Plaines. Funeral service Tuesday, December 11th, 2018, 10am at **Oehler Funeral Home**. Burial to follow at Mount Emblem Cemetery in Elmhurst. For information, please call 847-824-5155 or visit www.oehlerfuneralhome.com.



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SYNOWIECKI, PATRICIA

PATRICIA SYNOWIECKI (nee Vlosak); beloved wife of the late Victor Synowiecki; loving mother of Thomas (Diane), Catherine (Thomas) Butler & Steven (Sue) Synowiecki; dear grandmother of Kristin (Matthew) McGrath, Matthew (Michelle) Synowiecki, Caitlyn Butler, Samantha, Jessie, Yellie & Nick Synowiecki; great-grandmother of Connor, Ella, Harrison, Taylor & Sadie; fond sister of the late Dorothy (late John) Laricy; aunt of many nieces & nephews. Visitation Tuesday, December 11, 2018, at St. Rene Goupil Church, 6926 West 64th Street, Chicago from 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass at 10:30 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Donations appreciated to the Tender Loving Care Pet Shelter in Homer Glen, IL. Arrangements handled by **Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Ltd.** www.ZarzyckiManorChapels.com or (708) 839-8999.



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Taylor, Michael T.

Michael T. Taylor, 48 of Chicago suddenly passed away December 5, 2018. Beloved husband of Debbie Taylor, nee Minarik. Loving father of Thomas Taylor, and stepfather to Allison, Joe and Tyler (Angie) Plewa. Cherished son of Jim and Harriet Taylor, nee Grundeman. Brother of Joseph (Laura) Taylor, Ken (Brandy) Taylor and Katie (Danny) Felt. Grandpa Mikey to Robin, Evan and baby Sadie. Fond uncle to Marlie, Megan, Michael, Melissa, Keller, Kayleigh, Emilija, Maddie and Maeve. Mike will be sorely missed by his dogs Peaches and Bonnie, who he cared for endlessly, and reunited with Shelby and Ghoul. Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hands, dearest Mike. Funeral Monday 11:00 am at **Malec & Sons Funeral Home**, 6000 N. Milwaukee Ave. Interment Mt. Emblem Cemetery. Visitation Sunday from 3:00 - 9:00 pm. (773) 774-4100. MalecandSonsFH.com



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Thornton, Peter J.

Peter J. Thornton, age 74, of Evanston, passed away on December 5, 2018. Beloved brother of John (Gosha), Thomas (Monica), and James (Martin Goodman); loving uncle of Sean (Sarah), Paulina Heinkel (Wes), Tiffany (Sean Maley), and Hillary Eckardt (David); loving great-uncle of Cormac Heinkel; dear friend of Joseph Ober. Peter W. and Catherine Thornton, and his partner, David Aguirre. He was a greatly accomplished attorney, professor, poet, translator, and scholar. A Celebration of Life will be held on Monday, December 10, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass, Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Athanasius Parish, 1615 Lincoln Street, Evanston, Illinois 60201-2340. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Peter's memory to Gilda's Club Chicago, which provides free support and programs for people with cancer, their friends and loved ones; the American Red Cross or the organization of your choice. Info: (847) 675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com



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Wassmann, Lutrelle 'Lute'

Lutrelle "Lute" Wassmann, age 92, of Wilmette. Beloved husband of the late Alice "Pat" Wassmann nee Cooney; loving father of Mary (Rick) Pautler, Ann (Tom Edwards) Wassmann, Dan (Kathy) Wassmann, Sue Panno Trainor (Steve and the late John Panno) and Sally (Richard) Baylaender; dear grandfather of Allison, Andrew (Lindsay) and Maggie Pautler, Elizabeth, Emily and Peter Wassmann, Michael, Paul and Mark (Courtney) Panno and Christopher Baylaender; great grandfather of Hannah, Campbell and Noah Pautler and Benjamin Panno; brother of Marion (the late John) June Hanna and the late Leonard (the late Alice) Wassmann. Lute grew up in Chicago Heights and attended Bloom High School. During World War II he served in the U.S. Navy and was trained to be a gunner on a torpedo bomber aircraft. After the war, he was taking college preparatory classes at Bloom High School when he met his future wife, Pat. They dated through college and were married in 1952. Lute was an industrial designer. He began his career working for firms such as Raymond Loewy & Associates and Latham, Tyler and Jensen. Ultimately, he started his own business. Lute was also a design professor for many years at the Illinois Institute of Technology, serving as director of IIT's Institute of Design for a period in the 1960s. Throughout his life, Lute was an artist, creating paintings and collages. Digital images of his many paintings can be viewed at www.bigtowergallery.com/lute-wassmann. In addition, he gave his time frequently to charitable causes. Visitation Monday, December 17, 2018 at noon immediately followed by a memorial Mass 2 p.m. at Saint Francis Xavier Church, 9th Street and Linden Avenue, Wilmette, IL 60091. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Saint Vincent de Paul Society in care of Saint Francis Xavier, 524 9th Street, Wilmette, IL 60091. Info: 847 675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com.



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YOKSOULIAN, GEORGE JERRY

George Jerry Yoksoulian, age 84, of Downers Grove, IL passed away on December 5, 2018. Arrangements by Toon Funeral Home, Downers Grove, IL 630-968-0408; www.toonfuneralhome.com.

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Zabrin, Nicholas A.

Nicholas A. Zabrin, age 83. Longtime resident of Chicago. At rest December 3, 2018. Proud veteran of the U.S. Army. Beloved Husband for 56 years to Therese nee Dolatowski. Loving Father of Mark, Michael (Liza), Thomas and Kathryn (Brian) Brzezinski. Proud Grandpa of Aaron, Nicole and Jeremy Zabrin and Emily and Margaret Brzezinski. Dear Brother of the late Theodore Neme and the late Veronica (Walter) Liptak. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Tuesday December 11, 2018 10:15 a.m. from Ridge Funeral Home, 6620 W. Archer Ave. Chicago to St. Daniel the Prophet Church mass 11:00 a.m. Entombment Resurrection Mausoleum. Visitation Monday from 3 to 9 p.m.. 4th Degree member of Archbishop Quigley K.of.C. Council #2428 and Barcair Caravan order of Alhambra. Info: 773-586-7900 or www.ridgefh.com.



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Ziegler, Frederick 'Mr. Zig'

Beloved husband of the late Lorraine (nee Samuelson); loving father of Susan (William Reinhardt) Ziegler; dear brother of Elizabeth Ziegler. Visitation will be held Monday from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** located at 625 Busse Hwy in Park Ridge. Funeral Tuesday, lying in state from 10:00 a.m. until time of service at 11:00 a.m. at Saint Luke's Lutheran Church located at 1500 W. Belmont Ave. in Chicago. Interment St. Luke Cemetery. For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Zuskar, Deborah M.

Deborah M. Zuskar, age 66, passed away on November 27, 2018 after days of being surrounded by her family. Deborah is loved by her high-school sweetheart and husband of 43 years, John Zuskar, daughter Marisa Ferson (Michael) and son Michael Zuskar (Kayla). She was an adoring grandmother to two granddaughters, Marleigh and Rory

Ferson. Deborah is also survived by her sister Vicki Mohr Born (Christopher) and brother James Mohr. Deborah graduated Summa Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and received her doctorate in Clinical Psychology from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She served as the chair of graduate student admissions and Director of Graduate Education, and then as an Clinical Assistant Professor, for the Division of Clinical Psychology, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University. Deborah's research interests were in communication and conflict resolution, especially in close interpersonal relationships. Her greatest professional impact was on the hundreds of individual patients she worked with through her almost 40 year career. Building relationships with people was her greatest strength; Deborah devoted so much of her time and energy to guiding people through trying times and helping them find peace and satisfaction in their lives. But Deborah's own sense of peace came on any hot, sunny day, especially on vacation in a new city or country or continent. She was always looking forward to her next vacation and the new experiences she would share with her family, where ever they were. We know right now she is sitting on a pool chair, leafing through the newspaper and asking "what's the plan?". In lieu of flowers, memorials can be given in her name to the Scleroderma Foundation (www.scleroderma.org).

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SUNDAY, DEC. 9 NORMAL HIGH: 37° NORMAL LOW: 22° RECORD HIGH: 62° (1879) RECORD LOW: -14° (1876)

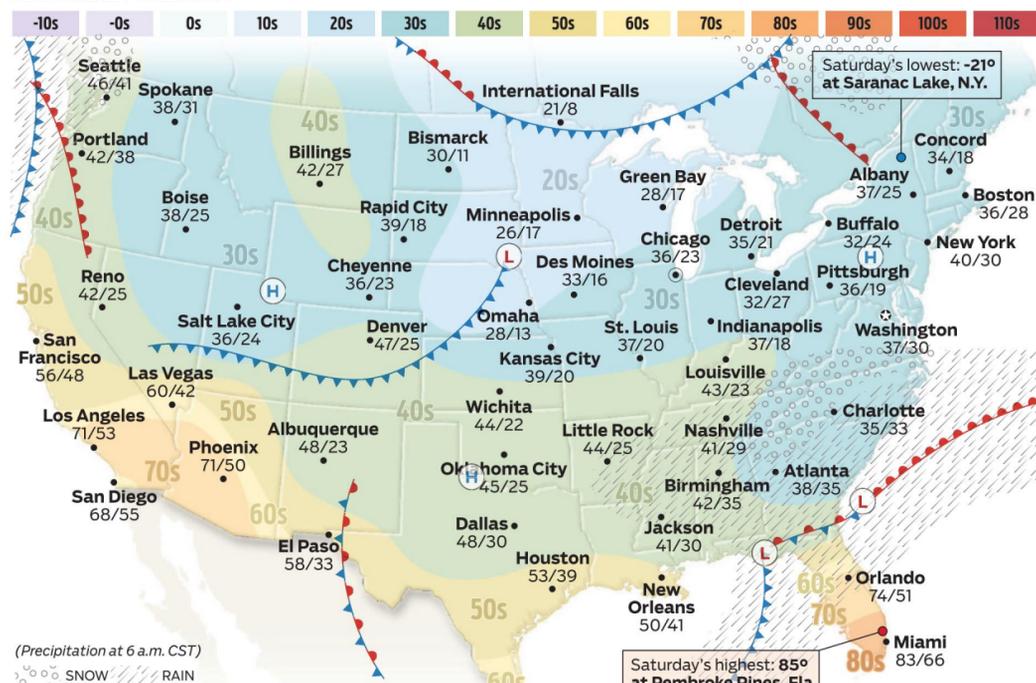
No storms this weekend; calm weather persists

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 36 **LOW** 23

■ Pleasant for December. Slow day-to-day warming continues.
 ■ High pressure remains anchored across the Midwest bringing mostly sunny skies.
 ■ Temps rise from the teens and low 20s early to the low-mid 30s in the afternoon.
 ■ Tranquil. Light W-NW winds around 10 mph.
 ■ Bears kickoff temp 30, lowering to the upper 20s during the game.
 ■ Patchy high-level cloudiness arrives at night. Not quite as cold. Lows hold in the 20s most areas.

NATIONAL FORECAST



The first weekend of December brought soaking rain and thunderstorms to the area, with a record tornado outbreak downstate. In contrast, this weekend has featured sprawling, polar-origin high pressure across the Midwest, keeping inclement weather well to our south. Abundant sunshine will slowly moderate our subnormal temperatures.

Recurring outbreaks of cold air have persisted since mid-October. From Oct. 11 through Friday, temperatures have averaged nearly 4.5 degrees below normal, with 78 percent of the days posting a temperature deficit. Medium-range forecasts suggest a prolonged period of above-normal readings will begin this week and continue through at least mid-December, with weather more typical of what is expected during an El Niño winter.

MONDAY, DEC. 10

HIGH 38 **LOW** 25

Continued tranquil. Patchy high level cloudiness may dim sunshine at times, otherwise clear. Afternoon temps rise above normal, reaching the mid-upper 30s. W-SW winds around 10 mph.

TUESDAY, DEC. 11

HIGH 40 **LOW** 28

High pressure moves off to the S/E allowing SW winds to increase to 10-20 mph. Milder air arrives, raising temps to around 40 degrees despite some increase in mid- and high-level clouds.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12

HIGH 40 **LOW** 33

Peeks of morning sun fade behind thickening clouds as a weak disturbance approaches. Some sprinkles/flurries possible. Temps again peak near 40. S winds 15-20 mph. Clouds keep temps mild at night.

THURSDAY, DEC. 13

HIGH 39 **LOW** 32

Clouds persist as a stronger system evolves over the plains. Light rain or drizzle possible late in the day, with wet snow likely at night. Temps climb to near 40. SW winds become light and variable.

FRIDAY, DEC. 14

HIGH 37 **LOW** 34

Gray, windy and raw as a weather system passes to our east. Wet snow diminishes to occasional light rain and snow as temps rise to the mid-upper 30s. N winds 20-30 mph.

SATURDAY, DEC. 15

HIGH 39 **LOW** 30

Continued cloudy and blustery. Patchy light rain/drizzle possible, especially early. Temps reach the upper 30s. NW winds 20-30 mph. Partial clearing with diminishing winds at night.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
 In Chicago, how often is December the coldest month of the winter?
 — Charles Kitchak, Berwyn

Dear Charles,
 Chicago's temperature records extend from November 1870 to the present, a period that covers 148 cold seasons (1870-71 through 2017-18). December has been the coldest month 23 times in those 148 cold seasons, or 16 percent of the time. It happened most recently in the winter of 2016-17, when December's average temperature was 25.0 degrees (November was 46.8 degrees, January 28.8, February 38.0, March 39.5).

January turns out to be the coldest month of the cold season most often, with 80 occurrences (54 percent of the time); February 43 times (29 percent); March two times (1 percent), in the winters of 1889-90 and 1931-32). November has never been the coldest month.

Write to: ASK TOM
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WGN-TV meteorologists Steve Kahn, Richard Koeneman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.



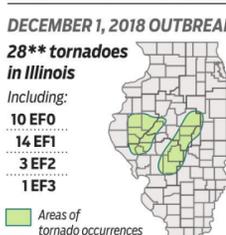
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Tornadoes in December are rare but have occurred before

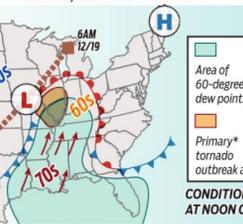
Since 1950, no tornadoes have been recorded in the immediate Chicago area. A few have come close—

- F3 (12/6/1951) Spring Valley—Mendota
- F2 (12/3/1955) Dana—Mazon
- F1 (12/4/1973) Ashkum

*During the evening and overnight into the 19th, storms produced another 12 tornadoes from Arkansas to Alabama



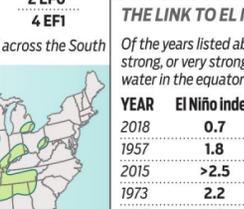
THE DECEMBER 18, 1957 OUTBREAK



DECEMBER 23, 2015 OUTBREAK



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ILLINOIS' WORST DECEMBER TORNADO OUTBREAKS

HAVE A CORRELATION TO EL NIÑO EPISODES
 Since 1950, there have been 83 confirmed tornadoes in Illinois during December. Most of these (~59%) occurred during just 2 events: December 1, 2018 and December 18, 1957

Largest December tornado outbreaks in Illinois*

- December 1, 2018 28 tornadoes
- December 18, 1957 21 tornadoes
- December 23, 2015 6 tornadoes
- December 4, 1973 5 tornadoes
- December 31, 2010 4 tornadoes

* Information courtesy of NWS Lincoln, Illinois

THE LINK TO EL NIÑO

Of the years listed above, all but the 2018 event occurred during strong, or very strong El Niños, which feature abnormally warm water in the equatorial Pacific

YEAR	El Niño index	INTENSITY
2018	0.7	Weak
1957	1.8	Strong
2015	>2.5	Very strong
1973	2.2	Very strong
2010	1.6	Strong

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MIDWEST CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	pc	39	21	pc	39	22
Carbondale	su	35	15	pc	32	21
Champaign	su	35	15	pc	32	21
Decatur	su	35	15	pc	32	21
Moline	su	36	16	su	33	23
Peoria	su	36	18	su	33	23
Quincy	su	36	18	su	33	23
Rockford	su	36	18	su	33	23
Springfield	su	36	14	pc	33	22
Sterling	su	32	17	pc	32	22
Indiana	pc	40	20	su	39	20
Bloomington	pc	42	22	pc	40	21
Evansville	su	35	19	su	34	22
Fort Wayne	su	35	19	su	34	22
Indianapolis	su	37	18	su	36	20
Lafayette	su	34	16	su	33	20
Lafayette	su	33	16	su	32	20
Wisconsin	su	28	17	pc	26	19
Green Bay	su	33	19	su	34	22
Madison	su	30	18	su	31	21
La Crosse	su	31	15	su	28	19
Milwaukee	su	32	20	su	33	22
Wausau	su	27	14	pc	24	15
Michigan	su	35	21	su	34	24
Detroit	su	35	21	su	34	24
Grand Rapids	pc	34	22	su	36	28
Marquette	su	32	19	pc	29	19
St. Ste. Marie	sh	31	26	sh	30	22
Traverse City	pc	32	26	pc	33	27
Iowa	pc	33	16	su	31	21
Ames	pc	33	16	su	31	21
Cedar Rapids	pc	32	17	su	32	22
Des Moines	pc	33	16	su	32	23
Dubuque	pc	34	19	su	33	22

OTHER U.S. CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	su	48	28	su	59	35
Albuquerque	su	48	23	pc	47	30
Albany	su	50	27	su	56	32
Amarillo	su	50	27	su	56	32
Anchorage	pc	30	25	sh	29	23
Asheville	sh	35	32	rs	40	17
Aspen	pc	32	9	pc	40	21
Atlanta	rn	38	35	sh	43	29
Atlantic City	su	40	28	pc	43	26
Austin	pc	53	34	su	58	35
Baltimore	sh	35	30	su	43	28
Billings	su	42	27	pc	46	28
Birmingham	sh	42	35	sh	43	29
Bismarck	su	30	11	pc	38	19
Boise	pc	38	25	su	33	25
Boston	pc	36	28	su	37	23
Brownsville	su	61	43	su	64	45
Buffalo	pc	32	24	sh	32	26
Burlington	pc	34	22	pc	25	12
Charlotte	rs	35	33	rs	39	24
Charltn SC	rn	61	39	sh	45	37
Charltn WV	sh	38	21	pc	41	19
Chattanooga	rn	41	36	sh	43	25
Cheyenne	su	36	23	su	48	30
Cincinnati	pc	39	20	su	38	19
Cleveland	pc	32	27	sh	33	25
Colo. Spgs	su	43	19	pc	50	29
Columbia MO	su	37	17	pc	41	23
Columbia SC	rn	39	37	sh	40	33
Columbus	pc	38	20	su	33	21
Concord	su	34	18	su	31	11
Corps Christi	su	58	40	su	60	43
Crescent	pc	48	30	su	55	33
Dallas	pc	48	30	su	55	33
Daytona Bch.	ts	74	48	pc	60	41
Denver	pc	47	25	pc	56	31
Des Moines	pc	35	18	su	29	17
El Paso	su	58	33	pc	56	40
Fairbanks	sh	15	3	pc	12	4
Fargo	su	22	10	pc	31	12
Flagstaff	su	44	18	sh	46	23
Fort Myers	ts	79	62	pc	68	48
Fort Smith	pc	47	26	su	49	24
Fresno	pc	41	23	pc	56	43
Great Falls	su	42	30	sh	43	28
Harrisburg	pc	37	23	su	39	24
Hartford	pc	37	21	su	38	19
Helena	pc	34	16	ci	37	24
Honolulu	pc	79	72	pc	80	72
Houston	sh	52	39	su	59	37
Int'l Falls	pc	21	8	pc	25	7
Jackson	pc	41	30	pc	47	25
Jacksonville	sh	70	44	pc	54	27
Juneau	su	44	37	rn	40	38
Kansas City	pc	39	20	su	41	28
Las Vegas	pc	60	42	pc	58	42
Lincoln	pc	32	12	su	34	22
Little Rock	pc	44	25	pc	43	22
Los Angeles	pc	71	53	pc	68	49
Louisville	sh	43	24	pc	53	22
Louisville	sh	42	30	sh	43	28
Macon	sh	42	35	pc	46	34
Memphis	pc	38	26	su	39	23
Miami	ts	83	66	pc	75	50
Minneapolis	su	26	17	pc	26	17
Mobile	sh	52	40	pc	53	38
Montgomery	pc	47	29	sh	48	32
Nashom	sh	41	29	pc	43	21
New Orleans	su	50	41	pc	54	39
New York	pc	40	30	su	41	28
Norfolk	rn	42	38	sh	43	32
Okla. City	su	45	25	su	50	30
Omaha	pc	28	13	ci	31	21
Orlando	ts	74	51	pc	62	40
Palm Beach	ts	83	61	pc	71	45
Palm Springs	pc	71	53	sh	70	49
Philadelphia	ci	37	26	su	40	25
Phoenix	pc	71	50	pc	72	52
Pittsburgh	pc	36	19	su	33	21
Portland, ME	su	33	22	su	32	15
Portland, OR	rn	42	38	sh	46	38
Providence	pc	37	24	su	37	20
Raleigh	rs	35	32	sh	39	25
Rapid City	su	39	18	su	42	24
Reno	pc	42	25	ci	40	24
Richmond	rs	33	28	pc	42	21
Rochester	su	35	26	pc	32	26
Sacramento	sh	57	40	sh	57	38
Salem, Ore.	rn	45	40	sh	48	38
Salt Lake City	pc	36	24	pc	37	28
San Antonio	su	57	34	su	61	36
San Diego	pc	68	55	ci	66	53
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How to navigate love life by apps

Workshops give tips on dancing with algorithms of Tinder, Hinge, Match world

BY ALLY MAROTTI | Chicago Tribune

A front-row seat in a crash course on app-based dating was the perfect place for JoAnn Thissen.

Online dating takes a lot of nerve, and the 68-year-old retired marine geologist was working up her courage. She's dabbled on dating websites and apps, and even asked for a subscription to dating site Match for Christmas. She hasn't had any luck yet, but she's still determined.

That's why she was there, sitting in a Loop hotel among dozens of other attendees interested in crafting the perfect online dating profile. There were men and women, millennials and baby boomers, singles and people in relationships.

Peak dating season approaches with the holidays, and the love lives of tens of thousands of Chicagoans hinge on how algorithms behind popular dating apps like Tinder, Hinge and Match piece together their data.

Even a decade ago, 1 in 3 marriages started online, one study suggested, and dependence on dating apps has only increased. Some users fret over creating the perfect profile to rope in the ideal mate. Others work to outsmart the algorithms behind the services they use.

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MICHELLE KANAAR/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Lilah Jones, center, and Dani Martinez, right, shown with her daughter Josie Bernard, met on Match and plan to wed.

Bid for Sears has demand: Legal shelter

Chairman's condition puts creditors in tough place

BY JOSH SAUL | Bloomberg News

The \$4.6 billion bid by Sears Holdings Corp. Chairman Edward Lampert to salvage what's left of the bankrupt retailer was pitched by the hedge fund manager as a way to preserve tens of thousands of jobs. To some others in the industry, it's also seen as a way to sweep a decade of potential problems under the rug.

The bid, if successful, would come with an important condition: a full release from liability over controversial deals his fund made before the 125-year-old retailer filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Those transactions — a series of spinoffs, rights offerings and refinancings starting in 2012 — are being probed by both Sears and a committee of unsecured creditors who stand to lose everything in the bankruptcy.

Lampert entities now hold \$2.6 billion of loans, making him the company's biggest creditor. Those claims are key to his bid because he would roll a significant portion of them into equity in a reorganized company. Taking the hedge fund manager up on his offer would

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Sears Holdings Corp. Chairman Edward Lampert is making a \$4.6 billion bid for many of the company's assets.



Fraser fir from A Tree to Your Door, shipped from Brown's Tree Farm in Lake City, Mich.

"The way I look at it, (Amazon is) going to bring awareness."

— Chris Hohenstein, City Tree Delivery in Chicago

CHRISTMAS TREES, JUST CLICKS AWAY

The overwhelming majority of evergreens are purchased in person. Amazon's decision to start selling online could change that.



Fraser fir from Amazon, shipped from North Carolina.

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BY LAUREN ZUMBACH | Chicago Tribune

Even families that skip stores to buy Christmas gifts online often still trek to a farm, parking lot or big-box store to buy a live tree.

The annual pilgrimage typically involves selecting the straightest, fullest specimen, tying it to the car roof with cold fingers and sweeping up the trail of needles stretching from the vehicle to the tree stand.

It's a tradition that's been slow to change, even as more companies give people ways to buy live, full-size trees online, sight unseen, and have them delivered to their front doors. But this year, an e-commerce behemoth with a track record of disrupting mom-and-pop retailers joined their ranks: Amazon.

Fewer than 3 percent of the 274 million real Christmas trees purchased in the U.S. last year were bought online, according to a consumer survey by the National Christmas Tree Association, which represents growers and sellers of live trees. Real trees outnumbered the

21.1 million artificial trees sold, though sales of artificial trees grew from 2016.

Even though Amazon has proved it can change shoppers' habits, area tree farmers and tree lot owners say they're not worried about new competition.

In fact, some have dabbled in online

sales themselves.

Last year, Medford, Wis.-based L&M Tree and Wreath sold trees to a couple of companies that wanted to try online tree sales, but they struggled and didn't

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How to navigate dating apps

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"There's a lot (about meeting another person that can't be determined by an algorithm," Thissen said. "They take your info and they crunch the numbers and they come up with something. How do you get them to crunch the numbers?"

Great expectations

That's where Bela Gandhi and Smart Dating Academy come in. The date-coaching company, which Gandhi founded in 2009, hosted the dating-app workshop Thissen attended this fall as part of Chicago Ideas Week.

The changing nature of the dating scene has caused Smart Dating Academy to alter how it teaches people to approach online dating.

Our increasingly digital world has changed expectations, Gandhi said. In the past, she made sure clients' hopes weren't built around Hollywood romances. Now she must preach that online dating isn't quite the same as online shopping.

"Our brains are wired," Gandhi said. "It's like, 'I sent an email to this guy, I want him personally to arrive to my doorstep with a dozen roses tonight.' It's like an Amazon Prime mentality to make search."

Flitting attention spans make app dating a delicate dance, Gandhi told the crowd at her crash course.

You have "about 3 milliseconds" to make a first impression online, Gandhi said. No pressure.

One attendee, Kelli Murphy, 35, said she has noticed how quickly people lose interest in potential matches. She's not expecting instantaneous results — she's been using dating apps long enough to know that's not realistic — but she has crafted her approach based on other users' actions.

"It's best to plan a date within a couple of days or else people will forget about you," Murphy said.

Dating by the numbers

Still, Gandhi loves dating sites and apps. More than one-third of marriages between 2005 and 2012 started online, according to a University of Chicago study commissioned by online dating site eHarmony. Gandhi said that will only increase.

Almost half of Americans are single, Gandhi pointed out. Prospects are good for digital daters, especially this time of year.

Dating season peaks between Dec. 26 and Valentine's Day, according to data from online dating giant Match Group, which owns Match, Tinder and OkCupid, among others. More than 60 million messages are sent on the Match app during that time, and more

than 750,000 dates occur.

Match has dubbed the first Sunday of the new year "Dating Sunday" and predicts there will be a 69 percent spike in new singles coming to the app. People resolve to find love in the new year, Gandhi said.

Meanwhile, all those people clicking and swiping in search of a potential partner are good for the bottom line.

For example, Tinder's third-quarter revenues were double what they were the previous year, according to parent company Match's most recent earnings report. That increase was driven in part by Tinder Gold, a premium service that 60 percent of Tinder's 4.1 million users subscribe to. Match also bought a 51 percent stake in Hinge earlier this year. Facebook is looking to cash in too, rolling out a dating service in some countries.

But there certainly is an underbelly to the technology, Gandhi said. For better or worse, people expect to be able to plug exactly who they want into an algorithm and have that person in no time. "The problem is, people think they know what they want, but they don't know what they actually need," Gandhi said.

'Thus begins algorithmic dating'

In the beginning, online dating was not built on algorithms. Match got its start in 1995 with online personal ads. Singles searched through the site's active profiles to find a match.

Then came the match-making era in the 2000s. Psychologists and self-help gurus got behind big online



MICHELLE KANAAR/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Lilah Jones and Dani Martinez met through Match in 2016. They're deciding on a date for their wedding in Spain.

dating services. "Dr. Phil" McGraw dished out dating advice through Match.com, and psychologist Neil Clark Warren founded eHarmony, where users answered a laundry list of questions in search of a soul mate.

"The idea was: 'You don't know what you want; you have no idea. You're going to marry the wrong person. Let us solve that for you,'" said Sam Yagan, the Chicago-based co-founder of OkCupid. "Thus begins algorithmic dating."

OkCupid used data differently when it launched in 2004, Yagan said. Its approach was less about narrowing it down to one soulmate and more about making sure dates weren't a waste of time.

How the algorithms work can be a mystery to users, and they can change at any time. New York-based Hinge, for example, got its start pairing users with friends of Facebook friends, but last summer it ditched the requirement to log in with a Facebook account.

Match introduced a rating system for users in 2010

that gathers data on customers that the app's algorithm can learn from, said Dushyant Saraph, vice president of product at Match Group.

"We aren't trying to solve for marriages or predicting who is going to fall in love with whom," Saraph said in an email. "But putting two people in front of each other that will strike up a conversation on the app is something we can clearly measure."

Algorithms learn from users' preferences. They gather data on users and how they interact, and calculate which profiles will appear in feeds or as matches. If a user tends not to engage with people with tattoos, the app may stop showing that person people with tattoos, for example.

That worries some users, such as Thissen from the app dating crash course. What if they miss someone special because of how an algorithm processed their data?

Yagan, who is also a Match Group board member, believes people generally know what they want, and apps do a good job

satisfying those desires. And if they don't, people will just go try a different dating app.

"Ultimately, you have to be happy with the product," he said.

Finding a workaround

Lilah Jones and Dani Martinez are getting married. They're still deciding on the date — summer 2019 or 2020 — but they're sure it'll be in Spain, Martinez's home country.

The two went on their first date in January 2016, and Jones proposed in August after the couple scaled Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. They met through Match, but Jones had to dig a little.

Jones, a Smart Dating Academy client, initially trusted the algorithms to do most of the matchmaking. She works at Google and has seen artificial intelligence and algorithms work well. Then she noticed a trend among the people popping up in her Match feed.

"I tended to be matched with people of the same

color, people who were professional just like me, who live in certain areas," the Old Irving Park neighborhood resident said. "It was a lot of kind of the same. The person who I ended up with did not come up in my feed."

She ventured beyond the feed, played around with her filters and searched Match profiles on her own to find 37-year-old Martinez. She noticed his photos first. He looked fun, and his profile was positive. The two have vastly different backgrounds, are of different races and grew up in different countries, but they hit it off, said Jones, 43. They each have a child, and their kids get along well too.

People have come to depend too much on dating apps' algorithms to find love for them, Jones said. Sometimes it takes a little work to find the right match.

"You're expecting this algorithm to find your next husband or find your next boyfriend or find your next hookup," Jones said. "This is life, and you get out of life the effort you put into it."

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The advantage is that POD designations prevent those funds from entering the probate process of setting your estate, which can be costly, lengthy and burdened with paperwork. Instead, beneficiary designations override any will and are easily settled, at no cost. The beneficiary simply has to provide the financial institution with proof of identity and a certified copy of your death certificate.

Naming beneficiaries can be done immediately upon opening a bank account, via the signature card. But if you neglect to do this at the outset, you can always add a POD designee later. You're also free to remove and change beneficiaries any time you like, though a new signature card will be required with each change.

Naming beneficiaries for your deposit accounts is one way to provide a gift to those who inherit your assets, as it significantly reduces the paperwork, time and energy necessary to make the transfers. But be sure to periodically review your various designations to ensure they remain up to date with your current preferences.

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China makes Christmas bright

Asian nation is also where holiday lights get recycled

BY BENJAMIN ROMANO
The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — Perhaps you're digging out your Christmas lights to perform the annual ritual of plugging them in and counting the dead.

Maybe you made a time-consuming and unsuccessful attempt to repair the half-working light sets, replacing a few burned-out bulbs, fiddling with the tiny fuses before giving up and adding them to the collection in the garage — a tangled ball of white and green plastic, wire and glass.

And now you're wondering what to do with them, and what happens next.

As simple as lights seem, the answers tell stories about the co-dependence of U.S. consumers and Chinese recyclers and producers, fluctuating commodity prices, the impacts of the Trump administration's protectionist trade policies, and planned obsolescence.

For starters, burned-out Christmas lights need not end up in the landfill. They can be recycled, though it takes a little effort. They should not be put in household recycling bins.

Companies that handle municipal recycling, such as Republic Services, for local cities see a surge in discarded light sets in early December and again in January, but they don't want them. The strings can tangle in sorting equipment, slowing the process or damaging machinery, a spokeswoman says.

Instead, you can drop them off at some local stores and in collection bins set out by organizations including the Girl Scouts, or bring them to recyclers and scrap yards. These will return your defunct string of lights — specifically the copper wire inside — to the global commodities supply chain.

"Right now, there is a market for Christmas lights and it's strong enough that I can actually pay a little bit for it, and I get paid for it," said Jonathan Howe, owner of West Seattle Recycling.

He's paying 5 cents a pound, a price also quoted by other area recyclers, including The Recycling Depot.

"It's probably the lowest we pay for wire because of the fact that there's so much garbage on it," said Dave McElroy, the general manager there. That includes the insulation and plastic around the wire, plastic plugs, plastic housings for bulbs, and the glass-and-metal bulbs themselves.

Howe said he's paid as much as 25 cents a pound in the past. It's all driven by the global copper market, which was dragged down a few months ago by a slowing Chinese economy and the U.S.-China trade war, which also promises to boost the cost of new Christmas lights — almost all of which are made in China.

Christmas lights are a "drop in the bucket" compared to the volume of newspaper, nonferrous metals, aluminum cans and other items West Seattle Recycling collects. Howe said the small recycling center might receive 1,000 pounds of lights during the holiday season.

Recyclers, in turn, seek the best price they can get for Christmas lights from specialty buyers who ship them to China — specifically to Shijiao, a town in Guangdong Province that has a specialization in Christmas lights recycling and handles millions of pounds of them each year, according to the 2013 book "Junkyard Planet: Travels in the Billion-Dollar Trash Trade," by journalist Adam Minter.

Industrial shredders there chop the light sets to bits and separate the valuable metal from the plastic. That's an improvement over earlier practices, in which the plastic parts were burned off.

"The process in China for recycling lights is cleaner than it previously has been, and from what our contacts in China have told us, the Chinese government no longer allows burning in order to extract copper from the wire," said Jason Woodward, managing partner and marketing director at Christmas Designers, a Sherman, Texas-based specialist in Christmas lights.

That's where the journey ends for old lights. It's also where the journey begins. But that wasn't always the case. Electric Christmas lights are a distinctly American invention.

Now, China dominates the Christmas lights business. In 2017, nearly \$416 million worth of "lighting sets of a kind used for Christmas trees" were imported to the U.S., almost entirely from China, according to trade statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau. That's an estimate of just the price paid at export. Woodward said lighting and decorating for Christmas is a "multibillion-dollar industry, but oddly enough, there's very little solid research data available."

Judging by the volume of lights observed at the Shijiao recyclers, a good deal of that is spent on replacing last year's burned-out sets. Woodward said retail-grade light sets can be expected to last, on average, two to three years.

This feels a lot like planned obsolescence — the industrial strategy of building products to fail, pricing them so cheaply that repair isn't worth it and reaping repeat sales from the same customers year after year.

Then again, Christmas lights do tough duty, enduring the jolts and abuses of unpacking and setup, exposure to winter weather and fleeting-but-still-damaging sunlight, the post-holiday takedown and storage the rest of the year in a hot-cold garage or attic.

So how to get off of this global cycle of buying, recycling and buying again?

"Trying to buy more durable products and keep them going so you don't have to recycle, throw them out or try to repair them; that's the best thing," said Tom Watson, a longtime public outreach project manager with the King County Solid Waste Division.

The LED lights that are coming to dominate the market promise greater durability, in part because they use dramatically less power.

People should look for lights marketed as professional or commercial grade, which can be expected to last twice as long as retail-grade sets, Woodward said. They come at a premium price, but should be cheaper over their life span.

Trees are just clicks away

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return this year, owner Doug Handel said.

"I still think people want to look at something before they buy it," Handel said. L&M operates six tree lots in the Chicago area and two in Wisconsin.

Amazon declined to comment on its foray into live Christmas tree sales.

Meanwhile, Wes Brown said his family's Christmas tree farm in Lake City, Mich., does enough business online that it's stopped selling at retail lots. Brown's Tree Farm, which started selling trees online 10 years ago as A Tree to Your Door, still works with wholesale buyers.

Shipping trees involves some extra work — at A Tree to Your Door, the evergreens are bound first with netting, then with twine to protect the branches, and each tree gets tied to the bottom of the shipping box in case it ends up getting placed upside-down.

Even if each online sale isn't as profitable as a tree sold on a choose-your-own tree farm, Wayne Raisleger, co-owner of Windblown Tree Plantation, said the internet lets him sell a lot more trees to customers who wouldn't be able to visit his Honey Creek, Wis., farm in person — including a buyer in Hawaii. He has been selling trees at ChristmasTreesNow.com since 1997.

Raisleger said he isn't worried about Amazon because he and his daughter and business partner, Ericka, are more hands-on. They try to accommodate customers who request a specific delivery window or a tree with a particular shape, he said.

"(Amazon has) reduced it to a commodity. I try to do a good job providing something more personable," he said.

Chris Hohenstein, who has offered online tree sales to Chicago-area customers since starting City Tree Delivery about a decade ago, also isn't worried.

"The way I look at it, (Amazon is) going to bring awareness," he said.

Hohenstein, who runs three tree lots in Chicago and one in Elmhurst, said being local lets him offer extra services, like dropping the tree off in the buyer's home instead of leaving a box at the front door. Customers also can have his workers put the tree in their stand for an extra \$20 and have it removed when the season ends. That's an extra \$25 or \$40, depending on whether City Tree Delivery picks it up on the curb or in the customer's home.

On-demand moving service Dolly now sells trees online in 11 cities, including Chicago. The company noticed customers were summoning its workers to transport Christmas trees and decided to offer to handle buying the tree as well, Dolly Marketing Director Kevin Shawver said. Dolly's trees come from home improvement chain Lowe's, which sells live trees at its stores.

But Ivy Speck, owner of Ivy's Christmas Trees in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood, doesn't think Amazon will convert tree lot shoppers to online buyers.

"We try to keep making it more of an experience," she said.

Ivy's offers visits with Santa on weekends and sessions with a photographer. Workers will also slice off a sliver of a tree's trunk to try to keep it healthy longer and offer nearby buyers home delivery and setup.

"Amazon is Amazon. People will try it, but I don't think it will last," Speck said.

There's no way around it: Reaching into a cardboard box and tugging a tightly bound tree out by the trunk is unlikely to create lasting holiday memories like strolling the rows at a tree farm while sipping a mug of hot chocolate. But the National Christmas Tree Association sees online sales as a way to reach city dwellers who don't have time to visit a farm or tree lot or lack a car to bring their tree home, said Doug Hundley, a spokesman for the association.

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Fraser fir from Amazon, shipped from North Carolina.

Putting online trees on trial

The Tribune decided to put the online sellers to the test. We ordered trees from ChristmasTreesNow.com, A Tree to Your Door and Amazon. All were Fraser firs, were listed as 6 to 7 feet tall, and were ordered Nov. 19 using the cheapest available shipping.

All three services advised customers to give the trunk a fresh cut to keep it fresh longer. We didn't do that since not every home has a saw on hand. These services aren't for procrastinators. As of Friday, Amazon's full-size Fraser firs were listed as out of stock, and A Tree to Your Door sold out of Frasers on Wednesday, though other varieties were still available. Here's what we found:

AMAZON

Where grown: North Carolina

Retail price: \$109.99

Shipping fee: None

Days from order to arrival: 10

Shopping experience: Search for "Christmas tree" on the Amazon home page, and the live trees will be buried in a sea of artificial options. But once you find the right item, it's the same shopping experience you're used to on Amazon. An estimated delivery date — in this case, a six-day window — was provided before payment.

Delivery: On Nov. 26, Amazon emailed to say the tree would arrive Nov. 30, providing a link to track the package. It arrived a day early. The bottom of the box was a bit battered, and it was leaking needles. Included in the box were a tree removal bag, nutrient solution, care instructions and a cookie recipe. **Appearance:** The tree — promised to measure between 6 and 7 feet tall — reached about 6 feet, 10 inches in a tree stand, though the final 10 inches came from a single stalk. The branches weren't densely packed and left gaps where the trunk was visible. The dark green needles were soft a week later, though they had been falling off from the moment the tree came out of the box.

A TREE TO YOUR DOOR

Where grown: Lake City, Mich.

Retail price: \$63

Shipping fee: \$60.79

Days from order to arrival: nine

Shopping experience: The website was informative, with a chart comparing the types of trees sold. Customers can choose whether to require a signature on delivery and may opt to have a hole drilled in the base for the stand, and they must select a shipping date. Trees are shipped on specific days, which the company said helps ensure they're harvested shortly before delivery. Buyers won't see an estimated delivery date before purchasing, but a map on a different part of the website gives estimated shipping times assuming the customer uses FedEx Ground.

Delivery: On Nov. 27, the company sent an email with a FedEx tracking number. The tree arrived the next day. The box was in good shape and included tree care instructions and a removal bag. You'll want good scissors to slice through the twine securing the tree to the box, and the twine and netting binding the branches.

Appearance: The tree, with light green needles, stood 6 feet, 4 inches in a tree stand. It was compact, with dense branches, particularly toward the top. After a week, it hadn't shed many needles, though some would fall off when the branches were grabbed.

CHRISTMAS TREES NOW

Where grown: Honey Creek, Wis.

Retail price: \$79

Shipping fee: \$71.29

Days from order to arrival: 17

Shopping experience: Shoppers aren't given the option at checkout of choosing delivery dates or whether to have a hole drilled for a stand. But owner Wayne Raisleger said the company tries to accommodate requests, including shape preferences, when customers reach out. The website gave no estimate of when the tree would arrive until the day after the order, when Raisleger sent an email saying it would arrive around Dec. 6.

Delivery: The tree arrived on the date given via email with a couple of inches of trunk poking out of the bottom of the box, and it was wrapped in plastic. It came with a removal bag, nutrient solution and watering reminder sticker.

Appearance: Dark green needles felt soft, though a few dropped off as the branches relaxed. Those branches grew sparser at the base, with a gap on one side. The tree reached about 6 feet, 4 inches in a tree stand.



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52-WEEK			WEEKLY PERFORMANCE			YTD		1YR	
HIGH	LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	%CHG	%CHG
26951.81	23344.52	Dow Jones industrials	25980.21	24242.22	24388.95	-1149.51	-4.5	-1.3	+0.3
11623.58	9757.50	Dow Jones trans.	11044.67	9920.98	9951.16	-869.04	-8.0	-6.2	-4.3
770.08	647.81	Dow Jones utilities	757.90	734.97	753.51	+11.59	+1.6	+4.2	-0.6
13637.02	11820.33	NYSE Comp.	12624.75	11852.83	11941.94	-515.61	-4.1	-6.8	-5.6
6222.14	4997.40	NYSE International	5300.81	4997.40	5039.85	-182.21	-3.5	-13.0	-11.3
7700.56	6164.43	Nasdaq 100	7107.00	6594.54	6613.27	-335.74	-4.8	+3.4	+4.2
8133.30	6630.67	Nasdaq Comp.	7486.51	6945.27	6969.25	-361.28	-4.9	+1.0	+1.9
2940.91	2532.69	S&P 500	2800.18	2621.53	2633.08	-127.09	-4.6	-1.5	-0.7
2053.00	1769.25	S&P MidCap	1905.59	1772.28	1780.94	-97.71	-5.2	-6.3	-5.8
30560.54	26293.62	Wilshire 5000	28868.93	27016.64	27143.87	-1305.00	-4.6	-2.3	-1.4
1742.09	1436.43	Russell 2000	1553.34	1440.85	1448.09	-85.18	-5.6	-5.7	-4.8
403.72	342.37	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	364.89	342.37	345.45	-12.04	-3.4	-11.2	-11.3
7903.50	6673.57	FTSE 100	7145.49	6673.57	6778.11	-202.13	-2.9	-11.8	-8.3

Most active

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Gen Electric	7.01	-.49
Bank of America	25.43	-2.82
Ford Motor	8.82	-.59
AT&T Inc	30.14	-1.10
Chesapeake Engy	2.72	-.20
Nabors Inds	3.10	-1.13
Weatherford Intl Ltd	161.38	-.05
Apria Inc	5.23	-2.67
Wells Fargo & Co	50.26	-4.02
Pfizer Inc	43.92	-2.31
EnCana Corp	6.43	-.29
Oracle Corp	46.00	-.76
Transocean Ltd	8.30	-.98

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Adv Micro Dev	19.46	-1.84
Microsoft Corp	104.82	-6.07
Apple Inc	168.49	-10.09
Micron Tech	35.31	-3.25
Cronos Group Inc	12.72	+3.57
Cisco Syst	46.44	-1.43
Intel Corp	46.24	-3.07
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.22	-.01
Helios and Matheson	.02	+0.00
Facebook Inc	137.42	-3.19
Comcast Corp A	37.41	-1.60
Activision Blizzard	47.23	2.65
Nvidia Corporation	147.61	-15.82

EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Barc iPath Vix ST	40.30	+5.81
iShares Brazil	38.66	-1.14
iShares China Large Cap	40.58	-1.44
iShares Emerg Mkts	39.88	-1.20
iShares EAFE ETF	60.75	-2.02
iShares Rus 2000	144.02	-8.60
Invesco QQQ Trust	161.38	-7.95
iShares Core MSCI EmMkt	48.15	-1.32
ProShs UltPro ShtQQQ	15.43	+1.90
SPDR S&P500 ETF Tr	263.57	-12.08
SPDR Financial	25.11	-1.86
US Oil Fund LP	11.11	+3.8
VanE Vect Gld Miners	20.20	+1.11

Largest Companies

Based on market capitalization		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
AT&T Inc	30.14	-1.10
Alibaba Group Hldg	153.06	-7.80
Alphabet Inc C	1036.58	-57.85
Alphabet Inc A	1046.58	-63.07
Amazon.com Inc	1629.13	-61.04
Arheuser-Busch InBev	70.77	-6.10
Apple Inc	168.49	-10.09
Bank of America	25.43	-2.82
Berkshire Hath A	307674.03	-18325.99
Berkshire Hath B	204.88	-13.36
Boeing Co	323.22	-23.54
Chevron Corp	115.49	-3.45
China Mobile Ltd	49.28	-.46
Cisco Syst	46.44	-1.43
Citigroup	58.35	-6.44
CocaCola Co	49.09	-1.31
Comcast Corp A	37.41	-1.60
Disney	111.98	-2.63
Exxon Mobil Corp	77.64	-1.86
Facebook Inc	137.42	-3.19
5E	85.30	-4.25
FEMSA	32.51	-2.62
HSBC Holdings PLC	40.85	-1.69
Home Depot	172.79	-7.53
Intel Corp	46.24	-3.07
JPMorgan Chase & Co	103.29	-7.90
Johnson & Johnson	145.43	-1.47
MasterCard Inc	196.50	-4.57
McDonalds Corp	182.96	-5.55
Merck & Co	76.72	-2.62
Microsoft Corp	104.82	-6.07
Novartis AG	87.08	-4.45
Oracle Corp	46.00	-2.76
PepsiCo	115.82	-6.12
Pfizer Inc	43.92	-2.31
Procter & Gamble	92.45	-2.06
Royal Dutch Shell B	60.73	-1.30
Royal Dutch Shell A	59.31	-1.09
Taiwan Semiconductor	36.52	-1.07
Total SA	54.33	-1.28
Toyota Mot	119.97	-1.51
Unilever NV	55.49	-0.92
Unilever PLC	54.04	-.25
UnitedHealth Group	269.18	-12.18
Verizon Comm	57.68	-2.62
Visa Inc	137.11	-4.60
Walmart Strs	93.19	-4.46
Wells Fargo & Co	50.26	-4.02

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, December 7, 2018

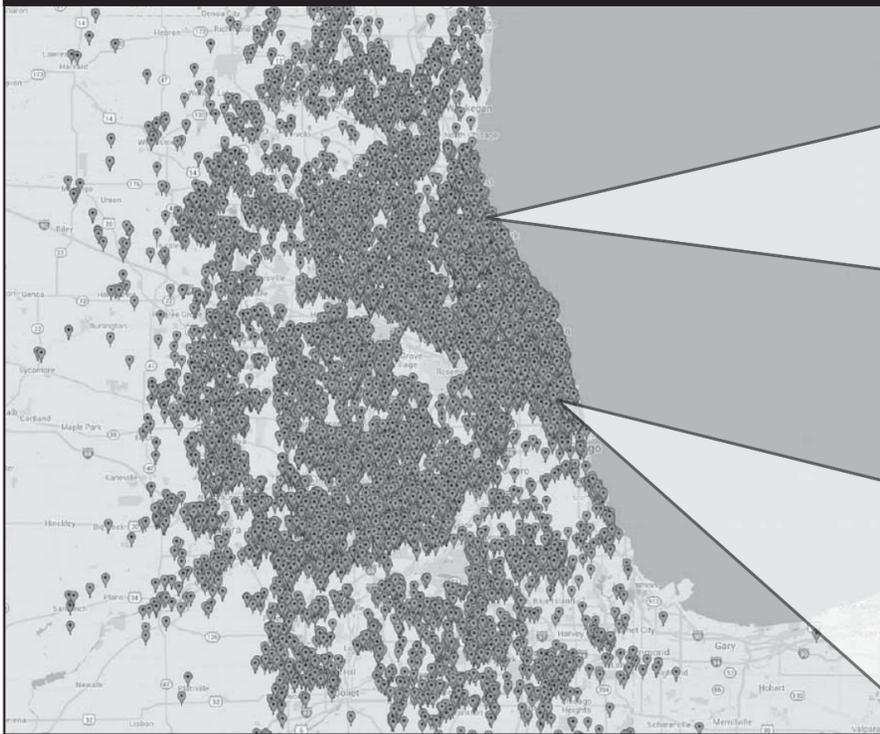
RANK/COMPANY	CAP	CLOSE	WEEK	1-YR
1 Boeing Co	183,551	323.22	▼	-23.54
2 McDonalds Corp	141,045	182.96	▼	-5.55
3 AbbVie Inc	130,806	86.96	▼	-7.31
4 Abbott Labs	122,855	69.95	▼	-4.10
5 Walgreen Boots Alli	77,062	81.19	▼	-3.48
6 Caterpillar Inc	72,907	123.55	▼	-12.12
7 CME Group	63,772	187.11	▼	-2.27
8 Mondelez Intl	63,677	43.80	▼	-1.18
9 Kraft Heinz Co	59,398	48.71	▼	-2.41
10 Deere Co	47,369	147.26	▼	-7.62
11 Exelon Corp	45,410	46.96	▲	+5.7
12 ITW	42,958	129.47	▼	-9.58
13 Baxter Intl	34,599	65.02	▼	-3.53
14 Allstate Corp	28,867	83.81	▼	-5.38
15 Equity Residential	26,406	71.67	▲	+4.2
16 Arch Dan Mid	24,926	44.46	▼	-1.56
17 United Contl Hldgs	24,039	88.23	▼	-8.47
18 Ventas Inc	23,337	65.47	▲	+1.98
19 Discover Fin Svcs	21,783	64.84	▼	-6.46
20 Motorola Solutions	20,854	127.53	▼	-3.72
21 Nthn Trust Cp	19,688	88.93	▼	-10.30
22 Grainger WW	16,300	289.43	▼	-24.61
23 Ultra Salon Cosmetics	15,209	254.47	▼	-43.32
24 CDW Corp	13,720	91.48	▼	-1.20
25 Gallagher AJ	13,685	74.52	▼	-2.55
26 CNA Financial	12,088	44.54	▼	-2.38
27 ConAgra Brands Inc	12,084	30.84	▼	-1.50
28 CBOE Global Markets	11,707	104.34	▼	-3.28
29 Dover Corp	11,633	79.50	▼	-5.39
30 TransUnion	11,216	60.53	▼	-4.04
31 IDEX Corp	10,251	133.64	▼	-3.76
32 NiSource Inc	10,034	27.14	▲	+7.2
33 CF Industries	9,469	41.03	▼	-1.16
34 Equity Lifestyle Prop	9,204	102.56	▲	+3.03
35 Zebra Tech	8,896	165.34	▼	-14.46
36 Packaging Corp Am	8,783	92.95	▼	-4.87
37 LKQ Corporation	8,155	25.63	▼	-2.21
38 GrubHub Inc	8,056	76.80	▼	-1.49
39 US Foods Holding	6,916	31.83	▼	-1.35
40 Ingredion Inc	6,873	97.21	▼	-7.25
41 Old Republic	6,521	21.55	▼	-.80
42 Aptargroup Inc	6,266	99.77	▼	-4.28
43 Hill-Rom Hldgs	6,241	92.76	▼	-4.20
44 CDK Global Inc	6,178	47.98	▼	-2.42
45 Middleby Corp	6,107	109.37	▼	-11.42
46 Jones Lang LaSalle	6,078	133.40	▼	-9.80
47 Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	6,022	42.59	▼	-1.21
48 USG Corp	6,015	43.04	▼	...
49 Morningstar Inc	4,914	115.21	▼	-2.93
50 Kemper Corp	4,519	69.80	▼	-6.30
51 Littelfuse Inc	4,341	172.58	▼	-18.77
52 Brunswick Corp	4,299	49.57	▼	-3.47
53 Wintrust Financial	4,051	71.85	▼	-5.50
54 First Indl RT	4,026	31.88	▼	-1.18
55 Stericycle Inc	3,979	43.93	▼	-4.14
56 Tribune Media Co A	3,943	44.99	▲	+4.73
57 Equity Commonwlt	3,835	31.57	▼	-2.0
58 Teleph Data	3,675	34.80	▼	-9.3
59 MB Financial	3,571	42.40	▼	-3.48
60 Paylocity Hldg	3,277	62.07	▼	-5.01
61 RLI Corp	3,226	72.54	▼	-3.28
62 Adtalem Global Educ	3,099	52.76	▼	-4.98
63 Hyatt Hotels Corp	2,969	69.43	▼	-1.88
64 GATX	2,913	77.27	▼	-6.24
65 US Cellular	2,841	53.77	▼	-2.09
66 Navistar Intl	2,836	28.69	▼	-3.35
67 TreeHouse Foods	2,806	50.12	▼	-2.48
68 Retail Prop Amer	2,762	12.82	▲	+2.3
69 Cabot Microelect	2,465	96.66	▼	-10.82
70 Envestnet Inc	2,383	52.14	▼	-2.50
71 John Bean Technol	2,358	74.62	▼	-7.92
72 Fst Midw Bcp	2,354	22.13	▼	-1.46
73 Anixter Intl	1,952	58.30	▼	-5.66
74 Groupon Inc	1,769	3.10	▲	+0.3
75 Tenneco Inc	1,721	30.16	▼	-3.34
76 Stepan Co	1,688	75.01	▼	-5.81
77 Allscripts Hlthcare	1,658	9.49	▼	-7.2
78 Horace Mann	1,564	38.21	▼	-2.07
79 AAR Corp	1,433	40.92	▼	-2.77
80 Hub Group Inc	1,354	40.29	▼	-4.15
81 Tootsie Roll	1,317	34.11	▼	-.90
82 First Busey Corp	1,301	26.63	▼	-2.06
83 Knowles Corp	1,289	14.30	▼	-9.4
84 Federal Signal	1,274	21.16	▼	-2.30
85 Huron Consulting Gp	1,175	52.11	▼	-3.56
86 Navigant Consult	1,016	23.86	▼	-1.76
87 Addus HomeCare	974	74.40	▲	+1.8
88 Career Education	896	12.85	▼	-.64
89 Methode Electronics	888	24.01	▼	-6.29
90 Consolidated Commun	835	11.72	▼	-2.04
91 Coeur Mining	820	4.12	▲	+1.7
92 Century Aluminum	753	8.60	▼	-3.8
93 Anco Brands Corp	749	7.22	▼	-9.0
94 Enova Intl Inc	681	20.11	▼	-2.03
95 SP Plus Corp	666	29.33	▼	-.98
96 Echo Global Logis	644	22.56	▼	-2.81
97 Global Brass Copper	637	28.72	▼	-3.65
98 ANI Pharma	633	53.50	▼	-2.09
99 OneSpan Inc	631	15.68	▼	-1.29
100 Heidrick & Struggles	606	31.99	▼	-4.67

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The 3 P's can help you quit making job-landing anxiety inducing

Steve Nichols, a retired human resources director, says his "3-P strategy" forces job seekers to focus on the final goal — getting a job. He breaks it down as follows:

People

Networking shouldn't be something you do the moment you begin looking for a job, Nichols says. It's something you should do your entire career. "Networking isn't a new task or a new responsibility, it's something you should do as second nature," he says. "Talk to people, meet their friends and associates and be an accountable employee and a forward-thinking leader. Help people out when they need the help and when they don't."

Beyond networking, Nichols says it's important to maintain a professional reputation throughout your career. "Reputations aren't these intangible things that just exist in the air. They're the words people use to describe you in emails and in conversations," he says. "Reputations are your currency. They buy you new jobs and promotions. And they only can be spent by people, so keep working hard, stay out of the muck in the office and keep racking up that currency."

Paper

Nichols acknowledges that most resumes and cover letters aren't delivered via hard copy these days, so the word "paper" may seem a little out of date, but in an effort to stick with the same-letter theme, he says "just go with it," an adage that fits with his philosophy on the all-important job-seeking documents. He also says he's specifically addressing the pdf resumes people send to their contacts, which they in turn hopefully pass on to a potential decision-maker.

"People get hung up on the presentation, which can lead to minimizing the importance of the content," Nichols says. "I've spoken with people who send me a beautiful resume to look over and it's missing some of the essentials I would need to know before bringing them in for an interview, like what they've done in a previous position to help their employer make money, increase prospects or communicate ideas."

When Nichols asks why important facts and figures are omitted, he says he's often told that the extra text didn't fit within the format of the resume. "You're saying that the person who looks at resumes is more likely to be impressed by certain fonts, margins and icons than substance. That's absurd," Nichols says.

"All the new formats may look great, but they're no more effective than a simple resume. Simplicity sells. Word choice sells. Accomplishment sells. No one cares about the font."

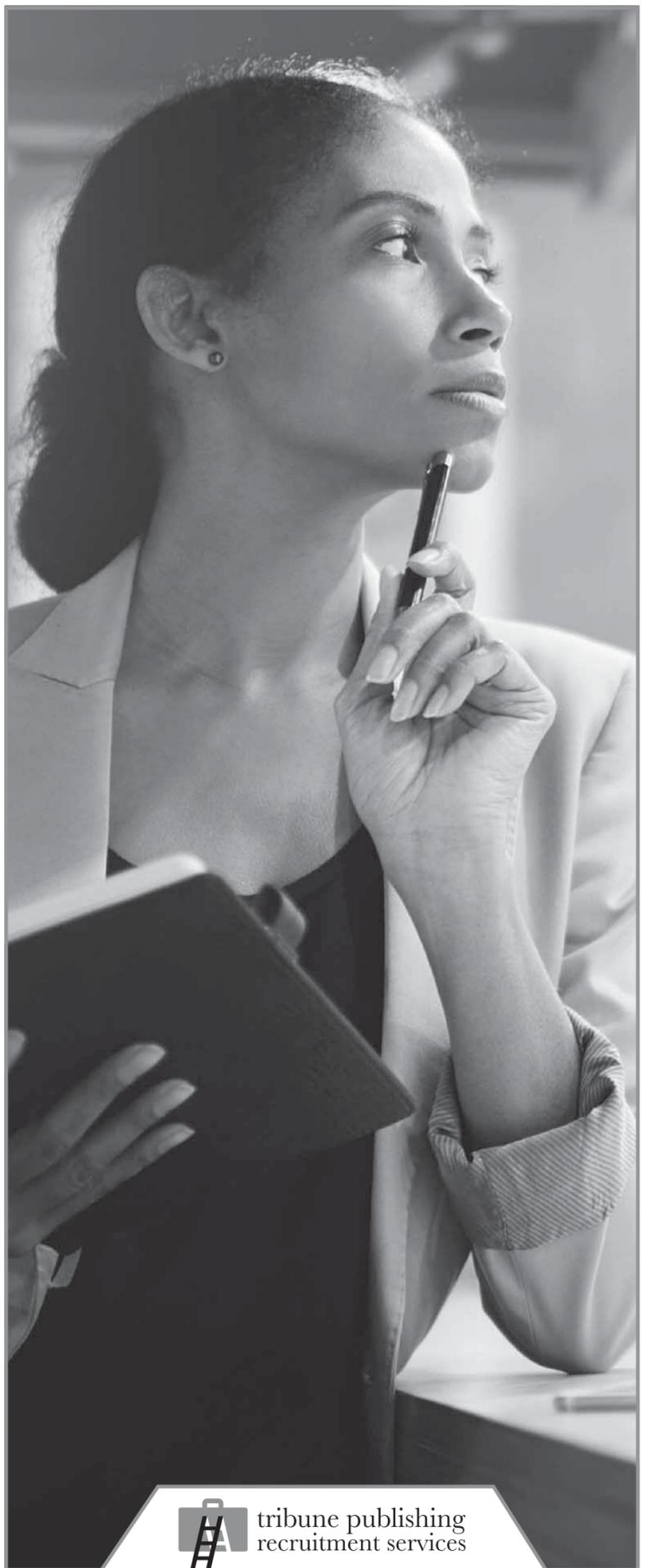
Pitch

"Sell, sell, sell," says Nichols. "Tell me why I should hire you and don't wait until the follow-up interview or a thank-you note. Tell me upfront. During an interview, answer questions and take cues from the interviewer, but sell yourself with every answer you give and every question you ask."

Nichols says people act as if interviews are nothing more than an exchange of data, "like you're there to tell them about yourself" and then let them decide your fate. "That's completely illogical," he says.

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"The word 'career' has a much broader meaning today than it did in the past," says Dominick Gaitano, a former U.S. Department of Labor analyst who now pairs young professionals with jobs overseas. "It can be an evolving definition over the course of your entire life."

Shifting interests

Gaitano says it's human nature to adapt the "job" and "career" definitions to your own life. "A job may be that nine-to-five thing you do every day to pay the mortgage and pay for that trip to Disney," he says. "A career is something with more staying power. It's spread out longer, maybe from your early 20s to the time you retire, and for most of us, it's what we do."

Essentially, it's the title below the name, according to Gaitano. "Teacher, author, engineer, assembly-line worker, landscaper, electrician, certified public accountant, chef, psychologist. Those are careers," he says, acknowledging that titles can be used interchangeably during a person's life. "There are people who define themselves as teachers in their 20s, graphic designers in their 30s and restaurateurs in their 40s. Some career shifts are dramatic and have fascinating backstories — the plumber who takes night classes to become an attorney, or the administrative assistant who opens up a donut shop after 12 years of setting up executive meetings and ordering office supplies. Where does one career stop and the other begin?"

Pam Farnsworth, a social worker in

Philadelphia, says that's a difficult question to answer. "I think the very idea of defining a career today is problematic," she says.

"In the past, you knew what you were going to be when you accepted your high school diploma. If your father was a bricklayer, chances are that you would have been a bricklayer. Even if you went to school, you had a fairly good idea of the type of job you wanted when you graduated."

Not today, says Farnsworth. "People react to low wages, to relocation, to their own ambition and other factors," she says. "They want to keep moving."

'Call it what you want'

Farnsworth says many people today identify their careers in unique ways. "My mom was a pediatrician for 30 years, and when people ask her about her career, she always says she was in human relations," says Farnsworth.

"I told her to stop saying that because it sounded like she worked in HR or she had some sort of creepy mistress job, but she'd always insist on that as her career definition — human relations. Because she said that her job was examining, diagnosing and treating patients, but her career was about relationships — human to human, human to doctor, human to technology, human to him or herself, human to surroundings. I don't agree with her, but I understand what she's saying. I tell her, 'Call it what you want. You're a pediatrician.'"

Navya Banerjee, a 44-year-old artist in Toronto, says she's been defining her career for years, acknowledging that it's led to some confusion with her clients. Banerjee, who owns and operates a landscape business, says she's been calling herself an artist ever since she began working in a flower shop when she was 12.

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For many, the desktop is essential to their workday efficiency. While there are professions that require employees to be away from the office for short or long periods of time, those who work in one spot often view the desk as an extension to their body, says Alison Kane, a workplace design specialist in Los Angeles.

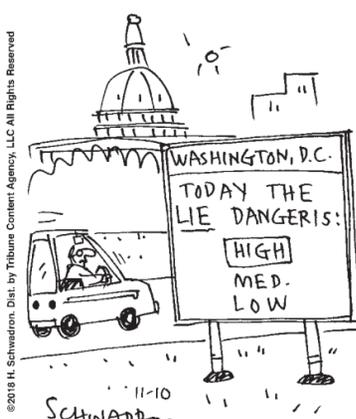
"You are defined by your workspace. A cluttered desk may say things about you that you don't necessarily want to admit — that you're disorganized and that you're always working in a frenzy," she says. "But a completely clear desk sends the message that you're either not too concerned about your day-to-day work or that you do the minimum amount or less each day."

Kane admits she may be generalizing but insists her point is valid: "You're judged by your desk, even if it isn't fair," she says. "We make fun of the person who has 15 framed photos of her dog on her desk but praise the executive who has one framed photo of his family. What does that say about us?"

Not much, says Will. "I don't know why other people feel the need to broadcast their life on their desk. That's my workspace, not a scrapbook. That's where I do my job," he says.

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5 WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR STATUS AT WORK

You can labor away at your job for years and never get the recognition you think you deserve. But if a promotion always seems out of reach, it may help to look a little inward when trying to figure out why you've been left hanging around the middle rungs of the corporate ladder.

If you'd like to improve your stature at work with your boss and increase your odds of getting that promotion, we've put together a few tips:

1. Go into the office

We get it — the company offers a flexible work-from-home policy, one that you take advantage of for two or three days a week. But even though many of the worker bees are putting in time at home, it's a pretty good bet that your manager is in the office every day of the week. Give it a try. If you become a regular face around the office, you'll get called on to do more work and be asked to participate in more important projects. Your boss might never come out and say it but most supervisors love having their employees in the office. If you can't commit to five days, try to be around on the days your boss holds meetings.

That voice during the weekly conference call on the speaker phone — the one with the barking dog in the background — may not have the gravitas of the person sitting across the table when it comes to hand out a great assignment, so be the person sitting across the table. And you, with the dog, it's called a mute button. Figure it out.

2. Do more

No one wants to work to the point of exhaustion but if there's work to be done, someone needs to do it. If you're too busy with your current responsibilities to take on any new projects, find a way to streamline what you're doing and take on those lingering projects that your boss has been mentioning at his weekly meeting for months. Not only will you prove that you actually care about the direction of your department, you'll be able to showcase some of the skills that aren't currently called for when taking on your current day-to-day responsibilities.

3. Stay out of the soap operas

Even the best employees can get down in the dirt with

their co-workers. Keep the gossip to yourself and maintain a high level of professionalism at all times. It's not asking too much to say and do the right things at work. Sure, most times, it will go unnoticed. But when you decide to enter the fray and dish on Suzanne from accounting's weight or Tim from marketing's two-hour lunches with that mysterious FedEx driver, it's noticed. Save the reality show speculation for cable and act like an adult.

4. Look the part

Like the work-from-home policy, your company has a fairly casual dress code. Still, anyone who has ever worked in an environment that has loosened its requirements on work attire has been faced with those days when they chose to push the policy to the limits. And those days — the slip-on-some-sweatpants days, the I-don't-need-to-shower days are always the days when a partner from the firm drops in for a visit or a huge potential client wants to meet for lunch. Your boss won't mind if you wear jeans a few days a week but if you show up looking like you're paying homage to "The Walking Dead," it's not going to reflect well on your behalf — or your future.

5. Bring new ideas

Most promotions are given to those employees who can prove that they're capable of just a bit more than their peers. Maybe there's some software you can test out that might simplify some mundane, departmental tasks or a new sales strategy you can discuss with your boss that might come in handy when you're trying to lure former clients. Whatever it is, find a way to make your boss take notice of your initiative and your effort.

— Marco Buscaglia, Careers



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Worst. Loss. Ever.

The Bulls' 56-point defeat is the most lopsided in the franchise's 53-year history. **Page 7**
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CHICAGO SPORTS

'THE PAIN OF LOSING DOES NOT EQUAL THE EXCITEMENT OF WINNING.'

Vic Fangio insists, after a big win, his prevailing emotion is relief. And occasionally satisfaction — if he allows it.

BY DAN WIEDERER | Chicago Tribune

The question came in early October during Vic Fangio's weekly waltz with the media. A surprising Bears season had come alive with Fangio's defense propelling a 3-1 start. In the previous game — a 48-10 drumming of the Buccaneers — the Bears had recorded four sacks, three interceptions and a forced fumble.

On six of 10 possessions, the defense forced either a three-and-out or a turnover. So here was Fangio, the mastermind of an emerging unit, standing at a lectern in one of his trademark gray sweatsuits with his trademark hard-to-impress tone, trying to articulate his perspective on the Bears' sudden rise.

Fangio was asked if he was allowing himself to get at least a little excited.

"No," he answered quickly, in the most Charlie Brown of tones.

The room broke into a chuckle. "Sounds like you guys knew the answer to that one," Fangio added, fully aware of his hard-to-satisfy reputation.

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Hit&Run

A tribute to our resident snark scribe since 1996 — from the Chicago Tribune sports editors — as he bids farewell to the Chicago Sports landscape:

GoodMorning,

STEVE ROSENBLUM



Your plane is boarding.

Polarizing

Love him or hate him, Stevie Sunshine has an opinion on everything — and everybody has an opinion about him.

When the Tribune sports wonks decided to take “Hit & Run” off of the sports cover in 1999 and move his column inside, there was some backlash.

“What in the world are the Tribune sports bosses thinking?” one reader wrote. “Why change the best feature in the sports section? Reading Steve Rosenbloom’s Hit & Run was the highlight of the daily sports page. It was witty and funny — like a Second City improv skit with a sports beat — and an absolute pleasure to read.

“I sincerely hope the decision was not as a result of too many complaints from the hyper-sensitive, humorless, politically correct crowd that is perpetually offended by biting sarcasm.

“Rosenbloom’s clever quips about the idiosyncratic sports world and its comedic cast of characters — arrogant team owners, exploitative sports agents and egotistical athletes — was a hilarious diversion from the usual cacophony of sports blather.

“So, thanks for making us laugh every day, Steve. I hope your new column will provide an opportunity for more of the same.”

And other readers wrote in to complain.

Of course, if you run a Google search, you’ll also find a Reddit thread titled, “Does anyone actually LIKE Steve Rosenbloom of the Chicago Tribune?”

So you be the judge.

CurseOfTheBam-bloom-o



An unscientific study — nothing about Rosenbloom ever has been scientific — shows Our Guy used more column inches bashing the Bears than any other team, my frens.

And what do you know: Since Stevie Sunshine began taking up space in the Tribune sports section, every major professional organ-I-zation in Chicago has won a title — even fanboy Tom Ricketts’ Cubs — except for the Bears.

Bam-bloom-o, can you reverse the curse? Please and thank you.

WhatTheHack?

Not everybody knows this, but Rosenbloom can actually write.

His “17 seconds” long-form story after the Blackhawks’ 2013 Stanley Cup title gets our vote for the best Hawks piece of the dynasty.

Guess he was just always more comfortable blogging from his mother’s basement.

Pick'em

Bears 85, Rams 0.
What else would it be?

ClosingShot

The Choice (and remember, death is not an option): Steve Rosenbloom as a WalMart greeter or Steve Rosenbloom as a department store Santa.

We’ll hang up and listen for your hummena-hummena-hummena.

STEVE ROSENBLUM

A farewell from the man himself

Love, hate and thanks

Thanks. Thanks for reading. Thanks for writing. Thanks for loving your teams and loathing me.

Thanks for loathing your teams and loving me.

And whatever other combinations there have been.

If you haven’t figured it out, this is the end. This is the end of my blogging for this website. This is the end of writing columns for the Chicago Tribune.

Truth is, I didn’t want to write this piece. These pieces can devolve into cloying treacle that can give you diabetes just by reading them.

This piece also doesn’t fit the guy who mockingly took a quote from then-Bears coach Dave Wannstedt and started the “All The Pieces Are In Place” Bandwagon.

But I knew I had to write this. I had to explain things to the readers who still cared after more than 22 years of doing some version of snark for the Tribune — after I was lucky enough in 1996 to get the chance to play in “The Show.”

That’s what the Tribune is. That’s what the Tribune sports section is. “The Show.” Then and now.

I have to thank former editor Howard Tyner and former managing editor Ann Marie Lipinski for trusting former sports editor Tim Franklin and former assistant sports editor John Cherwa when they brought me to Michigan Avenue. Thanks for creating the “Hit & Run” column for me and thanks for absorbing the calls and letters from outraged readers who were demanding my head.

Franklin once told me he heard from the owners or representatives of all five Chicago pro teams within a month of the debut of “Hit & Run.” Perfect. If a columnist can’t put blood in someone’s urine every morning, then what’s the point?

And when that blood comes from inside the Tower because TribCo owned the Cubs, then even better. I told my truth one middle finger at a time, no matter what the likes of many oily Tribune suits thought or said. Stop being idiots and I won’t fire shots at your teams. Connect the dots, wonks.

“Hit & Run” was killed and I went on to write other forms of the same snarky truth. My snarky truths. I was lucky enough to work for editors who left me alone to target whoever deserved it that day. In addition to Franklin and Cherwa, a big thanks to Dan McGrath, Bill Adeo, Mike Kellams and Joe Knowles.

I cannot begin to mention the dozens, maybe hundreds, of copy editors who saved me from looking stupid. Or stupider. If they didn’t know how grateful I was for their help, they should now.

And whatever I wrote, you, dear readers, responded. Loathed me. Loved me. Loathed your teams. Loved your teams.

Because that’s what Chicago does. That’s what Chicago is. Sports matters here. We’re a sports town because we don’t have real celebrities. I grew up and first worked in Los Angeles. LA has real celebrities. Chicago does not — no, wait, Chicago has two celebrities: fat Oprah and thin Oprah, and I believe both left town.

So the teams and players stand as celebrities, which made this gig the best. The names and the games. Jordan and Pippen when it started, Toews and Kane as it ends, while Ozzie had zero bleeps to give in between and Disco Tony Rizzo has more October dances to perform.

I took the Tribune’s voluntary separation offer because I have other things I want to write. I have a couple of projects that might be books or plays or screenplays, or garbage. There might be other offers I can’t imagine, or there might be nothing at all. Who knows, in a couple of years I could be asking if you want paper or plastic.

But even if that’s how it goes, I will have no regrets about making the move and taking my shot before every neurotransmitter shorts out like the collective thinking of the United Center tenants. I have enough regrets about things I’ve done in life, so I don’t want to compound it by regretting things I didn’t even try to accomplish. That’s how Stevie Sunshine is looking at it as he leaves.

Thanks again for reading and writing. Steve Rosenbloom, your plane is boarding.

A 22-YEAR RUN RARELY SEEN IN CHICAGO SPORTS

The 44 coaches, managers and general managers of Chicago’s major pro teams who were fired, let go or just quit since Rosenbloom joined the Tribune in the summer of 1996 (we’ll give interim coaches a pass).

Year	Coach/manager	General manager
1996	1. Rod Graves (Bears de facto GM; Dec. 22, 1996)	
1997	2. Terry Bevington (White Sox manager; Sept. 28, 1997)	
1998	3. Craig Hartsburg (Blackhawks coach; April 18, 1998)	4. Phil Jackson (Bulls coach; June 14, 1998)
1999	5. Dave Wannstedt (Bears coach; Dec. 27, 1998)	6. Dirk Graham (Blackhawks coach; Feb. 21, 1999)
2000	7. Jim Riggelman (Cubs manager; Oct. 3, 1999)	8&9. Lorne Molleken and Bob Murray (Blackhawks coach and GM; Nov. 30, 1999)
2001	10. Ed Lynch (Cubs GM; July 18, 2000)	11. Ron Schueler (White Sox GM; Oct. 1, 2000)
2002	12. Mark Hatley (Bears de facto GM; Dec. 24, 2000)	13. Alpo Suhonen (Blackhawks coach; April 8, 2001)
2003	14. Tim Floyd (Bulls coach; Dec. 22, 2001)	15&16. Don Baylor and Andy MacPhail (Cubs manager and GM; July 4, 2002)
2004	17. Jerry Krause (Bulls GM; April 5, 2003)	18. Jerry Manuel (White Sox manager; Sept. 28, 2003)
2005	19. Mike Smith (Blackhawks GM; Oct. 23, 2003)	20. Bill Cartwright (Bulls coach; Nov. 23, 2003)
2006	21. Dick Jauron (Bears coach; Dec. 28, 2003)	22&23. Brian Sutter and Bob Pulford (Blackhawks coach and GM; April 4, 2004)
2007	24. Dusty Baker (Cubs manager; Oct. 1, 2006)	25. Trent Yawney (Blackhawks coach; Nov. 24, 2006)
2008	26. Scott Skiles (Bulls coach; Dec. 22, 2007)	27. Denis Savard (Blackhawks coach; Oct. 15, 2008)
2009	28. Dale Tallon (Blackhawks GM; May 27, 2009)	29. Vinny Del Negro (Bulls coach; April 27, 2010)
2010	30. Lou Piniella (Cubs manager; Oct. 3, 2010)	31. Jim Hendry (Cubs GM; July 20, 2011)
2011	32. Ozzie Guillen (White Sox manager; Sept. 26, 2011)	33. Mike Quade (Cubs manager; Sept. 28, 2011)
2012	34. Jerry Angelo (Bears GM; Jan. 1, 2012)	35. Lovie Smith (Bears coach; Dec. 30, 2012)
2013	36. Dale Sveum (Cubs manager; Sept. 29, 2013)	37. Rick Renteria (Cubs manager; Sept. 28, 2014)
2014	38&39. Marc Trestman and Phil Emery (Bears coach and GM; Dec. 28, 2014)	40. Tom Thibodeau (Bulls coach; May 14, 2015)
2015	41. Robin Ventura (White Sox manager; Oct. 2, 2016)	42. John Fox (Bears coach; Dec. 31, 2017)
2016	43. Joel Quenneville (Blackhawks coach; Nov. 3, 2018)	44. Fred Hoiberg (Bulls coach; Dec. 1, 2018)

BEARS



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Blueprint says Bears will spend more green

BRAD BIGGS
Bear Essentials

If the Rams provided a blueprint — pair an energetic and brilliant young offensive coach with a young quarterback — for what the Bears were seeking when they began plotting a future beyond John Fox, is it possible

they will again be an inspiration for general manager Ryan Pace?

While the Bears were not aiming to copy the Rams a year ago as much as they were seeking the right coach, Pace's No. 1 initiative was to find a coach who could develop quarterback Mitch Trubisky. That led him to Matt Nagy, at 40 the third-youngest NFL coach behind the Rams' Sean McVay (32) and the 49ers' Kyle Shanahan (38).

McVay, paired with veteran defensive coordinator Wade Phillips, immediately awakened the Rams in 2017, leading them to the playoffs to end a 14-year run of non-winning seasons with an 11-5 record and the NFL's highest-scoring offense. The Bears (8-4) enter Sunday's meeting with the Rams (11-1) with a 1½-game lead in the NFC North, poised to end a seven-year playoff drought.

There's no telling how the remainder of the season will unfold, and with arguably the league's best defense, the Bears are a threat to make a serious playoff run. But it's not too soon to wonder if the Rams' blockbuster 2018 offseason caught Pace's attention. Will the Bears' success and the way the Rams approached this season lead him to double down on the most remarkable free-agency period in franchise history?

The Rams, coming off last season, are a fascinating study. Often winning teams will focus on re-signing their free agents and trying to fill holes through the draft with maybe a modest swing or two in free agency. Rams GM Les Snead took his impressive stack of poker chips and went all-in.

The results — when the ink dried on the contract extension that made tackle Aaron Donald the highest-paid defensive player in the NFL, days after the Bears paid Khalil Mack — were staggering. Some wondered if the Rams were borrowing a page from the Eagles' "Dream Team" in 2011, a roster aggressively constructed for what turned out to be a flop of an 8-8 season.

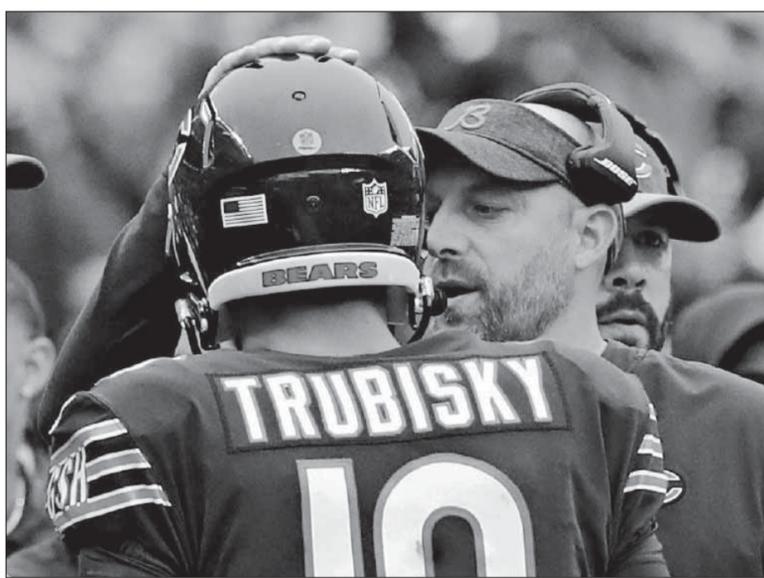
Snead likened his offseason plan to a coach being aggressive with in-game decisions, and the success of this Rams team will be judged by its playoff performance. Entering Week 14, they are the first team to secure a postseason spot.

The highlights were so numerous, they would fill two offseasons for normally aggressive teams. The Rams traded for starting cornerbacks Marcus Peters (Chiefs) and Aqib Talib (Broncos) to minimize the loss of Trumaine Johnson in free agency. They used the franchise tag on safety Lamarcus Joynes, signed veteran cornerback Sam Shields and signed nickel cornerback Nickell Robey-Coleman to a three-year extension.

They traded defensive end Robert Quinn to the Dolphins and dealt linebacker Alec Ogletree to the Giants five months after signing him to a lucrative five-year extension. They extended the contract of center John Sullivan and signed Ndamukong Suh to a one-year deal. To make up for the loss of wide receiver Sammy Watkins in free agency, Snead traded for Brandin Cooks (Patriots).

Then came the big extensions — \$81 million for Cooks, \$60 million for running back Todd Gurley, \$32.5 million for right tackle Rob Havenstein and the biggest one, \$135 million for Donald.

Before the season kicked off, the Rams had signed players to contracts totaling more than \$235 million in guaranteed



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Like the Rams with Sean McVay and Jared Goff, the Bears have found their coach-QB duo in Matt Nagy and Mitch Trubisky. Can the Bears keep building on their success?

money, setting themselves up for a Super Bowl run or a massive disappointment awash in huge contracts. Given that they've lost only one game, a 45-35 shootout Nov. 4 in New Orleans, it's difficult to argue with the results so far.

What does it mean for the near future of the Bears? Maybe nothing. But Pace was naturally aggressive (trading up in the draft to select Leonard Floyd and Mitch Trubisky) even before his busy 2018 offseason that brought the Bears wide receivers Allen Robinson and Taylor Gabriel, tight end Trey Burton, kicker Cody Parkey and others.

Ownership had to green-light the acquisition of Mack because the Bears had exceeded their budget for the season before the trade, and it's possible Pace had to "borrow" from the 2019 budget. But it's also possible the Bears will see this season's success as a clear sign their window to compete for a championship is open and they need to strike now.

The biggest difference between the teams in terms of foundational building blocks is the Rams drafted Donald and the Bears had to trade away 2019 and 2020 first-round picks to acquire Mack. Both teams have quarterbacks playing on rookie deals, which provides extra salary-cap flexibility until the time comes to invest in them.

The Bears project to have \$20 million in cap space for 2019, a figure that's constantly moving. That's enough to make a bold move or two, and it's a little more than half of the \$37 million the Rams project to have. Snead made difficult decisions on players the Rams liked, trading Quinn and Ogletree and watching Johnson and Watkins depart.

Pace will have to make honest assessments about his roster when the season ends, the most difficult job a general manager has.

"It's easier for me to clean up your backyard than it is mine," former Bears GM Jerry Angelo said. "Yours looks like junk. Mine looks like art."

The Bears don't have many holes to consider in 2019. They will likely prioritize re-signing nickel cornerback Bryce Callahan, who will be an unrestricted free agent. Right tackle Bobby Massie and strong safety Adrian Amos are in the final year of their contracts, and Nagy will likely want a running back to replace Jordan Howard.

Maybe the Rams' bold strategy provides a map, but it probably won't be as great a motivator as the Bears' own success.

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Bears might not win — but won't lose

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In the Wake of the News

Speculation swirls in Green Bay over the murky future of mercurial quarterback Aaron Rodgers and who will replace coach Mike McCarthy, whose abrupt firing last week declared the death of the Packers season.

Up in Minnesota, the relationship between Vikings coach Mike Zimmer and offensive coordinator John DeFilippo sounds icier than any of the state's 10,000 lakes as one of the NFC's most disappointing teams plots a late playoff run.

Over in Detroit, the poor Lions again resemble the Lions with veteran quarterback Matthew Stafford losing his fourth-quarter touch and new coach Matt Patricia lecturing reporters about sitting up straight but failing to instill a championship posture.

Meanwhile, here in Chicago, the Bears sit atop the NFC North with a clear view of the postseason, a beautiful sight after eight years of seeing January as nothing more than the month vacation started.

Not this year. Not the year the Bears have regained the benefit of the doubt to believe they can go at least 2-2 over the final four games to finish 10-6. The Bears pass the eye test, and the brains who rely on computer analysis love them too.

Most projections make the Bears a safe bet to qualify for the postseason — such as fivethirtyeight.com, which gives them a 94 percent chance at the playoffs and 79 percent shot at the division title. And if the Bears lose Sunday night to the Rams, those chances decrease only a smidgen to 91 percent and 70 percent.

That makes Sunday's prime-time game more must-watch than must-win. But it's hardly a make-or-break moment for a franchise headed in the right direction.

This game isn't a referendum on the 2018 Bears. This matchup is more like the 2018 Rams versus the 2017 Rams, the NFL's most dangerous team facing an up-and-coming opponent. This is the Bears letting America in on Chicago's secret, that they are at least a year ahead of schedule the way the 2009 Blackhawks and the 2015 Cubs were when they arrived as contenders before anybody realistically expected.

No matter what the Soldier Field scoreboard says around 10:30 Sunday night, this is a game the Bears can't lose.

That's the best way for the Bears to approach underdog status at home, by embracing it with players who are carefree but confident, bold yet smart, fearless without being reckless. The Bears have a better chance of beating the Rams if they play like they don't buy into the notion they have to win to keep their season goals alive.

So if coach Matt Nagy wants to prove he can call plays as cleverly as counterpart Sean McVay, let him try. Beating the Rams requires Nagy being Nagy, just as his laminated play sheet reminds him in big, bold letters.

That goes for quarterback Mitch Trubisky, too, even if Trubisky will be taking a snap for the first time in three weeks. Players who take the field most concerned about reinjuring themselves expose themselves to more harm. Doctors wouldn't have cleared Trubisky if playing posed a greater risk than normal, so Mitch must be the same quarterback he was before the layoff.

That means moving the pocket and buying time with his feet against a Rams pass rush that includes the imposing trio of Aaron Donald, Ndamukong Suh and Dante Fowler. That means scrambling for a first down on third-and-long if man coverage downfield invites Trubisky to tuck it and run. That means letting Trubisky show his workout buddy, Rams quarterback Jared Goff, how far he has come since the last time they threw a football on the same field.

For a defense that includes its share of individual stars, the Rams have at times given up points in droves. They have given up almost as many points in their last four games (143) as the Bears have in their last seven (145). They have been susceptible to explosive plays. They have holes Nagy has to find and Trubisky needs to exploit.

The two elite units in this showdown are the Rams offense and the Bears defense. Whether the Bears front seven can clog holes enough to stop Rams running back Todd Gurley, the NFL's leading rusher, will determine how one-dimensional McVay becomes.

In the past two games, the Bears have struggled stopping the run. Goff and his deep receiving corps will threaten the Bears secondary more than any group this season. Yet if the Rams offense meets its match in the Bears defense — a strong possibility on a wintry 30-degree December night on the lakefront — then expect the game to hinge on how well the Rams stop the Bears.

Can 71-year-old Rams defensive coordinator Wade Phillips outsmart the Bears' 40-year-old head coach with the catalog of 750 plays?

That's an invitation for Nagy's innovation. If the Bears can't RSVP, nobody in town needs to overreact. Remember, this still looks like a team going places no matter what happens Sunday.

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Winning relieves the pain

Fangio, from Page 1

Still, Fangio had to be feeling some bursts of exhilaration as he watched this group's ascent, right?

At that time, the Bears had just put together their first three-game winning streak in five years. Wouldn't a run like that have Fangio waking up with a little extra pep in his step?

"Unfortunately, no," he asserted. "I wish I did. Trust me. The pain of losing does not equal the excitement of winning."

Four weeks later, with the Bears still in first place, the defense still dominating and Fangio's unit coming off a blowout win in Buffalo in which it scored two touchdowns while allowing just one, the topic resurfaced. After the defense collected four sacks and four takeaways; after Eddie Jackson and Leonard Floyd had visited the end zone; after the Bears had taken poor Nathan Peterman and given him a three-hour panic attack, what exactly was Fangio feeling as he boarded that return flight from New York?

"Relief," he insisted. "I mean, I enjoy it. Don't get me wrong. But there's a (deep exhale). ... I'm not doing cheetah flips and cartwheels. But I'm glad we won."

Three-quarters of the way into a feel-good season, it's possible the only person in Chicago not doing cheetah flips over the resurgence of the Bears defense is the man entitled to enjoy this the most.

Instead, Fangio insists, after big wins and dominant defensive performances, his prevailing emotion is relief. And occasionally satisfaction — if he allows it.

'Accept the challenge'

On Sunday, Fangio's defense will take its biggest test of the season, matching up against a Rams team that averages 439.9 yards per game and has topped 30 points 10 times.

And while a suddenly giddy football city will be amped for Sunday's prime-time electricity, Fangio will be jonesing most for that postgame feeling of relief.

The 60-year-old coordinator acknowledges the degree of difficulty of this week's game. Start with Rams running back Todd Gurley, a touchdown machine who consistently stresses a defense as both a runner and a receiver. Continue with young quarterback Jared Goff, on pace to break Kurt Warner's franchise record for passing yards in a season. Look at the way the Rams use the play-action game, more than any other team in the league and arguably as well as anybody.

And — oh, yeah — 32-year-old coach Sean McVay is justifying his reputation as an offensive savant, a shrewd play caller capable of slicing through the best defenses.

That's why Fangio kept repeating himself Thursday at Halas Hall.

"Really good players, really good scheme, really good play caller," he said.

With that respect, though, there wasn't an ounce of trepidation. More of an eagerness to see how the Bears perform.

"The assignment this week is tougher than usual," Fangio said. "But that can happen any week in the league. We accept the challenge."

To hear Bears coach Matt Nagy describe it, there isn't anyone he would rather have scheming to slow the Rams. Nagy highlighted Fangio's indefatigable study efforts and his 32 seasons of NFL experience as major advantages. And, he said, it's not just this year's Bears production that's important. Fangio's history with other top-tier defenses has enhanced his credibility.

"When you have that," Nagy said, "you feel comfortable. And that garners trust from your players. They feel it."

In the details

Even with Fangio's consistently tempered enthusiasm, it would be unfair and wholly inaccurate to cast him as a Belichick-level grouch, a killjoy who can't fully appreciate success.

In fact, on Thanksgiving, cornerback Prince Amukamara said Fangio was the happiest he had ever seen him. And how did Amukamara know? It was the extra vigor in Fangio's postgame handshake.

"He also gives you that little extra grin," Amukamara said.

That was the day the Bears beat the Lions 23-16 at Ford Field with a defense that was running on fumes but came up with two clutch fourth-quarter interceptions to save the day. Fangio found plenty to critique in his film review of that victory. It was hardly his defense's most dominant effort. But he absolutely loved the mettle his players showed, their refusal to lose plainly obvious.

"These guys have the ability to reach down and grab a little extra from the reserve tank," Fangio said. He pointed out it was Kyle Fuller who had the clinching interception that afternoon, 11 weeks after he dropped a potential clinching pick at Lambeau Field.

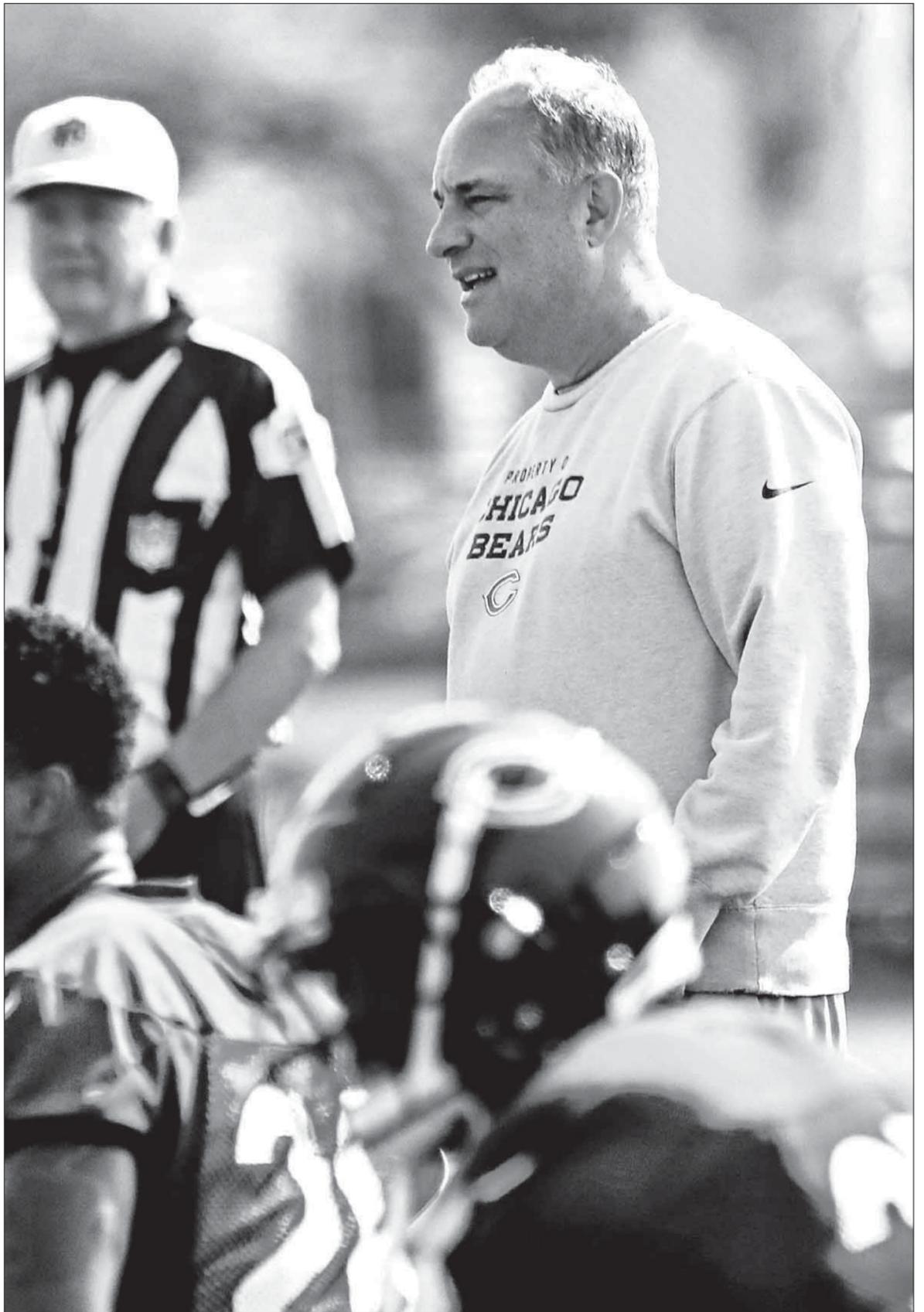
"He's come back from that," Fangio said, "and made a play. Now he feels like he can do that again."

Fangio also noted the Bears deployed a defensive wrinkle on that play in which Khalil Mack's top job was to run right into running back Theo Riddick, thus eliminating him as a possible target and prompting Matthew Stafford to fire the end-zone shot toward his tight end.

"That really helped the outcome of the play," Fangio said. "You find those things when you watch the tape."

Those are the kinds of things that really satisfy Fangio. A player's nuances. A player's growth. A defense's overall grit and unity.

Frequently, after studying his team's performances, Fangio will find an abundance of minutiae he can't wait to highlight.



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Vic Fangio, looking on early in training camp, runs a defense that has helped the Bears to eight wins. But don't expect him to celebrate.

"It'll be Eddie Goldman taking on two blocks and dominating," Amukamara said. "You'll see it on the film and Vic will emphasize it and it's like, 'Dang! That's why that play worked for us.'"

Added linebacker Danny Trevathan: "Vic sees that stuff. Sometimes it's just a guy being in the right gap and making the running back have to bounce outside. Then someone else makes a game-saving tackle. Those are things that excite him."

It's also not uncommon for Fangio's competitive fire to ignite at practice. Last month, during a period of two-minute work, the defense came up with an interception and headed the other way. Fangio came along for the sprint.

"You should have seen him spike the ball," safety Eddie Jackson said. "It was kind of cool."

Great expectations

Spend enough time around Halas Hall and it becomes clear why Fangio has become so respected. Players talk glowingly about his instincts in sending in the ideal calls at exactly the right times. They appreciate the way Fangio recognizes what each player does best and then works to get those strengths into action.

They note his lack of stubbornness, his ability to be flexible and adapt within a game when a concept isn't working or an opposing player is excelling.

Mack calls Fangio "an evil genius." Receivers coach Mike Furrey has seen how Fangio prepares, the way he teaches, the knack he has for connecting with players, and Furrey appreciates the environment that has created.

"He expects his guy to do exactly what they're supposed to," Furrey said. "And there's no walking the line. He does a great job of establishing his expectations. And those guys know."

"He has that presence where they don't want to screw up on him. And if they do, they know what's coming."

Or to put it more directly: "He's a (bleeping) mob boss," outside linebacker Aaron Lynch said. "He's the Godfather all the way."

Asked to imagine how they think Fangio spends his Sunday evenings after games, Bears players let their imaginations run wild. Well, wild in a relative sense.

"I don't know if he smokes," Amukamara said. "But I picture him kicking his feet up and lighting a cigar."

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— Bears linebacker Aaron Lynch on Fangio

Added Lynch: "Probably has a nice meal. And then he turns on golf."

Trevathan expressed a more realistic vision.

"Vic doesn't go home," the veteran linebacker said. "He comes straight back to the office. Watching film. ... Maybe he's got a couple upgraded sweatsuits he puts on."

In reality, after most home games, Fangio typically will drive from Soldier Field to Maria's Bakery in Highwood, his go-to for Italian cuisine. He'll order a bowl of rigatoni and meatballs and enjoy his Sunday dinner. Then, just as Trevathan suspected, he'll zip right back to Halas Hall to start watching tape.

That day's game needs processing. Homework on the next opponent is also waiting.

The grind of that process exhilarates Fangio.

The pursuit of happiness

For the first time since 2010, the Bears should have a ticket to the NFL's playoff party. For the first time since 2013, the defense seems likely to have at least one player selected to the Pro Bowl.

The assembly of young talent is impressive. But the defense's combination of toughness, confidence and savvy is right up its leader's alley.

Even with an understanding that Fangio rarely allows himself to feel satisfied, Bears defenders hope he has taken a private moment or two to savor what he has built.

Jackson, who played at Alabama, sees shades of Nick Saban in Fangio. And it's not just that reluctance to emote when things are going well. It's the intensity of Fangio's preparation and his deep desire to put his players in position to succeed.

Lynch, who played under Fangio in 2014 with the 49ers before they reunited in March, hopes Fangio knows how helpful his studies and strategies are.

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how he's able to extort that opposing offense by giving us a call he knows we will excel at. Vic is just a 'G' at what he does."

Still, even with all that praise, Fangio seems content that the needle on his delight-meter rarely moves higher than "relief."

"I don't think I'm alone with that in the coaching world," he said. "For me, relief is a good thing. Just avoiding the bad feelings that come with a loss is relieving. When you lose, you second-guess yourself. You wonder if you could have done better in specific situations. And you worry about what it means in the long run, for the season."

Through his first three seasons with the Bears, Fangio had those dreadful feelings 34 times. This year? Just four.

"I mean, yeah, it's better," he said. "I sleep a little better now on Sunday nights."

He sleeps better because he's overseeing a defense with overflowing confidence; with a desire to get better; with, in Fangio's words, "a good love for each other."

That's the most fun part of all this. Sunday's game with the Rams isn't a challenge to stress over. It's a reward for a group that has earned a chance to play in such a big-time game.

"I'm just happy for the guys, really," Fangio said. "Happy for the fans. One of the reasons I came here in the first place and then stayed here is that my good friend (and former Bears general manager) Jim Finks told me many years ago that if I ever had the chance to come to Chicago, I had to do it. Because it's a great sports town, a great football town, a great Bears town."

"Obviously I didn't see much of that the first three years. But I kept believing him. And now we're starting to see it. I like that."

Fangio enjoys the excitement he can sense in the outside world, the belief he feels building at Halas Hall and the big-picture hope all of that has created.

As he talks about it, he smiles. Hey, it's something.

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49ers
They have lost 10 games four seasons in a row, a franchise record. The 49ers' five takeaways are the fewest through 12 games since at least 1940.

Bears
Akiem Hicks and William "Refrigerator" Perry are the only Bears defensive linemen to rush for a TD. Hicks did it on a 1-yard run last week.

Buccaneers
In his last three games, Jameis Winston has completed 61 of 84 passes (72.6 percent) with six touchdowns vs. one interception for a 119.1 rating.

Cardinals
They have six offensive linemen on injured reserve. They now are starting four linemen who played in their first NFL games this season.

Cowboys
Ezekiel Elliott is second to the Rams' Todd Gurley in rushing yards and scrimmage yards. Gurley has 1,175 and 1,649, Elliott 1,150 and 1,573.

Eagles
Fletcher Cox needs one sack to become the Eagles' all-time leader for an interior lineman. He's tied with Andy Harmon at 39.

Falcons
LB Deion Jones had career high 15 tackles and added a sack last week his in first game since going on IR with a foot injury after Week 1.

Giants
Aldrick Rosas' 57-yard field goal against the Bears last week broke the team record held by Ali Haji-Sheikh, who had two from 56 yards in 1983.

Lions
Matthew Stafford has eight turnovers in the fourth quarter this season, including three interceptions and a fumble in the last two games.

Packers
Aaron Rodgers hasn't thrown an interception in his last 336 attempts, a franchise record and 22 shy of Tom Brady's all-time mark, set in 2010-11.

Panthers
Cam Newton needs 1 passing yard to join Peyton Manning as the only QBs to start their careers with eight straight 3,000-yard seasons.

Rams
Aaron Donald has at least two sacks in three straight games, the longest such streak of his career — and in five of the last six.

Redskins
Adrian Peterson has an NFL-record 16 TD runs of 50-plus yards. His 90-yard run against the Eagles last week was the longest of his career.

Saints
Drew Brees threw for a season-high 439 yards with three touchdowns the last time the Saints played the Bucs, a 48-40 loss in Week 1.

Seahawks
Russell Wilson is on pace to throw a career-high 39 TD passes with only seven picks, which would tie his career low from 2014.

Vikings
Kirk Cousins' 3,490 passing yards rank sixth and are the second most for a Vikings QB through 12 games. Warren Moon had 3,511 in 1994.

— Los Angeles Times



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Chris Carson leads a Seahawks rushing attack that leads the NFL at 148.8 yards per game.

Berth control time

Teams trying to stay alive, jockey for position with Rams the only team to have clinched a playoff spot

As the NFL heads into the final quarter of the regular season, a lot of coaches are holding a play sheet in one hand and a calculator in the other.

The Rams are the only team to have clinched a playoff spot, but there's more at stake for them and incentive to keep winning. The rest of the league is on the verge of either securing a berth, being mathematically eliminated or jostling somewhere in between and throwing elbows just to stay alive.

A couple of weeks ago, when the Rams beat the Chiefs 54-51, it seemed having a high-octane passing attack was the key to maintaining a strong pulse. But in the case of a lot of playoff-minded teams — namely the Seahawks, Cowboys, Ravens, Broncos and Titans — it's all about the time-tested formula of a strong running game plus a smothering defense.

The Seahawks lead the league in rushing, averaging 148.8 yards per game. Ask why he likes relying on the ground game so much, coach Pete Carroll had a simple answer. "Because it's the best way not to screw it up," he told reporters last week. "It's the best way to play the game, because the games are always lost. They're always lost — you make errors. That's why the turnover issue is of paramount importance to us."

According to the Seattle Times, the Seahawks are 52-10 since 2010 when winning the turnover battle.

None of those five teams is a lock for the postseason, and the Broncos and Titans would need some help, yet all are surging as



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they round the corner into the stretch run.

The Chiefs (versus the Ravens), Patriots (at Miami) and New Orleans (at Tampa Bay) can secure playoff spots Sunday with a win. All are in solid position to grab one of the top two seeds in their respective conferences, thereby getting a week off when the postseason starts.

The Chiefs' Patrick Mahomes needs just 77 passing yards to join Hall of Famers Dan Marino (1984) and Kurt Warner (1999) as the only first- or second-year quarterbacks to pass for at least 4,000 yards with 40 touchdowns in a season. Marino and Warner were named the league's Most Valuable Player in those respective seasons, and Mahomes is well on his way toward earning that honor.

With a victory Sunday over the Buccaneers, the 10-2 Saints would clinch back-to-back division titles for the first time in their history.

"The most important thing is this team in front of us, this game in front of us, and finding a way to get to 11 — period," said coach Sean Payton, whose Saints also could secure the NFC South with a Panthers loss to the Browns. "They're all smart enough to know that, they're always chasing other things that could enhance your possible opportunities down the road, and so it's that simple."

At 9-3, the Chargers have the best record of any team not leading its division, and only the Rams, Saints and Chiefs have a better record.

Winning the AFC West isn't out of the question for the Chargers,

who play at Kansas City on Thursday, but that would entail a Chiefs stumble. The Chargers are the type of wild-card team no one wants to play, and because they aren't reliant on a home-field advantage — StubHub is essentially a neutral field — they could be more battle-tested than most teams.

Sunday features a couple of intriguing matchups of elite offenses and defenses. It's the Chiefs' top-scoring offense (37 points per game) against the Ravens, who have the league's stingiest defense (17.8).

The Sunday night game pits the Rams, who have the No. 2 offense, against the Bears, whose defense ranks third.

If the Rams were to win, they would not only be off to the best start in franchise history at 12-1 but would be guaranteed a first-round bye and keep the Saints at bay for the NFC's No. 1 seed.

The Bears, meanwhile, are on track to maintain the NFL's tradition of worst-to-first teams. In 14 of the last 15 seasons, at least one team finished in first place in its division the season after winding up in the cellar.

The Bears (NFC North) and Texans (AFC South) are currently in first place in their respective divisions, with the Texans riding a league-best streak of nine wins.

Meanwhile, Browns rookie Baker Mayfield has another nine-game streak going. He has thrown at least one touchdown pass in each of his first nine starts. If he were to get to 10 on Sunday against the Panthers, he would join Warner (1999) and Brad Johnson (1996-97) as the only quarterbacks to throw at least one touchdown pass in their first 10 starts.

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AFC FROM A TO Z

Bengals
They have allowed opponents to rush for 200 yards in three straight games and four times overall, their most since allowing five in 1998.

Bills
LeSean McCoy gets to face the Jets again after he rushed for a season-high 113 yards and his only two touchdowns three weeks ago.

Broncos
Von Miller needs one sack to tie Simon Fletcher's franchise career record of 102½. Fletcher played for the Broncos from 1985-95.

Browns
Until last week against the Texans, Baker Mayfield hadn't thrown three INTs in one game since his freshman season at Texas Tech.

Chargers
Philip Rivers has thrown two-plus TDs in his first 12 games, tied for the third-longest streak to begin a season in NFL history.

Chiefs
In their first game without RB Kareem Hunt, the Chiefs compiled 174 rushing yards, their second most of the season, vs. the Raiders last week.

Colts
Andrew Luck was on the wrong end of a shutout for the first time in 82 career starts last week in a 6-0 loss to the Jaguars.

Dolphins
In his last three home games against the Patriots, Ryan Tannehill is 3-0 and has thrown for seven TDs and 840 yards with one INT.

Jaguars
They had allowed 108.4 rushing yards per game before Thursday, then surrendered 99 yards to the Titans' Derrick Henry on one run.

Jets
In the last four games, they have scored only three fourth-quarter points. Eight of their 17 drives have ended with punts, five with interceptions.

Patriots
Tom Brady needed 265 career games to compile 1,000 rushing yards. He has run for 32 yards this season. His career high is 110 (2002).

Raiders
Derek Carr can set a team record for consecutive games without throwing an interception. He and Rich Gannon are tied at seven.

Ravens
Rookie Lamar Jackson's 265 rushing yards are the most by a quarterback in his first three starts during the Super Bowl era.

Steelers
Ben Roethlisberger has six TD passes, six INTs, 11 sacks and an 86.1 rating in three career starts in Oakland — all losses.

Texans
J.J. Watt had two sacks and two forced fumbles in the Texans' first game against the Colts. He has 11½ sacks and five forced fumbles in 2018.

Titans
Derrick Henry became the first player in the Super Bowl era to rush for 200-plus yards (238) and four TDs on fewer than 20 carries (16).

— Los Angeles Times

BULLS AND BLACKHAWKS

Ex-it plan

Hoiberg has been quiet since being fired, but former Bulls coaches had something to say when they got their pink slips

By K.C. JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

Phil Jackson rode off on a motorcycle. Tim Floyd grew introspective even as he released frustration. Bill Cartwright joked about a flight delay as he sat in his home. Scott Skiles looked inward. Vinny Del Negro took the high road on a brilliantly sunny day. Tom Thibodeau released a classy statement. Fred Hoiberg is contemplating the same.

To beat writers, the exit interview lands high on the to-do list. It places a period — or maybe ellipses or an exclamation point, depending on its content — on a coach's tenure.

Understandably, it might not rank as high a priority for the fired or resigning coaches, who are processing myriad emotions.

Nevertheless, even if they hadn't fired two coaches on Christmas Eve, the Bulls have had memorable exit interviews over the last two decades.

Phil Jackson

On June 22, 1998, Jackson followed through on his season-long stance to exit after the Bulls won their sixth championship in eight seasons. With Jerry Krause's courtship of Floyd an open topic, Jackson idled his Harley-Davidson outside the Berto Center while addressing reporters.

Even as Jackson acknowledged that Bulls Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf offered him the opportunity to stay, the future Hall of Fame coach addressed his legacy and spoke eloquently about the team's bonds that would endure as the dynasty dismantled.

"The biggest thing is when people say that you did it with a certain style or aplomb that represented some kind of unity with the players that stood above or beyond some of the other things that we're seeing in coaching today," Jackson said. "The relationships are enduring with these players. We had a meeting last week. Sentiments were expressed. It has been a wonderful time.

"Whatever paths people may have to take, the one thing that they can't take away from us is the bonds we made together winning these championships. It was real liberating for us.

"I'm not going to sit here and speak about could've or would've or should've. It's just time to go. I feel happy. I'm glad to be on my way out of here. I look to have some fun."

And with that, Jackson fired up his motorcycle and rode past the sign at the exit

gate of the players and coaches parking lot that read: "Caution: Autos only. No motorcycles, bicycles or pedestrians."

Jackson always did things his way.

Tim Floyd

On Dec. 24, 2001, Floyd stuck around for a hastily called news conference on the Berto Center floor to address what was officially called a resignation but was really a firing.

With his wife and daughter looking on, standing under the championship banners Jackson won, Floyd thanked players, assistant coaches, front-office personnel, team broadcasters and Reinsdorf by name.

He left out Krause, who he did acknowledge gave him "a wonderful opportunity."

Before he sarcastically challenged a long-time media nemesis, Floyd spoke passionately and eloquently about his trying tenure.

"This is a place that has an incredible amount of tradition, which forces you to try to give your best even at times where you don't feel like being your best," he said. "It's why I came. At the same time, it has a lot to do with why I'm stepping away.

"I tried to challenge players to be their best every day in very difficult times. It's very easy to be resilient when things are going well. But these have been trying times. I think I'll grow from this personally."

Bill Cartwright

In one of his first major moves just seven months after succeeding Krause, general manager John Paxson fired Cartwright, his former teammate, as the Bulls traveled from Sacramento to Dallas in November 2003. Cartwright met with his assistant coaches and players, then endured a two-hour delay for his commercial flight home to Chicago.

"That plane I flew on had great seats," Cartwright said that night in a phone interview from his north suburban home. "There was this TV screen where you could change channels. It was great."

That perspective highlighted Cartwright's calm and classy demeanor, which sometimes got mistaken for a lack of competitive fire.

"The team is my responsibility," Cartwright said. "And I accept that. I don't hold any ill will toward anybody. That's exactly what I told Pax. I'm at peace with myself."



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Phil Jackson rides away from the Berto Center following his departure as Bulls coach in 1998.

"Everything else in my life is fine. I've got great support, great people around me, great family and friends. I'm just disappointed. It's like walking out in the middle of the fight. I wanted to finish it."

Scott Skiles

In an astonishing lack of public-relations savvy, the Bulls fired Skiles on Christmas Eve just six years after doing so with Floyd.

Unsurprisingly for someone as direct and blunt as Skiles, he offered lacerating self-analysis in a phone interview from his north suburban home.

"Hardly a day goes by that I don't demand accountability and stress results," Skiles said. "Today was my day to be held accountable."

"This is a great organization to work for. John is great to work with, the training staff, the players, ownership. Everything is wrapped around the Bulls having success.

"I understand how this business works. We had a lot of expectations and we weren't playing up to them this season. We went from an overachieving team to an underachieving team. But this was a great experience that will continue to make me a better coach."

Vinny Del Negro

Del Negro's firing had been rumored for months after a badly deteriorating relationship with Paxson spectacularly climaxed with a brief physical altercation in March 2010.

That, plus the feeling he had performed admirably in back-to-back playoff appearances, led an at-peace Del Negro to step outside the Berto Center on a gorgeous spring day on May 4, 2010, and thank Reinsdorf, his players and others.

"I feel very strongly the organization is in a much better place now than it was two years ago when I started," he said. "I'm proud of the things we accomplished as a team."

Tom Thibodeau

Thibodeau's May 2015 firing, also rumored for months because of a fallout with management, centered on a contrast in statements.

Reinsdorf released an extraordinary one that drew league-wide attention in which he cited a departure from "free and open interdepartmental discussion and consideration of everyone's ideas and opinions" without citing the former Coach of the Year by name. Thibodeau's thanked Reinsdorf, his assistants, players and their families and fans while expressing pride in "our many accomplishments."

Speaking three months later at a USA Basketball practice in Las Vegas, Thibodeau said he had "no regrets" and "no reaction" to Reinsdorf's statement.

"My whole experience there was great," Thibodeau said. "I'm very proud of what we accomplished. To win the games we did, to deal with the adversity that we did, we dealt with Derrick (Rose) and his injuries and survived that. We lost players along the way but always found a way to compete. I'm very proud of that."

In private conversations with several people, Hoiberg also has expressed pride with how he dealt with changing personnel and a rebuild while respecting management's wishes. He wants to coach an NBA team again.

Save for Cartwright, who served as a longtime assistant, all six departed Bulls coaches landed future head coaching jobs.

Tight losses starting to weigh on Crawford

By JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

UP NEXT | Canadiens at Blackhawks
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Some things are very clear to Corey Crawford.

For one thing, he's sure the NHL blew it Thursday when it wouldn't overturn the call on the ice that Max Pacioretty didn't interfere with him on the Golden Knights' winning goal in their 4-3 victory over the Blackhawks.

On the play, Hawks defenseman Brandon Manning was in front of the net and appeared to make brief contact with Pacioretty, who fell to the left of Crawford moments before Alex Tuch's game-winner. It was the Knights' second goal in 12 seconds and came just 53 seconds after the Hawks had taken their first lead in any game during regulation since Nov. 18.

"I definitely thought it was (interference)," Crawford said after practice Saturday. "I don't know how hard he got pushed into the net. He barely got pushed and he didn't make an effort to get out of there. And then he was stuck there and I couldn't move the way I needed to make a play."

"In a tight game like that it's frustrating, especially after losing so many games and then we come close, we play well, we get up and (53) seconds later we're back down. It's just a combination of things emotionally that set me off and maybe some other guys on that goal."

What's less clear to Crawford is how to work past the maddening losses the Hawks have suffered over the last few weeks, particularly the last three games that they've lost by a total of four goals. The only two-goal margin in that span was the result of an empty-netter.

"I don't know how to deal with that," Crawford said. "Be pissed off? Let it go and keep playing? I really don't know. It's not a good position to be in. It's definitely frustrating. Last game, we felt like finally it was on our side and we played well enough to get one, and it just gets wiped out. That was pretty tough to take."

"I don't know, maybe our older guys, our core group, maybe we all need to play better to get us out of this. Maybe that's the answer."

Crawford came into the season with a career mark of 230-124-45. In 19 starts this season, he's 5-13-1. There's little wonder why he and his teammates are frustrated.

"No one's happy," coach Jeremy Colliton said. "So you can't expect guys not to show some frustration at times. What we need to do as a team is get right back at it. Be strong mentally and just believe in what we're doing. And I think he's doing that."

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BLACKHAWKS NOTES

Murphy returns, Forsling to IR

By JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

The Blackhawks activated defenseman Connor Murphy, who has been inactive for nearly four months because of a back injury, on Saturday. He is expected to make his season debut Sunday against the Canadiens at the United Center.

To make room for Murphy, the Hawks placed defenseman Gustav Forsling (shoulder) on injured reserve, retroactive to Dec. 5. He will be eligible to return Dec. 12 against the Penguins. Forsling's injury isn't expected to be a long-term issue, Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton said.

Much has changed since Murphy last played for the Hawks. There's a new head coach, a new defensive system in place, and losing is the rule rather than the exception.

Murphy isn't concerned about his ability to pick up Colliton's new man-to-man defense.

"That stuff will come," Murphy said. "I don't know if you want to let that creep in your mind, thinking too much about systems or different personnel. But just going out and having fun and competing at my hardest will be what I'm looking for."

Shocked jocks: A month has passed since Colliton took over for Joel Quenneville, and he feels the players are still dealing with the effects of such a seismic change to their world. Colliton was asked if he had experienced resistance from the players.

"I don't think it's a resistance," Colliton said. "I just think there's a shock. Same guy been doing the job for a long time, and you play a certain way and have a lot of success, so it's a shock to the players, but I think they've been great."

"They play hard, and it hasn't been perfect, certainly, how we play (or) the results. But I feel like they're engaged, and that makes me feel good."

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Simply the worst

Celtics bash bungling Bulls by 56 for largest defeat in team history

BY K.C. JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

On Nov. 8, 2001, during what was then a franchise-record 53-point loss to the Timberwolves in Minnesota, Bulls coach Tim Floyd replaced starters Charles Oakley, Marcus Fizer, Brad Miller, Greg Anthony and Ron Mercer with the rarely seen five-man substitution of Fred Hoiberg, Kevin Ollie, Tyson Chandler, Eddy Curry and Trenton Hassell.

Oakley blasted the move afterward, drawing a \$50,000 fine from general manager Jerry Krause.

Though nobody publicly blasted Jim Boylen for reprising Floyd's move not once but twice during the Bulls' 133-77 loss to the Celtics on Saturday night at the United Center, frustration filled the postgame locker room. The 56-point margin set a franchise mark for largest loss, which prompted boos to rain down loudly at game's end.

It also is the largest margin of victory in Celtics history and ties the NBA record for most lopsided victory in a road game.

But Bulls players struggled to understand the second instance, which backfired when the Celtics ran away and hid. That led to Boylen making a — using his word — “premeditated” decision that a competitive Sunday practice would be more beneficial than reinserting the starters, who sat for the final 21 minutes, 2 seconds.

“No, you don’t,” a visibly frustrated LaVine interrupted when asked a longer question about rarely seeing five-man substitutions.

As for LaVine's reaction to Boylen's move? “Um, it is what it is,” LaVine said. “We gotta do what he says.”

Asked about the fine line between sending a message and embarrassing a professional player, Boylen offered this response.

“I think your play is embarrassing,” he said. “Me subbing them is saving them maybe. The pro player thing? This is basketball. This is about honoring the game and doing the right things.”

“I worked for Gregg Popovich. He subbed five guys a ton of times. Nobody says a word to him about it.”

“He felt that was best for the team. I felt that was best for the team. And that's what my job is. Embarrassment is not giving the effort in that Bulls uniform. So I put five guys in that I thought could put the effort in.”

In his third game as coach, Boylen yanked starters LaVine, Lauri Markkanen, Wendell Carter Jr., Justin Holiday and Ryan Arcidiacono at the 7 minute, 15 second mark of the first quarter with the Bulls scoreless, down by 13 and 0-for-8.

“You deserve it if you don't play hard,” Markkanen said.

The lineup of Robin Lopez, Jabari Parker, Chandler Hutchison, Shaquille Harrison and Cameron Payne didn't fare much better. They trailed 17-0 before Parker scored the Bulls' first points on free throws at the 5:42 mark. Lopez finally made the first field goal after 11 misses at the 5:06 mark.

Then, after the Celtics opened the second half with a modest 5-3 run, Boylen tried the move again. He pulled all five starters at the 9:02 mark of the third, using the same five substitutes.

“It sucks man, sitting there and watching the score go up and up,” LaVine said. “I know we're competing but you know you can help. And sometimes you don't feel like you do anything wrong. We got blitzed to come out. Obviously, (Boylen) didn't like that. That happens in the NBA sometimes. We responded in the second quarter. I don't know. I do not know. There's a lot of questions you could ask, but I really don't know.”

The Celtics led by as many as 58 and were actually beating the Bulls to 50-50 balls and throwing alley-oop dunks on fast breaks



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Rookie Chandler Hutchison gets a good look at the Celtics' Semi Ojeleye as he goes for a dunk Saturday night. Ojeleye scored 13 points.

MARGIN AIL YA

The worst defeats in the Bulls' 53-year history
56 points: Celtics 133, Bulls 77 Dec. 8, 2018 (home)
53: Timberwolves 127, Bulls 74 Nov. 8, 2001 (road)
51: Pacers 140, Bulls 89 March 28, 2003 (road)
49: Warriors 143, Bulls 94 Nov. 24, 2017 (road)
47: Magic 115, Bulls 68 April 2, 1999 (home)
45: Jazz 109, Bulls 64 | Nov. 18, 2000 (road)
45: Rockets 123, Bulls 78 March 26, 2000 (road)
44: Pistons 115, Bulls 71 May 3, 1999 (home)
44: Pistons 158, Bulls 114 March 23, 1969 (road)

down the stretch.

And people thought the blowout loss to the Warriors — a 149-124 home defeat on Oct. 29 — was bad.

“That's not the standard of our program, to get down like that at home,” Boylen said. “We were just following them around. We were a step slow on everything, mentally and

physically. Is it want to? Is it effort? What is it? I don't know what it is.

“I just wasn't going to stand for it. I just pulled them together and told them all these people paid the money to see you guys play. And you're not giving them the effort you gotta give them. It's disappointing. We need some leadership to step up.”

One potential issue with a five-man substitution is if the reserve group gets blasted, as the Bulls' did in the second half, where do you turn after that? Backed into a corner, Boylen kept the starters out the final 21:02.

“Why have them play in a game that's going to be difficult to win when the benefit to me is going to be practice (Sunday) and get better?” he said. “That was all pre-mediated. So I play them more, we lose and then we can't practice (Sunday)?”

“We double lose. And we don't have time to do that.”

The first time, Boylen gathered the pulled starters as they came off the court and talked to them. The second time, he didn't.

Maybe it wouldn't have mattered — LaVine said he didn't know what Boylen said the first time.

“I was frustrated,” he said. “I didn't really get to hear him.”

In a mere six days, Boylen has publicly challenged his team's toughness and conditioning, moved Parker to a reserve role and held two two-hour-plus practices and a 90-minute shootaround.

He also held practices on both off days between games last week, a rarity in December, and scheduled the Sunday practice following a back-to-back set of games with a Monday game looming. That's also atypical.

At least the starters will be rested for that session and perhaps the more suicide sprints it may entail. No starter logged more than 20 minutes. LaVine actually shot 4-for-6 for 11 points in his mere 18:53 of action. The starters shot 10-for-29 overall.

Daniel Theis scored a career-high 22 points as a starter for Al Horford, a late scratch with knee soreness. The Celtics shot 53.8 percent overall and 51.2 percent from 3-point range.

“We gotta care more about our effort and playing for each other on a nightly basis,” Boylen said. “We didn't honor the game with our effort and competitiveness, so why not take them all out?”

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Boylen:
Hard to
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Hoiberg

Coaches had built solid relationship working together

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

After his firing Monday, Fred Hoiberg texted Jim Boylen his support and told his former lead assistant coach that he'd do great at his chance.

So it's only natural that Boylen defended Hoiberg, who had everything from his leadership style to his hold on the locker room questioned by critics when the Bulls fired him.

"I don't believe that he lost the locker room," Boylen said. "I do believe that I'm handling the locker room differently. It doesn't mean better, worse, whatever. We're different people.

"Fred and I are very close and spent a lot of time together. I'm going to miss that relationship. But I've got a job to do. The Reinsdorfs have given me this responsibility and I think Fred understands that. Is it raw right now? It's raw, man. It's really raw. You don't think I'm not thinking about it?"

Players voiced strong support for Hoiberg on Tuesday in Indianapolis. They reiterated that Saturday.

"Obviously, I feel like everybody in this locker room respected Fred and who he was," Bobby Portis said. "He's a players' coach, lets guys go out there and do what they do, get better. Me personally, he helped me develop my game a lot, so I credit a lot of things toward him. To say that he lost the respect of the locker room, I don't think that's a good way to put it."

Coach's corner: Celtics coach Brad Stevens' days with Hoiberg date to their shared college coaching roots. Hoiberg used to talk often about them hitting the recruiting trail together.

"It's not my business to get into another organization's decisions," Stevens said. "Fred's an outstanding coach and a terrific guy. I met a lot of people throughout my time in coaching and I would love for my son to play for Fred one day. He just treats people the right way."

"He's a good person and it's unfortunate when those things happen at any time. He'll land on his feet. He's good at this."

Layups: Portis and Kris Dunn are likely to return Monday from the sprained MCLs they suffered two days apart in late October. "Long-term health is what we're about," Boylen said. "We expect them back soon, any day." ... Lauri Markkanen's older brother, Eero, a professional soccer player currently playing in Sweden, attended both home games over the weekend. It's the first time Eero watched Lauri play in the NBA in person.

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Coach Jim Boylen tries to encourage his Bulls against the Celtics on Saturday night at the United Center.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL



MIKE STOBE/GETTY

Oklahoma quarterback Kyler Murray is stunned as he accepts the Heisman Trophy on Saturday in New York City.

HEISMAN TROPHY

'This is crazy'

Murray makes it back-to-back awards for Oklahoma QBs

By RALPH D. RUSSO
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Kyler Murray replaced a Heisman Trophy winner by becoming a Heisman Trophy winner.

The Oklahoma quarterback won college football's most prestigious individual award Saturday night, edging Alabama's Tua Tagovailoa and setting up a College Football Playoff matchup of Heisman winner versus runner-up.

The fourth-ranked Sooners play the top-ranked Crimson Tide in the Orange Bowl semifinal Dec. 29 in the seventh bowl matchup of Heisman winner and runner-up and first since second-place finisher Vince Young and Texas beat Reggie Bush and USC in the 2006 Rose Bowl.

"This is crazy," Murray said in his acceptance speech. "This is an honor, something that I'll never forget, something that I'll always cherish for the rest of my life."

Murray stepped into the starting job at Oklahoma held by last year's Heisman winner and No. 1 NFL draft pick, Baker Mayfield. Oklahoma is the first school with have Heisman-winning quarterbacks in consecutive seasons and the fifth overall with winners in back-to-back years.

Unlike most seasons, the winner was far from a foregone conclusion, but Murray (517 first-place votes and 2,167 points) ended up with a fairly comfortable margin of 296 points over Tagovailoa.

Ohio State quarterback Dwayne Haskins, who won the Chicago Tribune Silver Football as the Big Ten's best player, was a distant third with 783 points. Three more quarterbacks followed: Will Grier of West Virginia, Gardner Minshew II of Washington State and McKenzie Milton of Central Florida.

Murray was named on 92 percent of the Heisman ballots, third most all time. Tagovailoa's 1,871 points received was the most for a runner-up in the 84-year history of the Heisman.

Tagovailoa was the Heisman front-runner for most of the season, but Murray surged late as the Sooners turned to him and the offense to bail out a leaky defense down the stretch. Meanwhile, Tagovailoa picked a bad time to have his worst game of the season, throwing two interceptions in the SEC championship against Georgia and leaving early with a sprained ankle.

Murray's first season as a starting quarterback in college is set up to also be his last.

He already has signed a \$4.66 million contract with the Oakland Athletics after he was selected in the first round of the Major League Baseball draft in June. Listed at 5-foot-10 and 195 pounds, Murray would be small for an NFL quarterback but talented enough to be an intriguing prospect if he decided to give it a try.

Oklahoma's late-season Heisman campaign for Murray harkened back Bo Jackson, the 1985 Heisman winner who went on to star in both the NFL and MLB, and his Bo Knows Nike ads.

"I'd like to do both (baseball and football) if possible," Murray said Friday. "But I don't know how possible that is."

Here's who our experts liked

How Tribune staff members voted for the 2018 Heisman Trophy

TEDDY GREENSTEIN
College football reporter

I went into championship weekend with this thought: May the best quarterback win.

Like everyone with a Heisman Trophy vote and working set of eyes, I was wowed in September and October by Alabama's Tua Tagovailoa. It was BREAKING NEWS each time he threw an incompletion. (The ball hit the ground three times against Arkansas — and he threw four touchdown passes.)

But he wasn't as sharp against LSU and Mississippi State, so that made me think ...

What about Oklahoma's Kyler Murray, the modern-day Bo Jackson/Deion Sanders? (Scary to think football might be his second-best sport.)

Murray put up outrageous numbers against Texas Tech and shredded Oklahoma State. And West Virginia. But, wait, aren't Big 12 defenses softer than a baby's bottom? Maybe I should keep looking ...

Dwayne Haskins Jr. did everything for Ohio State in that miracle escape at Maryland. He even used his legs, chewing up 59 yards and scoring from 2, 1 and 5 yards out.

Then he clicked into beast mode against Michigan and its top-ranked defense. His accuracy was ridiculous, hitting receivers in stride on all of those shallow crossing routes. He also escaped pressure, explaining that he wanted a zero-sack game to make his line look good.

So the QB trio entered championship weekend in a dead heat.

Murray was phenomenal in the matinee for the nation's No. 1 offense.

He completed 25 of 34 passes for 379 yards and three scores against Texas — and his FBS-best passing efficiency rating of 205.7 actually went down. I'm thinking the A's were wise to shell out that \$4.66 million.

Tagovailoa, meanwhile, completed just 10 of 25 passes against Georgia and had to leave with an ankle injury. Oy.

Haskins, in prime time, put forth the greatest quarterback performance I've ever seen (34 of 41, 499 yards). His throws were on a string.

He juiced two-thirds of the Northwestern line before firing a perfectly lofted dime to Terry McLaurin. His second touchdown pass to McLaurin on third-and-20 was even prettier.

My ballot: 1) Haskins; 2) Murray; 3) Tagovailoa.

I interviewed Haskins on Wednesday and told him how I voted, explaining that I saw him live at the 'Shoe and Lucas Oil Stadium.

"I made it pretty easy for you," he replied.

Yes, he did.

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First, the elephant in the room: No, I did not have Tua Tagovailoa first or second on my ballot.

Should one poor performance completely erase a season of brilliance? Of course not. Nor should Tagovailoa be penalized for guiding Alabama to such huge early leads that he spent much of his second halves on the sideline.

But at some point, the best player in the country has to be the difference between his team winning and losing. That moment for Tagovailoa could have been last week's SEC title game against Georgia, but even before he got knocked out with a high ankle sprain and backup Jalen Hurts saved the Crimson Tide, the sophomore left-hander wasn't just off his game — he was downright bad (10 of 25, two interceptions and a 15.1 ESPN QB Rating).

In fact, I considered leaving Tagovailoa off the ballot completely in favor of his teammate, the unblockable defensive tackle Quinnen Williams. But Tagovailoa's season-long proficiency (11.4 yards per attempt, 37-4 TD-INT ratio) in the country's best conference deserved to be acknowledged.

Conversely, with three weeks to go in the season, I wasn't giving Ohio State quarterback Dwayne Haskins much consideration. Yes, he was putting up big numbers (FBS-high 4,580 yards, 47 TDs), but they felt somewhat empty as the Buckeyes slogged through their schedule.

But after leading the comeback at Maryland, dissecting the nation's No. 1 defense in the rout of Michigan and putting on another show against Northwestern for the Big Ten championship, the Chicago Tribune Silver Football winner earned my second-place Heisman vote. You have to grade the numbers of Big 12 quarterbacks on a curve, just like former Colorado Rockies up for the Baseball Hall of Fame — where my first-place choice hopes to end up one day.

Still, Oklahoma's Kyler Murray took over for the most efficient single-season passer in FBS history, 2017 Heisman winner Baker Mayfield, and surpassed him.

Like Haskins and Tagovailoa, Murray has a deep and talented receiving corps led by the dynamic Hollywood Brown, but the Sooners lost their top rushing threat, Rodney Anderson, in Week 2. And with a defense that gave up 32.4 points per game, including 40 or more five times, Oklahoma needed every bit of Murray's passing (11.9 ypa, 40-7 TD-INT) and running (892 yards, 11 TDs) to return to the College Football Playoff.

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ARMY 17, NAVY 10

Black
Knights
retain
trophy

By DAN GELSTON
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Army coach Jeff Monken hopped on top of a wall and pumped his fist toward stoked cadets set to belt out the alma mater. Monken brought the party to locker room and waved an "Army Football" flag as the Black Knights bounced around him.

Army ditched its mundane routines and cut loose like a bunch of rowdy civilians. And why not? The setting was right after Army beat Navy for the third straight game, this time in front of a packed house and the president.

"I don't ever want our guys to stop celebrating," Monken said. "I promise you, I'll be celebrating every year if we win this thing because I know how hard it is."

Monken revived the Black Knights and turned a program that suffered annual losses to the Midshipmen into a bowl-bound team that can keep the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy back at West Point.

The No. 22 Black Knights recovered two fumbles in the fourth quarter, Kelvin Hopkins Jr. had two rushing touchdowns and Army beat Navy 17-10 on Saturday to win its third straight game in the series.

President Donald Trump attended the 119th game between the rivals and flipped the coin before spending a half on each side in a show of impartiality. No matter his view, Army (10-2) always had the edge.

Army retained the CIC Trophy — awarded to the team with the best record in games among the three service academies — after winning it for the first time in 22 years last season and snuffed a late Navy rally to retain possession of the prize.

With Navy down 10-7, quarterback Zach Abey lost a fumble on fourth-and-12 deep in its territory. Hopkins scored on a 1-yard run to make it 17-7 and give Army the cushion it needed to win in front of 66,729 fans at Lincoln Financial Field.

Army has regained its grip in a rivalry that had gotten out of hand. Navy had a series-best 14-game winning streak from 2002-2015 and leads 60-52-7 all time.

"It's been hard on all of us. Our players, our coaches, our staff, our school," Navy coach Ken Niumatalolo said. "We like to win. We've been winning a lot of games. Losing sucks."

Trump officiated the coin toss, which Navy won and elected to kick off. That was a mistake.

Kell Walker ran 51 yards to the 10 on the fourth play from scrimmage and Hopkins dashed in for the touchdown on the next play for a 7-0 lead.

Last year's game had a combined three pass attempts. But both teams passed on the rush Saturday and tried to throw — with mixed results.

Army safety Jaylon McClinton had an interception in the first half. Army also dropped a key third-down pass that led to John Abercrombie's missed 33-yard field goal in the second quarter. Abercrombie rebounded to kick a 33-yarder in the third for a 10-0 lead.

Malcom Perry's 43-yard run to the 5 set up Garret Lewis' 1-yard rushing touchdown with 7:10 left in the game that pulled Navy to 10-7. Bennett Moehring kicked a 45-yard field goal with 29 seconds left.



ELSA/GETTY

Army's Kelvin Hopkins Jr. looks for room to run Saturday in the second half of Army's victory against Navy in Philadelphia.

BASEBALL

WHITE SOX

Questions to still be answered

By MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

After six consecutive fourth and fifth-place finishes, are the White Sox ready to stand up in the American League Central?

With a deep farm system and low financial overhead, the Sox are in a position to accelerate their rebuilding — if they so desire.

They will arrive in Las Vegas for the winter meetings that start Sunday with plenty to offer free agents and several holes to fill as they embark on their long-awaited ascent. Here are some key questions facing the team.

1. Is the price on Bryce right?

The prevailing thought is that the Sox, because they likely are not yet contenders, will need to make the ultimate sales pitch to entice free agent Bryce Harper, whose Nationals teams failed to advance past the National League Division Series four times.

Harper's market value never will be as high as it is now, so the Sox will clearly have to outbid competitors.

The Sox have a plethora of intriguing prospects, and the inevitable breakup of the defending division champion Indians makes this an ideal time for the Sox to make their most shocking signing in 20 seasons.

2. Where to start?

The Sox have a need for a veteran innings-eater at the back end of the rotation — similar to Miguel Gonzalez in 2016-17 — as Reynaldo Lopez, Lucas Giolito and Carlos Rodon continue their development and Michael Kopech recovers from Tommy John surgery.

Dylan Covey pitched better in the second half of 2018, but he lacks consistency. Dylan Cease posted a 1.72 ERA in 10 starts at Double-A Birmingham but might benefit from another year of minor-league seasoning, as would Kodi Medeiros.

3. Who's hot at the hot corner?

Carlos Sanchez adjusted well to full-time duty at third base in 2018, and the Sox's faith in him was reinforced with their decision not to tender Matt Davidson a contract.

Offensively, Sanchez doesn't fit the profile of a third baseman, but he might be the best answer for now. If the Sox lose the Harper sweepstakes, they could pursue left-handed hitter Mike Moustakas and shift Sanchez to a utility role.

The other option is moving Yoan Moncada from second, but that might not gain momentum until 2018 first-round pick Nick Madrigal is close to the majors.

4. Who's the leader in the clubhouse?

Considering the many times manager Rick Renteria pulled players in the middle of games for a lack of hustle, adding a veteran to reinforce his message and stress that losing is unacceptable would be helpful if the Sox want to take an important step in their maturation process.

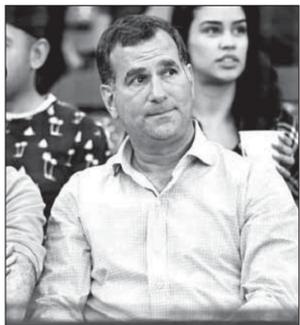
5. Who's the backup catcher?

Omar Narvaez and Kevan Smith, who combined to catch 73 percent of the Sox's innings last season, are gone.

That workload swelled after veteran Wellington Castillo was suspended for 80 games on May 24. Castillo returns with plenty of experience from his days with the Cubs, Diamondbacks and Orioles, and the Sox added Seby Zavala to the 40-man roster after he hit .258 at Birmingham and Triple-A Charlotte.

But an experienced backup is needed, especially if Castillo gets hurt. Zavala has played in only 48 games in Triple A.

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General manager Rick Hahn wants to see the White Sox take the next step in their rebuilding, but plenty of questions remain.



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Cubs President Theo Epstein listens to a question during a news conference Thursday at Wrigley Field.

Roles reversal

Epstein, Hahn take different approach as they get game plans ready for Vegas

You might have thought Cubs President Theo Epstein and White Sox general manager Rick Hahn had swapped bodies the other day if you weren't paying closer attention.

While Hahn was fueling speculation the Sox would be in the mix to add a megabucks free agent to a 100-loss team that's nowhere close to contending, Epstein was downplaying the possibility of adding a big-name hitter to a 95-win team whose window to win remains wide open.

What's wrong with this picture? Is this the start of a bizarre baseball winter in Chicago? Or were our notorious wheeler and dealers simply putting on their best poker faces before the annual winter meetings in Las Vegas?

We'll find out soon enough as Hahn and Epstein begin executing their respective game plans to heat up the hot-stove season.

Hahn and Epstein love to be in the middle of the action during the winter meetings.

Hahn's blockbuster deals — bringing in Jeff Samardzija in a six-player trade in 2014 and dealing Chris Sale for three prospects, including Michael Kopech and Yoan Moncada, in 2016 — have been matched by Epstein's marquee free-agent signings, including Jon Lester in 2014, Ben Zobrist and Jason Heyward in 2015 and Brandon Morrow last December.

As Epstein addressed the media Thursday afternoon at the Cubs complex, construction workers were building new premium suites at Wrigley Field to add to the team's already bountiful coffers. But with the Cubs bumping heads with the luxury tax, Epstein suddenly seems willing to curb his enthusiasm for spending.

"We're not overly guided by the (collective-bargaining



PAUL SULLIVAN
On baseball

agreement), although you take it into account for strategic purposes, especially over the long haul," Epstein said. "But like any good business, we have a budget, and you adhere to it."

Hahn, meanwhile, has the luxury of spending freely on pricey free agents, even if it's too soon in the rebuilding process. He recently dispatched assistant Jim Thome to lobby premier slugger Bryce Harper on the joys of Sox, and while it seems far-fetched to believe Harper would land on the South Side, the team's interest is real. Hahn said during a teleconference Thursday that they're serious about getting serious in Year Three of the rebuild — but only if it's the right player.

"Yes, there are top-of-the-market, premium-type players that we've made no secret about potentially fitting into our long-term vision for this organization," he said. "However, if for whatever reason anyone along those lines doesn't end up in a White Sox uniform, that doesn't mean we're going to scurry around and just look for short-term fixes to get just modest improvement."

Hahn's penchant for secrecy is well-known. Last month at the general managers meetings he revealed they had signed manager Rick Renteria to an extension last spring without announcing it. But Epstein one-upped Hahn on Thursday by revealing a secret of his own — that Morrow underwent arthroscopic elbow surgery on Nov. 6 and likely will be unavailable to start the 2019 season.

Asked about the closer situation Nov. 7 at the GM meetings, Epstein said: "I want as many really talented options as we can in the pen. That's what we ask ourselves, more so than: 'Do we have a quote, unquote,

closer.' We lost Morrow and (Pedro Strop) stepped up and did an unbelievable job.

"Had we gone into the (2018 season) with (Strop) as the closer, you guys would've been all over us. That's just the way it goes. Until you've shown you can do it, there are questions. I just want to make sure we have a really talented pen with lots of different options and see how things shake out.

"Given our other needs, given our roster and payroll situation now and going forward, investing long term in a closer, you know, big money, isn't really high on priority list right now. Stranger things have happened, but we have some other areas to address."

But a month after the surgery, Epstein finally revealed the Morrow news, saying: "This is the first time we were asked about him, so I'll answer it."

Either way, the Cubs need bullpen help, as does almost everyone else, including the Sox.

Hahn began to address the porous Sox pen by acquiring potential closer Alex Colome from the Mariners, but there's much more work to be done and few shutdown relievers on the market, outside of Craig Kimbrel. Hahn remained uncharacteristically quiet at last year's winter meetings, knowing 2018 would be a challenging season and adding expensive free agents would be counterproductive.

Epstein wound up signing relievers Morrow and Drew Smyly — who didn't pitch in '18 — aside from laying the groundwork for the February signing of Yu Darvish to a six-year, \$126 million deal. That has been a bust so far, along with the Tyler Chatwood deal.

"Our offseason moves should not be evaluated well at all," Epstein said at the GM meetings. "Our in-season moves were pretty darn good. We'll try to have a much better off-season."

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CUBS

Maddon entering walk year

By MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

The departure of three coaches, the uncertainty of manager Joe Maddon's future beyond 2019 and two months without significant roster changes have created consternation among Cubs fans.

The Cubs hope to ease those concerns soon. Team executives will travel to Las Vegas for the winter meetings, which begin Sunday, with some key questions looming.

1. Heading for a breakup?

The atmosphere could be different in the Cubs' suite with Maddon evaluating potential trades and free-agent signings with his bosses who won't discuss an extension this winter with one season left on his contract.

The uncertain status hasn't been lost on Joseph Maddon, the manager's son, who recently expressed disbelief on social media that his father "is soon to be a free agent" despite winning a 2016 World Series while Dave Roberts of the Dodgers received an extension through 2022.

"That's OK. I love my dad a lot, too," quipped President Theo Epstein, adding that Maddon "is somebody who wants to be the best at what he does, and is highly motivated."

2. Harping on hitting?

In response to the Cubs' late-season hitting woes, the team could sign marquee free agent Bryce Harper, who will be the center of attention in his hometown during the winter meetings.

But Epstein Thursday expressed vague answers about the Cubs' finances, emphasizing that the team has been in the top six in payroll in recent seasons and has the talent to compete for World Series titles.

Any offensive help might be obtained through a trade, and there's the issue of deciding which outfielder/former first-round pick is expendable — switch-hitter Ian Happ, left-handed slugger Kyle Schwarber or Albert Almora Jr.

The Cubs finished fourth in the National League with 761 runs this year, but the need to drive in more runs with runners in scoring position and hit more home runs is urgent.

3. Enough relief?

In addition to closer Brandon Morrow likely not being available the first month of the season, Carl Edwards Jr. needs to rebound from a control-challenged September, and Brandon Kintzler didn't display the pinpoint control he displayed with previous teams.

Dillon Maples and James Norwood will need to take another step in their development unless the Cubs can add a veteran reliever. A few teams are intrigued with Maples' 90-mph knee-buckling slider and 98-mph fastball.

Brian Duensing's struggles and the departure of free agent Justin Wilson scream for the need for a left-hander who can handle tough left-handed hitters, such as Christian Yelich and Matt Carpenter, or pitch multiple innings.

4. What's the catch?

Catcher Willson Contreras led the majors with 1,109 ²/₃ innings behind the plate despite losing playing time to backup Victor Caratini in the final month of the season.

Contreras earned praise for improved work with ace Jon Lester but was knocked by sabermetric experts for his pitch framing. Contreras' offensive regression, including a .390 slugging percentage and only three home runs and 20 RBIs in the second half, remains downright mystifying.

The switch-hitting Caratini, 25, doesn't get enough at-bats to stay sharp (.183 batting average in the final two months).

Caratini can play first and third base, but a more seasoned catcher may be needed if Contreras can't return to his 2017 form. Free agent Nick Hundley would be a cheaper option than Chris Gimenez was last spring.

5. Who fills the middle?

With shortstop Addison Russell suspended until May 3, the Cubs need an option besides Javier Baez, who started 75 games at second base and 52 at short.

David Bote played exceptionally well at shortstop in Triple-A Iowa and during his lone start on Aug. 29. Ben Zobrist, 37, hasn't played shortstop since 2017, and even then only in the latter innings.

Maddon loves to make multiple moves, so this role can't be discounted.

CUBS

Hottovy's skills led to a promotion

Pitching coach a communicator with an analytics background

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

Tommy Hottovy rarely sits still in a clubhouse, whether he's pinpointing a potential flaw on video, reviewing a preferred pitching sequence in front of a player's locker or opening a thick binder of scouting reports to review with his fellow coaches around a table covered with computers.

In making the adjustment from advance scouting coordinator to pitching coach, Hottovy will focus on putting the Cubs staff in position to succeed.

"I look at this (promotion) as just as much as showing the confidence and validation of the current infrastructure we have," Hottovy said Friday, a day after the Cubs named him as Jim Hickey's replacement. "We have three great people working together."

With Hickey's departure after only one season, Mike Borzello added the title of associate pitching coach to his catching/strategy duties with assistance from bullpen coach Lester Strode.

Team President Theo Epstein believes Hottovy's unique background — he never has served as a pitching coach — supplements his communication skills to make him the clear-cut favorite over several others with coaching experience.

"Tommy is a tremendous communicator, a great worker and great teammate down there," said Epstein, who feared losing Hottovy to another major-league team had he not promoted him. "And he has a terrific relationship with the pitchers."

"He's a problem-solver. He's adept at using the vast resources and technology that we have at our disposal to help pitchers get better."

Hottovy suffered a left shoulder injury in spring training 2014 that ended his major-league career after only 17 games in two seasons (2011-12) with the Red Sox and Royals. But Hottovy, a finance major at Wichita State who yearned to stay involved in baseball, signed up for an online course Boston University offered titled "Sabermetrics 101: Introduction to Baseball Analytics."

"It's a great course," said Hottovy, who said he comes from a family of chief financial officers and accountants in the Kansas City, Mo., area. "I recommend any baseball fan to take the course. It takes you behind the scenes and helps bridge a gap."

"When you're on the field, you're focused on success. This (course) makes you look a different way in how to make yourself better. Sometimes you're trying to find a nugget to help a Jon Lester or Cole Hamels. You're always trying to find trends. You can take three hours (of research) into a two-minute conversation."

The Cubs hired Hottovy shortly after he completed the course, and he has concentrated on run prevention. Those chores included game plans and assisting pitchers in their game preparation.

Perhaps Hottovy's biggest strength is that he clearly understands the terminology used by the Cubs' research and development department and can present the information to the coaching staff, pitchers and catchers in a concise manner.

"He doesn't think of himself as a guy who knows it all," said legendary Wichita State coach Gene Stephenson, who coached Hottovy for four seasons (2001-04) during his 36 years. "He was always picking someone's brain."

"He had the benefit of playing in the Boston and Kansas City organizations and interacting with good people. He's not a phony. It's always 'we,' 'us.' He'll make everyone better. I'm so happy for him. He loves what he's doing."

Hottovy's rapport could be put to the test during a mound visit with a pitcher who might not agree with his observations.

"He'll be fine," Stephenson said. "He'll adjust. He's a smart guy."

Hottovy is part of a trend in which several teams have hired coaches not far removed from their playing days because of their ability to relate to current players. Hottovy, 37, was a teammate of Lester and former Cubs pitcher John Lackey with the Red Sox in 2011.

At the same time, Hottovy knows the struggle of just reaching the majors. He was a fourth-round pick of the Red Sox in 2004 who didn't make his major-league debut until his eighth professional season after years of coping with injuries and struggles.

"I've been fortunate to see different angles to games and different viewpoints," Hottovy said. "I learned a lot in the three years I worked with (former pitching coach) Chris Bosio and last year with Jim Hickey."

"I've tried to absorb every ounce and translate it to our pitchers."

Hottovy also looks forward to working closer with sabermetrics-savvy manager Joe Maddon, who supported Hottovy, fellow advance scouting coordinator Nate Hamm and since-departed hitting coaches Chili Davis (now with the Mets) and Andy Haines (now with the Brewers) during the Cubs' late-season struggles.

The Cubs hired Hottovy shortly after Maddon's arrival in 2015.

"It's amazing how the (dynamics) have grown, and it's a great time to continue to learn from him," Hottovy said.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL



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Northwestern forward A.J. Turner reacts after a play during the second half against DePaul on Saturday. Turner scored 24 points as the Wildcats rallied to win.

NORTHWESTERN 75, DEPAUL 68

Turner turns things around

Cats junior breaks out of shooting slump, keys big comeback

BY SHANNON RYAN | Chicago Tribune

A.J. Turner had made only 5 of 29 3-pointers — a measly 17.2 percent — entering Northwestern's game against DePaul on Saturday. This after shooting 37 percent from long range two seasons ago for Boston College.

The junior transfer said he kept "high spirits." NU coach Chris Collins recently had a preemptive pep talk with Turner before any negative thoughts might creep into Turner's mind.

"I've been talking to him about the law of averages," Collins said. "If you're a shooter and put in time, it's only a matter of time before you start knocking them down."

That came Saturday against the Blue Demons in front of a lively crowd at the revamped Welsh-Ryan Arena.

"When you play college basketball, that's what you want to play in," Turner said. Turner scored 24 points and hit 6 of 10 3-pointers, three during a 25-0 second-half run, in the Wildcats' 75-68 comeback victory. His effort won him the Waldo Fisher-Frank McGrath award, bestowed annually upon the best player in the rivalry game.

The victory was Northwestern's fourth straight in the series. It also put the Wildcats (7-3) back on track after potential confidence-shaking losses — 68-66 at Indiana and 62-60 to Michigan.

Trailing by 15 with 9 minutes, 48 seconds remaining, Northwestern stormed back with 25 consecutive points to take a 67-57 lead with 2:58 left. The Wildcats hit 8 of 9 shots, including all six 3-point attempts, in the decisive stretch.

After making only 4 of 17 3s in the first 20 minutes, NU made 7 of 14 after halftime. Vic Law (25 points) and Ryan Taylor (six) each knocked down two.

"We finally dug down and got stops and got in transition," Collins said. "I'm just a big believer (that) when you approach the game right and you throw your mind into winning you start making shots. When you take your mind off it, you let your talent

"When you take your mind off it, you let your talent take over."

—NU coach Chris Collins

take over."

The Blue Demons, who shot 58 percent in the first half, missed eight field-goal attempts during NU's run.

"We took our foot off the pedal emotionally," DePaul coach Dave Leitao said. "They're a very good team and they took advantage. We lost a little bit of our zest."

"We talked for three days about how we were going to guard them. During that stretch, we didn't guard them the same. ... It's a little bit natural when you're not playing great offense you tend to not play great defense either."

Femi Olujobi's season-high 22 points led the Blue Demons (5-2). Leading scorer Max Strus, who had eight points in the first half, went scoreless from there, missing all eight of his 3-point attempts. Collins said NU went with a "simpler" defense on Strus after the break.

The Blue Demons used their own 7-0 run to pull within 67-64 with 1:20 remaining. But NU converted on eight free-throw attempts — six by Law — in the final minute.

DePaul committed 12 of its 19 turnovers and shot only 28.1 percent in the second half.

"It was our grittiness," Collins said. "Our guys just refused to say it's not our day." For Turner, that 25-0 run was "fun."

"As a shooter, you should never lose confidence," he said. "Your team has ultimate confidence in you. I was always high-spirited. I know they weren't falling properly, but I guess the law of averages came true."

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ILLINOIS 77, UNLV 74

Illini hangs on to snap 3-game skid

Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN — Andres Feliz scored 19 points and Kipper Nichols added 12, and Illinois held on for a 77-74 victory over UNLV on Saturday to end its three-game losing streak.

Playing at the State Farm Center for the first time since Nov. 25, the Illini (3-7) extended a six-point halftime lead to 14 with 8 minutes, 23 seconds left, but the Rebels slowly chipped away and cut their deficit to 74-72 on a pair of Joel Ntambwe free throws with 27 seconds remaining.

Illinois big man Giorgi Bezhanishvili, who finished with nine points, answered with two free throws and Ayo Dosunmu (10 points) added another with 13 seconds to play.

UNLV's Amauri Hardy lined up for a potential game-winning 3-point attempt but instead pulled up and turned the ball over on an errant pass.

"This is one of those games where you put it in the left-hand column and move the hell on," Illinois coach Brad Underwood said. "That's the first time this year we've had to protect a lead like that going down to the wire."

Ntambwe scored 18 points and Cheikh Mbacke Diang had 13 points and 13 rebounds for the Rebels (4-4). UNLV's downfall was a second-half stretch in which it committed four turnovers and made no field goals for nearly eight minutes, allowing the Illini to pad their lead to 15.

Freshman Samba Kane, a 7-foot center from Senegal, scored eight points in 16 minutes for Illinois. His best moment came when he blocked a shot and wagged his finger at the opposing player.



RICH SCHULTZ/GETTY

Seton Hall players celebrate after defeating No. 9 Kentucky on Saturday in Madison Square Garden.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Seton Hall hangs on to upset Kentucky

Associated Press

Myles Cale hit a go-ahead 3-pointer with 9.5 seconds left in overtime, and Seton Hall overcame Keldon Johnson's half-court heave that tied the score at the regulation buzzer, stunning No. 9 Kentucky 84-83 on Saturday in a thriller at Madison Square Garden in New York.

In one of the most exciting finishes of the season, Johnson had a chance to win it for the Wildcats (7-2), but his 3-point try with a second remaining was blocked by Quincy McKnight. The ball went out of bounds as time expired, and Pirates players rushed off the bench to celebrate.

Myles Powell scored 25 of his 28 points after halftime for Seton Hall (6-3), including a tiebreaking 3 in the final seconds of the second half.

The clock showed 1.1 seconds after Powell's step-back, double-clutch jumper from the left side went through, but officials made it 1.5 seconds after a replay review. That made all the difference for Kentucky when PJ Washington in-bounded from the baseline and threw a long pass to an open Johnson.

He caught it near center court, turned and hurled a right-handed shot that went in as the horn sounded, tying it at 70.

"I knew if I got the shot off that I had a pretty good chance to make it," Johnson said. "It was a big shot. I mean, it was pretty big. I guess it just hurt because we lost."

Wisconsin falls: Markus Howard scored 27 points, freshman Joey Hauser added 15 and hit big, late-game shot as Marquette trounced a 74-69 win in overtime over No. 12 Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

Sam Hauser had 13 points and 14 rebounds for the Golden Eagles (8-2). But it was his little brother, Joey, who came up clutch playing in his first game in the heated in-state rivalry.

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	LAR 7:20 NBC-5, AM-780						
		SAC 7:30 NBCSCH, AM-670			@ORL 8:30 NBCSCH, AM-670		@SA 7:30 WGN-9, AM-670
			@WPG 7:30 NBCSCH, AM-720		PIT 7 NBCSN, AM-720		WPG 7:30 NBCSCH, AM-720

SUNDAY ON TV/RADIO

TIME	EVENT	NETWORK
5 p.m.	Bucks at Raptors	NBA TV
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
10 a.m.	Columbia vs. Iona	FS1
Noon	Arizona at Alabama	ESPN
Noon	Princeton vs. St. John's	FS1
2 p.m.	Tennessee vs. Gonzaga	ESPN
2:30 p.m.	Oregon State at Saint Louis	ESPN2
4:30 p.m.	Nevada at Grand Canyon	ESPNU
5 p.m.	Purdue at Texas	ESPN2
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
11 a.m.	Missouri State at Indiana	BTN
Noon	Tennessee at Texas	ESPN2
1 p.m.	Marquette at Northwestern	BTN
2 p.m.	Oregon at Michigan State	ESPN2
Noon	Colts at Texans	CBS-2
Noon	Falcons at Packers	FOX-32
3:25 p.m.	Eagles at Cowboys	FOX-32
7:20 p.m.	Rams at Bears	NBC-5, WBBM-AM 780
Noon	QBE Shark Shootout	Golf Channel (1 p.m.: NBC-5)
NHL		
5 p.m.	Candians at Blackhawks	NBCSCH, WGN-AM 720
FIGURE SKATING		
3 p.m.	ISU Grand Prix	NBC-5
BUNDESLIGA SOCCER		
8:20 a.m.	Mainz vs. Hannover	FS2
10:50 a.m.	Borussia Mönchengladbach vs. Stuttgart	FS2
PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER		
9:55 a.m.	Newcastle vs. Wolverhampton	NBCSN
COLLEGE SOCCER		
7 p.m.	NCAA tournament final	ESPNU
COLLEGE WRESTLING		
12:30 p.m.	Oklahoma at Oklahoma State	ESPNU
3 p.m.	Wisconsin at Ohio State	BTN

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

DATE	BOWL	SITE	TEAMS	TM
D15	Celebration	Atlanta	NC A&T (9-2) vs. Alcorn St (9-3)	11*
D15	Cure	Orlando	Tulane (6-6) vs. La-Lafayette (7-6)	12:30
D15	New Mexico	Albuquerque	N. Texas (9-3) vs. Utah St (10-2)	2:30
D15	Las Vegas	Vegas	Fresno St (11-2) vs. Ariz. St (7-5)	4:15
D15	Camellia	Montgomery, Ala.	Ga. So. (9-3) vs. E. Michigan (7-5)	4:30
D15	New Orleans	New Orleans	MTSU (8-5) vs. Appalachian St (10-2)	8
D18	Boca Raton	Boca Raton, Fla.	UAB (10-3) vs. North Illinois (8-5)	6
D19	Frisco	Frisco, Texas	San Diego St (7-5) vs. Ohio (8-4)	7
D20	Gasparilla	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Marshall (8-4) vs. USF (7-5)	11:30*
D21	Bahamas	Nassau	Toledo (7-5) vs. FIU (8-4)	4:15
D21	Idaho Potato	Boise	W. Michigan (7-5) vs. BYU (6-6)	3
D22	Birmingham	Birmingham, Ala.	Mempis (8-5) vs. Wake Forest (6-6)	11*
D22	Armed Forces	Fort Worth, Tex.	Houston (8-4) vs. Army (9-2)	2:30
D22	Dollar General	Mobile, Ala.	Buffalo (10-3) vs. Troy (9-3)	6
D22	Hawaii	Honolulu	La Tech (7-5) vs. Hawaii (8-5)	9:30
D26	SERVPRO	Dallas	Boston Coll. (7-5) vs. Boise St (10-3)	12:30
D26	Quick Lane	Detroit	Minnesota (6-6) vs. Ga. Tech (7-5)	4:15
D26	Cheez-It	Phoenix	California (7-5) vs. TCU (6-6)	8
D27	Independence	Shreveport, La.	Temple (8-4) vs. Duke (7-5)	12:30
D27	Pinstripe	Bronx, N.Y.	Miami (7-5) vs. Wisconsin (7-5)	4:15
D27	Texas	Houston	Baylor (6-6) vs. Vanderbilt (6-6)	8
D28	Music City	Nashville	Purdue (6-6) vs. Auburn (7-5)	12:30
D28	Camping World	Orlando	W. Virginia (8-3) vs. Syracuse (9-3)	4:15
D28	Alamo	San Antonio	Iowa St (8-4) vs. Wash. St (10-2)	8
D29	Peach	Atlanta	Florida (9-3) vs. Michigan (10-2)	11*
D29	Belk	Charlotte, N.C.	S. Carolina (7-5) vs. Virginia (7-5)	11*
D29	Arizona	Tucson, Ariz.	Ark. St (8-4) vs. Nevada (7-5)	12:15
D29	Cotton	Arlington, Tex.	Notre Dame (12-0) vs. Clemson (13-0)	3
D31	Orange	Miami Gar., Fla.	Oklahoma (12-1) vs. Alabama (13-0)	6:30
D31	Military	Annapolis, Md.	Mississippi (10-2) vs. Va. Tech (6-6)	11*
D31	Sun	El Paso, Tex.	Stanford (8-4) vs. Pittsburgh (7-6)	1
D31	Redbox	Santa Clara, Calif.	Michigan St (7-5) vs. Oregon (8-4)	2
D31	Liberty	Memphis, Tenn.	Missouri (8-4) vs. Oklahoma St (6-6)	2:45
D31	Holiday	San Diego	Northwestern (8-5) vs. Utah (9-4)	6
D31	Gator	Jacksonville, Fla.	NC St (9-3) vs. Texas A&M (8-4)	11
D31	Outback	Tampa, Fla.	Mississippi St (8-4) vs. Iowa (6-4)	noon
J1	Citrus	Orlando	Kentucky (9-3) vs. Penn St (9-3)	noon
J1	Fiesta	Glendale, Ariz.	LSU (9-3) vs. UCF (12-0)	noon
J1	Rose	Pasadena, Calif.	Wash. (10-3) vs. Ohio St (12-1)	4
J1	Sugar	New Orleans	Texas (9-4) vs. Georgia (11-2)	7:45
J1	CFP Final	Santa Clara, Calif.	Cotton vs. Orange winners	7:45

OTHER BOWLS

J19	Shrine	St. Petersburg, Fla.	East vs. West	2
J19	Collegiate	Pasadena, Calif.	American vs. National	TBA
J26	Senior	Mobile, Ala.	North vs. South	1:30

FCS PLAYOFFS

SATURDAY'S QUARTERFINALS
North Dakota State, 35, Colgate 0
South Dakota St. 27, Kennesaw State 17
Western Washington 34, UC Davis 29
FRIDAY'S QUARTERFINALS
Maine 23, Weber State 18

DIVISION II PLAYOFFS

SATURDAY'S SEMIFINALS
Vidalia St. 30, Notre Dame (Ohio) 24
Ferris State 42, Minn. St.-Mankato 25

FBS INDEPENDENCE WEEK 15

Saturday: Army 17, Navy 10
Travis Etienne, Clemson 0 6 17 29
Q. Williams, Ala. 1 4 16 27
Jonathan Taylor, Wis1 2 19 26
D. Henderson, Mem 0 3 15 21

DIVISION III PLAYOFFS

SATURDAY'S SEMIFINALS
Mount Union 28, Johns Hopkins 20
Mary Hardin-Baylor 31,
Wisconsin-Whitewater 14

NAIA PLAYOFFS

Championship Saturday, Dec. 15
At Municipal Stadium Daytona Beach, Fla.
Morningside (Ia.) 0,
Benedictine (Kan.) (13-1), 6

NFL

NFC NORTH	W	L	PCT	PF	PA
BEARS	8	4	.667	344	241
Minnesota	6	5	.542	275	270
Green Bay	4	7	.375	281	287
Detroit	4	8	.333	254	316

NFC EAST

Dallas	7	5	.583	247	223
Philadelphia	6	6	.500	258	266
Washington	7	6	.538	237	257
N.Y. Giants	4	8	.333	267	315

NFC SOUTH

New Orleans	10	2	.833	419	269
Carolina	6	6	.500	304	306
Tampa Bay	5	7	.417	318	355
Atlanta	4	8	.333	296	333

NFC WEST

y-L.A. Rams	11	1	.917	419	298
Seattle	7	5	.583	319	259
Arizona	3	9	.250	175	310
San Francisco	2	10	.167	255	356

AFC NORTH

Pittsburgh	7	4	.625	346	282
Baltimore	7	5	.583	287	214
Cincinnati	5	7	.417	286	371
Cleveland	4	7	.375	266	312

AFC EAST

New England	9	3	.750	331	259
Miami	6	6	.500	244	300
Buffalo	4	8	.333	178	293
N.Y. Jets	3	9	.250	243	307

AFC SOUTH

Houston	9	3	.750	302	235
Tennessee	7	6	.538	251	254
Indianapolis	6	6	.500	325	279
Jacksonville	4	9	.308	212	273

AFC WEST

Kansas City	10	2	.833	444	327
L.A. Chargers	9	3	.750	340	240
Denver	6	6	.500	276	262
Oakland	2	10	.167	220	367

HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
Anheim: Signed general manager Bob Murray to a two-year contract extension through the 2021-22 season.
Calgary: Recalled F Alan Quate from Stockton (AHL).
Carolina: Reassigned F Saku Maenalainen and G Alex Nedeljkovic to Charlotte (AHL).
Ottawa: Placed F Bobby Ryan on injured reserve.
Tampa Bay: Assigned D Oleg Sosonov and Matthew Spencer to Orlando (ECHL).

AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE

Rockford: Returned F Justin Auger to Florida (ECHL).
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SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER
New York City FC: Signed D Maxime Chanot to a multi-year contract.

SOUTH AFRICAN OPEN

3rd of 4 rds at Randpark GC, Johannesburg, South Africa: (B-Bushwiltz Course, 7,116 yards, Par 71; 1-Firethorn Course, 7,154 yards, Par 71)	
(14)	
Nico Oosthuizen	62b-70b-67
202 (1-15)	
Gary Woodland/Charley Hoffman	61-64
Patton Kizzir/Brian Harman	59-66
Graeme McDowell/Emiliano Grillo	59-66
126 (18)	
Kevin Na/Bryson DeChambeau	59-67
205 (8-8)	
Brendan Grace	66b-68f-71
Kruger	65b-68f-72
Mark Williams	65b-68f-72
Adilson Da Silva	66b-70f-69
Berni Rittammer	67f-69b-69
Jeff Witthier	68f-69b-69

LATEST LINE

NBA	SUNDAY
New Orleans 1½	at Detroit
at Toronto 5	Milwaukee
Utah 2½	at San Antonio
Charlotte 5	at New York

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

at Alabama	1½	SUNDAY
at Virginia	16½	Arizona
Ball St	5½	at Evansville
at Saint Louis	3	Oregon St
at San Diego	19	CS Northridge
Purdue	1½	at Texas
Iona	2½	Columbia
St. John's	12½	Princeton
Gonzaga	3	Tennessee
Nevada	13½	Grand Canyon

NHL

Montreal	-115	at Blackhawks +105
at Winnipeg	-215	Philadelphia +195
at St. Louis	-185	Vancouver +170
at Anaheim	-115	New Jersey +105
at Vegas	off	Dallas off
at Edmonton	-115	Calgary +105

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

CELEBRATION BOWL	DEC. 15
NC A&T	7½
Alcorn State	
NEX MEXICO	DEC. 15
Utah St	9
North Texas	
CURE	DEC. 15
Tulane	3½
La-Lafayette	
LAS VEGAS	DEC. 15
Fresno St	4½
Arizona St	
CALIFORNIA	DEC. 15
Ga. Southern	1
E. Michigan	
NEW ORLEANS	DEC. 15
Appalachian St	7
Mid. Tenn.	
BOCA RATON	DEC. 18
UAB	2
Illinois	
FRISCO	DEC. 19
San Diego St	3
San Diego	
GASPARILLA	DEC. 20
Marshall	2½
South Florida	
BAHAMAS	DEC. 21
Toledo	6
Potomac	
IDAHO	DEC. 21
BYU	12
W. Michigan	
BIRMINGHAM	DEC. 21
Mempis	5
Wake Forest	
ARMED FORCES	DEC. 21
Army	3
Houston	
DOLLAR GENERAL	DEC. 21
Hawaii	2½
Troy	

HAWAII

Hawaii	1	Louisiana Tech
FIRST RESPONDER	DEC. 26	
Boise St	3	Boston Coll.
QUICK LANE	DEC. 26	
TCU	4	Minnesota
CHEEZ-IT	DEC. 27	
Temple	3	Duke
PINSTRIP	DEC. 27	
Miami	4	Wisconsin
TEXAS	DEC. 27	
Vanderbilt	3½	Baylor
MUSIC CITY	DEC. 28	
Auburn	4	Purdue
CAMPING WORLD	DEC. 28	
W. Virginia	1½	Syracuse

ALAMO

Wash. St	3	Iowa St
ARIZONA	DEC. 29	
Arkansas St	1½	Nevada
PEACOCK	DEC. 29	
Michigan	7½	Florida
BELK	DEC. 29	
Carolina	4	Virginia
ORANGE	DEC. 29	
Alabama	4	CFP SEMIFINAL
COTTON	DEC. 29	
Clemson	11	Oklahoma

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 Lost 30-27	Dec. 9 LAR ▼	Dec. 16 GB Noon FOX-32	Dec. 23 @SF 3:05 FOX-32	Dec. 30 @MIN Noon FOX-32
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Rams at Bears

7:20 P.M. SUNDAY AT SOLDIER FIELD | NBC-5 | RAMS BY 3 (51½)

THREE KEYS

3 freaks: Donald, Suh, Gurley

Coming off a sloppy 30-27 overtime loss to the Giants, the Bears will face a major test against the 11-1 Rams. As much as a Week 7 game against the Patriots was a measuring stick for the Bears, Sunday night's game at Soldier Field might come against the most complete team in the NFL. Here are our three keys.

1 Inside job
Pregame analysis: The Bears offensive line could be in trouble on the interior with center Cody Whitehair and starting guards James Daniels and Bryan Witzmann needing to control defensive tackles Aaron Donald and Ndamukong Suh. Even in Year 9, Suh has game-changing power and an ability to win one-on-one matchups. Donald, meanwhile, is in the conversation for league MVP, a consistently dominant force whose elite combination of strength and quickness is difficult to contain. Donald leads the NFL with 16½ sacks, four ahead of his nearest competitor — Von Miller of the Broncos. The Bears have great respect for the disruption Donald causes in the pocket. Every week coach Matt Nagy highlights the opponent's game-changers. This week, Nagy joked, put ting three circles around Donald's name. "Because he's a game-changer times three."

2 Get after Gurley
Pregame analysis: Remember all those things we said about Saquon Barkley last week? About his ability to be a big-play threat as a runner and as a pass catcher? About his blend of quickness, strength and elusiveness? Yep. All of that still applies to Rams running back Todd Gurley, the engine of his team's offense. Gurley is on pace for 2,200 yards from scrimmage and 25 touchdowns. He averages 5 yards per carry and has an NFL-best 33 rushes of at least 10 yards. Equally worrisome for the Bears defense: Gurley's explosiveness has helped the Rams become one of the league's most dangerous teams in play-action situations. So even when he doesn't get the ball, his presence often opens up big plays elsewhere. Said Bears defensive coordinator Vic Fangio: "They marry their run game and passing game together more than anybody has."

3 Rust and running
Pregame analysis: In his first game action since Nov. 18, Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky will have to quickly shake off any rust, a process he began to work through at practice this week. It's conceivable that the Bears offense might have to keep up with the Rams' high-powered attack. Thus Trubisky can't afford to have a slow start or a stretch of two or three drives that are clunky and out of rhythm. Trubisky also can't feel hesitant to use his running ability as a weapon, even after he injured his throwing shoulder three weeks ago taking a hit at the end of a run. To the latter point, quarterbacks coach Dave Ragone believes Trubisky will remain aggressive as a runner.

— Dan Wiederer



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FILL IN THE BLANK

The scariest part of Sunday's showdown with the Rams is _____.

BRAD BIGGS

Aaron Donald and Ndamukong Suh

Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky is returning after missing two games with a right shoulder injury, and the last thing the team can afford is another injury that would force backup Chase Daniel into action again. Donald is playing at a higher level than any defensive player in the game with 12½ sacks in his last six games and can be an unblockable force even when double teamed. Suh is a nasty competitor whom at least fans, if not current Bears players, know well from his days in Detroit. Rookie left guard James Daniels has played well, but the Bears are struggling at right guard with Bryan Witzmann filling in for Kyle Long.

RICH CAMPBELL

Donald against the Bears' guards

Goodness knows it's difficult to stay calm looking at the Rams' offensive statistics. Quarterback Jared Goff already has 3,754 passing yards, 27 touchdowns compared with seven interceptions and a passer rating of 109.9 rating. And, still, Todd Gurley is their best offensive player. But the Bears defense matches up OK with any offense. That's a fair fight. On the other side of the ball, though, Trubisky will need to stay poised as Donald pushes the pocket inside.

COLLEEN KANE

Donald vs. just-off-the-injury-report Trubisky

The reigning NFL Defensive Player of the Year has an astounding 16½ sacks through 12 games, and he's certainly not the first person Trubisky wants to see after returning from a right shoulder injury. The Bears allowed a season-high five sacks against the Giants, some of them Daniel's fault, but still not a great run-up to facing a player some think should be the NFL MVP. The idea of the Bears defense facing Gurley should make fans uncomfortable. The idea of the Bears offensive line facing Donald should make fans worried.

DAN WIEDERER

That offense

My God, that offense. The Rams have scored 30 points or more in 10 of their 12 games and have racked up more than 450 yards a half-dozen times. Gurley is an absolute monster out of the backfield, on pace for 2,200 yards from scrimmage and 25 touchdowns. Goff has thrown 27 touchdown passes and just seven interceptions. And the receiving corps, led by Brandin Cooks and Robert Woods, will challenge a defense all over the field. The Bears better find ways to get pressure on Goff. Defensive coordinator Vic Fangio better find a few wrinkles to clip the wires of the Rams' explosive attack.

PREDICTIONS

No takers: Rams too tough

Brad Biggs (10-2)
This sets up as a fascinating matchup, and the Rams, a year ahead in their program, appear to have the upper hand, especially now that they're healthy in the secondary.

34-27
Rams

Rich Campbell (8-4)

The Bears offense isn't trending in the right direction. It hasn't outscored the opposition in three straight games. Mitch Trubisky's return should help, but the Bears don't match up well against defensive tackle Aaron Donald, and cornerback Aqib Talib is back.

27-24
Rams

David Haugh (10-2)

It's strength vs. strength, one of the NFL's best offenses meeting its match in one of the league's fiercest defenses. Yet the game will hinge on how well the Bears protect Trubisky — and that gives the Rams and Donald a slight edge.

31-27
Rams

Colleen Kane (8-4)

The Rams have scored fewer than 30 points twice this season, and while the Bears defense shouldn't let the game get out of control, it will be hard to stop the Todd Gurley-Jared Goff combo. Trubisky will have to shake off the rust quickly for an upset chance.

31-27
Rams

Phil Thompson (10-2)

Even with Trubisky, the Bears offense hasn't been consistent enough to keep up with Goff and Gurley, so they'd probably need the defense to turn takeaways into points. But that's not likely. The Rams are second only to the Bears in turnover differential (11-12).

27-24
Rams

Dan Wiederer (8-4)

The Rams have MVP candidates on both sides of the ball — Donald and Gurley. It will take a brilliant X's-and-O's effort from Matt Nagy and Vic Fangio to pull off the upset.

27-20
Rams

FOLLOW ALONG WITH US

Join us for tonight's 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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BEST OF THE ARTS 2018

A tricky task, these year-end “best of” lists. How to take the rich, diverse, forever new and surprising arts covered by our critics and columnists and distill them down to top-10 lists? Yet we try, nonetheless.

THIS SUNDAY: BEST MUSIC AND BOOKS OF 2018

- BEST POP, ROCK AND HIP-HOP ALBUMS** by Greg Kot. **PAGE 5**
- BEST IN JAZZ** by Howard Reich. **PAGE 6**
- BEST CLASSICAL MUSIC** by Howard Reich. **PAGE 6**
- BEST BOOKS** by Chris Borrelli. **PAGE 7**

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NEXT SUNDAY IN A+E

- BEST IN THEATER** by Chris Jones.
- BEST IN ARCHITECTURE** by Blair Kamin.
- BEST IN DANCE** by Lauren Warnecke.
- BEST VISUAL ART** by Lori Waxman.

STILL TO COME

- BEST FROM CHICAGO MUSEUMS** by Steve Johnson. **DEC. 20 IN A+E**
- BEST LOCAL RECORDINGS** by Greg Kot. **DEC. 21 IN ON THE TOWN**
- BEST MOVIES** by Michael Phillips.
- BEST TELEVISION** **DEC. 23 IN A+E**
- BEST JAZZ AND CLASSICAL PERFORMANCES** by Howard Reich and John von Rhein. **DEC. 26 IN A+E**

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Uptown Theatre has already become a magnet for live acts



CHRIS JONES

The door to the Uptown Theatre swung open. Dan Rather laughed. And the faces of REO Speedwagon all lit up like Christmas trees.

The juxtaposition of personalities — the famed anchorman was interviewing the Illinois band for his show “The Big Interview” on Mark Cuban’s AXS-TV network — at the shuttered Uptown Theatre on Monday was a tad surreal, especially since restoration has yet even to begin on the Uptown. (Fear not, it soon will.)

But the wow factor of this singular edifice doesn’t need new paint or plaster. Its lobby is already the coolest soundstage in the Midwest, just mostly undiscovered. Even though it was still dozing on Monday, the Uptown already was an entertainment district, all by itself.

Kevin Cronin, the genial lead singer of REO, turned to Jerry Mickelson, the Uptown’s owner, whom he had not expected to see.

“You’re re-opening this?” Cronin asked, grinning from ear to ear, his eyes drinking in the sight of just the lobby, as if he were downing a long, cold drink. When you see inside the Uptown for the first time, or after a long time, you feel like you’ve landed in some Aladdin’s cave, the last great hidden crown-jewel of the

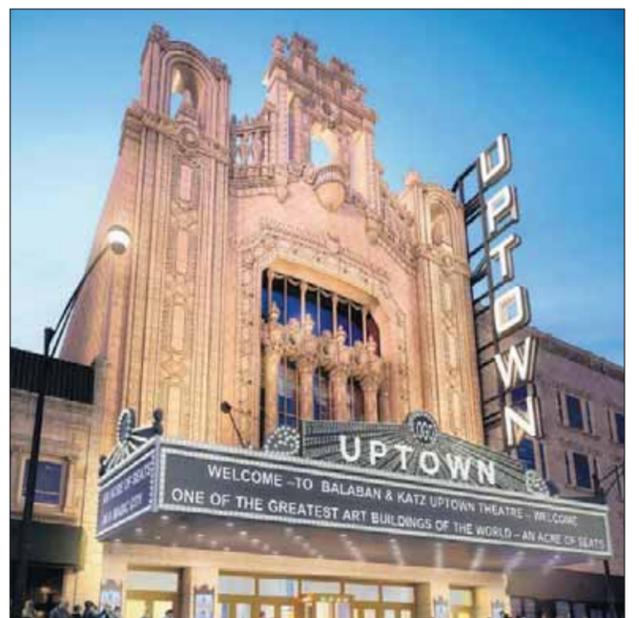
middle west. You tend to proselytize thereafter.

Mickelson, an understated personality with enough years in the business to be unfazed by the demands of epic balladeers, nodded.

“Put REO Speedwagon down on your list,” Cronin said, definitively. “We want to play here.” Mickelson bowed his head graciously. “We already have,” he said, “quite a list.”

Here was *prima facie* evidence, then, of what I’ve long thought will be the Uptown’s colossal advantage over whatever controversial sheds or arenas that Live Nation may be planning for Sterling Bay’s controversial Lincoln Yards development to the south

Turn to *Uptown*, Page 3



LAMAR JOHNSON COLLABORATIVE

A rendering of what the restored Uptown Theatre will look like in 2021.



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A toast to restaurants of seasons past



RICK KOGAN
Sidewalks

You are not, as the worn-out phrase would have it, what you eat. But a good case can be made that you are *where* you eat. Restaurants come in all shapes, sizes and styles. You make the choices and wind up living with them. Restaurants can, at best, become like good friends, always available and offering sustenance of all sorts. When they die, sadness and loneliness can ensue.

Greg Borzo, a prolific writer and historian, has gathered dozens of bygone eateries in a new and quite satisfying book titled "Lost Restaurants of Chicago" (The History Press). It offers, pardon the word but none other seems appropriate, a feast of memories. It is also something of a graveyard, which recalls not only the names of once lively eateries — many famous and some charmingly not so — but the significance of them as well. As Borzo writes, "Restaurants feed body and soul, and the ones we've lost can give us a taste of where we've been and who we are."

No one alive was ever a patron of a Clark Street spot called, oddly, the New York Kitchen, which in the 1880s felt it necessary to have its menu claim that: "No scraps taken back into the kitchen and cooked over."

The good thing about having a guy like Borzo compile such a book is his enthusiasm and passion. This is the guy who once told me that he believes much of our city's history "hides in plain sight" and he was right. He is a native Northwest Sider who earned a degree in cultural anthropology from Grinnell College in Iowa and later a master's in journalism from Northwestern University. He has worked and written for such publications and institutions as Modern Railroads Magazine and The Field Museum. He was one of the authors of "The Windies' City: Chicago's Historical Hidden Treasures," a gathering of some favorite field trips of the Chicago History Museum's docents; "The Chicago 'L'" and 2012's "Where to Bike Chicago: Best Biking in City and Suburbs," with more than 70 rides (27 for kids) across Chicago and the suburbs.

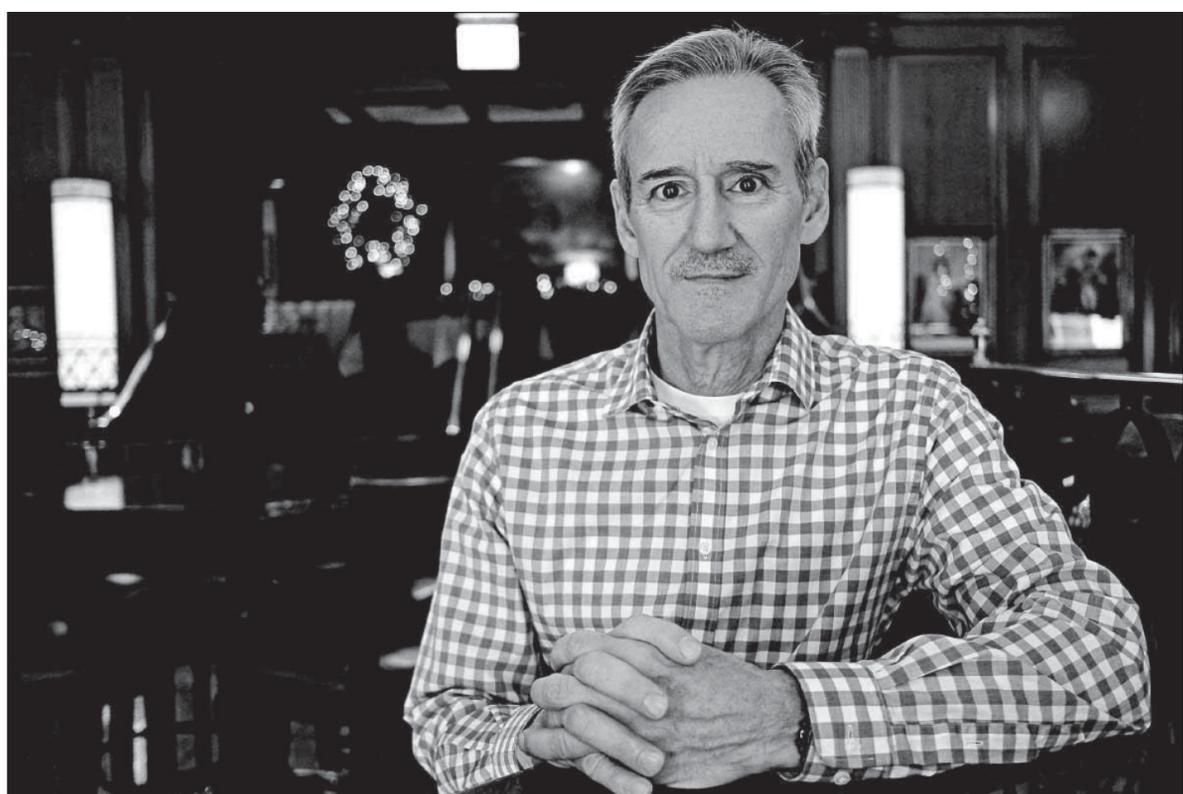
His most recent book was last year's spectacular "Chicago's Fabulous Fountains" (Southern Illinois University Press), a gathering of more than 100 local fountains. Most, of course, are downtown, but he takes us into the neighborhoods and such delights as the Drake Fountain, on a traffic island at South Chicago and Exchange Avenues at 92nd Street.

In each case, with every fountain, Borzo gives a detailed history that is informative, enlightening and entertaining. This is all embellished by striking photos by Julia Thiel, a lively introduction by WTTW-Ch. 11's Geoffrey Baer and a passionate preface — "I treasure water in all its forms" — from Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioner Debra Shore.

But back to restaurants. So, where to start?

Well, anyone remember Army & Lou's? How about the corned beef at the Belden Deli? The star-studded Fritzel's? Those devastating tropical drinks at Don the Beachcomber? The girls on a trapeze and the milkshakes at Flo's? The Chinese food and Art Deco design at Hoe Sai Gai? The apple pancakes at the Red Star Inn? The magic tricks at Schulien's?

There are dozens of other places in the book and it took Borzo more than two years to research and write it. "Invariably



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Author Greg Borzo poses at Lawry's the Prime Rib Restaurant. His most recent book is "Lost Restaurants of Chicago."



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Betty Jo Schaller works the bar as customers pack Schaller's Pump on its last day before closing in 2017 in Bridgeport.

whenever I would get in conversations about the city's history, restaurant names would pop up," he says. "That so intrigued me and compelled me to dive in."

It is a measure, I suppose, of a life well (or foolishly) spent that I remember going to a vast numbers of these places. (Indeed, my name pops up in connection with Maxim's de Paris, where I once hosted some literary events, and Riccardo's, where

I was once an ardent regular). I also feel fortunate to have known some of the influential folks in a chapter titled "Movers and Shakers," such people as Eli Schulman, Don Roth, Arnie Morton and Gordon Sinclair.

The book is peppered with photos neatly organized into 12 chapters, covering such areas as Ethnic Eateries, Sizzling Steakhouses and African American Restaurants. I have no doubt that most readers will

find personal connections. And good memories. Doug Sohn certainly did, writing in his very lively foreword, "When I'm asked about which restaurant I miss, I only have one answer: the stand-up hot dog counter at the Woolworth's on the Magnificent Mile."

Not sure how many share Sohn's feelings on that score but many of you miss Sohn's own creation, Hot Doug's. This was, from 2001 to 2014, what Borzo calls "Chicago's most beloved hot dog restaurant," with its offerings of sausages made from such exotic meats as alligator, rattlesnake and wild boar.

Borzo has been around long enough to have eaten at Hot Doug's and some of the more recently departed spots. "But a lot of these places were out of my price range when they were still in operation," he says. "I guess if I had to pick two I would have loved to have eaten at those would be The Bakery and at Maxim's."

He would have enjoyed both. Me? I would have liked to visit Colosimo's, which operated at 2128 S. Wabash Ave. and was opened in 1910 by "Big Jim" Colosimo, one of the pioneering crime bosses. It had dancing girls, a piano player and a menu that proclaimed, "One million, five hundred yards of spaghetti always on hand." It is also where the owner met his end, shot dead in a 1920 ambush. The restaurant lived on, mostly as a nightclub, until 1953.

I wouldn't have minded spending some time at one of the "poetry nights" held at Le Petit Gourmet, 615 N. Michigan Ave., or sitting around Schlogl's at 37 N. Wells St., where I might have rubbed shoulders (or bent elbows) such regulars as Carl Sandburg, Ben Hecht, Henry Justin Smith and some of the others writers who helped define this town.

They did not often write about food but Borzo makes a good point when in his introduction he refers of Chicago as "the ultimate foodie town," pointing out correctly that the city was "even named after a food ... the small wild onions that grew in profusion along the region's riverbanks."

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'Front Runner' director seeks to start conversations

BY GREGORY ELLWOOD
Los Angeles Times

The rise and fall of Gary Hart has somehow slowly been lost to history. The Colorado senator ran for the presidency twice and was widely seen as the Democrats' likely nominee in 1988.

Just after announcing his candidacy, however, Hart's political life took a turn that in many ways signaled a major change in how Americans view their elected officials. The scandal surrounding him, and if there truly was one, is the subject of Jason Reitman's "The Front Runner," which finds Hugh Jackman playing the candidate in a searing performance.

The 41-year-old director of films such as "Up in the Air" and "Juno" was reminded of Hart's downfall after listening to a "Radiolab" podcast in early 2016.

After talking to his producing partner, Helen Estabrook, he realized she had a completely different response to this story even though they are around the same age and have similar political leanings. That was something he continued to encounter throughout the production whether it was one of the film's large acting ensemble or a member of the crew.

"Everyone had a completely different response to what the Gary Hart story means in 2018," Reitman says.

"One person may look at it and go, 'The man has a private life that doesn't involve us, he should be able to kind of shut the door in his bedroom.' The next few may go, 'This is the first moment of truth to power and bringing down a leader who needs to be exposed.'"

Reitman believes Hart's story serves as an interesting litmus test. If a candidate had great ideas but was also simulta-



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Jason Reitman

neously an irrefutably flawed person, would it be important if he made an irresponsible mistake? Does any questionable action mean a candidate should no longer run for office?

Considering the reaction to Donald Trump's candidacy when Reitman, Matt Bai and Jay Carson were writing the script, it seemed to be a very timely question.

"I felt going into the presidential election that this country was already at a moment of conflict of what we wanted to know about the private lives of the people we were electing," Reitman says. It's unclear what audiences' appetite will be for such a distinctly political tale after a long and passionate midterm campaign, but Reitman is hoping "The Front Runner" is a conversation starter for many.

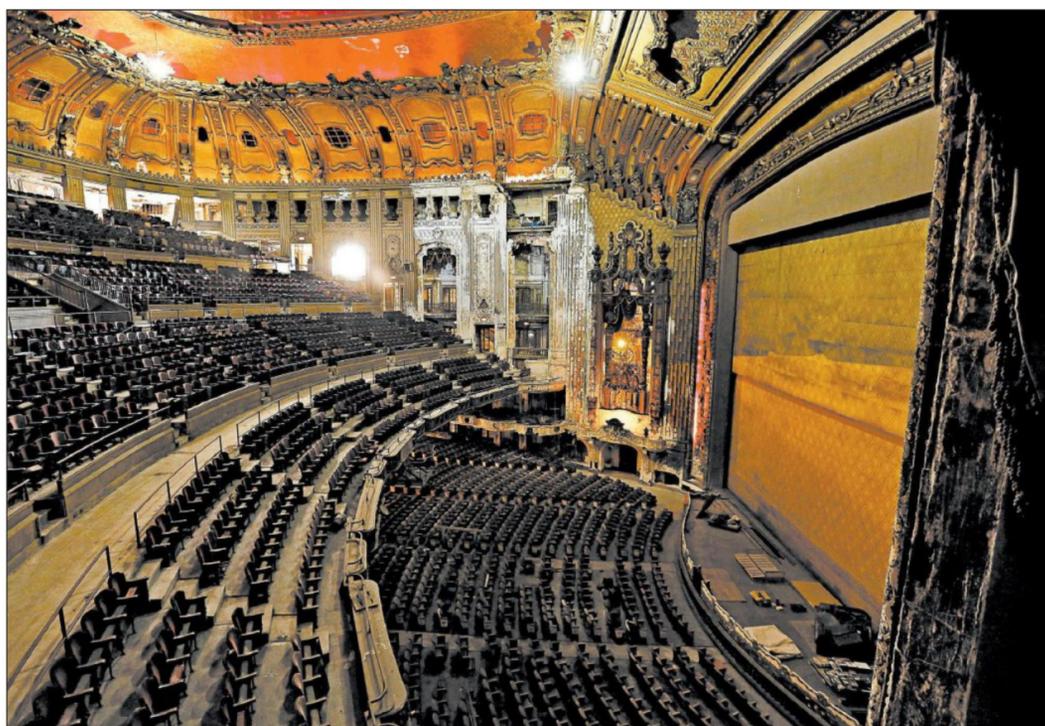
A rescue job for the arts in Chicago

Uptown, from Page 1

and west — the artists themselves will want to play here and while Live Nation has plenty of money and competition-limiting clout, powerful artists' pressure matters. And I don't just mean retro rock acts or even superstar boomer soloists. Emerging rappers will want to be at the Uptown, too. So will country icons. Soul legends. They'll all want to play at the Uptown. Many will insist. Just wait and see.

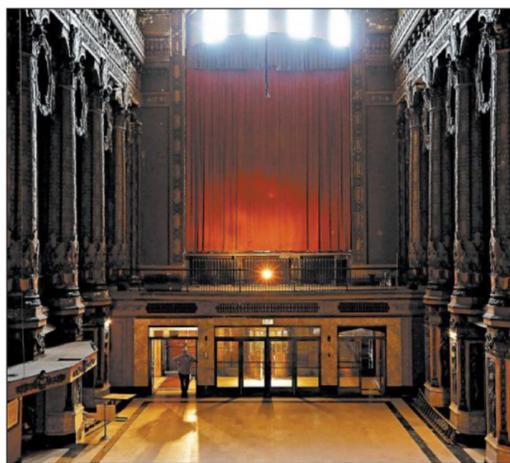
The Uptown is not just another theater. At minimum, it's like five in one. The Oriental Theatre lobby could fit inside its outer rooms several times over. The Uptown was built at a moment of great fiscal success for the Balaban and Katz chain — they threw money at their architects, Rapp and Rapp, and gave them a footprint like no other. The place is utterly and completely different from the restored venues in Chicago's Loop, where space was much tighter. A mall unto itself, the Uptown had room for a children's playroom staffed with nurses — you can still see the carnival decoration on the walls — and an area to store shoppers' parcels that feels bigger than anything at Union Station. It doesn't have one fantastic theme to its decor but many. And — maybe most important of all — it was built specifically to show off all it had achieved. There's a view to be had from an upstairs vista that reveals so much space and visual affectation, you feel like you're inside Notre-Dame de Chicago. For many Chicagoans it will be a deeply emotional sight. For there is something incomparably special about this place and this city. The Uptown understood both the aspirations and the painful realities of its home. Maybe more than any other building now standing.

Once it reopens — some



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The glorious, historic Uptown Theater has been shuttered for almost 34 years.



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two years from now — the Uptown will be one of Chicago's biggest visitor attractions, if they get the tours right. Not only is it that cool, it has been years since anyone has seen it with their own eyes. And if you mean has seen it in

good shape, you're talking decades. New York's Radio City Music Hall is, arguably, comparably impressive. But New Yorkers have seen it, lived it, loved it their whole lives. Most Chicagoans have only been able to press their noses to the plywood.

The Uptown then, will be the anchor store *sine qua non* of the Uptown Entertainment District — an entity, long promoted by the administration of Rahm Emanuel, that grew over the last few days with the announcement that the legendary Wicker Park music club Double Door is to move to the Wilson Avenue Theater, a 1909 venue that had been masquerading as a bank. (Mickelson, who said he had an ownership interest in that building, too, described the announcement as “a bit premature” but didn't dispute the deal).

This is a significant rescue job for the arts in Chicago. One of many neighborhood nickelodeon and vaudeville houses built in the first decade of the 20th century as Chicago exploded, the Wilson Avenue Theater was swallowed by savers and lenders within a decade, and then mostly

forgotten, its 900-seat auditorium consumed by tellers, vaults and lines of customers. Interesting place, though: what other half-bank, half-theater do you know?

Now banks have moved to the internet, but old venues are hot. Banks still have to offer live experiences to their premium credit-card holders — so maybe you'll see J.P. Morgan Chase offering premium seating at the Double Door, in a kind of sweet revenge for urban culture.

Will the Double Door, once a mainstay of Wicker Park, still be the Double Door in Uptown? Sure it will. It's a proven brand with gobs of affection felt by Gen-Xers and others. And Uptown looks more like Wicker Park when the Double Door was in Wicker Park than Wicker Park does now. Uptown needs the Double Door far more than Wicker Park.

The possibilities surely don't end there. The independent music venues that have banded together to fight Sterling Bay and Lincoln Yards, a group that includes a much-loved, now-threatened establishment called The Hideout, might be better off embracing the possibilities of the Uptown Entertainment District. You could imagine The Hideout in new digs, just down from the Double Door, maybe across from the Green Mill, all in the beautiful, benevolent shadow of the Uptown, spilling its audience out onto Broadway, leaving them hungry for a late show somewhere.

I'd throw in a couple more blues clubs — maybe an exile or two from Lincoln Park. A theater or three.

The Baton, a legendary Chicago drag bar with many distinguished alumna, already has felt the pull of Uptown and the push of high River North rent, and is moving to Uptown after some 50 years.

Some galleries. Maybe even an outpost of the Old Town School, if that institution doesn't have enough problems learning that historic spaces matter to artists and audiences.

Restaurants will arrive by themselves.

Before long, all those new residents of the western edge of Lincoln Park, the ones that won't be working for Amazon, will be hopping in their self-driving, autonomous vehicles and programming them for Uptown. They won't want noise and crowds near their condos anyway.

And then maybe Cronin will get to bring his ship into this shore, and throw away his oars forever. It's a nice thought as Illinois celebrates its bicentenary.

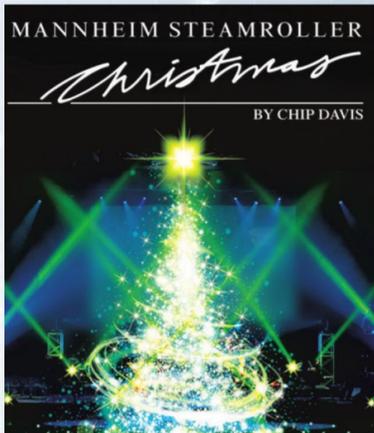
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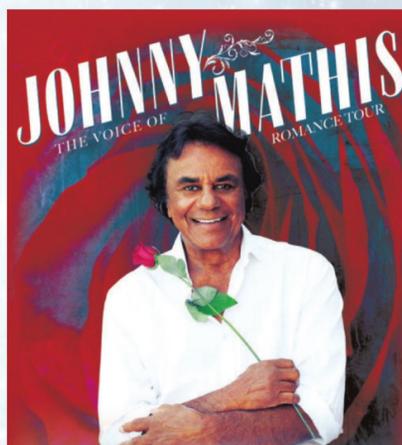
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Eighth Blackbird, among the open-minded, enterprising chamber groups.

Classical's power dimmed by 'background' label

BY JENNIFER GERSTEN | The Washington Post

If classical music really sounded as it's described in radio ads, its composers would have fallen asleep while writing it.

"You've found an oasis — a place where you can get away from all the craziness," intones WCLV, a station in Lorain, Ohio, in a recent promotion. "Take some time to relax."

"Calming and refreshing," KBAQ, a Phoenix station, declares.

"Rise above it all," Washington, D.C.'s WETA proclaims.

These stations regularly offer more raucous selections than these exhortations suggest, but they are advertising themselves as musical sanitariums. The San Francisco-based station KDFC even offers a daily "island of sanity," including slow pieces by Mozart, Debussy and Bach, in the interest of tempering rush-hour woes.

Across streaming services like YouTube and Spotify, countless videos and playlists suggest a quest for soporific supremacy. On YouTube, user HALIDONMUSIC's "8 HOURS Classical Music for Sleeping" is a favorite, with 3 million views. The pieces on this playlist — Debussy's "Clair de lune" and Ravel's "Pavane pour une infante defunte" among them — reward attention, but their presentation implies they have all the artistic heft of NyQuil. The album "The Most Relaxing Classical Music in the Universe" has inspired a legion of imitators to be found on Amazon, including "The Ultimate Most Relaxing Classical Music in the Universe"; the two are at least in agreement about the inclusion of Beethoven's "Für Elise."

Classical music, considered broadly, represents an irreducible font of sounds. The bristling harmonies of Claudio Monteverdi, cutting yowls of Leos Janacek and multi-dimensional textures of Maryanne Amacher stand as powerful rejoinders to anyone tempted to assume that all of this music is the same, or similarly placid. But popular discussions promote the notion that it was invented to address a yawn shortage. Works like Beethoven's "Moonlight" Sonata and Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons" are not played to be heard and felt, but rather as precursors to a nap.

This is a deeply unsatisfying way to describe one of our most storied art forms. Even music that is superficially calm and slow can contain depth, tension and difficult themes. The industry sells classical music as a mellow monolith when it is in fact capable of stirring any and all emotions, serving any and all ends — divine and hellish. The way we talk about culture, any culture, shapes

how we think about it, so we should not be so narrow in our choice of language.

A privilege of art is that our experiences will vary. We are at liberty to think that a work is soothing, or that it is boring, or titillating, or a blight upon the senses, and then to change our minds, and then to change our minds again. Insisting that classical music is a proxy for a day at the spa attempts to prescribe a proper reaction to this music before we have even begun to listen. Art yields its best results when we engage all our critical faculties, rather than confining our responses.

Every genre (save perhaps thrash metal) features works that many would consider relaxing. Monet's impressionist haystacks and the Home Shopping Network could be described the same way. Why is classical music in particular the poster child for this feeling? One reason might be advertisers' desperation about classical's inability to draw large crowds. The graying of the classical music audience is a perennial concern for arts organizations and radio stations: According to a 2015 National Endowment for the Arts report, a decade ago 45-to-64-year-olds had the highest rate of attendance at classical music performances; by 2012, it was the 65-to-74-year-old cohort. So marketers are understandably hunting for concepts that might get more people to pay attention, even if those concepts come at the music's expense. Selling classical music as a balm for anxiety thus might seem like a way to lower the bar of entry for music widely perceived as inaccessible.

But the "relaxing" pitch is loaded. Instead of casting classical music as multifarious, this language presents it as a form of self-care, serving the same function as hundred-dollar candles and thousand-dollar skin serums. The drive to simplify this music as "relaxing" then, is a cousin to the related practice of using classical music as a shorthand for class privilege. Our culture has long envisioned classical music as entertainment for the wealthy: People with



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The new music ensemble ICE performs in 2014 at The Hideout.

money don their Sunday best to doze through renditions of the same 10 symphonies by the same 10 composers who all look the same.

This stereotype persists even as the landscape of classical and new music offerings has become increasingly varied and open-minded, in part thanks to enterprising chamber groups like Eighth Blackbird or the International Contemporary Ensemble, which are helping to bring new voices in classical music to a broader public. The idea that classical music is always relaxing shares a problem with the idea that it is merely entertainment for the upper crust: It seeks to put classical music into a padlocked box, when a more enlightened view of the music would come from encouraging us to think about the music for ourselves.

I am a musician, and I am currently trying, with mixed results, to render a listenable account of J.S. Bach's second sonata for solo violin. One of the greatest composers of all time, Bach is nevertheless a consummate target of the anti-stress campaign. It's true, his "Air on the G String" is the musical equivalent of cucumber circles and a massage, and the third movement of the sonata I am playing, the Andante, happens to meet some expectations of how a relaxing work should sound. It is on the slower side and features a sweet melody, characteristics that might even seem divine on the occasions that I am deft enough to play it in tune. The fourth movement, however, comes from a vastly different sound world, zipping through a number of dynamic shifts and surprising colors. No easy characterization of

this work suffices, certainly not any offered by classical music's misguided promoters.

We should also be wary of the idea that classical music is more spiritually elevated than any other genre ("Rise above it all"), as if angels had smooched every score. Listening to Bach is better for you than listening to Ariana Grande, this thinking goes, because Bach's music is somehow more intellectual, stimulating and deserving of contemplation. This attitude ultimately fuels the drive to simplify classical music as "relaxing." But if the prevailing impression of classical is that it is hard to comprehend, then people are going to interact with it at a remove. Too much energy is wasted on futile attempts to convince people that classical music is uniquely worth our time, and not enough is spent on encouraging people to come to the music with few preconceptions and feel it on their own terms: as arousing, repulsive, lulling, everything in between.

Many people admire and appreciate classical music for its ability to provide a sense of peace, and that is nothing to snub. Yet we should think harder about how the language we choose shapes how people experience this art form — especially those encountering it for the first time. Music will forever be an object of worship for its ability to call forth and defy descriptive language; our fascination with it stems in part from how there is never enough to say. We would do well not to sleep on this truth.

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BEST OF THE ARTS | 2018

ROCK AND RAP RECORDINGS

Sarah Shook, Noname lead the way

BY GREG KOT
Chicago Tribune

Thousands of albums get released each year. I spent time with a few hundred of them in 2018, and here are my favorites:

1. Sarah Shook, "Years" (Bloodshot): Sometimes relationships linger long after they become toxic. Shook, a nuanced songwriter and a singer capable of injecting a telling line with a lived-in immediacy, tells the story from both sides, with a spitfire country-punk band.

2. Idles, "Joy as an Act of Resistance" (Partisan): One of the year's anthems, "Danny Nedelko," about the British band's friendship with a Ukrainian immigrant, typifies an album that turns the fight against oppression of all kinds – political, psychological, familial – into roaring, celebratory protest.

3. Noname, "25" (self-released): "Quit looking out the window, go find yourself." Noname sings on the follow-up to the acclaimed "Telefone." The Chicago poet-turned-MC is a woman in transition – establishing a new home, new life and new possibilities while the album was being made – and the soulful music reflects her widescreen perspective.

4. Superchunk, "What a Time to be Alive" (Merge): The veteran North Carolina quartet has never sounded more energized – and that's saying something – as it interrogates itself about music's purpose amid demoralizing grown-up realities.

5. Saba, "Care for Me" (Saba Pivot): The MC-producer developed one of the most distinctive sounds in independent music with his Pivot Gang. His latest album is a soul-dusted eulogy for his cousin, Pivot Gang co-founder John Walt. It's at once heartbreaking and hauntingly beautiful.

6. Our Girl, "Stranger Today" (Cannibal Hymns): The British coed trio showcases the conversational vocals and buzzing, swooping guitar-playing of Soph Nathan, who packs hooks and eerie atmospherics into walloping pop songs.

7. Parquet Courts, "Wide Awake!" (Parquet Courts): This smorgasbord of punk, funk and tender ballads is thrill-



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ingly diverse and catchy, and yet it's also the quartet's angriest and most open-hearted album.

8. Boygenius, "boygenius" (Matador): Brilliant songwriters Lucy Dacus, Julien Baker and Phoebe Bridgers join forces for a six-song EP that brings out the best in each of them, topped by the surging "Salt in the Wound" and the mountain-soul harmonizing of "Ketchum, ID."

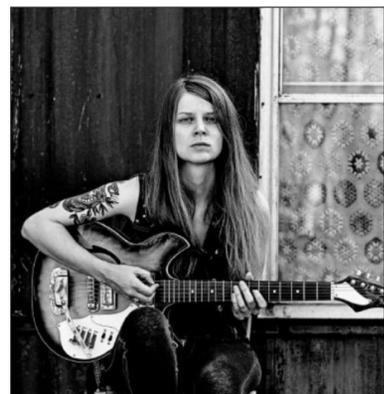
9. Motorcade, "Motorcade" (Idol): The Dallas band has a profound affinity for the new wave and post punk of the '80s, not as nostalgia but as a timeless vehicle for self-expression in 11 fat-free songs.

10. Eleanor Friedberger, "Rebound" (Frenchkiss): Sooner or later the world will figure out just what an astute, profoundly adult songwriting talent Friedberger has become. These haunting elec-



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Musician Mac McCaughan of Superchunk



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Sarah Shook

tro-pop tunes are her most moving yet.

The next 10: Fantastic Negrito, "Please Don't Be Dead" (Cooking Vinyl); Robyn, "Honey" (Konichiwa/Interscope); Courtney Barnett, "Tell Me How You Really Feel" (Mom + Pop); Valee, "Good Job, You Found Me" (G.O.O.D. Music); Janelle Monae, "Dirty Computer" (Wondaland/Bad Boy); Amanda Shires, "To the Sunset" (Silver Knife/Thirty Tigers); Ohmme, "Parts" (Joyful Noise); John Prine, "The Tree of Forgiveness" (Oh Boy); Lucy Dacus, "Historian" (Matador); Dessa, "Chime" (Doomtree).

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CLASSICAL RECORDINGS

Rachel Barton Pine, Yo-Yo Ma among best

BY HOWARD REICH
Chicago Tribune

For the top classical recordings of the year, I conversed with John von Rhein, who retired as the newspaper's classical music critic in July.

What follows are five picks from each of us, with our comments:

Rachel Barton Pine: "Blues Dialogues" (Cedille). The definition of classical music keeps expanding, thanks to new generations of musicians uninterested in the strictures of old. Chicago violinist Pine underscores the point with "Blues Dialogues," a revelatory recording bringing welcome exposure to music of black composers. Most of this repertoire may be unfamiliar to many listeners, with



Barton Pine

works by David Baker, Coleridge-Taylor Perkinson, William Grant Still and others who are rarely performed by a soloist of Pine's gifts and stature. In her hands, this music takes on new luminosity, her sensitive readings accompanied by pianist Matthew Hagle.

Debussy: "Complete Works" (Warner Classics). "The centennial of Claude Debussy's death brought 'complete' editions from both DG and Warner," says von Rhein, "but the latter box wins out by virtue of its greater comprehensiveness (on 33 CDs) and inclusion of all sorts of valuable esoterica, including unpublished works and previously unrecorded repertoire, along with the composer's piano rolls and transcriptions of works by other composers. The performances are generally excellent, the annotations lavish, the packaging elegant. Connoisseurs will spend many happy hours delving into this important anniversary trove."

Igor Levit: "Life" (Sony Classical). Even if you didn't know that this double album represents pianist Levit's response to – and contemplation of – the death of a close friend, it would be impossible not to be moved by the solemnity of his performances of large-scaled solo works by Busoni, Bach/Brahms, Schumann, Liszt and Rzewski. When taking on virtuosic passages, Levit conveys a degree of gravitas not often encountered in such fare. That he concludes with jazz pianist Bill Evans' "Peace Piece" tells you a great deal about the breadth of Levit's interests and the hopeful outcomes of this journey.

Byron Janis: "Live from Leningrad 1960" (available from byronjanis-live.com). "The great American pianist is heard in a recital he gave in 1960 at the



BRIAN JACKSON/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Miguel Zenon and the Spektral Quartet playing the world premiere of "Yo Soy La Tradicion" at the 10th Annual Hyde Park Jazz Festival.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Russian-German pianist Igor Levit performs in 2017 at the Symphony Center.

behest of President John F. Kennedy in Leningrad, now St. Petersburg," says von Rhein. "According to Janis, he was unaware a recording had been made until a vinyl disc transfer sent by an anonymous source turned up in the mailbox of his sound engineer. The pianist is in peak form (his Chopin 'Funeral March' Sonata is positively hair-raising), and the restoration captures the *frisson* of a live performance the Russian audience obviously savored."

Miguel Zenon featuring Spektral Quartet: "Yo Soy La Tradicion" (Miel Music). In 2016, alto saxophonist and MacArthur Fellowship winner Zenon partnered with Chicago's enterprising Spektral Quartet for the world premiere of his suite "Yo Soy La Tradicion" ("I Am Tradition"). Commissioned by the Hyde Park Jazz Festival, the piece wove the rhythms, cadences and song structures of

Zenon's native Puerto Rico into a sprawling work that intertwined classical, jazz, blues and folkloric vocabularies. By turns complex and accessible, historic and contemporary, "Yo Soy La Tradicion" represents a major contribution from composer Zenon, in an uncommonly sensitive collaboration with the Spektrals.

Beethoven: Symphony No. 9 (Brattle Media). "Benjamin Zander is not the first conductor on recording to offer a Ninth Symphony that adheres to Beethoven's controversially fast metronome markings," says von Rhein, "but he is the first to provide a spoken explanation of why he believes the composer's tempo and dynamic indications should be respected. His disquisition (lasting an hour and 40 minutes longer than the symphony) accompanies an exhilarating if sometimes hectic reading by the Philharmonia Orchestra, Chorus and soloists on this three-CD set. His

Ninth provides stimulation for the ear and mind, whether or not you buy each and every point Zander argues."

Yo-Yo Ma: "Six Evolutions: Bach Cello Suites" (Sony Classical). The singular cellist takes on a landmark of the solo repertory for his third and what he asserts in the liner notes "will be my last recording of the suites." That remains to be seen, but, regardless, the tonal depth, intellectual clarity and emotional directness of this version radiate from every track. Music scholar Nicolas Slonimsky called Bach the "supreme arbiter and lawgiver of music." In this recording we hear those laws articulated – passionately, by Ma.

Biber: "The Mystery Sonatas" (Linn). "The Bohemian-Austrian composer Heinrich Biber's cycle of violin sonatale intas inspired by the 15 'mysteries' – events in the life of Christ and the Virgin represented by the Catholic Rosary – is a masterpiece of Baroque instrumental music," says von Rhein. "Violinist Christina Day Martinson, concertmaster of Boston Baroque, brings deep feeling and stylistic flair to these meditative works, joined by a fine continuo team of colleagues, including ensemble director Martin Pearlman on harpsichord and organ."

Fareed Haque and Kaia String Quartet: "New Latin American Music for Guitar and String Quartet" (Delmark Records). Just as violinist Rachel Barton Pine acknowledges the indispensable contributions of African-American composers to classical music in "Blues Dialogue," guitarist Haque and the Kaia ensemble do so with Latin American creators. It's impossible to overstate the melodic beauty and rhythmic appeal of scores by Eduardo Angulo, Astor Piazzolla, Elbio Barilari and Leo Brouwer, each exploring a different facet of Latin American culture, and poetically so.

Lang: "Writing on Water" (Canteloupe Music). "The album gathers four compelling instrumental pieces by American composer David Lang, cofounder of the new music collective Bang on a Can," says von Rhein. "The title track (concept and libretto by film director Peter Greenaway) has the male vocal trio Synergy Vocals and the London Sinfonietta frisking through postminimalist 'water music' inspired by Shakespeare, Coleridge and Melville. The pulsing, burbling companion pieces – 'Forced March,' 'Increase' and 'Pierced' – add to the pleasures, as do razor-sharp readings by Alarm Will Sound and the other ensembles.

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JAZZ RECORDINGS

Sounds from Virelles, Harris and Owens

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The best jazz recordings of 2018:

David Virelles: "Igbo Alakorin (The Singer's Grove), Vol. I and II" (Pi Recordings). Pianist Virelles' Cuban heritage always has been vital to him, but here he investigates a specific facet of it: the music of his native Santiago de Cuba and the elder masters who embody it. After years of visiting Cuba from his home in the U.S. to absorb their lessons, Virelles convened several venerable musicians for this recording. The results are at once sumptuous in color, seductive in rhythmic sway and utterly persuasive in their evocations of historic musical forms. Many listeners will liken this to the "Buena Vista Social Club," but it has a golden tone and melodic urgency of its own. The last few tracks, titled Vol. II, pair Virelles' piano with percussionist Rafael Abalos' *guiro* in austere beautiful music of Antonio Maria Romeu.

Ulysses Owens, Jr.: "Songs of Freedom" (Somethin' Cool). Last spring, drummer Owens brought his ambitious "Songs of Freedom" suite to the University of Chicago's Logan Center for the Arts, the work emerging as a potent reflection on music of the 1960s – and its message of civil rights. The three vocalists in that concert – Theo Bleckmann, Alicia Olatuja and Joanna Majoko – have documented that work here, with the addition of singer Rene Marie. As in the concert, Owens' "Songs of Freedom" carries all too timely lessons for today, via classics such as Nina Simone's "Mississippi Goddam" (devastatingly delivered by Rene Marie), Max Roach and Oscar Brown Jr.'s "Driva Man" (another Rene Marie epic) and the traditional "Balm in Gilead" (brilliantly reinvented by Bleckmann).

Jose James: "Lean on Me" (Blue Note). The dearth of first-rate male jazz singers has been a problem for decades, which makes the ascent of James worth celebrating. Some might argue that this homage to Bill Withers doesn't fall strictly within many definitions of jazz, but that characterizes James' career to date: Like the great Gregory Porter, James is re-establishing long-damaged connections between jazz impulses and a populist expression of them. He does so seductively here by applying his signature, smoky vocals to Withers standards such as "Ain't No Sunshine"



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Theo Beckmann, from left, Alicia Olatuja and Joanna Majoko sing in drummer Ulysses Owens Jr.'s "Songs of Freedom."

and the title track. Like Porter, James stands poised to reach an audience well outside jazz precincts.

Arianna Neikrug: "Changes" (Concord Jazz). The vocal debut of the year belongs to Neikrug, who claims her place as a singer of considerable technical control, tonal imagination and intellectual acuity. Though Neikrug takes on mostly standards here, her way of reshaping familiar phrases and bringing subtle tints to particular words renders these pieces fresh again. Yet none of this sounds contrived or conceived to draw attention to the singer, instead placing the focus where it belongs: on the meaning of the song. Neikrug is aided significantly by the arrangements of Laurence Hobgood, whose pianism remains a wonder unto itself.

Stefon Harris: "Blackout" (Motema Music). Jazz listeners already know of Harris' virtuosity and fluidity as vibraphonist, but that's not really what "Blackout" is all about. For Harris emphasizes the ensemble, his innate optimism inspiring like-minded work from drummer Terreon Gully, violinist Regina Carter, guitarist Mike Moreno and others. The ebullience of the band's version of Oscar Brown Jr. and Bobby Timmons' "Dat Dere," the rhythmic puckishness they conjure in Harris' "Chasin' Kendall" and the sense of stillness

and peace they convey in Bobby Hutcherson and Gene McDaniels' "Now" point to the expressive range of an instantly compelling album.



Byron

Don Byron, Aruan Ortiz: "Random Dances and (A)Tonalities" (Intakt). Aside from some annoyingly repetitive pianism in its opening track, "Random Dances" shows clarinetist Byron and pianist Artiz successfully chipping away at barriers separating musical idioms. That always has been a Byron credo, and it's reiterated here via his searching take on Duke Ellington's "Black and Tan Fantasy," his serenely lyrical arrangement of a J.S. Bach violin partita and his own, bluesy, rhythmically slinky "Joe Btfsplk."



Ulery

Matt Ulery: "Sifting Stars" (Woolgathering Records). The mystical quality of Chicago bassist-composer Ulery's music never fails to cast its spell, regardless of the size or character of the ensemble in question. Here Ulery leads a

large group with strings, reeds and horns, plus the other worldly vocals of Grazyna Auguscik and the disarming intimations of singer Katie Ernst. The chords may seem elemental, but they're unconventional in progression and reflective of Ulery's compelling earlier work.

Kobie Watkins Grouptet: "Movement" (Origin Records). Former Chicago drummer Watkins shows his deepening maturity with this release, a collection of vividly stated, often hard-charging originals featuring his muscular Grouptet. There's unstoppable rhythmic energy here at all tempos and unmistakable cohesion among its five players. As for the compositions, the lyric poetry of Watkins' "Six Moods" is counterbalanced by the tuneful charm and vigor of "Catch This" and the ever-changing textures and syntax of the title track.

Joe Lovano & Dave Douglas' Sound Prints: "Scandal" (Greenleaf Music). What happens when two of the most inventive improvisers in jazz join forces? A series of brilliant dialogues between Lovano's saxophone and Douglas' trumpet ensues, the two finding remarkably unanimity of spirit and tone in original compositions by each (as well as each musician's arrangement of a Wayne Shorter classic). Their Sound Prints band features pianist Lawrence Fields, bassist Linda May Han Oh and drummer Joey Baron in a warm, bracing, intimately recorded session.

John Moulder: "Decade: Memoirs" (Origin Records). It's difficult to say which is most profound: Chicago guitarist Moulder's compositions, his ferocity as guitarist or his gifts as bandleader. All converge on this album, a major statement of vast expressive and stylistic reach, from the epic "Memoirs by the Sea" (Parts 1 and 2) and the incantations of "One Last Call" to the acoustic-guitar whisperings of "About Us" and the fragile lyricism of "Remembrance." Ample atmosphere, color and musical substance are provided by pianist Gwilym Simcock, reedist Tim Garlow, bassist Steve Rodby, drummer Paul Wertico and percussionist Ernie Adams.

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BEST OF THE ARTS | 2018

BOOKS

Books that captured the zeitgeist

By **CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI**
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You could have spent the past year reading incendiary insider accounts of the current White House, moving book to book with barely a pause for lunch or earning a living; a few — Michael Lewis' "The Fifth Risk," perhaps, an appreciation of civil servants who can see past their own noses — might even endure beyond the present political cycle.

Or you could have read anything by anyone about anything.

Reading while the world is burning down around you tends to give whatever's in your hands the contours of apocalypse. My two most satisfying moments while reading this year? "The Way Home in the Night," a children's picture book from Japanese illustrator Akiko Miyakoshi, and "Running With the Devil," the memoir of a former manager for Van Halen. Both were from 2017, one about the granular importance of individual lives, the other about entitled, powerful people who take offense whenever anyone tells them no.

Somehow both felt unusually meaningful in 2018.

The problem is, so many authors captured the urgency of the times you didn't have to read old heavy-metal memoirs to feel a part of the zeitgeist. On the other hand, there were not enough hours in the day to even crack this wellspring. Say you only read Chicago authors: You had Luis Alberto Urrea's touching family drama "House of Broken Angels"; Nick Drnaso's celebrated graphic novel "Sabrina," about the tenuousness of trust; Rebecca Makkai's "The Great Believers," an epic of the AIDS crisis in Chicago; and the doomsday ennui of Ling Ma's "Severance."

Say you think the following top-10 list is ridiculous and an equally valid list, in an alternative universe, must include Wesley Yang's essay collection "The Souls of Yellow Folk," Jill Lepore's "These Truths: A History of the United States," Susan Orlean's "The Library Book" and "The Witch Elm," the latest masterful crime novel by Tana French. Well, you would be right. But in this universe, here's what I especially adored this year.

NONFICTION

"Boom Town: The Fantastical Saga of Oklahoma City, Its Chaotic Founding, Its Apocalyptic Weather, Its Purloined Basketball Team, and the Dream of Becoming a World-Class Metropolis" by Sam Anderson (Crown, 448 pages, \$27)

I don't care much about Oklahoma City. Then again, before reading John McPhee's "Oranges" and Ian Frazier's "Great Plains," citrus and the Dakotas weren't especially front-of-mind either. Sam Anderson goes to Oklahoma City to write about basketball and expectations, then, ping-pong between centuries and subjects, electric with curiosity, comes away with a story of highways, weather forecasting, land rushes and James Harden. As Anderson insists, you really do start to believe this is the story of *everything*. (Bonus points for the most fitting epigraph in years: John Ashbery's reminder that "Some things are simultaneously too boring and too exciting to write about.")

"Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom" by David W. Blight (Simon & Schuster, 913 pages, \$37.50)

Some historical figures never break from their amber jails, regardless of how vital



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their legends may be. Historian David Blight returns the heartbeat to the story of a man too often known from plaques and speeches. With the snap of a great narrative and near-Biblical grandeur, Blight recounts the myth-making that Douglass assembled for himself while shredding the easier image of high school history classes: Douglass, Blight writes, presented the 19th century with something it had not anticipated, a "frightening black man with brains, who has penetrated the racist psyches of powerful people with words and his physical presence." The definitive biography you assumed was already written.

"This Land: America, Lost and Found" by Dan Barry (Black Dog & Leventhal, 400 pages, \$29.95)

Story to story, this collection of reportage from Dan Barry for The New York Times might appear to be what it is — old journalism. And yet, what is actually here, a decade of stories about crumbling traditions, breaks in trust and flickers of grace, is the most comprehensive single-book portrait of the United States (circa 2007-2016) in a long time. The accumulated power of these pieces — angry, corny, inspiring, mournful and insane — takes on the shape of a salute to durable, keenly observed newspaper writing.

"Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore" by Elizabeth Rush (Milkweed, 320 pages, \$26)

Not a data dump, policy paper, rhetorical screed or even journalistic explainer, but the book on climate change and sea levels

that was missing. Elizabeth Rush travels from vanishing shorelines in New England to hurting fishing communities to retracting islands and, with empathy and elegance, conveys what it means to lose a world in slow motion. Picture the working-class empathy of Studs Terkel paired with the heartbreak of a poet.

"Feel Free" by Zadie Smith (Penguin, 464 pages, \$28)

There is a wise argument out there that Zadie Smith, better known for some of the finest novels of this young century, is actually masquerading, that she's really been one of our finest essayists the whole time. This collection of autobiography, criticism and rangy impressions already feels like a quiet classic, a phone book of thoughts on everything from joy to childhood bathrooms to Brexit to movies — her essay on "Get Out" is undoubtedly the smartest thing written about that very written-about film. Her piece on Facebook — "500 million sentient people entrapped in the recent careless thoughts of a Harvard sophomore" — is worth the price alone.

But the rest is accessible without feeling tied to convention, that rarest and most necessary of works, the portrait of an artist dizzy with curiosity and insight.

FICTION

"Motherhood" by Sheila Heti (Henry Holt, 304 pages, \$27)

Sheila Heti, whose writing has the freedom and unpredictability we like to tell ourselves we possess, has delivered a novel

that's more like an essay — except when it's a novel. The subject is the decision, or not, to have children. Heti interrogates herself with the relentless anxiety we associate with repenting criminals and, well, tortured artists.

"I feel like a draft dodger from the army in which so many of my friends are serving," she writes of being childless, "just lolling about in the country they are making." At times lacerating and exhilarating, frustrating and funny, Heti is always, unswervingly, honest.

"The Largesse of the Sea Maiden" by Denis Johnson (Random House, 224 pages, \$27)

Generally, the last works of great authors don't burn with the generosity of spirit and meaningfulness shown in Denis Johnson's final collection, finished just before he died in 2017. The author of "Jesus' Son" and "Tree of Smoke" (and a bunch of others that couldn't have been written by anyone else) takes a final head-count of every ghost he never shook, of accomplishments and misunderstandings and failures, and rather than rage against the night, he finds warmth, friends and regret.

And that's just the first story.

"X-Men: Grand Design" by Ed Piskor (Marvel, 248 pages, \$59.98)

A hard sell for most of you. At best, you're sick of superheroes. And yet, Ed Piskor's remarkable two-volume distillation of the past 55 years of X-Men history — he boils down decades of soap opera, characters and conflict into a single, Robert Altman-esque narrative — is a study in storytelling, and how the most minor history between family can gain poignance.

Piskor's "Hip Hop Family Tree" graphic novels have been some of the smartest music-history writing in recent memory. Here, he roots his art work in cultural precedent — Roy Lichtenstein would have swooned — and his story in a love for the silly.

"The Overstory" by Richard Powers (Norton, 512 pages, \$27.95)

Now hear me out: A novel about trees, grand as its subject, told from the vantage of, among others, a man who *hears* nature, a war veteran, a biologist, a farmer — some characters likely, some less so.

With his 12th novel, Richard Powers, who grew up in Lincolnwood, goes from National Book Award-winning cult favorite to national treasure, that rare novelist whose vision is ambitious enough to encompass more than humanity.

"Heads of the Colored People" by Nafissa Thompson-Spires (37 INK/Atria, 224 pages, \$23)

Underrated debut of the year. With a brisk effortless glide and bit of satire, Nafissa Thompson-Spires, a writing professor at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, assembled a collection of stories that feels fresh and unnerving about violence done to black bodies and the problems of representation.

Her characters are black cosplayers, parents of the only children of color in a school, women with disability fetishes, and a black child whose authenticity hinges on a craving for brioche. (It's also pretty hilarious.)

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WATCH THIS: SUNDAY



J.K. Simmons

“Counterpart” (8:01 p.m., 10:01 p.m., 12:04 a.m., Starz): J.K. Simmons returns in his dual role as this head-spinning (but sadly underwatched) sci-fi series returns for its sophomore season. Season 1 saw low-level United Nations employee Howard Silk (Simmons) discovering a secret portal to an alternate reality. Ultimately, Howard and his alt-world doppelganger wound up trapped in each other’s worlds. As the story resumes, both Howards must adapt to their new realities, even as a cold war escalates between their worlds.

“Enemies: The President, Justice & the FBI” (6 p.m., 12 a.m., 3:45 a.m., Showtime): There’s a double meaning behind “You’re Fired,” the finale to this examination of historical tensions between American presidents and their FBI team. First, those two words were a catchphrase for Donald Trump as host on TV’s “The Apprentice.” More currently, the phrase references Trump’s firing of James Comey.

“Dancing With the Stars: Juniors” (7 p.m., ABC): The remaining celebrity kid couples advance to the finals in “The Finale: Holiday Special.” Before that, though, judges Mandy Moore, Val Chmerkovskiy and Adam Rippon, along with hosts Jordan Fischer and Frankie Muniz, join all 12 Juniors kid couples and their mentors for a big group dance. The first round of tonight’s competition starts as the finalist couples reprise a favorite dance from earlier in the season. Then, Round 2 challenges them to cut loose in a freestyle performance to a holiday-themed song.

“The Flash” (7 p.m., CW): “Elseworlds, Part 1” kicks off a new three-night crossover event that opens when Barry Allen and Oliver Queen (Grant Gustin, guest star Stephen Amell) awaken to realize something has caused them to switch bodies with each other. They’re desperate to understand what upset the timeline to cause this shift, but when the members of Team Flash don’t believe their story, the two heroes realize they need the help of Supergirl (Melissa Benoist).

“Q 85: A Musical Celebration for Quincy Jones” (7 p.m., BET): Taped earlier this fall at the Microsoft Theatre LA Live, this two-hour special celebrates the life and legacy of musician and producer Quincy Jones, who marked his 85th birthday last spring. Joining the honoree for the occasion are his daughter, actress-producer Rashida Jones, as well as Brian Knight, John Legend, Jennifer Hudson, Tony Award winner Cynthia Erivo, Meghan Trainor and Danny Glover, among others.

“Welcome to Christmas” (7 p.m., Hallmark): Christmas, Colo., is a town of picture-postcard beauty, but it’s struggling financially. That’s why Sheriff Gage McBride (Eric Mabius) and his neighbors resolve to put their best foot forward when real estate developer Madison Lane (Jennifer Finnigan) comes to town to evaluate its resort potential. At first, she’s skeptical, but she’s soon won over by this charm offensive — so much so that she starts to fret that a development like hers might spoil what makes Christmas special in this new yuletide romance.

“Time for Me to Come Home for Christmas” (8 p.m., HMM): Based in part on a song by Blake Shelton, this 2018 yuletide romance stars Megan Park (“Once Upon a Prince”) as Cara Hill, an Oklahoma businesswoman who finds herself stranded in Chicago by bad weather while trying to fly back from a New York business trip. Country music star Heath Sawyer (Josh Henderson, “Dallas”) is similarly stymied from getting home for Christmas with his recently widowed mother.

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SUNDAY EVENING, DEC. 9

MOVIES

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	God Friended Me: “Coney Island Cyclone.” (N) ©		NCIS: Los Angeles: “Heist.” (N) ©		Madam Secretary: “Winter Garden.” (N) ©		News (N) ♦
	NBC 5	♦ Football Night (N)	(7:20) NFL Football: Los Angeles Rams at Chicago Bears. (N) (Live) Ⓜ					
	ABC 7	Dancing With the Stars: Juniors (Season Finale) (N) ©		Shark Tank (N) ©		(9:01) Shark Tank ©		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	In the Heat of the Night	In the Heat of the Night	In the Heat of the Night	Heat/Night ♦
	PBS 11	♦ (6:30) Encore Programming		Encore Programming				Encore Programming ♦
	The U 26.1	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Engagement	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	MeTV 26.3	Columbo: “Columbo Cries Wolf.” ©				Touched by an Angel ©		Ngt. Gallery
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
	Bounce 26.5	♦ (6) Kingdom Come ♦♦		The Five Heartbeats (R,’91)		♦♦ Robert Townsend, Michael Wright. ♦		
FOX 32	The Simpsons (N)	Bob’s Burgers (N)	Family Guy (N) ©	Rel: “Hate & Hip Hop.” (N)	Fox 32 News at Nine Sunday		Fox Chicago Final Word	
Ion 38	♦ A Cinderella Christmas		A Snow White Christmas (NR,’18)		Michelle Randolph.		Christmas ♦	
TeleM 44	♦ (6) Selena (PG,’97) ♦♦♦		Jennifer Lopez. ©		Don Francisco te invita		Noticiero	
CW 50	The Flash (N) ©		Charmed: “Jingle Hell.” (N)		Big Bang	Big Bang	Mod Fam	
UniMas 60	♦ Absolution	The Mexican (R,’01) ♦♦	Brad Pitt, Julia Roberts.				♦Ay Güey! ♦	
WJYS 62	Ever Increasing Faith		Truth of God		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
Univ 66	(5:00) Noticias 66 FDS (N) (Live)				Crónicas: Historias (N)		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	♦ (6) Triple 9 (R,’16) ♦♦ Casey Affleck.		Con Air (R,’97) ♦♦		Nicolas Cage, John Cusack. © ♦		
	AMC	♦ Santa Claus: The Polar Express (G,’04) ♦♦♦		Voices of Tom Hanks.		Miracle (PG,’04) ♦♦♦ ♦		
	ANIM	Crikey! It’s the Irvins (N)		Amanda-Res. (N)		The Zoo ©		The Zoo ♦
	BBCA	Doctor Who (N) ©		(8:10) Deep Impact (PG-13,’98) ♦♦		Robert Duvall, Tea Leoni. © ♦		
	BET	Q 85: A Musical Celebration for Quincy Jones (N)				Martin ©	Martin ©	Martin ©
	BIGTEN	Big Ten	Ten’s Best	BTN Football in 60 ©		The BIG	Big Ten	The BIG
	BRAVO	Housewives-Atlanta (N)		Housewives/OC (N)		Dirty John (N) ©		Watch ♦
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		News ♦
	CNBC	Shark Tank ©				Deal or No Deal ©		The Profit ♦
	CNN	CNN Heroes (N) (Live) ©				CNN Heroes © ♦		
	COM	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama
	DISC	Alaska (N)		Last Frontier (N)		The Last Alaskans (N) ©		Alaskan (N)
	DISN	♦ Good Luck	Bizaardvark	Coop	Coop	Star Wars	Raven	Raven
	E!	The Kardashians		The Kardashians (N)		Busy (N)	LadyGang	Kardas ♦
	ESPN	♦ SportCtr (N) Bowl Mania (N) (Live)						SportCtr (N)
	ESPN2	Boxing: Vasily Lomachenko vs. Jose Pedraza.				Glory 62 (Tape) ♦		
	FNC	Scandalous (N)		The Next Revolution (N)		Life, Liberty & Levin (N)		Scandal ♦
	FOOD	Guy’s Grocery Games		Gingerbread (N)		Holiday Baking		Cookie ♦
	FREE	♦ Santa Clause 3		Dr. Seuss’ How the Grinch Stole Christmas (PG,’00) ♦♦♦				
	FX	Trolls (PG,’16) ♦♦♦		Voices of Anna Kendrick. ©		Trolls (PG,’16) ♦♦♦ © ♦		
	HALL	Welcome to Christmas (NR,’18)		Eric Mabius. ©		Christmas Getaway (NR,’17) © ♦		
	HGTV	Hawaii (N)	Hawaii (N)	Bahamas (N) Bahamas (N)		Island (N)	Island (N)	Beach (N)
	HIST	American Pickers: Bonus Buys: “What’s in the Garage?” (N) © ♦						
	HLN	CNN Special Report ©		Beyond Reasonable		How It Really Happened		Sp. Report ♦
	IFC	The Day After Tomorrow (PG-13,’04) ♦♦		Dennis Quaid. ©		Day-Tomorrow ♦		
	LIFE	A Christmas in Tennessee (NR,’18)		Rachel Boston.		(9:03) Christmas Lost and Found ♦		
	MSNBC	Kasie DC (N) ©		Headliners ©		Breaking Hate ©		Date. Ext. ♦
	MTV	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.		Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.
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A sailing adventure in the British Virgin Islands

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The Indians is a favorite snorkeling and diving spot in the British Virgin Islands, an ideal area to explore aboard a chartered boat, complete with captain and crew.

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY HILLARY RICHARD
Chicago Tribune

TORTOLA, British Virgin Islands — It was like something out of an action movie. Silently and with a sense of urgency I didn't yet understand, I jumped off a dinghy and swam through cold waves up to the beach, squeezed through narrow openings between granite boulders, waded across shallow pools, ducked into caves and gingerly descended a series of makeshift ladders, many of the driftwood steps lost to the surrounding sea a long time ago.

There, as the early morning sun streamed through openings in the cave, I listened to the rarest sound on the island of Virgin Gorda: silence. My two friends and I, along with our captain-turned-tour-guide, had achieved the impossible. We had "the Baths" all to ourselves.

The Baths are the geological wonder of the British Virgin Islands. Towering granite boulders join together to form a cave-like network, allowing sunbeams to illuminate the crystal-clear swimming pools below in an ethereal, time-suspending way.

The serenity didn't last long, as strangers' voices off in the distance started to echo through the chambers.

"We have to go — now," urged Martin Street, our captain. "They're coming."

Centuries ago, the British Virgin Islands were a pirate haven. British and Spanish ships full of supplies and treasures followed the trade winds that blew over from Europe. The islands' sheltered bays served as hiding spots, making them ideal for ambushing unsuspecting ships and squirreling away treasure.

These days, simply looking at a map of the area sparks memories of childhood games, rhymes and folklore. All of the legendary



A typical "light lunch" on board: peach and roasted chickpea salad.

anti-heroes came through these islands — many named after pirates who died here. Blackbeard, Capt. Norman and Capt. Kidd regularly attacked cargo ships traveling through Sir Francis Drake Channel in the 18th century. Blackbeard famously abandoned 15 of his men on a small island near Deadman's Bay, stranding each with only a bottle of rum for sustenance.

It wasn't pirates Capt. Street was afraid to confront along the Baths, but rather another wave of invading outsiders: tour groups. As these tourists advanced, we made our way back to the deck of the catamaran my friends and I had rented from the yacht charter company The Moorings.

From our vessel anchored off the beach, I watched giant tour groups spill onto the sand, killing time while they waited patiently to squeeze in one by one as other tours simultaneously tried to exit. I sat at the boat's outdoor dining table, drinking coffee and drying off as the smell of cara-

melized French toast wafted from the kitchen. It was one of many moments over a long weekend when I felt especially lucky to be exploring the Caribbean from my secluded perch.

We sailed around the BVI, setting our own schedule, eating and drinking well, and getting away from the crowds. We'd discovered one of the Caribbean's best-kept secrets: You can charter an all-inclusive, five-star, privately crewed boat for roughly the same cost per person as a midrange cruise (where additional tours, special dining fees and drink packages can easily add up).

Since The Moorings' sailing itineraries are customizable, prices vary. Trips can be tailored based on budget. (You can play with dates and options on www.moorings.com, or call a vacation planner at 800-416-0820.) The average cost for a six-person crewed yacht in the British Virgin Islands last summer was \$2,300 a person, including all meals,

drinks and activities, but excluding tips. In December, a similar trip for four people (plus two crew) starts at \$2,900 a person.

Besides the obvious draw of luxury and relaxation, the real advantage to chartering a high-end catamaran was the access it allowed to the BVI's hidden gems. All of the elements necessary for unforgettable vacation memories seemed to be built right in — adventure, pleasant surprises, lack of crowds, good food and drinks, fun, flexibility — with minimal effort, thanks to our knowledgeable crew. (We visited before the islands took a beating last fall from hurricanes Irma and Maria, but tourism officials estimate 70 percent of the territory's accommodations are back in business, and well-known properties like Rosewood Little Dix Bay, Bitter End and Biras Creek are on track to re-open in 2019.)

While the screen saver-worthy scenery and beautiful weather are enough of a draw, the islands offered a chance to get in touch with our adventurous sides, which felt like an appropriate nod to the islands' pirate past.

While moored at the restaurant and bar Pirates Bight, I took a dinghy to Norman Island, said to be the inspiration for Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island." A short hike in sandals brought me to the top of a hill, with 360-degree views of azure waters and isolated reefs.

Back near the catamaran, my friend and I jumped off the boat with snorkel masks in hand, on a mission to find out what treasures those reefs held. We were the only two people in a sea full of creatures. We spent the afternoon floating aimlessly, surrounded by angelfish, rainbow parrotfish, damselfish and tangs.

Later that night, after an impressive dinner by our chef, Katie Garrison, we opted for a different type of adventure and boarded the infamous Willy T, a schooner-

turned-bar in the middle of the bay. This local dive bar at sea is notorious for egging on its patrons' drunken antics, a favorite being diving off the top deck — with or without clothes.

Every day was a surprise of sorts, since the captain could go along with our whims and allow us to live in the moment. If I asked what kind of sea creatures were in the water, the answer was inevitably: "Jump in and find out!" When I wanted to explore an island, I was dropped off on one end and picked up on the other. Each day could be packed full of activities or be a study in relaxation — or a mix of both.

One morning, after breakfast in Soldier Bay, we sailed out to moor near a small archipelago of towering pinnacles called the Indians, where I dove into a world full of colorful, inquisitive fish that swarmed around me. I spent the afternoon at Deadman's Bay, a stretch of perfect white sand on Peter Island, relaxing with a book on shore.

My last adventure was getting to the airport, typically my least favorite part of any trip. At Marina Cay (basically the nautical equivalent of an airport parking lot), sculptures, bonfire pits and artwork popped up through the sand and into the surf. After arriving at a dock on a luggage-packed dinghy, I walked along the beach past the remnants of the recent Full Moon Party, a raucous beach bash celebrating this periodic lunar event.

Luggage in tow, I strolled the short distance toward the terminal, making sure to take it all in one last time — the barefooted beach bums at the bar, the island dogs, the yachts and sailboats — before arriving at the departures area with salt on my skin, sand on my feet and memories of a great few days spent at sea.

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Hotel built in old pit mine opens in China

Associated Press

SHANGHAI — A new luxury hotel in Shanghai offers guests with deep pockets the chance of a very deep sleep.

The 18-story Intercontinental Shanghai Wonderland Hotel has been built into the side of a huge hole in the ground left by a former pit mine. Sixteen of its floors are below ground level, looking out onto the rest of the former quarry. Two floors are underwater.

"I designed many different types of buildings in U.K., in Europe, in Dubai, and so on, but this one was totally different and be-

came almost life work, so that's why I'm saying it's probably the most important building that I have designed," said chief architect Martin Jochman, who is known for the sail-shaped Burj Al-Arab skyscraper in Dubai.

The project began in 2006 and construction got underway in 2013. The team faced delays and a host of technical challenges, including meeting strict earthquake regulations and maintaining water levels.

UNESCO representative Michael Croft described the 336-room hotel as a model for sustainable development.

"It's a model that has been inspired by a vision of a better future, and a present that looks to its past for answers," he said at a recent news conference.

The hotel, which is in Songjiang near Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport, opened in mid-November. Rooms are priced from 3,666 to 6,000 yuan (\$530 to \$860).

"We could have abandoned this quarry," said Xu Shitan, vice chairman of Hong Kong property developer Shimao Group, which developed the hotel. "But we didn't. We turned it into a treasure."



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The Intercontinental Shanghai Wonderland Hotel in Shanghai has been built into a hole in the ground left by a former pit mine.

Joyeux Noel: How France celebrates Christmas



RICK STEVES
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As it is in so many places, Christmas in France is all about family, friends and food. While it's generally a low-key affair marked by gatherings of relatives and treats for children, it also has the culinary high point of the year: Le Reveillon de Noel (Christmas Eve dinner).

The season officially starts Dec. 6 with a visit from St. Nicholas — who arrives with a donkey carrying treat-filled baskets, a tradition still re-enacted in some villages. Over the centuries, the French merged St. Nicholas with Father Christmas to get Pere Noel. On Dec. 25, Pere Noel travels in the company of Pere Fouettard, a wicked butcher who once tried to pickle some children. Nicholas rescued them, and now Pere Fouettard is doomed to follow around his better-behaved compatriot, helping deliver presents to French children.

French shoppers typically favor small specialty stores for gifts. In Paris, there are whole shops dedicated to foie gras, a traditional Christmas gift. Chocolate shops and patisseries get even more enticing this season. The streets are dotted with stalls selling all sorts of scrumptious food, including pain d'epice, a spiced honey bread.

A week before Christmas, French families display santons — figurines that represent typical villagers, such as the doctor, the baker and the mayor — with their Nativity scenes. A few days before Dec. 25, Christmas trees are decorated with ornaments, candles, lights and tinsel. On Christmas morning, parents often add little toys, candies and fruits to surprise and delight their children.

On Christmas Eve, it's time for Le Reveillon de Noel feast. Reveillon literally means "awakening." In a symbolic sense, the Reveillon is a kind of spiritual bugler's reveille — awakening people to the meaning of Jesus' birth.

Like most French dinners, the Reveillon lasts several hours — including appetizers, main



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Window-shopping in France takes a festive turn during the holidays. The Christmas season starts Dec. 6.

course, cheese plate and dessert — all paired with wine. Each region of France serves special dishes for this feast: raw oysters in Paris, foie gras in Alsace, buckwheat cakes and sour cream in Brittany. The main course is usually roast goose or turkey.

The Reveillon dinner builds to the dessert, a cake called Buche de Noel (Yule Log Cake) that recalls some of France's earliest Yuletide traditions. Back in the 12th century, the Buche de Noel was an actual, very large, freshly cut tree, laid on the hearth. The family poured wine, oil and salt over the log while singing Christmas songs and offering prayers. Then the log was set ablaze, using a splinter saved from the previous year's Yule log. By the 19th century, as cast-iron stoves replaced large kitchen fireplaces, the Yule log was downsized to a small log decorated with candles and greenery.

Today, the Buche de Noel is a cake, often made of a rolled sponge cake, filled with a silky chocolate or chestnut buttercream, and covered in chocolate-buttercream "bark," with cocoa-dusted meringue "mushrooms" and almond-paste "holly leaves," all showered with confectioners' sugar to resemble snow.

Hours after the Reveillon begins, dozy uncles retire to armchairs while mothers round up eager and exhausted children for the last of the Christmas Eve rituals. In many homes, pajama-clad kids gather around the Christmas tree to sing a song or recite a poem for the family.

Just before bed, children all over France put their slippers by the fireplace or underneath the tree in hopes that Pere Noel will fill them with small gifts. In Burgundy, the children tuck an orange and a star-shaped cookie in their slippers to thank Pere Noel

in advance for his generosity. Just before bed, children look out their windows for the "shepherd star" and place small candles on the windowsill to light the night while the sleeping world awaits the Nativity.

On Jan. 6, France celebrates Epiphany — the day the Three Kings delivered their gifts to Baby Jesus — by eating Galette des Rois (French King Cake). In the north of France, galettes are round puff-pastry cakes, usually filled with almond frangipane. In Brittany, galettes resemble shortcake, and in the south of France, galettes are brioche decorated with candied fruit and flavored with brandy or orange-flower water.

Inside each galette there is one lucky charm, usually a tiny porcelain figurine, ranging from Harry Potter to miniature Mona Lisa paintings. They're called feves, after the fava beans that

were the original trinkets. Along with the feve, every galette is topped by a colorful paper crown. Traditionally, the galette is cut while the youngest child at the table designates who will get each piece, so there's no cheating. Everyone takes careful bites of the pastry until someone finds the feve. The winner gets the crown as well as the trinket, and becomes king or queen for the day.

After a month of celebrations, the French Christmas season hibernates for another year. Regardless of whether you make it to France this year, enjoy your friends, food and family this holiday season.

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TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Owner cancels vacation rental after booking error

By **CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT** | King Features

Earlier this year, my wife and I booked a vacation rental through TripAdvisor. A few weeks later, we paid a \$1,254 deposit on a unit in a condo development on Marco Island, Fla. The total price for three weeks came to \$4,284.

In August, more than six months before our stay, we received an email from TripAdvisor saying that the owner had canceled our booking. “Cancellations simply shouldn’t happen,” the company added. “To make it up to you, you will receive a full refund, and we’ll help you find a new rental fast.”

The owner told us he had double-booked the unit because of an “error” with the calendar. I emailed TripAdvisor expressing my disappointment over the cancellation. It had been four months since our booking. All the units that we would have liked were gone.

TripsAdvisor sent us two listings. One is in Naples and is not acceptable. The other is too far from the water and likewise is not acceptable to us. I feel that TripAdvisor should vet its properties to ensure that owners know how to manage rentals of their condo units. There is no excuse for waiting four months before canceling our reservation. I would like to be compensated fairly by TripAdvisor.

— *Marvin Herman, Delavan, Wis.*

A: I’m sorry about your vacation rental. You booked that unit in Marco Island more than a year before you arrived, only to have the rug pulled out from under you a few months later.

I think TripAdvisor could have done more to help you. But did it have to? Actually, no. TripAdvisor’s vacation-rental site, FlipKey, doesn’t address an owner cancellation on its website. Here’s what it has to say about a booking that has been canceled: “Need to find another holiday rental? Contact our Reservations team who can help you find an alternative place to stay.” I guess that means the owner — and TripAdvisor — is off the hook.

What does FlipKey mean by “help you find an

alternative place to stay”? Will it just assist you with finding a different vacation rental? Will it find a comparable place at the same price? How hard will it try? What if the rate is higher — will it offer you a credit?

“Homeowner-initiated cancellations on our sites are extremely rare,” a TripAdvisor spokeswoman told me. “And we take them very seriously.”

In your case, the homeowner “failed to resolve an issue syncing his calendar availability on the site, and ultimately canceled your booking,” according to the spokeswoman. I list the executive contacts for TripAdvisor on my consumer-advocacy site: www.elliott.org/company-contacts/tripadvisor/. You could have appealed your case to one of them. I asked

TripsAdvisor to take another look at your case.

“We want every traveler to have excellent experiences with us, and we were very concerned to hear of Marvin’s situation,” a TripAdvisor spokeswoman told me. “The travelers received a full refund for their booking, our customer care team worked with Marvin to review alternative accommodation options, and we offered an additional monetary gesture of goodwill.”

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CELEBRITY TRAVELER
JOSH DUHAMEL

N. Dakota woods a haven for father, son

By **JAE-HA KIM**
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Josh Duhamel won’t deny that big cities can be glamorous and fun to explore. But when he isn’t working, his haven is his cabin just outside of Fargo, N.D.

“It is probably my favorite place to relax, clear my mind and get my hands dirty,” says the actor, who was born and raised in Minot, N.D. “It’s also a place where I can bring my boy and give him a taste of what my childhood was like. It’s like I can see myself in him when he’s running around the woods.”

Best known for his work in films such as “Love, Simon” and the “Transformers” series, Duhamel will next be seen in “The Buddy Games,” which he also directed and co-wrote.

An edited version of our conversation follows.

Q. You’ve been doing a lot of work with North Dakota tourism. What are a few things you would tell people that you love about your home state?

A: I’m proud of my home state and feel it is one of the best secrets in the country! Anybody going for the first time should drive across the state. If you’re coming from the west, go through Medora, for sure. Theodore Roosevelt National Park is absolutely beautiful. The Badlands are amazing. The North Unit of the Park is also awesome — this is near Watford City and Williston. I would love to bike the Maah Daah Hey Trail someday. It’s over 100 miles of scenic adventure.



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“(North Dakota) is not always winter. In fact, the summers here are some of the most beautiful in the country.”

(North Dakota) is not always winter. In fact, the summers here are some of the most beautiful in the country. I love summer here. There are plenty of activities both inside and out to keep people active, everything from great museums and film festivals to snowmobiling and ice-fishing.

Q. How have your vacations changed since traveling with your son?

A: I wouldn’t say my vacations have changed too much. I want him to see the world and I’m lucky to have the opportunity to travel with him. We’ve been all over the world and it’s only going to get more fun as he gets older and can truly appreciate everything that’s out there. We’ve traveled to a lot of places, but sometimes some of our best memories have involved a simple day spent playing on one of the lakes or driving the back roads (of North Dakota). We always find a fun adventure when we’re home in Minot, and he loves seeing his cousins. I really treasure our vacations together.

Q. Where have you traveled to that most reminded you of home?

A: Going through my family history this last spring, I went to London and traveled around the English countryside, and it reminded me very much of home — the open roads, the plains that went on forever and the beautiful sunsets.

Q. What untapped destination should people know about?

A: While a lot of people may think of North Dakota for its outdoor activities, which are awesome, there are also many North Dakota cities with fun downtowns. I love all the unique restaurants, live music venues and craft breweries popping up all over the state. Each community has its own personality. I love when my schedule allows for a trip to Fargo in the fall months. There’s nothing better than being a part of the football culture that makes a North Dakota State University football game so unique.

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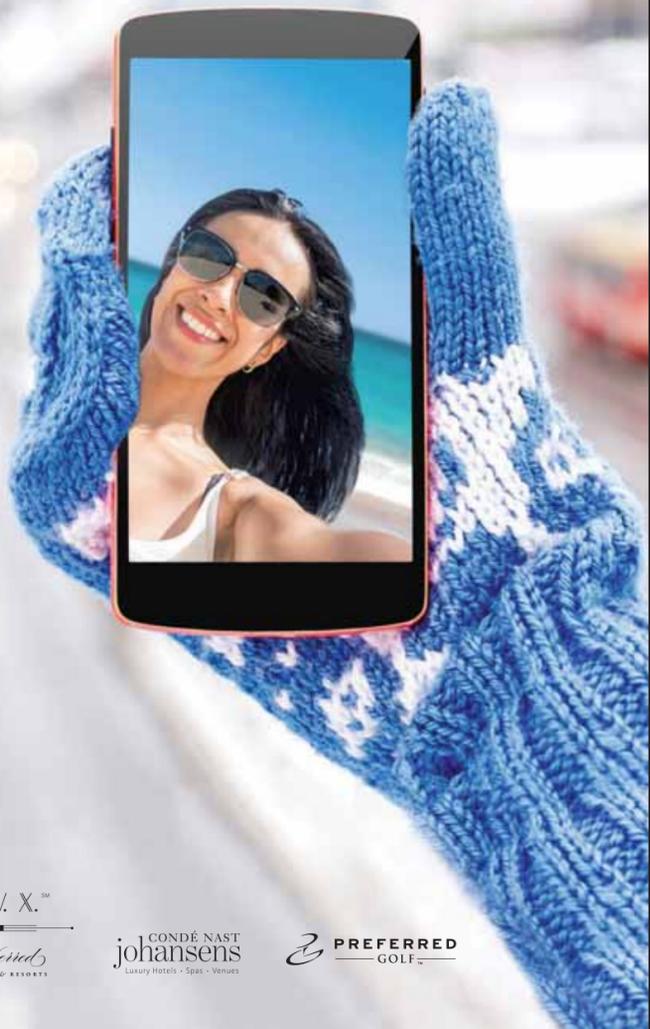


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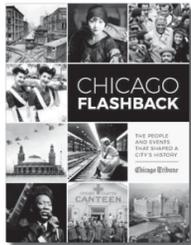
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Tim McCarthy, who can deliver a hearty ho-ho-ho, has played Santa at the Swissotel for five years running. Swissotel is one of many in Chicago offering holiday events and deals.

Swing by Santa's pad

Hotels get into the spirit with holiday theater packages, concerts, skating rinks

BY LORI RACKL
Chicago Tribune

Santa Claus has come to town, and he's staying at the Swissotel. A man of refined tastes and apparently deep pockets in those red velvet pants, St. Nick is spending much of December in the hotel's 2,000-square-foot Presidential Suite on the 41st floor, with 270-degree views overlooking the river and Navy Pier.

For a small fee, the public can drop by the Swissotel's Santa Suite for a visit with the jolly old gift-giver in his elaborately decorated digs.

It's one of many ways Chicago hotels are getting their holiday groove on this season, offering everything from special afternoon teas to caroling performances and theater packages. Properties are rolling out a range of festive winter perks, too, like a skating rink high above Michigan Avenue, rooftop igloos for rent and an alfresco curling venue.

The 661-room Swissotel (323 E. Upper Wacker Drive, 312-565-0565) started transforming its Presidential Suite into Santa's crib in mid-November. In keeping with the "Christmas Around the World" theme, the space showcases a dozen trees decked out in styles representing different countries, including Greece, Mexico, the Philippines, Kenya, Peru and Switzerland, natch.

A tradition for the past five years, the recently renovated Santa Suite has a new layout and look this season. This also marks the first time the hotel is charging admission for a visit to the suite. Tickets are available at <https://santasuite.eventbrite.com> and cost \$40 for a family of four or \$15 per person, with a portion of the proceeds being donated to SOS Children's Villages Illinois.

The suite has stations for kids to make crafts, get their face painted and write letters to Santa before depositing their North Pole-bound missives into a big red mailbox. Holiday cookies and hot chocolate will be served, while parents can treat themselves to bubbles, beer and wine at the cash bar.

Visitors get a keepsake ornament and can take a self-guided — or elf-guided — tour of the suite, where the dining room table is stocked with plates full of international treats, Santa costumes hang in the closet and a photo of



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Tickets cost \$40 for a family of four or \$15 per person to visit Santa in his 41st-floor suite at the Swissotel.



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Tiny sombreros decorate the Mexico tree in the Swissotel's Santa Suite.

Mrs. Claus sits on the nightstand. A wall of colorful ornaments doubles as the photogenic backdrop for Santa's throne.

The Santa Suite is open weekends, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, through Dec. 23. The hotel staff expects a typical visit to last about 40 minutes.

You can give St. Nick the boot and spend the night in the Santa Suite yourself, but your stocking had better be stuffed with disposable income: The Santa's Pad Package starts at \$2,500. It's available Monday through Wednesday.

Other overnight packages that include access to the suite start at \$209, or \$349 for one of six guest rooms gussied up with holiday bling.

People also can book the Santa Suite for a 90-minute private function for up to 12 guests with Champagne, hors d'oeuvres and a hot chocolate bar for \$750. Tack on an extra \$200 for a private visit from Santa — he's a busy guy this time of year.

Here's a look at how a few other Chicago hotels are celebrating the season:

The Peninsula

108 E. Superior St., 312-337-2888

This luxe property boasts the city's only hotel skating rink, a 2,100-square-foot stage on which to glide and spin high above Michigan Avenue. Now in its seventh season, the Peninsula Sky Rink is open through early

March. Call in advance to make sure it's available; the rink may be rented for private groups and, increasingly, marriage proposals. The suggested donation — \$20 for adults, \$10 for children under 13 — goes to two local charities and covers the cost of skate rental. The hotel's Holly Jolly Chicago Package, starting at \$1,200 for a holiday-decorated junior suite, includes skating and a round of drinks at the Sky Rink, a chauffeured ride to Christkindlmarket, breakfast for two and more.

The Langham

330 N. Wabash Ave., 312-923-9988

For the second year in a row, singers from the Chicago Children's Choir perform carols and holiday classics in the hotel's lobby several Saturdays in December. The last show is 5-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15. The concert is free and open to the public. Also on the scene: a lavish hot chocolate cart and Santa. And through Jan. 6, the high-end hotel's famed afternoon tea service takes it up a notch with holiday-specific cookies and treats.

The Gwen

521 N. Rush St., 312-645-1500

The fifth-floor outdoor area of this boutique hotel is home to both a curling rink and cozy cabin tricked out with flannel furnishings and faux furs. The wood-paneled cabin, which seats 10, serves small bites (think poutine, crispy chicken skins) and cocktails (mulled wine, Irish coffee), and can be reserved on

OpenTable or by phone. Walk-ins are welcome if the cabin isn't booked. Curling costs \$25 a person and includes one beverage and 30 minutes of playing time.

Hotel Zachary

3630 N. Clark St., 773-302-2300

Nibble finger sandwiches, cookies and scones while being entertained by a guest storyteller during Teddy Bear Tea service, held in a part of the hotel decorated with nostalgic toys and other whimsical touches. Tea takes place Saturday and Sunday through Dec. 16 and every day Dec. 22-30. Reservations at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. can be booked on OpenTable and cost \$20 for kids (ages 2-12) and \$40 for adults.

The Godfrey

127 W. Huron St., 312-649-2000

Five heated, transparent igloos are available to rent for groups of two to 10 people on the outdoor portico of the hotel's rooftop restaurant and bar, I/O Godfrey. One of the see-and-be-seen domes can be yours, seven days a week, for forking over a minimum of \$275 for bottle service. To achieve maximum snow-globe effect, the hotel has a snow machine at the ready if Mother Nature isn't cooperating.

Kimpton Hotel Allegro

171 W. Randolph St., 312-236-0123

The Holiday Theater Package includes overnight accommodations, a pair of tickets to Look-Inglass Theatre's "The Steadfast Tin Soldier" and a 25-minute carriage ride for up to four people. Available Friday to Sunday night through Jan. 6, starting at \$299.

JW Marriott

151 W. Adams St., 312-660-8200

Pair a performance of Joffrey Ballet's "The Nutcracker," running through Dec. 30 at the Auditorium Theatre, with a tea service inspired by the production. The \$45 Nutcracker Afternoon Tea at JW Marriott features plenty of snacks to make your taste buds dance, like black plum and five spice duck steam buns, as well as sweet-as-a-sugarplum-fairy figgy pudding macarons. A hotel package includes an overnight stay, two tickets to the performance, a Nutcracker swag bag and breakfast, starting at \$419.

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THE GWEN

The Gwen's fifth floor has an outdoor curling rink. The cost is \$25 per person for 30 minutes, including one beverage.



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A transparent dome at the Godfrey can be yours by ordering bottle service, which starts at \$275.



THE PENINSULA CHICAGO

The Peninsula's 2,100-square-foot skating rink is back for a seventh season. It's open through early March.

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Pasteis de nata are the only food item offered at the Manteigaria cafe in the Time Out Market at the Mercado da Ribeira near the Lisbon waterfront.

EGG TART HUNT IN PORTUGAL

A weeklong adventure in search of the best custard tart in a puff pastry

BY DEBRA BRUNO
The Washington Post

Portuguese egg tarts, or pasteis de nata, have been an obsession of mine since I first discovered them in Macau.

When my husband and I lived in Beijing from 2011 to 2014, we were quickly severed from the American world of sweet desserts. Instead we found ourselves living in the land of red-bean filling. Bite into a dessert, see the dark center and think, mmmm, chocolate. But nope — without fail, the filling was actually bean puree.

Then we visited Macau. The Portuguese colonized Macau in 1557, and although China now runs this region near Hong Kong on the southern edge of China, the place retains its Portuguese character.

It was love at first taste for the pastel de nata — a custard tart in a puff pastry, small enough to hold in the palm of your hand but satisfying enough to serve as a breakfast treat, afternoon snack or dessert. Not too sweet, but sweet enough, pasteis de nata (the plural form) feature egg-yolk custard filling with a lightly broiled top. When it's fresh, you take a bite, and you have A Moment.

More recently, my husband and I decided to visit Portugal, home of pasteis de nata. I'm not saying we went to Portugal expressly to eat them, but I wouldn't deny it either. I also wouldn't deny that to make it more interesting, I announced that we were on a one-week quest to find the best.

Day 1

Jet-lagged, grungy and edgy after an overnight flight into Lisbon, we dumped our bags at our hotel and headed straight to the Tagus River waterfront. There, in the Time Out Market, inside the refurbished Mercado da Ribeira, we found a branch of Manteigaria, considered by many to be the best source of pasteis de nata in Lisbon. The little shop certainly had nothing else to offer in its glass case, just row after row of the doll-size pies with a gently browned top. I took a bite. I closed my eyes, and the warm custard filled my mouth with

hints of lemon and cinnamon. The flaky puff pastry crunched just enough. There it was again: A Moment.

Day 2

We headed to Belem, about 6 miles west of downtown Lisbon. We skipped for the moment the famous Jeronimos Monastery — the navigator Vasco da Gama rests inside, but he wasn't going anywhere. Instead we headed straight to the cafe that claims it is the home of the egg tart. At Casa Pasteis de Belem, the products seem to be identical to pasteis de nata. The casual restaurant turns out 20,000 egg tarts a day. Two long lines for takeout stretched down the block. But following a tip from our Uber driver, we slipped inside, where a much shorter queue waited for a place at one of the cafe's 400 seats. Yes, the cafe is a tourist hot spot, but it's been a tourist hot spot since 1837, so it must be doing something right.

Before very long, we were seated and ordering one — no, make it two; no, make it three — egg tarts, along with a strong cup of cafe com leite (coffee with milk). The menu described a sugar-cane refinery and small store originally on this spot. When Portugal closed down its convents and monasteries after an early 19th-century revolution, a worker from the monastery came up with the pastry as a means of survival, following "an ancient secret recipe from the monastery." That secret recipe, cooked up in a "secret room" inside the cafe, is still used today.

Within minutes, we had our prize — three plump egg tarts. The crust was a degree crunchier. The custard filling was warmer and more souffle-like, so they were most likely whisked from the oven minutes before. They were good. But were they the best? I wasn't ready to declare a winner.

Day 3

We hopped on a train to Evora, about 85 miles from Lisbon in the Alentejo region, which is known for its hearty cuisine. In this charming medieval city, we were presented with a new dilemma.



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A specialty in Portugal, the pastel de nata is a custard tart. The puff pastry is small but versatile and can be served as an afternoon snack, a breakfast treat or a dessert.

Yes, there was pastel de nata, but there was also a new specialty, the queijada de Evora. We stopped at Cafe Arcada, a no-frills place right on Praca de Giraldo square in the center of the city. We needed to try the Evora specialty. It was a tart exactly the size of pasteis de nata, and the same golden color. But the queijada de Evora was filled with dense cheese custard, more like an Italian ricotta cheesecake than a souffle. It was really good, but I wasn't ready to drop my pastel de nata allegiance.

Day 4

I faced a new dilemma: My husband, Bob, the consummate sweet tooth, withdrew as a judge. In other words, he refused to eat another pastel de nata. He had reached his limit.

There we were in Sintra, about 20 miles west of Lisbon. I needed to think fast. "Oh, look," I said to him. "These pastries are a specialty of Sintra!"

Outside of Fabrica das Verdadeiras Queijadas da Sapa, I pointed to the sign that said the shop had been making queijadas since 1756. We plopped our euros on the counter.

These queijadas were made with a very thin, firm crust, and the filling was lighter and sweeter than the queijadas in Evora. They were good, but not life-changing, although that judgment could have been clouded by our exhaustion from fighting Sintra's enormous crowds that day, coupled with unseasonable heat and — I'll admit it — a certain tart fatigue.

Day 5

In search of breakfast, we stumbled across a little cafe in the Lisbon neighborhood of Graca selling something we ate often in China and loved: jidan guanbing. These treats are freshly cooked crepes filled with egg, a spicy sauce, meats and greens. Here was our chance to wax nostalgic about China and take a savory break from the pastel de nata immersion.

Day 6

We visited the beach town of Cascais, about 20 miles from Lisbon. It was a brutally hot day, and we strolled along the town's pretty beach. Walking through town, we glanced across the

street and saw a shop named The World Needs Nata. But does it? We were momentarily tempted but trudged on. The tart fatigue was real.

Day 7

As we prepared to leave Lisbon, we realized we had time for breakfast in the airport. Suddenly, the prospect of leaving Portugal made us regret those tart-abstinent days. Just before the security check, we saw redemption: Confeitaria Nacional por Baltazaar Castanheiro, considered the oldest and most traditional confectionery of Lisbon. "Since 1829," the sign said. We bought our last couple of pasteis de nata. The tops were a little over-broiled and the flaky crust a little too flaky. Even so, a mediocre pastel de nata is better than none.

The winner? The pastel de nata of Day 1, made by Manteigaria. Sticklers will argue that our research was capricious and inaccurate. They might be right. But now that we're home from Lisbon, I regret every single day without pastry in Portugal. I'm going to try to make those little beauties myself.

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Too attached to your phone?

**Apple's new Screen Time app
is giving us a big reality check**



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Heidi Stevens reflects
on people who inspired
her this year

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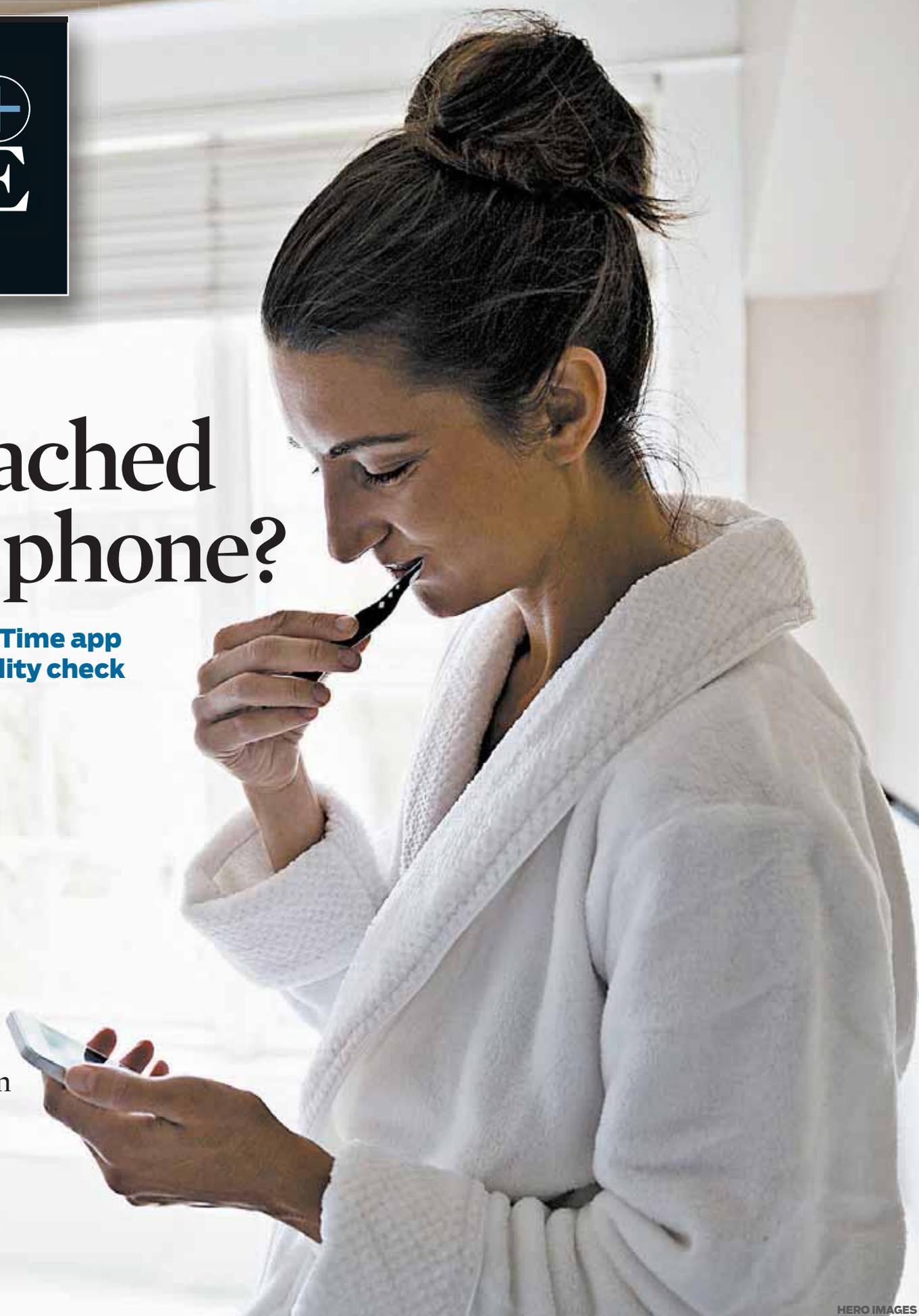
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Depressed couple at an impasse

Dear Amy: A month ago, my wife of five years told me she was going through a depression and was questioning our relationship. To be fair, I was as well.

We haven't made love in six months. I tell her all the time how beautiful she is. I try to initiate sex, and I get nothing. She finds ways to make me feel bad when I fall asleep early on the weekend and accuses me of drinking too much beer.

I went back to the gym, but that did little to improve our relationship. It only made me feel like a loser. I offered to make changes (which I did), but things were maybe worse than before.

We decided that separation was best to really figure things out. She again said we needed to get our spark back. I am having a hard time, as I miss her and my son. I see him often, but it's not the same.

I confided in an old acquaintance, and she and I ended up having sex. I'm overcome with guilt, as I never so much as flirted when my wife and I were together. My wife told me she loves me and is in love with me but is unhappy with herself. If I tell her about my sexual encounter, our relationship will end. I don't want that. I don't want the guilt I have.

I want my family and would give up sex altogether to have her back. I was emotionally fragile and lonely when it happened. It was awful. I'm dying to get advice. I swear I'm not a monster; I'm just hurting. We are still separated and I'm desperate for advice.

— *Guilty Husband*

Dear Guilty: You and your wife both claim to be depressed. You are also dissociated, detached (pick your adjective) and spinning out. Your wife does not want to be intimate with you, and although you claim to have made major efforts to please her, they haven't worked.

The root for both of you seems to be in the way you connect or communicate. Mainly, you don't. You each need counseling, and you also need couples counseling. You, for instance, don't seem to have been able to handle having an intimate conversation with an acquaintance without acting out sexually. You should see this sexual encounter as a wake-up call to seek out the help of a professional.

I agree that you should not tell your wife about this until you have a better

handle on who you are, what you want and where you fit into your family system. A good counselor will provide you with tools and coaching.

Dear Amy: I am a grandma with a large and ever-growing family. I have six children with spouses, 12 grandchildren with extras and two great-grandchildren.

None of us are poor, but numbers are increasing, so we all gather for Christmas at a home where we can spread out.

Last Christmas we decided to exchange gifts of not more than \$10 and for each of us to contribute only one gift. We stockpiled the gifts and then picked a number for order of choice, and then the fun began. We could choose another one's choice or keep our own. This went all the way down to the youngest.

We all still laugh about how much fun it was and decided to do it again this year.

— *Gift Problem Solved!*

Dear Problem Solved! This seems to be a version of "Yankee Swap," and I absolutely love it.

In my family, during the bulging years of more kids and spouses, we drew names at the table after Thanksgiving dinner (you drew as many names as were in your own immediate family). Now we exchange mainly homemade gifts and donate to charities in one another's names.

Dear Amy: The letter from "Upset Ex," the woman with a manipulative ex-husband who kept going after her for money, is someone who needs encouragement to seek therapy and support.

Even kindhearted people with good boundaries struggle with manipulation that involves a suicide threat. She was married to this man for a long time.

I think your suggestion of a social worker for him is great, but she is likely to need help with the emotional pain of having an ex who struggles in the way he does. My heart goes out to her.

— *Debra*

Dear Debra: I agree that she might need professional help, too.

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balancing act

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Conversations that inspired me in 2018

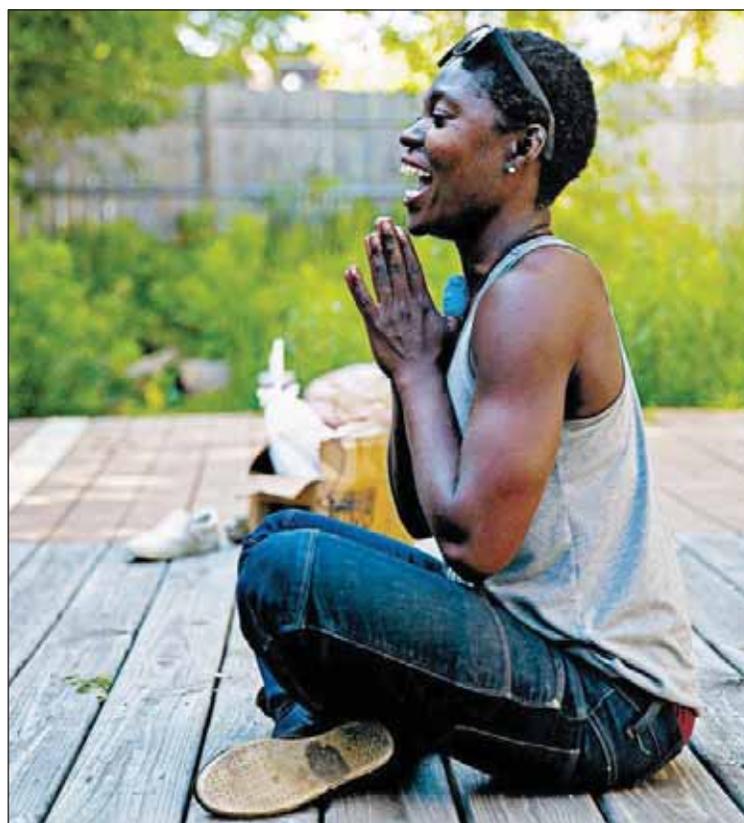
A perk of this gig is the chance to talk with people about the topics they hold dear — hopes they're chasing, loved ones they've lost, change they're creating.

Here's a look back at conversations that inspired me to look at life through a lens trained on empathy, hope and justice this year. Truth be told, I could list a whole lot more people. (And you'll notice a few of these include more than one person. I'm sneaky like that.)

Sheila Quirke: Quirke's daughter, Donna, died in 2009 at age 4 from a brain tumor. In April, she headed to Washington, D.C., with her son, Jay, to advocate for pediatric cancer funding. "Talking about Donna is how her dad and I get to parent her now," Quirke told me. "We can't take care of her in the traditional ways that a mother or father would care for their child, but I think telling her story has value because when you care about a child with cancer, you want to do something."

Tamar Manasseh: Manasseh founded Mothers/Men Against Senseless Killings, a group that sits watch on the corner of 75th Street and Stewart Avenue in Englewood. I interviewed her for Mother's Day, when she threw an epic party on the block and handed out 80 free bouquets, courtesy of Flowers for Dreams, to women whose children were killed by guns. "What if people who are completely uncared for are suddenly cared for?" she said. "How does that change you? How do you pay that forward?"

Bake Sale for Justice kids: Once a month, a dozen or so kids set up a table outside Women & Children First bookstore and fill it with baked goods, socially conscious signs and a jar for donations, which they give to a different organization each month. "We don't want to just sit back and watch other people make a difference," Meredith White, 11, told me. "We want to make a



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Indigo Monae leads a yoga class for children June 27 at the organic garden and outdoor yoga studio Yoga Gardens in Lawndale.

difference too."

Phil Andrew: Andrew was held hostage by school shooter Laurie Dann in 1988. He went on to serve as an FBI agent, the executive director for the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence and director of violence prevention for the Archdiocese of Chicago. "We're better than this," he told me. "We're a better country than this. We're better communities than this. We're smarter than this, and we have not made this a priority."

The Triibe co-founders: Northwestern University graduates Tiffany Walden and Morgan Elise Johnson didn't see the whole story of Chicago's black community in traditional Chicago media, so they tapped their pal David Elutilo and launched The Triibe, a digital media platform

that blends journalism and documentary. "We can go from writing a piece about music to writing a piece about art to writing about gun violence in the city," Walden said.

Colin O'Connor: I went to 5-year-old Colin's house to see his collection of Major League Baseball pocket schedules (he wrote to every team asking for one) and left with a full heart ... and three schedules he gave me for my own baseball-loving son — a display of kindness from a kid who's learning that the world is full of it.

Library of Congress honorees: Out of 47,000 entries, Akosua Haynes and Rylee Paige Johnson earned top honors from the Library of Congress for the letters they wrote to authors who'd had an impact on them. Haynes, 10, wrote to "Hidden



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Jay Quirke Hornik and Sheila Quirke



Tamar Manasseh



Phil Andrew



Zachary Wood



Deb Conroy

Figures" author Margot Lee Shetterly. Johnson, 13, wrote to "Elsewhere" author Gabrielle Zevin, whose book helped Johnson heal from her mom's death. "Thank you for the lessons I couldn't live without," she wrote to Zevin, "and the book I won't forget."

Zachary Wood: The recent Williams College grad wants us to engage in dialogues with folks who aren't just like us, and his book, "Uncensored: My Life and Uncomfortable Conversations at the Intersection of Black and White America," is a moving, compelling road map. "I wasn't satisfied hearing one side of things," he writes, "even if it was the side I agreed with."

Indigo Monae: This yoga instructor/beautiful soul turned an abandoned lot in Lawndale

into an organic garden and free outdoor yoga studio for neighborhood families. "I am them," Monae said of her Yoga Gardens pupils. "I want them to see themselves in me. Some of them have never left their neighborhood. Some of them want to travel to India now. That's what I want to give to them. An awakening."

Deb Conroy: Conroy, a state representative for the 46th District, donated a kidney to her ex-husband, the father of their four sons. "There wasn't even any decision to make," she said. "I knew it wasn't just saving one life; it was saving five. My boys would never be the same without their dad."

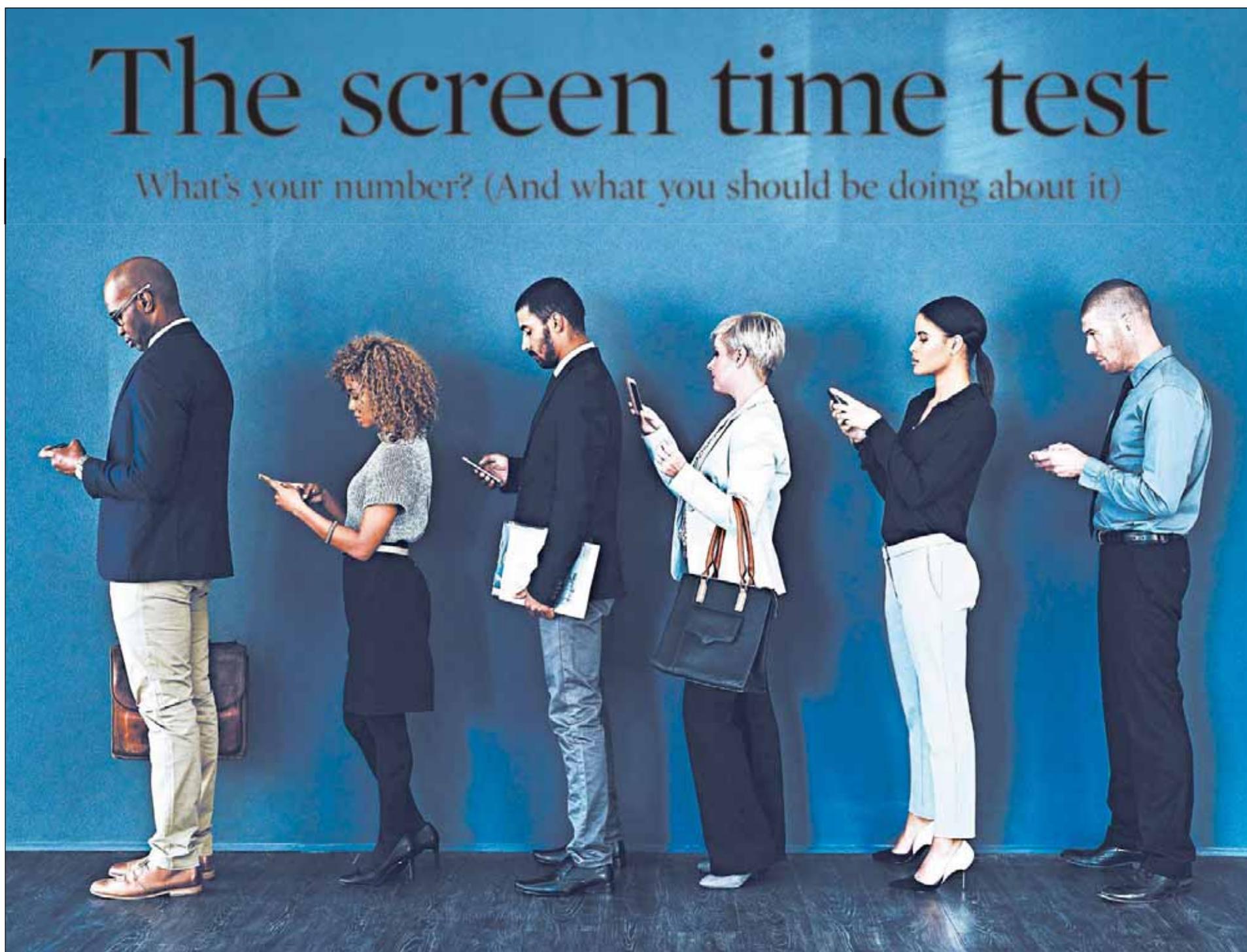
Marion Kozich: I visited the 96-year-old veteran in hospice on Veterans Day, where she told me about joining the U.S. Army Air Forces at age 23. "I just wanted to go and see what it was all about," she said. "I didn't even ask my husband. I just figured, 'Let me try it and see what's out there.'"

Konyae White: I met White, 14, at Hearts to Art, a performing arts camp in Chicago for kids who've lost a parent, and his courage and candor will stay with me forever. "When I lost my dad, it was like part of me left for a long time," he told me. "When I came here, that part of me returned."

Sally Field: When the legendary actress stopped in Chicago on her "In Pieces" book tour, I got to interview her onstage at The Music Box Theatre. So many moments were transformative, but my favorite part was the story about her problematic boyfriend Burt Reynolds snarling at her, "Your ambition is getting the best of you," and her replying, "My ambition is the best of me."

For the full list, go to chicagotribune.com/stevens.

Join the Heidi Stevens Balancing Act Facebook group, where she hosts live chats every Wednesday at noon.



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Ever since Apple rolled out the iOS 12 operating system a few months ago, the new Screen Time app has been tracking time spent with iPhones — specifically, whenever the screen is on. The app lurks quietly in the background, taking note of those scrolls through Instagram that

soothe your train commute. Your late-night Twitter habit and the text fight you had with your sister? Add those to the damning total.

At week's end, voila, the tiny computer does what computers do: It spits out data about your phone use for the week, and sends a message. "Your screen time was up 11% last week." And then ... the number: Six

hours per day? Or 45 minutes? Virtue, or digital degeneracy?

You lean into the delicate glow of the screen, mouth gaping slightly. Did you see that right? An average of six hours per day? That's more than a 40-hour workweek.

Want to find out your girlfriend's number? Your boss's number? You bet you do.

Though screen-time

trackers have been around for a while (in the form of apps like Moment) and though Google also has a tracker, Digital Wellness, it's Apple that has moved the needle, just by including Screen Time as part of its iOS 12, which rolled out in the fall, and sending those little notifications. While we were worrying about screen time for kids (and you can use these

apps to track your child's use too), guess what? We were all staring at the phone much more than we thought we were.

For many people, the numbers have been a little bit of a shock.

"I'm on it all the time," says Larry Rosen, whose number hovers in the four-to-five-hour range. "I'm staggered by how much I use it."

Rosen understands his phone use much better than most of the rest of us because he's a well-known research psychologist and expert on the "psychology of technology."

He has been studying smartphone-use trackers for the last three years with apps that examine the habits of college students. His research subjects track their usage and send him

weekly reports or screen shots of the report on their phones. Then, when the study is finished, he asks them whether their usage was more or less than expected. “The answer,” he says, “is always more. And then we ask, ‘Did you do anything about it?’ and the answer is always ‘Nope.’ They know they shouldn’t do it, but they don’t want to change it.”

Why? “Because they can’t see anything that they are doing with the phones that they’d want to give up or reduce.”

Rosen gets it — he’s a news junkie, constantly checking headlines on his phone. And if you were startled by your Screen Time notification, you probably went looking to see which apps you spent time on. (There’s a handy list in the app; tap to expand the graph at the top.) People scrutinize the time-sucking apps mostly in the name of self-justification, since one of the first questions that popped up when the notifications started arriving was “Is it counting my podcast/music/navigation app time?” The answer is a qualified yes — the ticker is running whenever the screen is on, so if you have an app that keeps the screen locked on (like the recipes app I used to cook Thanksgiving dinner), that counts, even if you left the kitchen, had Thanksgiving dinner and then returned to find your phone still showing those recipes. Hours of driving with Waze running will also up your total.

But the grand total hours spent, Rosen says, might not really be the big problem. Among his research subjects, he has seen total phone use creep higher year by year. But the stat that shot up in the last study was check-ins, or how often the subjects picked up the phone or touched it to check something. In the first year, subjects checked their phones an average of 56

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times per day, and had screen time of around 220 minutes. By year three, subjects logged screen time of around 277 minutes, but checked their phones an average of 77 times per day. (Screen Time will also show you your check-in number, or pickups.) “It’s not necessarily the increase in the amount of time, it’s the rapid increase in the number of times they check in. That’s what they’re doing — they’re checking in, but it’s for about three minutes, and then they are off for only about 10 minutes at the most. And the interesting thing is we know why.”

Research has shown that “what’s driving it is anxiety, and it’s a particular kind of anxiety some people call nomophobia but we call technological dependency.” Nomophobia is also known as fear of missing out. Rosen explains it like this: “As soon as you check in, chemicals start to build in your brain,” including the stress hormone, cortisol. “When those get to a sufficient level to create external distress, that’s the key that forces you to go, ‘Oh, I better check in.’”

The intense personalization of smartphones is an issue as well, since it cues into another brain function that makes check-ins feel mandatory. Our brains prioritize some stimuli more than others — when someone calls your name, for instance, your brain overrides other stimuli to alert you. Social media introduce the idea that, at any moment, someone could be talking

to you, or about you. Someone you know may have just said something and later might ask you, “Did you see my tweet?” Better check in.

“You are,” Rosen says, “compelled to do it.”

Knowing this, and getting those weekly Screen Time reports, may have caused you some distress. There are solutions to curb your screen time, Rosen says. Screen Time includes features that allow you to choose time limits on the use of certain apps, though you can also choose to override them. Other apps, such as Onward, are considered more hardcore — you can lock yourself out of nonessential apps once a time limit is reached, and you will be unable to access them until the next day. Rosen suggests a few more basic fixes:

First, turn off all notifications, except essentials like calls or messages from your family.

Bury your social media apps inside folders on the last page of the home screen, so that it takes several clicks to retrieve them.

Don’t save your password in social media apps or apps you spend too much time on, and close the app each time you leave it, so that you have to log in each time — again, this puts up an incremental roadblock.

Keep your phone on gray screen, all the time. Since color is an arousal tool, seeing shades of gray on the screen make it less alluring to your brain.

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Forcing kids to apologize may not be best strategy

BY ALISON BOWEN
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When Craig Smith’s son was about 5 years old, another boy bit him on the playground. His son was upset, he remembered. The other boy never apologized, and instead, father and son watched as the other child’s parents bought the boy ice cream.

“Even at that age he (understood), ‘This kid just bit me, and he’s getting an ice cream cone,’” said Smith, a research investigator at the Center for Human Growth and Development at the University of Michigan. Incidents such as this sparked his interest in finding out whether parents should force children to apologize, and if kids can tell when those apologies are coerced.

In his latest research, released Nov. 19 in the Merrill-Palmer Quarterly, Smith and his co-authors found kids were aware when apologizers were coerced and didn’t like that — for them or the recipient.

Parents often urge children to immediately apologize, he said. And although that is not out of bad intentions, it can be counterproductive. Other children see a lack of authenticity, and a child forced to apologize is learning to feign remorse.

“One of the reasons I think we do it, with apologies, is because it’s a really accepted script that we use; it’s really almost an expected script,” he said. “We want to prepare them to be successful socially, and part of what that entails is being able to make amends.”

The study included 90 kids. Researchers questioned the children after having them watch several types of apologies — including unprompted, prompted but willing, and coerced — after transgressions like taking a toy away or shoving a child. In each



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Forcing a child to apologize after a transgression might be counterproductive, according to recent research.

case, a teacher was present. In the unprompted apology, the teacher was present but silent, and the child apologized. In the prompted but willing, a teacher prompted an apology and the child apologized. In the coerced apology, the child told the teacher he did not want to say sorry but the teacher insisted, and then he issued an apology.

They separated the children into two groups — ages 4 to 6, and 7 to 9. Both groups of children thought the spontaneous apology and the prompted-but-willing apology conveyed remorse and soothed feelings.

The researchers wanted to explore whether children are sensitive to the fact that some apologies do not convey true remorse. Even young children, Smith noted, understand that an apology is a way of showing that someone feels bad about something. “They understand that if a victim gets an apology, they’re typically going to feel better than a victim who did not get an apology.”

But instead of coercing an apology after your child throws sand at another child on the playground, for example, it might be better to wait until a child is calm and able to understand why he or she should

apologize. Wait until the child can acknowledge why it was wrong and help him or her come up with words to offer an apology.

Smith noted that there are many ways to model remorse instead of offering a script for an apology the child doesn’t mean — giving a toy back, helping fix something the child broke.

“Part of what we want our kids to be able to do is repair situations where we’ve caused some kind of harm or upset,” he said.

As children get older, Smith said, they are able to better understand nuance. The younger group viewed a coerced apology as leading to an emotional boost for the victim, but the older children viewed it as having no positive effect on the victim’s emotions. The research indicates that as children get older, they are more pessimistic about forced apologies.

Smith said the research points to the importance of helping children understand how and why to apologize, especially at a younger age when transgressions often occur.

“It’s really common in that age group (4-6) as kids are trying to figure out how to get what they need and get what they want,” he said.

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A week of things to do with the kids

BY WEB BEHRENS | Chicago Tribune

Monday

HENSON HOLIDAY SPECIAL: 'EMMET OTTER' AND 'FRAGGLE ROCK'

Two Jim Henson classic TV specials, with nary a famous Muppet to be seen, finally hit the big screen in this special event. 1977's tender "Emmet Otter's Jug-Band Christmas" follows the travails of some poor woodland folk, specifically Emmet Otter and his mom, hoping to win a talent show for the monetary prize to help them celebrate Christmas. (The musical's best-known song is "When the River Meets the Sea," re-recorded by John Denver and the Muppets.) Meanwhile, the 1984 "Bells of Fraggle Rock" tackles the sensitive topic of feeling blue during the holidays, when Gobo doesn't share his clan's excitement over The Festival of the Bells, a Fraggle solstice tradition. Enjoy these special shows (with a combined running time of approximately 90 minutes) at 4 or 7 p.m. Monday, or 1 or 4 p.m. Sunday, at various area cinemas. tinyurl.com/yd3y88z8

Tuesday

'TICKLED PINK' HOLIDAY FLOWER SHOW

Garfield Park Conservatory's annual poinsettia display takes a pink turn this year. Instead of the traditional deep red mixing with the evergreens, 600 pink blooms (and pink lights too) take the spotlight. Daily through Jan. 6 at the Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Ave. Free. tinyurl.com/ybd2vjc2

Wednesday

'THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG'

The members of Cornley University Drama Society are having a devil of a time performing their murder mystery — and that's great news for the audience! This hilarious metatheatrical farce, suitable for ages 8 and up, originated (and still runs) in London, but has launched a Broadway incarnation and multiple tours. Catch it at 2 or 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, or one of five more performances before it wraps up Sunday, at the Oriental Theatre, 24 W. Randolph St. \$25-\$98; enter the digital lottery for \$25 tickets. tinyurl.com/ybxf8v3

CAROLING AT CLOUD GATE

Sing out, everyone! The city's most iconic sculpture (sorry, Picasso) — the enormous reflective Cloud Gate sculpture, aka The Bean — is the site for this festive mix of concert and sing-along. Typically



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The CTA's Holiday Train (one of our 15 top recommendations for the holidays) is a beloved perk of December. Not to be outdone by its rapid-transit sibling, the bus fleet joins the holiday action too. This 60-foot-long accordion bus dresses like Ralphie the Reindeer, complete with glowing nose and antlers; inside, you'll find Santa holding court in the back. It's scheduled to hit the Archer route early afternoon Dec. 16 (the CTA recommends using its bus tracker to be sure), with four more routes scheduled for holiday takeover through Dec. 23. tinyurl.com/jdhe68o

Fridays only, this week you can attend twice: 6 p.m. Wednesday for The King's Singers, Apollo Chorus of Chicago and The Chicago High School for the Arts; or 6 p.m. Friday for the Chicago Gay Men's Chorus. Along Michigan Avenue between Washington and Madison streets. Free. tinyurl.com/y77ubkq2

MUSIC BOX'S ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS DOUBLE FEATURE

Although the Music Box's double feature of two classic Christmas movies became a local tradition more than three decades ago, those oldies aren't for everyone. Maybe this delightful pairing of kid-friendly films will satisfy your inner Santa? The modern-day classic comedy "Elf," starring Will Ferrell as a human raised in the North Pole, and "The Muppet Christmas Carol," starring Michael Caine as Scrooge and Kermit as Cratchit, screen Wednesday and Thursday. The Music Box, 3733 N. Southport Ave. \$11 for either or both films. tinyurl.com/y9xyr8vf

'CIRQUE DREAMS HOLIDAZE'

It's a melting-pot spectacle in holiday garb when Cirque Dreams rolls into

town. Singers, dancers and acrobats from all around the world dress in eye-popping costumes, performing as reindeer, toy soldiers, gingerbread people and more. Catch this tour in one of eight performances over five days, Wednesday through Sunday, at Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St. \$28.50-\$125. tinyurl.com/ydav6fe2

Thursday

LUCIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Named after a 4th-century martyr, Saint Lucia Day is widely celebrated in Scandinavian countries, as well as by those of Swedish descent in Chicago. One of the hallmarks of this festival of light is a procession featuring youths in white robes wearing a crown of candles. Head downtown to Daley Plaza at noon Thursday, when a choir sings and one young woman is crowned Lucia; or seek out the after-dark procession in Andersonville. At 4:45 p.m., an all-ages group will depart the Swedish American Museum, 5211 N. Clark St., to bring their light outdoors; a final ceremony happens at nearby Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 1650 W. Foster Ave., at 7 p.m. tinyurl.com/ybo3wupa

'JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT'

Brush up on your color names ("azure and lemon and russet and grey," plus two dozen more) at this suburban revival of the family-friendly biblical musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice. This Citadel production, including an eight-member children's choir, runs Thursdays-Sundays through Dec. 30 at Citadel Theatre, 300 S. Waukegan Road, Lake Forest. \$40-\$45; \$15 for kids and students. tinyurl.com/yhq3xcl

Friday

'MERRY MERRY CHICAGO'

One of the city's newest holiday traditions (now in its fourth annual iteration), the Chicago Symphony Orchestra celebrates seasonal music in a family-friendly concert about 90 minutes long. This year's guest artists include the Young Naperville Singers and vocalist Storm Large, who gained celebrity from the show "Rock Star: Supernova." Expect to hear standards such as "Joy to the World" and "Sleigh Ride" alongside some surprises. The seven performances begin at 7 p.m. Friday and run through Dec. 23 at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave. \$38-\$127. tinyurl.com/y8ak2bcs

Saturday

STORYTIME WITH THE GRINCH

Everyone's favorite Christmas curmudgeon is the "surprise" star at this party. (And we mean the Dr. Seuss kind, not the Dickens variety.) Bring your kids to Winnetka for a reading of several great Christmas books, perhaps including one or two you don't already know, and then meet the green miser — in his reformed persona, natch — in the flesh! Or rather, in the fur. 2 p.m. at The Book Stall, 811 Elm St., Winnetka. Free. tinyurl.com/ybrsrzby

Sunday

CONCERTS FOR KIDS: WENDY & DB

Local duo Wendy & DB, and their band, take the stage for the final edition of Beat Kitchen's 2018 Concerts for Kids. (The all-ages series resumes Jan. 6 after a holiday hiatus.) Doors open at 11:30 a.m., concert at noon at Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave. \$6-\$7. tinyurl.com/yapj5w5r

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COMMENTARY

Weight gain after cancer draws judgment

Writer undergoing treatment mistaken for being pregnant

By **TINA E. AKOURIS**
Chicago Tribune

I've been borderline obsessive with how I look lately — analyzing what I wear several times before leaving my house, all in an effort to avoid being body-shamed for my recent weight gain.

"Look at you — you're pregnant!" a woman who works at my neighborhood community center recently shouted at me in front of my sons. I was embarrassed and wanted to get out of there as fast as I could.

This happens all the time. I've gotten comments from strangers, radiology techs, my dentist, a neighbor, the dry cleaner across the street, the ladies who own the neighborhood coffeehouse, and it's all the same: They point at my stomach and make the "you look pregnant" comment.

"How can you not be pregnant?" the coffee shop owner asked, "when your arms and legs are so thin and your stomach is so big?"

The dry cleaner: "Are you pregnant again? No? After you had the boys, you were so slim. What happened?"

Cancer happened.

Three years ago this month, I was diagnosed with stage 2 breast cancer. On Dec. 7, 2015, I had a lumpectomy at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood. After 33 days of radiation therapy, I was put on tamoxifen, which I'll have to take for 10 years.

Three of my doctors warned me that one of its side effects is weight gain. The number 20 was thrown around for how many pounds I'd pack on, but I changed my diet and started working out a lot more — and a lot harder.

But even with all the exercise and support from



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Breast cancer survivor Tina Akouris has been body-shamed since taking a prescribed cancer drug that she says caused her to gain weight.

my surgeon at Loyola, Dr. Constantine Godellas, people still point at my stomach and tell me I must be pregnant since my gut is so big.

Dr. Timothy Pearman, director of the Supportive Oncology program at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, said studies have not shown a direct correlation between tamoxifen use and weight gain, but it's what oncologists believe and what patients have experienced. The Cleveland Clinic and the Mayo Clinic also contradict those studies on their websites, listing weight gain as a side effect of the drug.

"Many women gain weight during treatment, and most of them will not return to their original weight," Pearman said.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine published a study in 2016 that looked at evidence of weight gain in early stage breast cancer patients undergoing endocrine treatment, such as taking tamoxifen.

The study states: "Patient-reported weight gain ranged widely from 18 to 52 percent of patients in year one and from 7 to 55 percent in year five. Some studies reported categories of weight change: lost weight (9-17 percent), stable weight (47-64 percent) and gained weight (27-36 percent).

"Wide-ranging and inconsistent results point to the need for further research to clarify annual weight change (loss, gain,

stability) from (breast cancer) diagnosis through five years of (endocrine treatment) and beyond," according to the study.

While the results are mixed for breast cancer patients, my protruding gut doesn't lie.

In April, after I had my yearly MRI and had just finished a fitness challenge at work, I felt as though I'd gotten my life back. But the rude comments and the finger-pointing at my midsection continued.

Then I saw Dr. Godellas. I poured out everything that frustrated me about the weight gain, the medication, the rude comments.

"I'm so sorry this is happening to you, but I think you look great. And as long as your clothes fit, that's all that matters," he told me.

So why are people emboldened to ask such personal questions?

Going through breast cancer treatment is difficult enough, and it's a long road. But the emotional and psychological aspects are as difficult as the physical side effects of surgery, chemotherapy and radiation.

As for those rude comments, Dr. Benjamin Jacobson, director of general psychiatry at Northwestern Medicine Lake Forest Hospital, said: "Either ignore it and recognize that they don't know what (you've) been through, or educate people."

I've heard from friends who tell me not to worry so much about how I look. Or they'll tell me to rehearse a comeback or two, so I can fire back at these people

when it happens.

But I can't.

What has helped is the experience of going through cancer. Cancer changes you. Going through something like this, where your mortality is tested, gives you an I've-been-through-way-worse attitude when it comes to just about anything else you face in life.

Even though I am very sensitive to comments about my body, I am standing up for myself more often in all facets of life, and I feel mentally stronger because of it. I refuse to tolerate people who make harsh or ignorant comments when they have absolutely no idea what is going on in my life.

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Glory Edim is editor of "Well-Read Black Girl: Finding Our Stories, Discovering Ourselves," a series of essays and interviews.

THANKS BE TO GLORY

'Well-Read Black Girl' anthology speaks to women, blackness and literature

BY DARCEL ROCKETT
Chicago Tribune

Glory Edim, founder of Well-Read Black Girl, a New York-based book club-turned-online community that celebrates black literature and sisterhood, has been described as "the embodiment of what it means to love black women and girls."

Edim stopped by the American Writers Museum last month to talk about her new anthology, "Well-Read Black Girl: Finding Our Stories, Discovering Ourselves." In a series of essays and interviews, 21 black women — Lynn Nottage, Gabourey Sidibe, Jesmyn Ward and Veronica Chambers — discuss the books that changed their lives and what it meant to find their own voices reflected in the written word of sisters for sisters.

"I created Well-Read Black Girl, because I wanted to develop a creative space where Black women's voices could be centered," Edim writes in the anthology's introduction. "Storytelling is an extension of our sisterhood. With WRBG, I strive to galvanize readers and bring visibility to the narratives of Black women."

The book offers further reading suggestions, whether you're looking for books about black girlhood and friendship, literature on black feminism, plays, poetry, or science fiction and fantasy — all books by black women authors. We talked with Edim on the future of WRBG and what the definition of "well read" means in these current times. The following has been edited for length and clarity.

Q: What do you hope to achieve with this anthology?

A: I think about this (book) as being part of my legacy. I want it to live on a library bookshelf. I want it to be a keepsake for people to remember all of these different voices. It's all about sharing the word and respecting it and being kind to one another. That's really the goal of all of

what we're doing.

I'm really excited for this to live on a bookshelf, where a young girl will discover it years from now. It will transport her to another space, since so much of that happened when I read Toni Cade Bambara, Mari Evans and Mary Helen Washington. Those stories were written way before my time, but they were timeless and they taught me a lot about black womanhood, how to be authentic and to speak your truth. That was my goal for this. I wanted it to be very honest and true, and I wanted it to inspire people. It's very much dedicated to the future of reading and, whether that's young or old, it's looking at people who love the word and love black women and always want us to be cherished.

Q: During your talk at the American Writers Museum, you mentioned how books make things visible. Elaborate.

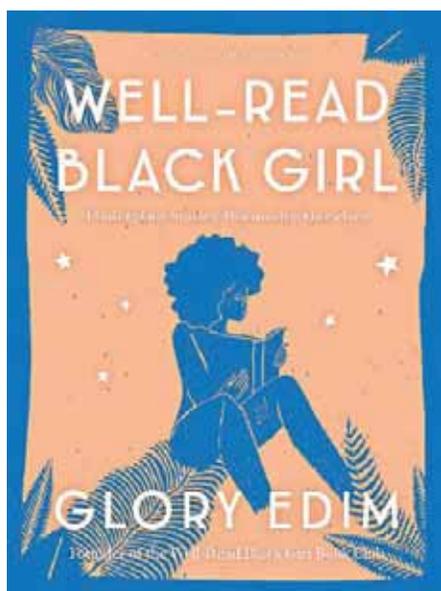
A: (The new anthology) affirms that we do need reflections of ourselves, because it heals us and allows us to see ourselves wholly. I was surrounded by a lot of different people as a young person, but I still didn't realize what I was missing because it wasn't provided for me. When these books aren't even being put in front of us and when it's invisible on the bookshelves, you can't see yourself. I read all these things, but the moment that I read Maya Angelou, that's when the shift happened. I was like, *this is me*. At the time I wasn't just going to books just for a thing to do, or a reflection — I needed that support. I was looking for advice in becoming a young woman, trying to understand my mother and to put words into my life in a way that I could feel a calmness. Sometimes people really need healing.

Q: What does it mean to be "well-read"?

A: This idea of being well read, at times, can sound elitist, and I think anyone who picks up a book and enjoys it and gets gratification and can share it in constructive conversation is well read. It's all about accessibility and having a discussion that is eye-opening and enriching and learning something new. There's no one way to be a well-read black girl.

Q: You said books are your "creative church," so who would bring out the holy ghost in you?

A: Toni Morrison without question is the queen mother of all literary greatness, and I feel like her work just has a reverence to it where you respect it and you want to study it, but you also have this feeling of admiration. Her words are just filled with so much truth when



it comes to the black experience, and her intellect is so profound. I love Toni Morrison, so any time we're thinking about what is the gospel, she would be like the first chapter, she would be the Genesis of it all. She has a new book coming out, "The Source of Self-Regard," it's a collection of essays and meditations and speeches. I love me some Toni Morrison. Alice Walker too. She is just perfect.

Q: What's next for WRBG? A bookstore?

A: In terms of the bookstore, I would like to do that in my hometown — moving back to D.C. to make that happen or even possibly Baltimore. It's really about finding the best location to make things happen. That's a goal I'm working on to have by late 2019 or early 2020.

Q: What is your next book?

A: My memoir. It is going to be about my relationship with reading, identity and how I really found myself in books when my mother was really ill and how it helped in her recovery. The major theme of it is how fiction can be nourishing and help you through parts where you're grieving or trying to figure out who you are in the world. It can be another church for you.

Q: What books do we have to get for the holidays?

A: I am in love with "The World According to Fannie Davis" by Bridgett Davis, a memoir about her mother who was a numbers-runner in Detroit. It is so good. I'm also reading a romance novel called "The Proposal" by Jasmine Guillory.

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BOOK REVIEW

New memoir navigates Iraqi-American love story

BY E.J. LEVY

Special to The Washington Post

Huda Al-Marashi was 6 when she met Hadi Ridha, the boy her family expected her to marry in their close-knit Iraqi-American community in California. Whether to have an arranged marriage or an American love story forms the core of "First Comes Marriage," her charming, funny, heartbreaking memoir of faith, family and the journey to love.

If Jane Austen had grown up as a first-gen daughter of Iraqi parents in the 1990s, she might have written this. Keenly observed, with indelible characters, Al-Marashi portrays the complex mores and manners that govern life and love in the immigrant community of her youth — from the kindly if baffled Baba, her elderly father, to Huda's formidable mother and the endearingly hapless Hadi, who loves Huda for years, hampered by propriety and his mullet.

Loosely constructed around a series of firsts — first meeting, first kiss — the memoir recounts Huda's ambivalent exploration of traditional courtship, even as it reveals the appeal of "life made rich by rituals." Al-Marashi weaves a mesmerizing tale of an American overachiever, whose devotion to excellence extends to the realm of love. "Deep down, I wanted to marry the Iraqi, Shia boy that would make my parents proud," she writes.

Her journey to marriage is comic but also instructive, correcting stereotypes about devout Muslims. Islam is sex-positive; women are encouraged to achieve: "Our community of brain-drain Iraqis was filled with women just like Mama. Women who were doctors, dentists, pharmacists, and engineers: they got married young, had their children, and worked. Even the women who stayed at home ... still whispered to their daughters, 'Study. Study. Become something.'"

All of it dovetailed with the idea of American success, save one aspect: "In America, you had to fall in love."

Huda longs for American romance but shows that arranged marriage is rooted in affection, too: in love of family, faith, community.



PROMETHEUS

Huda Al-Marashi corrects stereotypes about devout Muslims throughout her tale.

Love stories typically end with a wedding, but Al-Marashi pushes past celebration into tougher terrain. Honeymooning in Spain, the couple argue over whether Huda may wear a bathing suit. She settles for wearing his oversize T-shirt and shorts. "I looked ridiculous, I felt ridiculous, and

as we walked along the water, I pointed out every topless woman and every G-string and said, 'You really think people would've been looking at me when there are people here like her?'" The marital consummation scene is like an outtake from "Bridesmaids": "We talked about the best position from which to proceed as if we were two naked co-workers assigned to the same project."

Independent, educated and ambitious, Huda is a character we root — and fear — for, as she discovers marriage's restrictions. Forgoing graduate school offers to follow her husband to medical school in Mexico, she meets Muslim-American women who have not felt pressed to marry, who have chosen to pursue educations, without fear

of losing their shot at love. In her struggle to find a middle path between her American love story and Muslim one, she's ultimately restored by a love greater than romance.

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'First Comes Marriage'

By Huda Al-Marashi,
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Sasse avoids modern fiction; why that's a bad idea — especially for a politician

BY JOHN WARNER
Chicago Tribune

I have a bone to pick with Republican Sen. Ben Sasse of Nebraska, and it has nothing to do with politics.

Sasse was a recent participant in The New York Times By the Book feature, in which a prominent person is asked a series of questions about their reading habits. Sasse is apparently quite a passionate reader, which makes sense given that he holds a doctorate in history from Yale and that he did a stint as president of Midland Lutheran College in Fremont, Neb. He's also an author and earlier this year published "Them: Why We Hate Each Other — and How to Heal."

The senator lists dozens of books in response to The Times' questions, and answers in a way that makes it clear he's actually read them. But it's what Sasse doesn't read that raised my hackles. In response to the question, "Are there genres you avoid?" Sasse answered: "I intentionally read no modern fiction. I wish it weren't so, but life is short, work is full and kids are under our roof for only a short time. When I read fiction, I want a community of discourse to vouch for the fact that it's already stood the test of time."

I am not the reading police. I am happy to let readers follow their individual blisses to their hearts' content. You will not see me turn my nose up even at those (like Sasse) who are turning their noses up. But Sasse's answer betrays an impoverished logic that extends beyond Sasse and gets at deeper questions about which books and what literature stands "the test of time."

Consider: Sasse extends no such criteria to some of the hot-button nonfiction he reads. "The Innovative University: Changing the DNA of Higher Education From the Inside Out" by Clayton Christensen and Henry J. Eyring, published in 2011, is the first book mentioned as sitting on Sasse's nightstand. In the book, Christensen declares that disruptive innovation is so powerful that half of the 4,000 colleges and universities will be bankrupt in "10-15 years" because superior (largely online) education providers will make them obsolete.

Considering we're now almost nine years into Christensen's original window, I think we can see his claim for what it was: hype. Why read nonfiction that may not pass the test of time? I can think of plenty of reasons, of course — just as I can for reading contemporary fiction.

I once had a student ask me why there



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Nebraska Sen. Ben Sasse's reading list doesn't include contemporary fiction.

wasn't a "female William Shakespeare." I reminded him that women couldn't even *act* in the Bard's plays at the time of their creation. There could've been women every bit as talented as Shakespeare, but we'll never know.

To ignore contemporary fiction is to miss out on the vast diversity of voices in American literature, voices that may have been silenced by insurmountable barriers in earlier times. There is great value in the "classics," but when we look at those classics, we must be careful to notice who is often missing or underrepresented: women, people of color, indigenous peoples, marginalized groups, ethnic minorities, the poor.

Every book is an opportunity to have

one's head cracked open to let a little more light in. Reading fiction engenders empathy — a subject which, judging by the topic of Sasse's latest book, is deeply important to the senator. To turn away from books that may further a deeper understanding of others, written by people living contemporaneously with you, is a real shame.

As to the worries about wasting time, I sympathize, but I've got that covered.

Call me, Senator; I have recommendations for you.

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Book recommendations from the Biblioracle

John Warner tells you what to read based on the last five books you've read.

1. "Mists of Avalon" by Marion Zimmer Bradley
2. "When Breath Becomes Air" by Paul Kalanithi
3. "The Bird Artist" by Howard Norman
4. "A Is for Alibi" by Sue Grafton
5. "The Harpole Report" by J.L. Carr — *Debbie A., Des Plaines*
"The History of Love" by Nicole Krauss seems like the right fit for this list.

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1. "The Rise and Fall of Adam and Eve" by Stephen Greenblatt
 2. "One Person, No Vote: How Voter Suppression Is Destroying Our Democracy" by Carol Anderson
 3. "Hello World: Being Human in the Age of Algorithms" by Hannah Fry
 4. "The Great Leveler: Violence and the History of Inequality from the Stone Age to the Twenty-First Century" by Walter Scheidel
 5. "In the Hurricane's Eye: The Genius of George Washington and the Victory at Yorktown" by Nathaniel Philbrick
— *Pat F., Tupelo, Miss.*
A history bent here, which brings me to "Pachinko" by Min Jin Lee.

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1. "Origin" by Dan Brown
 2. "The Pearl Sister" by Lucinda Riley
 3. "Mrs. Roosevelt's Confidante" by Susan Elia MacNeal
 4. "Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookstore" by Matthew Sullivan
 5. "Out of the Wild Night" by Blue Balliett
— *Judy K., Rensselaer, Ind.*
Not sure why this one is hitting my Biblioracle antennae, but perhaps the mystery aspect is what's triggering it: "The Yiddish Policeman's Union" by Michael Chabon.

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Send a list of the last five books you've read to books@chicagotribune.com. Write "Biblioracle" in the subject line.

How to handle unexpected extra guest at dinnertime



JUDITH MARTIN
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: I invited our neighbors and longtime friends to dinner, and asked how many would be attending. They have two college-age children, one of whom lives at home, while the other attends college a few hours away.

While we expected up to four attendees, the reply came back “five.” They had invited their son’s girlfriend to come with them. This is a girlfriend, not a fiancée, nor does she live in their home.

Since when is it permissible to invite others to attend a sit-down dinner at someone else’s home? We do not know this girl! If they want us to meet their son’s girlfriend, shouldn’t it be at a get-together at their home?

Gentle reader: Sympathetic as Miss Manners is to the plight of the hostess whose guests multiply without invitation, she understands your neighbors’ confusion. You did, after all, ask how many people were coming.

It would have been better to ask after the children — thereby ascertaining their whereabouts — and then issue a more specific invitation. Failing that, your neighbor should have volunteered who was around and then asked whom you wished to include. The proper way to avoid the unwanted extra guest is to express pleasure at the thought of meeting her, but apologize that it will have to wait for another occasion. This is more convincing if you have not just moments before issued an open-ended invitation.

Dear Miss Manners: You (and others before) have made it clear how to politely conduct a dinner-table conversation at a party: The rule is to first speak with the person on your left, followed by the person on your right.

But of course, if I speak to “Mr. Left,” and he, too, is speaking with HIS left partner (not me), and so on — how does this work? Likewise, when I speak to “Miss Right,” she must necessarily ignore me if she is speaking with HER “Miss Right.” I find this does not work very well at all, due to so many swiveling Heads, and it’s quite difficult to carry on two different conversations at once!

Gentle reader: You are quite right. And the thought of everyone whipping around in the same direction, only to be confronted with the backs of heads, is likely to cause not only silence, but whiplash.

The fault, Miss Manners realizes, is in the laudable modern tendency to remove gender as an automatic factor in the interest of fairness. For example, we etiquetteers now instruct people to hold doors open for one another, not just gentlemen for ladies.

But sometimes that is overzealous. In this case, it should have been specified that the traditional rule is that the hostess turns to the person on her right, and the other ladies at the table do the same.

But what (you may ask) if it is a host who is presiding? And if the guests are not distributed around the table in alternating genders? And what if there are other gender factors involved?

You see the problem. So let us restate the rule:

The person giving the dinner turns right, whereupon alternating guests

should do the same. Does that help?

Dear Miss Manners: My more mature millennial friends (those of us in our late 20s and early 30s) tend to co-host parties as a group for various celebrations: birthdays, engagements, holidays, etc. Generally, prior to this point in our lives, there was an even split amongst the group for the cost of the event.

However, now that some of us have partnered up, there has been a move to a “couples rate” and a “singles rate” for sharing the costs. For example: \$300 for a couple and \$175 for singles. But many of our single friends have found the additional cost of hosting the party an unfair “tax” or penalty for not being in a committed relationship.

Is there a difference depending on the event? Say, a holiday party simply for the groups’ common and ancillary friends, versus an engagement party for a sorority sister to whom most of the partners are not close?

Gentle reader: It has not often been Miss Manners’ experience to hear “mature” and “millennial” used in proximity (unless by way of contrast). But since you have done so, she will answer by saying that the obvious solution is also the mature one: Stop charging admission to gatherings, and let each host throw his or her own party. It will spread out the expense — roughly — without endangering longstanding friendships over \$25.

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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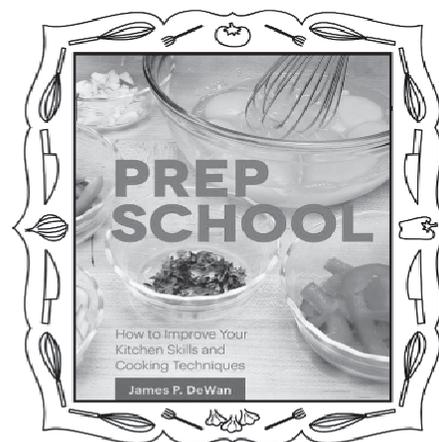
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Seltzer water gives welcome lift to oatmeal griddlecakes



LEAH ESKIN
Home on the Range

The pancake labors under the burden of stereotype: flat. Which isn't nice. Just as the bold sheep may resent "sheepish," and the strident cow may balk at "cowed," so the pancake cringes at any sentence that starts "flat as a." Everyone knows what comes next.

It's also unfair. Perhaps the crepe and blintz, European imports, cling to the pan paper-thin. But the hometown griddlecake, johnnycake or flapjack takes pride in its light, tender bite.

Such delicate texture can be achieved via whipped eggs, baking powder or baking soda. Plus, on occasion, a lift assist from seltzer. The fizzy water releases an army of tiny bubbles who stride through the batter, creating cakes that are — within the confines of the pancake worldview — towering.

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Oatmeal griddlecakes

Prep: 15 minutes **Wait:** overnight **Cook:** 4 minutes per batch

Makes: About 12 (4-inch) pancakes

- 1 ½ cups rolled oats
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¾ teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons (solid) coconut oil (or substitute unsalted butter)
- 1 egg
- 1 cup water
- Plain seltzer water
- Canola oil
- Cinnamon butter, see recipe

1. Pulse: Measure 1 cup rolled oats into the food processor. Measure in flour, brown sugar, baking soda, cinnamon and salt. Pulse, grinding oats to a powder. Drop in coconut oil; pulse a few times, breaking oil to bits.

2. Mix: In a large bowl, whisk together egg and the 1 cup water. Sprinkle in remaining ½

cup oats and the flour mixture. Mix with a fork just to combine.

3. Chill: Cover and chill 1 hour or better yet, overnight.

4. Crisp: Stir in as much seltzer as needed to make a thick, pourable batter. Heat a heavy skillet or griddle over medium. Slick with a little canola oil. Mindful that the first pancake is always a fail, ladle on a scant ¼ cup batter; nudge into a 3- or 4-inch pancake. Cook until edges are crisp and bubbles dot the cake all the way across, 1 to 2 minutes per side. Repeat, adding oil as needed (it ensures crisp edges), using all the batter. Top each with cinnamon butter. Serve hot.

Cinnamon butter: Stir together 1 tablespoon granulated sugar and ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon; mash into 4 tablespoons room-temperature salted butter.

Provenance: Inspired by Salt's Cure, Los Angeles.

Virginia Distillery blazing new trail with single malt whiskey

By **ZAK STAMBOR**
Chicago Tribune

Virginia Distillery Co. knows what it is. "We're a new American single malt distillery," says Gareth Moore, the distillery's CEO and chairman. "That's the only thing we do."

That explains why the distillery, which opened in 2015, isn't selling a clear spirit — corn whiskey, vodka, gin or the like — while its whiskey matures. Instead, it has taken a different tack: It's sourcing single-malt whiskey from the Scottish Highlands, which it then blends with its own single malt and ages in a variety of casks that formerly housed chardonnay, port, beer and, most recently, cider. The result is a whiskey that melds the old and the new and that is utterly unique.

The approach is in line with the vision of Moore's father, George, an Irish-American entrepreneur and single malt aficionado who founded the distillery in 2011. Though George Moore died at 62, two years before the distillery opened its doors, Gareth, his wife Maggie, and his mom, Angela, have sought to work toward a shared ambitious goal: to produce a category-defining American single malt whiskey.

While whiskeys such as bourbon and rye are defined by U.S. law, American single malt whiskey is not. Virginia Distillery and more than 100 other distilleries that are part of a group that calls itself the American Single Malt Whiskey Commission seek to change that by developing a set of common standards for the category. Their definition would require American single malt to be: made from 100 percent malted barley; distilled at one distillery; mashed, distilled and matured in the United States; matured in an oak cask no larger than 700 liters; distilled to no more than 160 proof; and bottled at 80 proof or higher.

"The standards are fairly open," Gareth Moore says. "We're not trying to stifle innovation. But if we want to play on the world stage, we want to be using a similar playbook to the one



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used in Scotland or Ireland."

And playing on the world stage is Virginia Distillery's long-term goal. Angela Moore isn't shy about her desire for a single malt's Judgment of Paris-like moment. That moment in the wine world occurred in 1976 when French judges in a blind tasting gave the best ratings to a California chardonnay and cabernet sauvignon putting California wine on the map.

Like those California wines, Virginia Distillery very much wants to produce whiskey that is of its place. "We're not trying to copy traditional single malts from Scotland, Ireland or Japan," Gareth Moore says. "We have a very different environment than the hills of Ireland or the low-lying areas of Japan that have mild climates. We're in Virginia, where it's very hot in the summer and cold in the winter." Those temperature swings, he says, leave an imprint on the whiskey.

As Virginia Distillery waits for its whiskey to mature, it continues to blend its single malt with malt whiskey from the Highlands to craft complex, well-balanced whiskey, such as its most recent release, Virginia Distillery Co. Cider Cask Finished Virginia-Highland. Given the depth and character of its blends, I can't wait to try Virginia Distillery's single malt in a couple of years.

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FOR YOU TODAY: Explained at 108 Across

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Across

- 1 Modeling material
- 6 Most igneous rocks
- 12 Put away, as a saber
- 19 "Cert" alternative
- 20 Newest American Leaguers
- 21 Tungsten alias
- 22 Demand to a booster
- 24 Ancient light source
- 25 Brash
- 26 School near Windsor
- 27 Two pills, perhaps
- 28 Avid fan
- 29 Air monitoring org.
- 30 Quarterfinals complement
- 32 Swimming
- 35 Kids' observation game
- 36 Extended story line
- 37 Summer weather stat.
- 38 Singer/pianist Jones
- 39 Egyptian snake
- 40 Grab a chair
- 41 High-altitude formation
- 48 Son of Seth
- 50 Whom Liverpool's airport is named for
- 51 Barbadian pop music icon
- 52 Slow walk
- 54 Call for help
- 55 For safety's sake
- 58 Clatter
- 59 Certain manual reader
- 61 New England school, for short
- 62 Greek salad topper
- 63 Longstanding developmental debate

Down

- 70 Scottish body of water
- 71 Kind of chicken
- 72 Legislative center
- 73 List shortener
- 74 Buy and sell
- 76 Start of some memos
- 79 Restraining order
- 83 Averse to mixing
- 85 Doesn't allow
- 87 Amiable
- 88 Umberto Eco novel
- 93 — *culpa*
- 94 Nonexistent
- 95 Tough on the nose
- 96 Ultimate purpose
- 97 Tax table no.
- 98 Italian wine center
- 100 Literary contract provision
- 102 Much too familiar
- 104 Musical appreciation
- 105 Actress Thurman
- 106 Wishes undone
- 107 Timely benefit
- 108 Astronomical bear
- 109 Small bucks and does
- 111 Iowa area on the Mississippi
- 116 Fast tempo
- 117 Slalom site
- 118 Thin porridges
- 119 Heavy hammers
- 120 Camped out
- 121 Cry of triumph

- 5 Word often following "further"
- 6 Keep moist, as a turkey
- 7 Like — (very quickly)
- 8 Do more than surprise
- 9 Creative skill
- 10 Gymnast Mary — Retton
- 11 Salt amt.
- 12 Keel over
- 13 Use a pulley to lift
- 14 Fashion mag
- 15 CIO partner
- 16 Electronic toll device
- 17 Overact to extremes
- 18 Vacuous
- 19 Keeps from ranting
- 23 Call it a day
- 27 Willy Wonka creator
- 30 Nonprescription, for short
- 31 Horror film
- 32 Apples or oranges
- 33 Recliner part
- 34 Frat letter
- 35 *Tierra rodeada de agua*
- 38 Sgts., for instance
- 39 Muscle fatigue
- 42 55 Down personnel
- 43 Spouse of 50 Across
- 44 Third largest planet
- 45 Family nickname
- 46 Amalgamate
- 47 *X-Files* agent
- 49 New — Wales
- 53 Baton Rouge sch.
- 55 Hosp. unit
- 56 Apt. designations
- 57 *The Situation Room* ailer
- 60 Bring to mind
- 61 CPO's employer

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- 62 Japanese bedding
- 63 False
- 64 Required to justify one's actions
- 65 Actor Kilmer
- 66 Prefix for center
- 67 Pal of Harry Potter
- 68 Attire for Santa
- 69 Driveway material
- 70 Piece of lettuce
- 74 Erstwhile channel selector
- 75 — de Cologne
- 76 Repel, with "off"
- 77 Since Jan. 1
- 78 Debt note
- 80 "Scarlet" literary hero
- 81 Structure at some Winter Carnivals
- 82 British serving pieces
- 84 Early third-century date
- 85 Ore layer
- 86 *Seinfeld* character
- 89 Dermal needle work, for short
- 90 —fi
- 91 Reliable expert
- 92 French Mrs.
- 98 Paranormal glows
- 99 T-shirt size
- 100 Very unconventional
- 101 Mexican money
- 102 Chef's tall hat
- 103 Having no corners, say
- 106 Actress Dame Diana
- 107 Composer Bacharach
- 108 What's common to the five longest answers
- 110 Bottom of a brook
- 111 Clock-setting abbr.
- 112 Hula instrument
- 113 Recycling container
- 114 High-tech movie FX
- 115 Boston hockey great

Quote-Acrostic

- 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. 1900s ideal female: 2 wds. 20 138 146 100 59 46 92 77 160 130
- B. Dam city of Egypt 45 169 131 95 81
- C. Mariner's aid 90 122 164 143 57
- D. Home of the prosperous?: 2 wds. 10 163 67 58 110 34 145
- E. Kind of syrup 151 108 17 37 7 144
- F. Satan's specialty 71 128 48 64 106 33 87 136 150
- G. Home for idle pleasure 121 89 152 107 70 26 41 13 137
- H. He was told to book 'em, on TV 115 98 157 133 30
- I. Ultimate purpose: 3 wds. 113 35 5 53 31 124 15 79 154
- J. Home for Sikorsky products 68 36 18 119 8 80 148

- K. Site of first H-bomb test 56 16 93 134 159 116 127 75
- L. Last name brothers in NHL Hall 162 78 103 11 170 91 52 63
- M. Sneaky skill 94 101 123 42 156 61 83 12
- N. He made Icarus's wax wings 155 74 129 47 112 96 27 9
- O. Forecaster 25 158 14 120 97 43 73 86 62
- P. Overly boastful or deceptive one 66 104 153 40 22 114 4
- Q. On top 32 88 132 51 102 2 161 21 140
- R. Very attractive place 38 141 72 165 105 50 65 23
- S. The fifth Beatle 168 99 49 28 118 135 126
- T. Honorable one 6 69 167 24 111 85
- U. After careful consideration 1 82 55 39 125 19 166 109 147
- V. Ben Vereen won a Tony in this musical 3 149 44 139 29 60

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Twosomes

BY CHARLES PRESTON

Across

- 1 Spill the beans
5 Pamphlet
10 Baseball stat.
13 Norse gods
15 Musical variety show
16 Rowing essential
17 Movie critics
19 Cell constituent
20 Finial
21 Metric unit
22 — Benedict
23 Soil mates?
27 Holy: Fr.
29 Ripen
30 Comedy duo
34 Spanish priest
36 Sign of a hit
37 Tenant
38 Dance
40 Psychic ability, briefly
42 Former American actress
43 Surface thawing
45 Cheers bartender
47 Small missile
48 19th C. lithographers
51 Creek
52 Rope
53 Extensive properties

- 55 Asian country
57 Exactly, with tee
59 Small child
60 Bauxite, e.g.
61 '40s legislative twosome
66 Women's grp.
67 Stone marker
68 Site of "Kennebushport"
69 Turn right
70 Danger
71 1981 film

Down

- 1 College degs.
2 Garland
3 Balaam's mount
4 Actor-folksinger
5 Italian three
6 Country singer
7 Unwilling
8 Panacea
9 Vietnamese holiday
10 Prolific musical collaborators
11 Loud noise
12 Savings acct.
14 Drive back
18 Italian currency

- 22 Expunged
23 Stratagem
24 Brazilian river
25 Two-time Drama Critics' Award Winners
26 Certain
28 1987 Oscar winner
31 Italian physicist
32 Term of affection
33 Busybodies
35 Greek marketplaces
39 French affirmatives
41 Lay a foundation
44 Possessing a will
46 Former Washington socialite
49 He adds the crowning touch
50 Rage
54 Floral perfume
55 Name in Louisiana politics
56 Indonesian islands
58 King in Norse mythology
61 Cooking abbreviation
62 Linden or Holbrook
63 Trevino's concern
64 Finale
65 Aye

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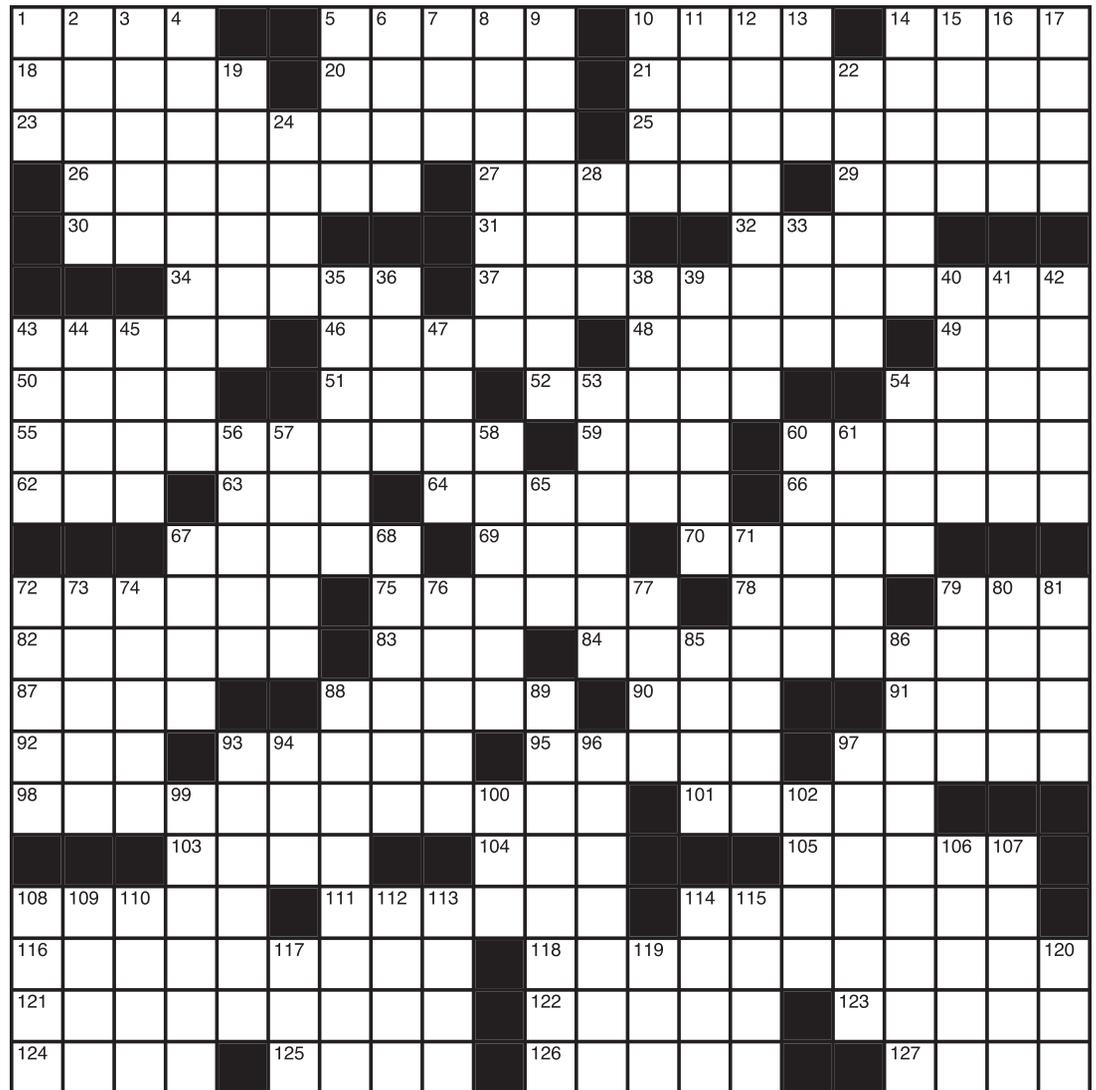
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 5 Quibbles
 10 "M*A*S*H" actor
 14 Like bachelor parties
 18 Excel
 20 Autumn color
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 23 Pie company exec?
 25 Bad brunch review?
 26 Find new quarters for
 27 Winter fall
 29 Film units
 30 Michelangelo masterpiece
 31 MSN competitor
 32 Cooking fat
 34 Guadalajara girls
 37 Neighborhood with meat purveyors?
 43 Air freshener scent
 46 Performed, in Shakespeare
 48 How surprise party guests should arrive
 49 Blanched
 50 Yours, in Tours
 51 Doc bloc
 52 Keisters
 54 "Momo" author Michael
 55 ATM code you rotate regularly?
 59 FICA benefit
 60 Unit in Ohm's Law
 62 Costa del ___
 63 Female antelope
 64 Mellow
 66 Looked lecherously
 67 Suffix meaning "living substance"
 69 Not yet on the sched.
 70 Coast
 72 Like many churches
 75 Light
 78 Adaptable truck, for short
 79 "Bravo!"
 82 Barbershop parts
 83 Batman and the Boy Wonder, e.g.
 84 Thief at a fertility clinic?
 87 AA and AAA, e.g.
 88 Takes from a deck
 90 "Do Ya" rock gp.
 91 "I see"
 92 Starry-eyed agreement, often

- 93 Area below the abdomen
 95 Leslie of "Gigi"
 97 Holders of roasts
 98 Nasty group of directors?
 101 Like Dennis the Menace
 103 Part of Q.E.D.
 104 Bit of baby talk
 105 Leg bone
 108 Old will?
 111 Work (out)
 114 Inflexible
 116 Stadium for a boxing match?
 118 Journalists covering a spicy story?
 121 Wood preservatives
 122 Farm refrain
 123 Spock's father
 124 Firm employees: Abbr.
 125 Bone on a menu
 126 Some NCOs
 127 Time at the inn

Down

- 1 Cleopatra killer
 2 Choreographer Twyla
 3 Japanese-American
 4 Without delay, as payment
 5 Intimidates
 6 Advil target
 7 MLB scoreboard abbr.
 8 Homes built indoors
 9 Traitors
 10 Crazy
 11 Like a flimsy excuse
 12 Backstage theater workers
 13 An MRI may reveal a torn one
 14 "Fiddler on the Roof" setting
 15 Bind, in a way
 16 Asian sea
 17 Mil. bigwigs
 19 Arousing
 22 As a result of this
 24 Chinese currency
 28 ___-rock
 33 Modern address
 35 Commonly used saws
 36 Gullible sort
 38 Cut out
 39 "You lose a lot of time, ___ people": Marian Anderson

- 40 Dog tag datum
 41 Close-knit group
 42 Injured, in a way
 43 Drummer Ulrich
 44 "Am ___ late?"
 45 Hang loosely
 47 Place for an honoree
 53 Collection of heir pieces?
 54 Blunt blade
 56 Do-nothing
 57 Wikipedia policy
 58 Words indicating a delay
 60 Thomas associate
 61 Euripides tragedy
 65 "Criminal Minds" agcy.
 67 Some Olympians, nowadays
 68 Leaf's central vein
 71 Two-time Tony winner Patti
 72 Zeno, notably
 73 Concealed
 74 Bullion unit
 76 Natural fertilizer
 77 Hungarian wine region
 79 "I wasn't expecting you"
 80 "___ we forget"
 81 God with a quiver
 85 Hardly haute cuisine
 86 Large South American rodents
 88 Easy paces
 89 Misers
 93 Saddle-holding bands
 94 Tiny messenger
 96 Keats, in a Shelley title
 97 Economizes
 99 AT&T and Verizon
 100 Dept. of Justice bigwigs
 102 Opp. of legato, in music
 106 Still
 107 Baffled
 108 Humane org.
 109 On the disabled list, say
 110 Without ___: riskily
 112 Farm females
 113 "Not to mention ..."
 114 Came down
 115 "Vaya con ___"
 117 Bit of heckling
 119 "Andy Capp" cartoonist Smythe
 120 ___ blue

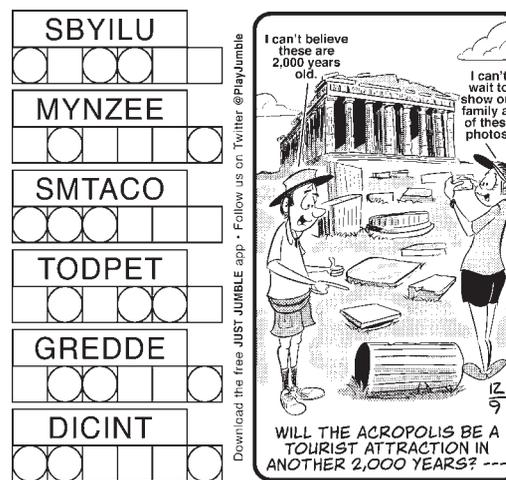


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Jumble

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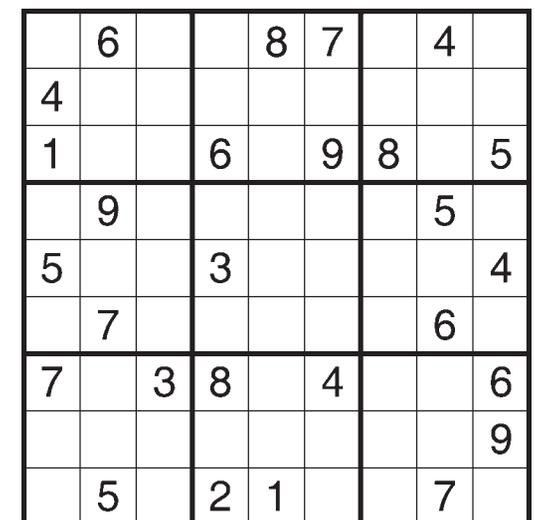
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Horoscopes

Today's birthday (Dec. 9): Craft plans this year for the next decade. Financial discipline can realize your dreams. Learn surprising new physical skills. Winter brings a financial bonus, before new educational directions entice. A bonus flows into family accounts next summer, before your own finances shift. Prioritize soul food.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. A professional challenge takes focus. An opportunity to realize an old dream tempts. Secure the ground taken, and get support. The tide is in your favor.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Get out and explore. Long-distance travel delights. You can discover new treats in your own backyard, though. Get advice from those who've been there.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Find profitable solutions for a shared venture, and implement them. Talk about money, and figure out how much.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Work with a partner to go further. Don't be afraid if you don't know how to do something. You can figure it out together.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Practice to build your capacities. Keep the wheels in motion. As you gain strength, confidence comes naturally. Mental, physical and emotional discipline delivers raised performance.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Lose yourself to the pursuit of happiness. Find love in unlikely places. Share compassion, empathy and laughter with your people. Practice to hone your artistry.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Home and family take priority. Show respect, and gain love. Your charm is captivating. Invite people over and share some home-cooked goodness together.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Take action to forward a creative project. Advance by remembering a previous experience. Loved ones teach you too. Write, edit and express your ideas.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. It's money-making time. Good news comes from far away. Disciplined efforts pay off. Do the homework to lay foundations for a successful venture.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Take charge, and push for what you want. Go ahead and make a commitment. Confirm your intentions with your team. You can do it.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 6. Consider a future worth living into. Imagine, dream and envision how you would love it to be. Craft long-term plans as you rest and recharge.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Teamwork propels a community effort to victory. Do your part for shared gain. Actions taken now can have long-lasting benefit. Go for your goal.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

Bridge

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ K 9 8 7 ♥ 5 ♦ K Q 9 ♣ Q J 5 4 2

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	1NT	?

What call would you make?

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ J 10 9 7 4 2 ♥ K ♦ Q 4 3 ♣ Q 7 3

As dealer, what call would you make?

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 10 9 7 5 ♥ A 9 ♦ Q 6 4 ♣ K J 6 2

North	East	South	West
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 7 4 ♥ A 9 7 ♦ K 10 ♣ A Q 10 9 5 3

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	Pass	?

What call would you make?

Answers in Monday's comics pages.

— Bob Jones
tcaeditors@tribpub.com



Last week's crosswords

"HANDMADE"

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"Hangers-On"

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Word Game

This game challenges you to find as many words as you can, as quickly as you can, in one master word.

SUTLER (SUT-ler): An army camp follower who sells provisions to soldiers.

Can you find 21 or more words in SUTLER?

Average mark: 17 words
Time limit: 25 minutes

Here are the rules:

1. Words must be four or more letters. 2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of an "s," such as "bats" and "cats," are not used. 3. Use only one form of a verb — either "pose" or "posed," not both. 4. Proper nouns and slang terms are not used.

Answers to the word game:

rustle
rest; result; rule; ruse; rust;
lure; lust; luster; lure;
sure; user; true; left;
surt; slur; sure; suret;

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Last week's Quote-Acrostic

S(amuel) JOHNSON: HE THAT EMBARKS: He that embarks on the voyage of life will always wish to advance rather by an impulse of the wind than the strokes of an oar; and many fold in their passage, while they just lie in waiting for a gale.

Last week's Sudoku

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9	2	4	6	8	5	1	3	7
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This week's Jumble

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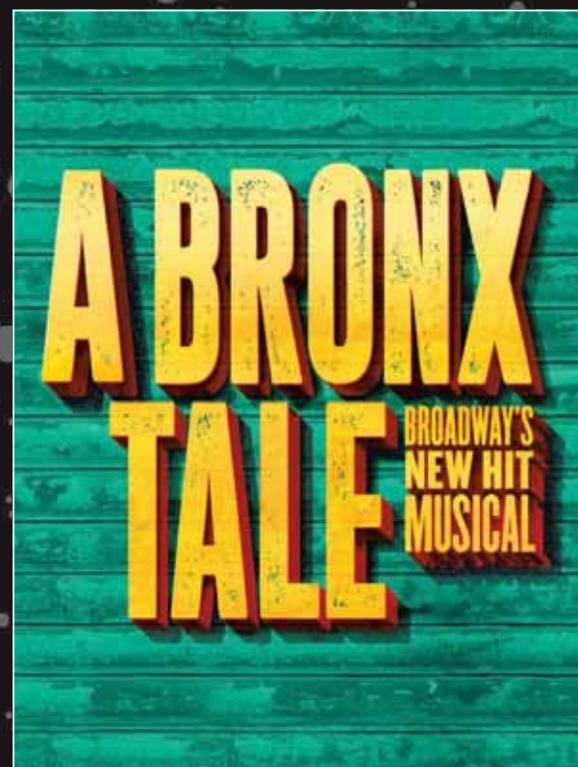
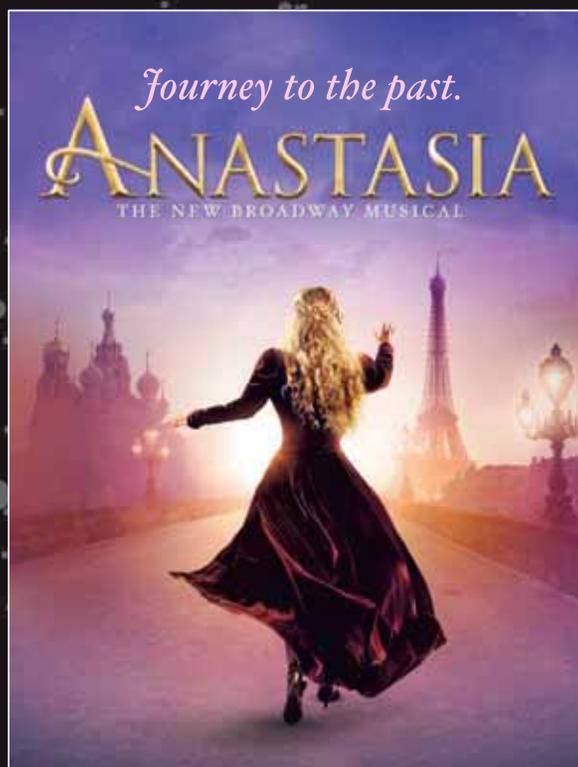
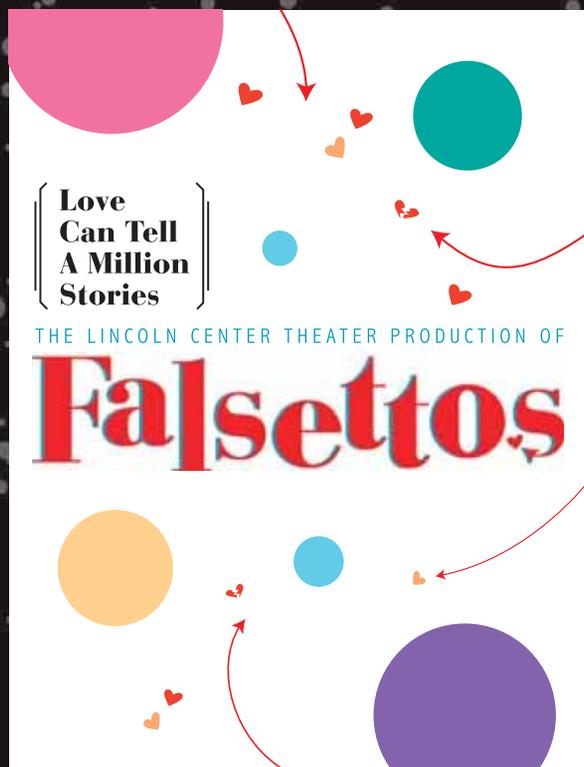
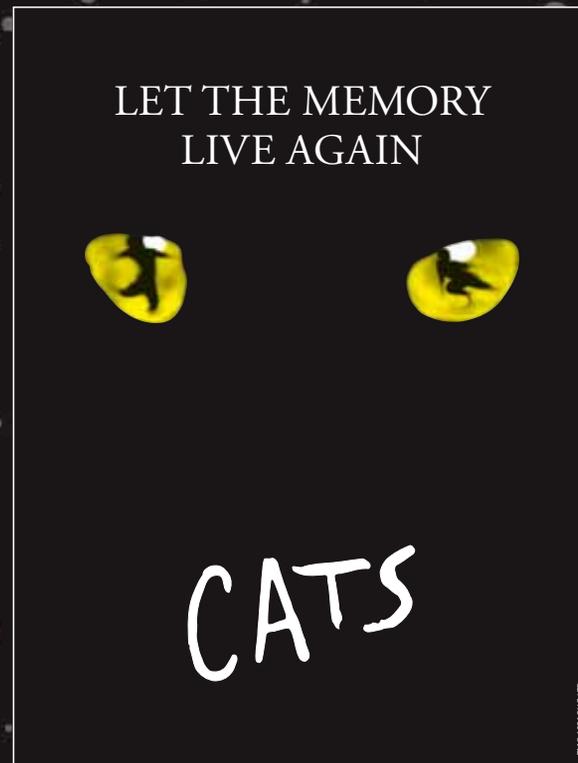
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Hiring a handyman to hang the lights outside your home can free up your weekend and eliminate the need for you to climb up on ladders and roofs.

HOME HOLIDAY CHECKLIST

How to get your house ready
before the guests arrive

BY DAN DICLERICO | Tribune News Service

The holiday blitz has arrived, which means it's time to get your house in order. With meals to cook and gifts to buy, you don't want to be scrambling at the last minute getting a wonky oven fixed or removing stains from the living room carpet.

Here are five projects to tackle before the holiday guests come calling. The roundup includes price info from HomeAdvisor's True Cost Guide to help keep your holiday budget in check.

1. Check the fireplace

Before you fire up the yuletide log, make sure your fireplace is safe and sound. If it has been years since your last chimney sweep, consider bringing in a pro for the job. A clean sweep will remove built-up soot and creosote, which left unchecked can pose a serious fire hazard.

You should also inspect the firebox for cracks, since they can create a pathway for stray embers into your home's structure,

another serious fire risk.

You can expect to pay between \$124 and \$328 to clean the chimney, and between \$175 and \$3,000 to repair fireplace cracks, according to HomeAdvisor's True Cost Guide.

2. Do a deep clean

If you don't use a cleaning service throughout the year, it might be worth splurging on one before the holidays. A



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A chimney sweep will remove built-up soot and creosote, safeguarding your home and family from a fire.

standard cleaning will have your home looking and smelling fresh for guests. You can also go deeper by having your carpets, furniture and windows cleaned.

You can expect to pay between \$116 and \$235 to hire a maid service, between \$121 and \$233 to clean carpeting, and between \$149 and \$291 to clean the windows, according to HomeAdvisor's True Cost Guide.

3. Enhance lighting

Exterior light fixtures offer the chance to burnish your home's architecture while also making the front entryway safer and more inviting for holiday guests. Take advantage of existing wiring so you're not paying an electrician to run new lines.

Did you know you can also hire a handyman to hang holiday lighting on your home's exterior? The pro help will free up your weekend and eliminate the need for you to climb up on ladders and roofs. You can expect to pay between \$151 and \$805 to install a light fixture, and between \$202 and \$594 to hang holiday lights, according to HomeAdvisor's True Cost Guide.

4. Paint the interior

A fresh coat of paint in a few key areas

— say, the foyer, living room, powder room and guest bedroom — will help make the entire home feel clean and fresh.

Winter is the slow season for many professional painters, so you shouldn't have trouble booking the project, and you might also be able to negotiate the price, especially if it's a big job covering multiple rooms.

You can expect to pay between \$380 and \$790 to paint an average-size room, according to HomeAdvisor's True Cost Guide.

5. Get appliances in order

Your kitchen appliances are about to go into overdrive, especially the refrigerator and range. Inspect them for early signs of trouble.

With the fridge, buzzing and humming sounds, as well as inconsistent temperatures, are indications of potential failure.

As for the range, broken burners and uneven heat in the oven are issues you need to deal with sooner rather than later.

You can expect to pay between \$200 and \$400 to repair a refrigerator, and between \$100 and \$200 to repair a range, according to HomeAdvisor's True Cost Guide.

If you need a fence, consider hedge instead

BY DEAN FOSDICK

Associated Press

Consider a hedge if you're in need of a fence. When managed properly, hedges cost less, outlast wooden fences, are more attractive than most walls, and produce wildlife- and pollinator-pleasing berries and blooms.

But decide just what it is that you want from a barrier before shopping for supplies.

Standard fencing — aside from the white picket variety — will last a decade or more requiring little if any maintenance. No watering, weeding, fertilizing or shaping required when using treated wood or metal.

But living fences can include a great variety of attractive ornamentals (lilacs, quince, weigela), deciduous shrubs with vibrant foliage in autumn (oak leaf hydrangea, viburnum, sedum) and evergreens (arborvitae, boxwood, yews, hollies) that provide texture and color throughout the year.

All give off different looks or serve multiple functions, ranging from security and privacy to establishing boundaries and directing traffic. Some provide nourishment to wildlife, offer sound abatement and visual screening, create shade or serve as windbreaks.

"If you're making a barrier, it's a bit more difficult to do it with vegetation," said Wayne Clatterbuck, with University of Tennessee Forestry Extension. "The main problem with a living fence is maintenance. It wants to grow and spread.

"Unlike standard fences, hedges don't provide instant gratification. They take time to mature — to reach the size and shape that you want," he said.

A regular fence begins fulfilling its function the moment you put your tools away. "But it's stagnant. It also needs some maintenance, and eventually it will need replacing," Clatterbuck said.

"A living fence is more functional, more appealing," he said.

To keep a hedge wildlife-friendly, avoid high-maintenance shrubs, like formalized boxwoods or topiaries. Many flowering hedges are traditionally pruned, but few require it. Birds, animals and beneficial insects favor naturally shaped hedging with pollen-laden blooms, nourishing berries and fruit. Thick hedges with heavy leaf coverage also furnish shelter from storms and protection from predators.



DEAN FOSDICK/AP

An ivy-covered fence near Langley, Wash., underscores that there are no landscaping rules against blending plant varieties or integrating them into commercial fencing. Vines can soften the look of traditional fences.

Beware, however, the intimidating family of shrubs — barberry, quince, pyracantha, cactus. Their barbs can be painful to prune and even more uncomfortable to remove.

There are no landscaping rules against blending plant varieties (evergreens with deciduous shrubs, for instance) or integrating them into commercial fencing (Boston ivy climbing posts and gates, grape vines clinging to walls.) Vines and shrubs soften the look of chain link and privacy fencing.

But living fences should have shrubs appropriate for the environment, said Michael Kuhns, a wildland resources department head with Utah State University.

"Native plants are the way to go if you live in a place that supports them, especially low-water areas," Kuhns said. "You won't get lush growth with infrequent precipitation."

Installing fencing may require permits, and local codes might dictate the height and kinds of materials allowed. Checking with City Hall about fencing restrictions may save you time and money.

Property-line issues also arise frequently, so tell your neighbors what you have planned before getting started.

"Most neighbors won't get that worked up about someone making a nice hedge in their yard," Kuhns said.

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Do research, select plants that resist diseases, pests

BY BETH BOTTS

Chicago Tribune

Gardeners often are told it's better to landscape with trees and plants that are resistant to diseases and pests than to fight problems with pesticides.

Choosing plants that are less likely to develop unsightly problems reduces the use of toxic chemicals, said Sharon Yiesla, plant knowledge specialist at the Plant Clinic of the Morton Arboretum in Lisle. "You don't have the trouble of applying them, and you aren't introducing those pesticides to the environment," she said.

How do you know whether a plant can resist disease? "You'll have to do some research," Yiesla said, "but it's worth investing a little effort upfront to avoid buying a problem."

That research can help you choose specific species that are less prone to certain diseases. Common lilac (*Syringa vulgaris*) often gets powdery mildew, a common fungus disease that creates white or light gray fuzz on the leaves in summer. The smaller, later-blooming Korean lilac (*Syringa meyeri*) is much less susceptible to the fungus.

"If you have a lot of trouble with a particular plant year after year, consider replacing it with a different species," Yiesla said. If the leaves of your arrowwood viburnum (*Viburnum dentatum*) are repeatedly eaten by viburnum leaf beetles, you might swap it out for one of the other viburnum species, such as Judd's viburnum (*Viburnum x juddii*), that appear to be less attractive to the beetles. Or choose a plant from a different genetic family, such as smooth hydrangea (*Hydrangea macrophylla*). Plants that are more dis-



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Disease-resistant varieties, such as this Adirondack flowering crab apple tree, can keep their good looks as long as they are not under stress, but no plant is entirely immune from pests and disease.

tantly related are less likely to be prone to the same problems.

Another way a plant can be disease-resistant is if it was bred that way. Today, plant breeders know gardeners are looking for lower maintenance plants, so they make disease resistance a priority as they develop new cultivars, or cultivated varieties.

For example, some flowering crab apple cultivars have been selected for their ability to resist common fungus diseases that disfigure many apple trees, including apple scab and fire blight. The arboretum's website lists a number of these cultivars. Go to mortonarb.org, and search for "crabapple." The Plant Clinic also can help you select many kinds of disease-resistant trees and other plants.

Don't assume, however, that a disease-resistant plant will be problem-free. "No plant is bulletproof," Yiesla said. "The word 'resistant' does not mean 'immune.'"

Think of a disease or pest as an army besieging a fortress. A strong fortress

may easily resist most sieges — unless the food stockpile dwindles or a drought dries up the water supply. "In difficult years, even resistant plants just can't hold out," Yiesla said. When there is more rain than usual, plants that normally resist fungus diseases may be infected. Drought also can stress trees and other plants and force many to drop their defenses.

Even if a plant does get infected, it's not necessarily a big problem. Some plants can tolerate a certain amount of disease or insect damage, even if it's unattractive to gardeners. For example, in wet years, many maple trees get tar spot on their leaves in late summer. "It's unsightly," Yiesla said, "but it doesn't really do the tree any long-term harm."

For tree and plant advice, contact the Arboretum's Plant Clinic (630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org).

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SOCIAL GRACES

Who gets the final call on when to have a wedding?

BY CHRISTEN A. JOHNSON

Chicago Tribune

Q: The bride and groom can't agree on a wedding date. Who gets the final call?

A: The only instance when it's OK to make the final call is when your boo says, "I'm good with whatever date you decide!"

More grooms are getting involved with the wedding planning than ever before;

this is every bit as much his wedding as it is the bride's. Coming to an agreement on a date is where all the wedding planning begins.

However, if the bride and groom cannot agree on a date, then it boils down to why. Many factors can complicate setting a date, like the bride's family paying for the event and the family's opinions being considered. Ultimately though, the final decision should be the couple's.

Since the wedding will involve both sets of families and friends, the wedding date should be decided by both the bride and the groom. Honor a time that works for both of you. It's not about who gets the final call — the couple need to be able to make important decisions together before journeying into marriage.

How sweet is it to start the wedding planning process in agreement? This will set the tone of what's

ahead in a sea of decisions in both wedding planning and marriage.

— *Mary Chatman, editor-in-chief of Black Bride Magazine*

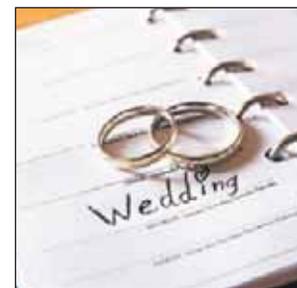
A: Planning a wedding involves logistical and emotional decisions. But in the end, emotion is a stronger force and has a longer memory.

Down the road, a couple will care less about what actual day the wedding was

on; they will, though, care about the conflict over choosing the date and how that squabble affected not only their planning process, but also their relationship.

Couples should focus more on what type of memory they are creating for their relationship down the line. Someone getting the final call can create resentment, and that doesn't set the couple up for a healthy relationship.

The pair each should

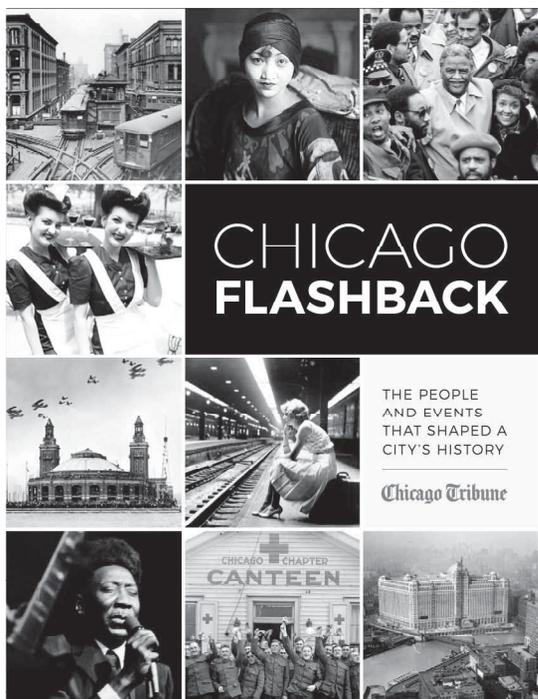


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throw out their expectations and find a solution that makes both happy.

— *Jen Elmquist, licensed marriage and family therapist*

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4 smart ways to rein in your holiday spending

BY LIZ WESTON
NerdWallet

The holidays are a huge deal in the Weston household — and every year, the expenses threatened to gallop out of control.

Keeping the holiday joyous and less stressful means keeping a firm rein on our spending. Here's what we do, as well as smart frugal tips from others:

Budget for every expense

By early November, I set up a spreadsheet with budgeted amounts for:

- Gifts, with names and how much we expect to spend on each person.
- Holiday tips, again with names and amounts.
- Travel expenses, including gas, hotel and meals.
- The tree, lights and other decorations.
- Food, drinks and treats for holiday gatherings.
- Holiday cards, postage and wrapping supplies.

Spreadsheets aren't exactly warm, fuzzy and cinnamon-scented. But they allow us to see our total expected holiday spending and to make adjustments as necessary. (Adjustments are always necessary.)

We've used various ideas over the years to curb expenses, as our fortunes and the size of family gatherings change. One year the adults drew names for gifts. We've also asked friends and more distant relatives to exchange cards instead of presents.

We set an overall budget for our daughter's presents, then have her prioritize her wish list. Learning to prioritize is an important life skill, so this exercise does double parenting duty.

Check the 'cushions'

Remember the days when you ransacked the



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The holiday spending surge requires cutting other expenses and keeping track of your budget for gifts, travel and holiday gatherings.

couch cushions for loose change? There are better places to hunt for forgotten money. Some places to look:

Your gift card stash. Pass them along, use them to buy presents or cash them in at sites such as Gift Card Granny or Raise.

Credit card rewards. Rewards points can be used to buy gift cards and merchandise. We typically use our rewards for travel, but I sometimes turn points from little-used or orphaned accounts into gift cards.

The coin jar. Some banks and credit unions will count change for free, or you can use the Coin-Star machines found at

many grocery and drug-stores. We avoid Coin-Star's exchange fee by opting for electronic gift cards from Amazon, Starbucks and other retailers.

The gift stash. Surely I'm not the only person to tuck away the perfect gift for someone, only to find it years later. Now I keep a bin in the closet to stash presents year-round. The bin also includes some all-purpose gifts (candles, scented soaps, fancy corkscrews) that can be used to thank a hostess or to give to the friend who ignored the "no gifts this year" agreement.

The heirlooms. Consider passing along a treasured object while you're

still around to enjoy the recipients' pleasure. It could be something that you inherited or that the other person admired: a piece of artwork or jewelry, a beloved toy, a musical instrument, a grandparent's toolbox or baking supplies.

Cut other expenses

Our holiday spending surge requires cutting other expenses to keep our budget in balance. Ahead of the holidays, we:

- Eat out less and plan meals that mostly use items from our pantry.
- Scour our recurring bills for possible savings,

such as pausing subscriptions or canceling an unused gym membership.

- Look for cheap entertainment, such as free community concerts or baking cookies with friends.

We're also changing how we make charitable donations, because the 2017 tax overhaul probably means we'll no longer get a tax deduction.

Instead of rushing to make big year-end contributions, we've set up monthly payments to our favorite charities. That provides them with a steady source of income and avoids another big December dent in our budget.

Keep the budget updated

A budget should be regularly updated and adjusted. I log our spending every week and use apps such as Santa's Bag or Christmas List that I can update on my phone.

This approach does more than keep us honest about our spending. At the end of the season, I have a realistic idea of how much to save for next year. I divide that total by 12, and set up a monthly transfer to an online savings account labeled "Christmas."

Having the money to pay for the holidays in cash every year may be the best gift of all.

Go wild: Our favorite animal prints in home and fashion design

BY DAVID SYREK | Chicago Tribune

Classic leopard prints never really go out of style, but this season, a menagerie of animal prints, from tiger to cheetah to snakeskin, ruled fashion's runways.

How to get the look? There are endless options. Fast fashion powerhouse Zara created the perfect New Year's Eve outfit in a chic, long, knit skirt covered in leopard-print sequins shown with a fitted black sweater. Alexander Wang went sleek '80s with his studded leopard-print ankle boots, and Dolce & Gabbana put a fun twist on the trend with its furry tiger-print Mary Janes.

On the home front, designers embraced the trend, creating animal print accessories from pillows to rugs, often abstracting the pattern and adding bold colors.

Here are some of our favorite looks.

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Jaipur's leopard spots En Casa pillow, left, \$49, and Square Feathers' hand-sewn Kingdom Zebra pillow, \$359. nordstrom.com

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Zara printed leopard sequin skirt. 69.99, zara.com

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Sequins in the daytime? Yes, you can.



ELLEN WARREN
Answer Angel

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: I never thought I would type these words, but here goes: Is it OK to wear sequins in the daytime? I've got sequin "evening" clothes that I really love, but I wear them a few times and then they just take up space in my closet.
— P.L.

Dear P.L.: I never thought I would type this response to your question but ... the answer is yes. It will take some guts, but there are places and events where those sequined sweaters, jackets, skirts and dresses can work for daytime. Little girls love sparkles, and if you doubt it, just go into any store's girls department, and you practically need sunglasses for all the glitter and sequins on the clothes for sale there. Well, big girls love sparkles too, as your wardrobe (mine too) attests. Once I got your question — the first of its kind to land in my inbox — I did some research and found evidence that sequins have definitely busted into daywear.

Some examples:
■ Vogue Magazine had a layout with the caption "sequins do indeed pair well with corduroy," showing a gorgeous model wearing wide leg corduroy cargo pants with a gold sequin bustier and a hipster winter hat. Granted, this particular outfit is not for everyone.
■ InStyle magazine editor Laura Brown winds up her December issue editor's letter with this advice, "wear your sequins however you damn want."
■ The Guardian, a British



IGOR EMMERICH/IMAGE SOURCE

Your sequins can make the leap to daytime wear, if you choose your outfit and occasion carefully.

newspaper and website (theguardian.com) ran an entire story headlined "How to wear: sequins in the daytime." Author Jess Cartner-Morley writes, "You can wear sequins for the daylight hours as you used to wear after dark — you just wear them in a different way."

So, how to wear sequins in the harsh light of day and not look as if you've been out all night? How about styling that cocktail dress as a skirt by wearing it under a chunky sweater with knee-high or over-the-knee boots? Maybe not for work but certainly a weekend brunch. Or a sequin top with a heavy knit cardigan, jeans and booties or even gym shoes. If you don't think jewels and sneakers go together, just check out

Gucci's latest footwear. And while we're on the topic, in fashion there are no rules. Granted, daytime sequins aren't for everybody, but how about adding leopard shoes or a bright pink belt to a black dress. Baby steps!

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: I travel frequently and hate carrying an overstuffed makeup bag. How many products make up the perfect travel kit?
— J.L.T.

Dear J. L.T.: I'm a convert to the carry-on-luggage-only club, and it has been a real struggle to pare down. But after a lot of trial and error, here's what you need:

Sunscreen (I use tinted, so it doubles as a makeup base.)

Eyeliner

Neutral eye shadow (my choice is a medium brown), sometimes adding a deep gray on the outer lid for evening. Don't forget a brush or tool to apply it.

Mascara

Lipstick

Eyebrow pencil or gel

Nighttime moisturizer if your skin is dry (also doubles as hand and body lotion).

Makeup remover pads, lotion or cloths

(And remember the airline rules about how much gel or liquid — max 3.4-ounce containers — you can carry on the flight. It all has to fit in a quart-size resealable bag.)

And another makeup question ...

Dear Answer Angel

decide whether the advantages of shine-eliminating powder outweighs the ill effects.

Angelic readers

Many readers agreed with me that the only real solution for a saggy neck, whether a result of weight loss, genes or aging, is surgery. But others had some suggestions that have worked for them: Gold Bond Ultimate Neck & Chest Firming Cream (drugstores and big box stores, under \$10) comes highly recommended. Maureen O. says it's not a miracle worker, but "I definitely see a difference." Lucia K. and Julie C. agree.

A reader using the name "Firm Neck" says Lacura Face Care Q10 Day Cream Anti-Wrinkle and Lacura Q10 Night Cream Anti-Wrinkle (\$16 and up, amazon.com) are "the best face creams ever." JCGF likes Avon Anew Power Serum (Avon representatives, avon.com or amazon.com, \$14.75). Ann S. says she uses Anti-Terge Moisture and Protective Cream (dentaltech.com, \$8.10). Renata's suggestion is expensive, but she says it works if applied religiously daily and reapplied if outdoors: Neocutis Micro-Firm & Decollete Rejuvenating Complex (amazon.com, \$135).

Cynthia S. suggests, "swimming the Australian crawl." Susan L. recommends a hilarious book by the late Nora Ephron, "I Feel Bad About My Neck" (Target, \$12.75). It won't change how you look, but it will make you laugh and know you aren't alone.

Now it's your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangel@ellen.com.

Ellen: I've been using facial powder all my life, but I've noticed that lately it migrates to the fine (and not so fine) lines around my eyes. What's the answer to my problem? Or is there one?
— Katie L.

Dear Katie: First of all, there's a whole no-makeup movement out there. Do an internet search for Alicia Keys photos, and you'll see what I mean. It is a bold choice, although not one I'd recommend. Other options to try are a makeup primer under your foundation and/or powder or powder foundation, such as Neutrogena Mineral Sheers, which is a combo of matte foundation and powder to eliminate sheen. Some women swear by oil-control blotting papers. And, if all else fails,



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Winter's best beanies

BY DAVID SYREK | Chicago Tribune

It's beanie season, and these winter hats aren't just for keeping your head warm and your ears from freezing; they add the perfect punctuation to your winter style. Whether you go with a slouchy beanie or a fitted skullcap, go bold and be the coolest — and warmest — guy this winter.

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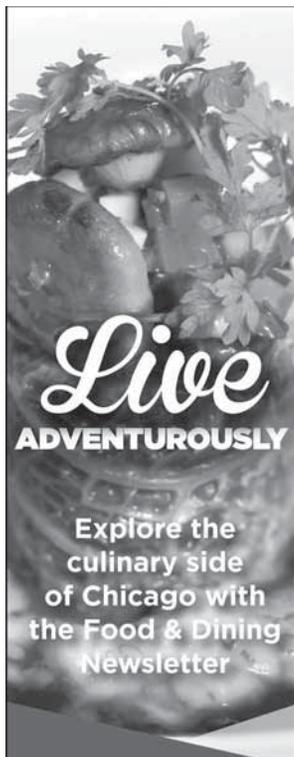
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Watch geeks drive booming trade in pre-owned pieces

BY AMIR BIBAWY
Associated Press

Around two dozen traders sit in an open-layout second floor of a building in suburban Philadelphia. Surrounded by computer monitors, loud conversation and ringing phones, the energy on this trading floor is high, and the commodity is blingy.

At the headquarters of Govberg, they're not dealing in diamonds or gold but pre-owned luxury watches, of which the company sells about \$200 million worth a year.

Some 100 miles northeast, 23-year-old Christian Zeron sits in his parents' dining room in suburban New Jersey looking at around 30 pre-owned vintage watches. In a few days, he'll put them up for sale on his company's website, theoandharris.com, which sells \$2 million in watches annually.

Govberg, in the watch business for 35 years, and Theo & Harris, founded only three years ago, are part of the thriving pre-owned luxury watch business. Along with dozens of other companies, they are the core of an industry that has exploded over the past few years.

Even though watches have been disappearing from people's wrists with the spread of mobile phones, luxury watches remain a popular status symbol. In fact, sales have crept up slightly in the last two years.

The pre-owned business allows shoppers to get a good deal on modern watches like Rolex Submariner, while also offering a large selection of vintage pieces like an early 20th-century Cartier Tank.

Danny Govberg, the founder of Govberg's global watch operation Watch-Box, compared the rise of pre-owned watches to the "quartz revolution" nearly



AMIR BIBAWY/AP

Christian Zeron, right, of Theo & Harris, sells \$2 million in watches annually on his company's website.

five decades ago.

"Pre-owned watches are coming out of drawers so fast and furious now that I've never seen anything like it," Govberg said in an interview in the company's headquarters in Bala Cynwyd, just outside Philadelphia. "It's a real disruption coming to our industry."

Zeron, of Theo & Harris, uses video to offer his thoughts on the industry, and regularly gets hundreds of thousands of views for his four weekly YouTube posts.

"Social media is where it took off," he said, sitting in his parents' living room with Anna Griffin who was his first employee and a fellow student at Seton Hall University in New Jersey. "We don't have a retail store — there was no actual foot traffic. It was all social buzz."

The young entrepreneur, who founded the company with \$10,000 in saved-up birthday money when he was a college sophomore, has a larger-than-life persona on social media, with a no-holds-barred approach to roasting iconic brands such as Breitling.

A watch enthusiast can spend hours on web forums, debating the differences between the various iterations of a \$4,500 Tudor Black Bay ("I love the

domed crystal but I'd be interested to see it Imm thicker," says one member on RolexForums.com of the latest "Fifty-Eight" release.)

The explosive growth of pre-owned watch sales has deeper roots than social media, however. There's an emotional and intellectual appeal to owning a mechanical device that could have 300 small pieces inside.

"Nothing that anyone consumes is very interesting anymore," said Zeron, sporting a 1980s 18-karat gold Rolex Oyster Perpetual Day-Date.

Take the ubiquitous iPhone — easily replaceable, Zeron notes.

"If your vintage Omega breaks, that's it. It's over. You will never get another one like it," he said.

Then, there is the sheer volume and variety on offer, with supply flowing out of people's drawers.

"If you went into an IWC boutique, they may have 50, 60, 70, 80 watches to choose from," Govberg said. "But in the pre-owned space of IWC, you may have 900 watches to choose from."

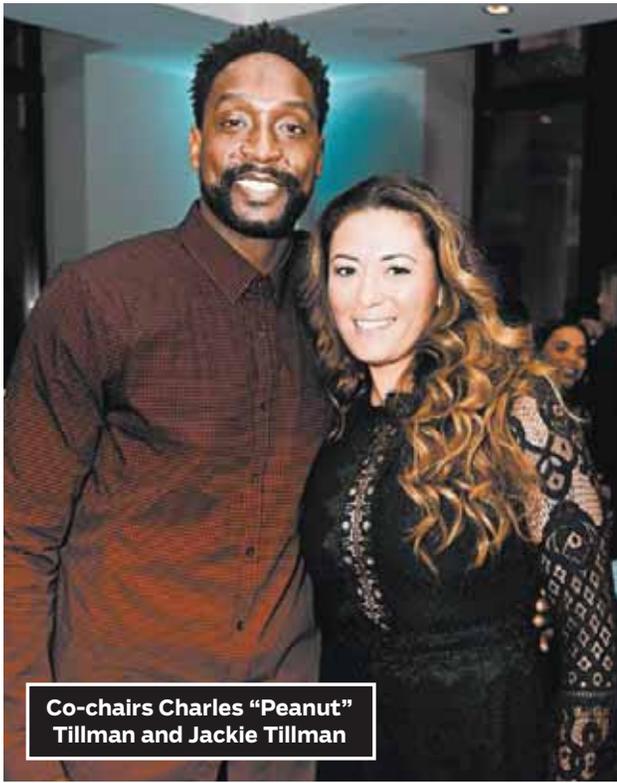
Bottom line: A pre-owned luxury watch in great condition is usually a third of the price of a new one.

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BY CANDACE JORDAN
Candid Candace



Ping Pong Ball to pay parking fees for NICU

The sixth annual Playing it Forward Ping Pong Ball fundraiser, hosted by the Jackson Chance Foundation, drew more than 550 guests Nov. 8 to the St. Jane Hotel.

Combining a table tennis tournament with a star-studded party, the event raised over \$375,000 to benefit families with critically ill infants in neonatal intensive care units (NICU) at Lurie Children's Hospital and Northwestern Medicine Prentice Women's Hospital by removing the financial burden of parking fees.

Held in partnership with Joola USA, the event was co-chaired by former Chicago Bear Charles "Peanut" Tillman and his wife, Jackie. It began with a VIP reception where guests mingled with celebrities, including Taylor Kinney and Miranda Rae Mayo of "Chicago Fire," Colin O'Donnell of "Chicago Med," former Chicago Bears Matt Forte, Jerry Azumah, Israel Idonije and Otis Wilson, and former Chicago Bull Will Perdue.

Emcees Val Warner and Ryan Chiaverini of "Windy City Live" brought the crowd to attention. "Imagine being separated from your baby the moment they enter the world. Then imagine having to pay a fee each time you wanted to see your child. ... Parking fees at NICUs can cost more than \$1,000 a month, forcing many families to make unthinkable choices," Warner said.

Chiaverini introduced foundation founder Carrie Meghie who, along with her husband, Terry, created the nonprofit in honor of their son Jackson Chance, who was born prematurely on 11/11/11 at 11:11 p.m. and who passed away before his first birthday.

A heated pingpong battle followed with young pro and NICU alum Nandan Naresh and partner/co-chair Tillman losing to older brother Sid Naresh and partner Taylor Kinney. Ben Davis won the overall competition.

Carrie Meghie presented the Owl Give Award that recognizes NICU nurses, to Ashley Grumbine of Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago.

Since 2017, the nonprofit has raised more than \$3.3 million.

Freelance writer Candace Jordan is involved in many organizations, including some whose events she covers.

More online

Find more photos and video of this event at www.chicagotribune.com/candidcandace

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A model one-bedroom apartment at the former Marshall Field's warehouse in the Belmont Gardens neighborhood of Chicago.

Historic warehouse gets a new life

Former Marshall Field's site transformed into luxury apartments

BY RANDI STEVENSON
Chicago Tribune

On Chicago's Northwest Side sits a boxy brick building, rich in history and ready for residents.

The old Marshall Field's warehouse, at the intersection of Diversey Avenue and Pulaski Road in the Belmont Gardens neighborhood, is getting new life as luxury apartments.

The Field's Lofts, which has started pre-leasing, will be home to 123 studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments. The first move-ins are slated for early 2019.

Behind the project is Chicago-based developer Hubbard Street Group and its managing partner, John McLinden.

This is not McLinden's first venture into making old industrial spaces new again. He was behind the 1991 redevelopment of Lincoln Park's Altgeld Court condos, an 89,000-square-foot courtyard building, and the Montgomery Ward redevelopment in River North, which boasted 31 acres of land and over 2 million square feet of neglected buildings.

The Field's Lofts is just part of the ongoing redevelopment of what is now called The Fields, a 90-year-old collection of brick buildings — 1.5 million square feet set on 22 acres. The complex also includes parking, office and retail space.

Original building elements that were maintained in the design of The Field's Lofts include soaring 14- to 17-foot ceilings



Hubbard Street Group is constructing the former Marshall Field's warehouse at the intersection of Diversey Avenue and Pulaski Road into 123 studio, one- and two-bedroom loft apartments with common amenities and rooftop space.

and structural columns, which will be painted with splashes of the signature Marshall Field's green. Residents will also find an old warehouse sign hanging in one of the common areas.

Amenities include a fitness center, yoga and meditation lounge, sundeck, party room with a chef's kitchen, co-working space, storage lockers, bike parking and on-site management. The outdoor sundeck features a grilling area, fire pit, lounge chairs, dining tables and skyline views.

Rents start at \$1,450 a month for studios, \$1,650 for one-bedrooms and \$2,295 for two-bedrooms.

Chicago Tribune's Ryan Ori contributed.



An original Marshall Field's sign in the construction office at the Field's Lofts on Nov. 14. First move-ins are slated for early 2019.



KENNETH R. HARNEY
The Nation's Housing

GOP tax bill: Many gifts, but flaws too

December is mega-tax-bill time on Capitol Hill, where legislation loaded with gifts and goodies for special-interest constituents moves ahead for action before the end of the year. House Republicans have unveiled their 2018 version — nearly 300 pages worth — and it has goodies galore:

Write-offs and tax-credit deals for racehorse owners, "motorsports entertainment complexes," TV and film producers, mine-rescue team trainers, two-wheeled electric vehicles, Indian coal facilities, economic development in American Samoa and a bunch of others. And yes, homeowners and builders are on the gift list as well:

■ Did you pay mortgage-insurance premiums this year on a conventional home loan, a Federal Housing Administration (FHA)-backed mortgage or a Veterans (VA) loan? Congratulations! You're a potential beneficiary if the bill passes.

■ Did you install energy-conserving improvements in your house this year, such as high-performance windows, doors, roofing or skylights? Did you buy an energy-efficient furnace, hot-water heater or air conditioner? The new tax bill has a little something for you. Ditto if you built an energy-efficient new house.

■ Were you underwater on your mortgage, forced to do a short sale, foreclosed upon or negotiated a loan workout agreement this year in which the lender forgave the balance owed? Good news. You're covered by the bill — the IRS will not tax the forgiven balance of your debt as ordinary income if the bill passes and this tax-code provision is extended.

■ Were you a victim of one of the country's recent natural disasters, such as hurricanes Florence or Michael, the Camp and Woolsey wildfires or the Kilauea volcanic eruption? The bill offers tax relief to assist your recovery.

The bill clearly has valuable provisions for certain groups of homeowners. But it also has fundamental problems. Start with the basics: Can it pass? One of the risks of sponsoring tax proposals late in a congressional session — House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady, R-Texas, only introduced it Nov. 26 — is that they can get squished in the last-minute crush of higher-profile legislation, such as this

Turn to **Tax bill, Page 3**

Spending on construction down 0.1% in October

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Spending on U.S. construction projects fell 0.1 percent in October, the third consecutive monthly decline, as weakness in home building and non-residential construction offset a rebound in government projects.

The October decline matched a similar 0.1 percent drop in Sep-

tember and followed a 0.4 percent fall in August, the Commerce Department reported Monday. Construction has been weak since peaking in May with declines in four of the five months since that time, reflecting in large part the challenge facing home builders.

Home builders have struggled all year with rising costs for lumber, land and workers. Mortgage rates are also rising, reflecting in part rate hikes by the Federal

Reserve, which has boosted its benchmark rate three times this year and is expected to hike rates for a fourth time later this month.

In October, home building fell 0.5 percent, while non-residential construction retreated 0.3 percent as declines in construction of medical facilities and shopping centers offset a gain in office construction. Government spending was up 0.8 percent in October, a rebound that reflected

gains in both state and local projects and federal spending.

The National Association for Business Economics released an economic outlook Monday in which its forecasting panel downgraded estimates for home construction for this year and next year. It projects that builders will start 1.26 million homes in 2018, down from their forecast in October for 1.28 million housing starts this year.

The revised forecast would still be a 5 percent increase from the 1.2 million housing starts in 2017. For 2019, the forecast expects starts will rise to 1.3 million units, a reduction of 50,000 units from NABE's October survey.

The three straight declines in construction spending left total spending at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$1.31 trillion in October, 1.2 percent below the peak hit in May.

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HOME OF THE WEEK

Bucktown duplex condo with outdoor space: \$1.2 million

ADDRESS: 2221 N. Leavitt St., Unit 1, in Chicago
ASKING PRICE: \$1,190,000
 Listed on Oct. 20, 2018

With five bedrooms and 3 1/2 baths, this newer Bucktown duplex condo offers 4,500 square feet of living space and an extra-wide, open floor plan that is flooded with natural light. The first level includes a large living/dining room combo and a family room that leads to the chef's kitchen with a breakfast nook, quartz counters, Italian cabinetry and professional-grade appliances. Retreat to the lower level, which features soaring ceilings and an additional entertainment space with a wet bar. All five bedrooms are located on this level, including the master suite with a sitting area and multiple custom closets. The spalike master bath features heated floors, dual vanities, a soaking tub and a European walk-in wall shower with multiple jets and dual showerheads. Located on a quiet tree-lined street, this home offers a private garage rooftop deck, a front terrace and a deck off of the kitchen/family room. Agent: Melissa Dondalski of @properties, 312-632-0380



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Can a board's director be paid?



HOWARD DAKOFF
Condo Adviser

Q: I live in a six-unit, self-managed condominium association. The board president is considering taking on extra responsibilities to basically manage our association on the condition he will be paid. We are wondering if a director is allowed to be paid for his or her service on the board. We cannot find anything in the Condominium Act that addresses this issue.

A: The Condominium Act does not address the compensation of directors. However, most bylaws expressly state that condominium directors shall serve without compensation unless approved by a certain percentage of the unit owners. Compensation of condominium directors is rare. If the bylaws contain customary language, it may be possible for the unit owners to approve compensation for a director to take on extra responsibilities if the unit owners are inclined to do so.

Q: I am a new condominium unit owner in a small association. In our association, the unit owners vote for new directors, but once elected, the board of directors does not give the unit owners any input on budget increases. The 2019 budget had an increase of 5.5 percent. Are unit owners



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Compensation of condominium directors is rare.

entitled to approve budget increases?

A: Pursuant to Section 18(a)(8) of the Condominium Act, the board of directors alone adopts budgets. However, the Condominium Act contains a safeguard for unit owners to reject a budget that increases more than 15 percent of the sum of all regular and special assessments paid during the preceding fiscal year by following certain procedures. Therefore, because a 5.5 percent budget increase is below the 15 percent threshold that triggers a possible unit owner rejection, the board may adopt the budget without unit owner input or rejection rights.

Q: I am a board member of a small self-managed condominium association built in the 1950s. Due to rust build-up in the galvanized pipes, the water pressure has declined such that replacement plumbing is required throughout the building to obtain normal water pressure. Would the entire project be a common expense or could the association assess a portion of the project to the unit owners, such as the branch lines from the main water riser to the units?

A: Water pipes in condominium buildings will eventually need replacement. Main water risers in

a condominium association are deemed a common element and would properly be a common expense to replace. However, the branch lines between the main water riser and units may be deemed a limited common element per the condominium declaration because each of those pipes only serves a single unit.

Whether replacement of the branch lines is a common expense or a unit owner expense depends on the specific language in the condominium declaration. Some declarations state that the maintenance, repair and replacement of pipes bringing water into units is a common expense regardless of the classification, in which case, it would be a common expense.

On the other hand, even in those declarations that classify a branch line as a limited common element, it is common for the declaration to provide the board the latitude to decide whether to assess all, some or none of those limited common element replacement costs back to the affected unit. Commonly, when there is a complete water pipe replacement project, the board will choose to pay for the entire project as a common expense because all units are affected.

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Error in deed's property description must be fixed

BY ILYCE GLINK AND SAMUEL J. TAMKIN
Tribune Content Agency

Q: My deed contains an error. Instead of one of the property lines being described as running "south westerly 146 feet," it reads "south easterly 146 feet."

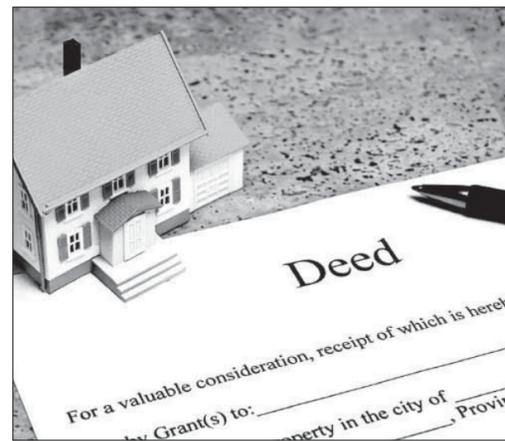
For selling or passing on the property to heirs without a problem at a later date, is this defect significant enough to warrant requesting the attorney who prepared the deed to correct the error with a new deed or by some other means?

A: Heck, yes! And, if that is truly a mistake on the deed, we're glad you caught the error. We believe you should go back to the attorney and get the deed corrected because there are a few things that must be correct on a deed to avoid complications down the line, including the names of the owners, the names of the buyers, the tax parcel identification number, the address and the legal description.

Before we go into details, we want you to make sure that the "error" you think is there is truly an error. If you have a survey of your property, the survey should have a matching legal description to the deed and your title insurance policy, if you got one when you purchased the home. If all three legal descriptions match, we would question whether you have an error in the legal description.

We're guessing you've determined that the error definitely exists. How could this have happened? It may have been because the survey showed the "south westerly" direction and your deed showed the "south easterly" direction of the property.

If the survey legal description is short and



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rather simple, you should track it on the survey. Find the starting point for the legal description, and follow the legal description as if you were following directions. If the directions follow correctly on the survey, we'd guess you're right and the deed is wrong.

While the address is important, the legal description is even more important. When it comes to single family homes, many homes are located in subdivisions. When a seller conveys title to a buyer, the seller's deed might contain a reference to, say, Lot 30 in such and such subdivision. If the reference to the lot is wrong, the buyer would not receive title to the right property. In condo buildings, where parking is sold separately, if there is a mistake in the parking space number on the deed, the buyer will technically be sold the wrong spot.

Likewise, when a property is not subdivided, the legal description may be referred to as a metes-and-bounds description. That description, if the property were a rectangular parcel, would start at a specific point, then describe the distance to the next point with certain coordinates, then again to a third point by distance and coordinates

and finally one last distance with more coordinates. If the legal description is proper, it makes the rectangle (or whatever the shape of the property), and the legal description closes properly.

That's why you should have the issue corrected. In some instances, the correction can be made on the original recorded document and that document can be rerecorded with the correct information and an indication the document was rerecorded to correct a scrivener's error. If you purchased the property and obtained title insurance, you may be able to go back to the title company that insured your purchase and have them or the settlement agent correct it.

This is why it's so important to review all the documents before you sign them at the closing. Mistakes can creep into the process. Ilyce once caught a refinance loan agreement with the wrong interest rate on it; it's a lot less hassle to correct the documents at the closing than afterward.

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How the property you're buying affects your mortgage rate

When comparing mortgage rates, the rate tables you'll first encounter may not be the right rates for you. That's because lenders charge different rates for different property types. So what you're buying makes a difference.

The typically advertised mortgage is for a single-family detached home in which you'll reside. But what if you're buying a townhome, a condo or a duplex? Or a vacation home or rental property?

Each property type carries different rates from a lender, as historical buyers of each type have different default rates. Buyers of a single-family detached home that will be their primary residence default the least often, so lenders charge the lowest rates for these properties.

Beyond this, two parameters affect your rate: whether you'll personally live in the home, and the type of property you're buying. If you'll live in the home yourself, whether a primary, second or vacation home, you'll

fare better rate-wise than if others will live in the home. Conversely, rental properties have higher default rates - and thus higher rates - since landlords are more likely than homeowners to walk away from a property.

Then there's dwelling type. Condos carry more risk for lenders, in part because the buyer won't own the land and is subject to the condo association handling many aspects of the property. So condo mortgage rates are typically higher than single-family rates.

Townhomes and duplexes are hybrids of sorts, with their mortgage pricing depending on the lender. For instance, whether the townhome is attached, semi-attached or detached may have a bearing, as will a duplex's owner-occupied or full-rental status.

Specifying your property type is critical to effective mortgage rate shopping, so if you're buying something other than a single-family primary residence, know that you'll need to dig deeper than pre-published rates.



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When control of the House shifts in January, latecomer bills get caught up in strategic considerations.

Tax bill

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year's federal-budget resolution. If issues like funding a southern border wall are not solved, there could be a government shutdown. Passing a tax bill in the middle of this brewing partisan storm is a serious challenge.

Another problem: In election years like this one, where control of the House is scheduled to shift in January, latecomer bills get caught up in strategic considerations: Should Democrats accept another giant tax bill rammed through by the Republican majority with little or no debate or input from the minority side? Or might it make sense to wait for 2019, when a Democratic-run House Ways and Means Committee can craft a tax bill that includes more of the new majority's priorities? Democrats in the Senate are in a position to block Brady's bill, and they may just decide to wait for next year.

There's another issue that directly relates to provisions that are supposed to benefit homeowners. Last year's massive tax-overhaul law doubled the standard deduction to \$12,000 for single filers and \$24,000 for married couples filing jointly. The idea was to simplify the process by eliminating incentives for taxpayers to itemize expenses and claim deductions. Millions of taxpayers,

including many homeowners, are expected to stop itemizing and opt for the fattened standard deduction when they file for 2018 because their total deductions are below the \$12,000 and \$24,000 ceilings.

As a result, large numbers of people who would otherwise have claimed deductions for mortgage-insurance premiums under the bill won't likely be doing so. That's especially the case since eligibility for taking this particular deduction phases out for taxpayers with incomes higher than \$100,000. Most of these taxpayers will be taking the standard deduction anyway, so the value of the provision in the bill is questionable. The same holds true for the energy-improvement deductions for windows and doors. How many homeowners are really going to want to claim this relatively modest benefit when they can simply check off the box and take the standard deduction?

The mortgage-debt forgiveness provision in the bill is in a different category. It's a crucial money saver for thousands of financially stressed homeowners and is not affected by the doubling of the standard deduction. If the Republicans' bill doesn't survive this congressional session, look for it to reappear - retroactive for 2018 - when House Democrats write their own tax bill in 2019.

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Going beyond Airbnb

How a new kind of home-sharing startup wants to create more affordable housing

BY MARISA KENDALL
The Mercury News

OAKLAND, Calif. — An East Bay startup wants to create 25 cheap rental units by next spring, and it plans to do it all without applying for a single permit, hammering one nail or taking out any money in construction loans.

Instead of addressing the Bay Area's housing shortage by building, an expensive process that can get bogged down in delays and opposition from neighbors, Oakland-based Roomily intends to tap an underutilized resource — people's spare bedrooms.

The startup, which launched a pilot program last month to match homeowners with people looking for cheap, long-term rooms to rent, is part of an increasingly popular movement to use the millennial-driven "home-sharing" craze to address the region's housing needs.

"We really wanted to focus on housing because it's an issue that's both personal and community and regional," said Roomily co-founder Jill Lindenbaum. "Every day, we were reading about the issue, and we were feeling it personally as people we knew were having to pick up and leave."

Santa Clara County launched a similar "house-sharing" program in August in partnership with Catholic Charities of Santa Clara

County. The county's goal is to bring 100 households on board each year for the next 2½ years. Last fall, Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf implored her constituents to open their spare bedrooms to the homeless through an ongoing program run by Bay Area Community Services. Since 2014, about 140 people per year have gotten rooms through that program. HIP Housing in San Mateo County and Home Match in San Francisco also pair renters with homeowners willing to charge below market rate for their spare bedrooms.

In the past, such house-sharing programs have been run by nonprofits. Roomily appears to be the first for-profit company embracing the concept in the Bay Area. Lindenbaum and her co-founder, who so far have self-funded the company, chose the for-profit model because nonprofits are more limited in who they can serve — generally people below a certain income level — and how many people they can serve.

"We really wanted to create a sustainable business model that could potentially scale to meet a much greater need," Lindenbaum said.

Roomily will use an algorithm (think Airbnb meets eharmony) to match potential renters with like-minded homeowners. The idea is to develop a match that's beneficial for both



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Teachers visiting from Mexico — Julieta Zarza Delaluz, far left, Kelem Grass, second from left, and Patricia Corona Ordonez, far right — have dinner with Vicki McGuire, in Oakland, Calif. McGuire is renting an apartment to the teachers.

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— Jill Lindenbaum, Roomily co-founder

parties, Lindenbaum said. The renter needs an affordable room, and the homeowner needs help paying the mortgage, or perhaps could use some companionship around the house.

Roomily encourages homeowners to charge below-market rates in exchange for creative contributions from their tenants. Renters might run errands, do house or yard work, walk the dog or pet sit while the homeowner is out of town.

For schools struggling to recruit and retain teachers because of the region's high housing costs, the Roomily model is exciting said Mary Claire Delgado, recruitment manager for the Oakland

Unified School District. "We have many potential candidates as well as current employees who are interested in the model," she said.

Lindenbaum plans to run the Roomily pilot for three to six months. Homeowners and renters who sign up in this phase can use Roomily's matching services for free, in exchange for providing their feedback.

Eventually, Roomily plans to charge renters and homeowner a "success fee" that equals 2 percent of the rent. Homeowners also will pay a \$10 monthly membership fee to access Roomily's automated rent collection tool and other services, and potential renters will pay a

one-time \$39 fee to search the platform for rooms. The startup plans to offer background and credit checks.

Adam, 34, who teaches special ed in Oakland, is hoping Roomily can help him find an affordable room to rent closer to his school. Currently, Adam, who asked that his last name not be used out of concerns for his safety and privacy, is renting a room in a friend's house in Fairfield. That means he has to leave by 6 a.m. every day to make an hourlong commute.

"It's not ideal," he said. But homes in Oakland are out of his price range. Now he's hoping to be matched with a homeowner who wouldn't mind renting a

room on the cheap to a local teacher.

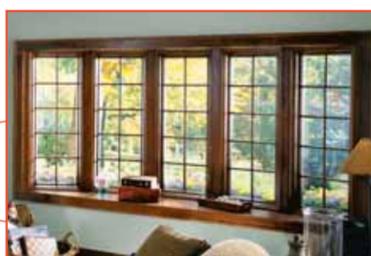
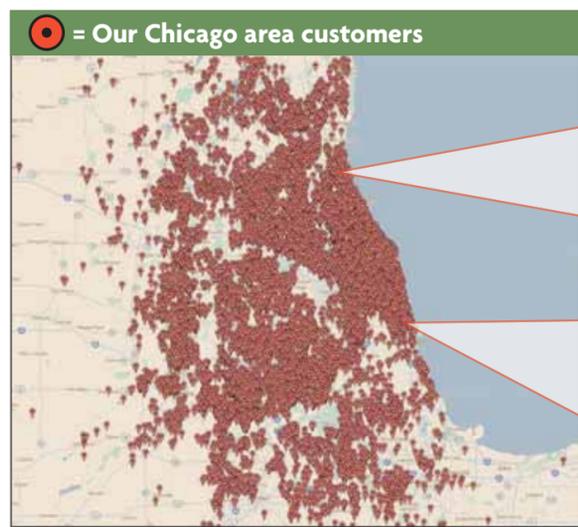
Someone like Vicki McGuire, whose daughter attends Oakland Technical High School, and who already was renting discounted rooms to teachers before Roomily came along. McGuire, 61, owns a duplex in North Oakland and rents three rooms to teachers who traveled to the U.S. from Mexico to teach Spanish at Oakland Unified schools.

The teachers pay \$850 a month for her two smaller rooms and \$975 for a larger room. The average price for a studio apartment in Oakland last month was \$1,761, according to RentCafe. McGuire knows she could charge more, but she doesn't need to. She bought the building in 2009, and the teachers' rent makes up more than half her mortgage.

"It's something I believe in too," McGuire said. "We have a housing crisis in the Bay Area, and people are being displaced from the community. And it's changing the community."

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An 8,141-square-foot, traditional-style mansion in Barrington Hills sold last month for \$800,000.

ELITE STREET

Ex-Cub sells home for \$502K

Lincoln Park and Barrington Hills mansions also sold

By Bob Goldsborough
Chicago Tribune

Former Chicago Cubs pitcher Scott Sanderson in late August sold a three-bedroom, 2,470-square-foot townhouse in Northbrook for \$502,000.

Sanderson, 62, pitched for the Cubs from 1984 until 1989, and pitched in the postseason for the Cubs in 1984 and 1989.

During his 19-season Major League career, he also pitched a year for the White Sox.

Sanderson, who after retiring has worked as a player agent, long has owned a home in Lake Forest. He had owned the Northbrook townhouse for more than 30 years.

Built in 1981, the townhouse is in the Ancient Tree development and has 2½ baths, a new roof and windows, a fireplace, an updated master suite with a walk-in closet and balcony, a full finished basement and

an attached two-car garage.

Sanderson first listed the home in August 2017 for \$539,000 and then lowered his asking price to \$512,000 in April.

Listing agent Renee Dickman of @properties declined to comment on the sale.

Contemporary Lincoln Park mansion sells for \$3.64 million:

A five-bedroom, 6,562-square-foot contemporary-style mansion in Lincoln Park sold Nov. 16 for \$3.6375 million.

Built in 1995 and designed by Handman Associates, the three-story mansion has five baths, two fireplaces, a main level with double ceiling heights and a custom staircase, a kitchen with an island and a built-in workspace, a great room with built-ins, a rooftop deck, a three-car garage, a master suite with built-in storage, a dressing room and master bath with a Japanese soaking tub and a steam shower, and a top level with a rec room exercise room and home office.

The mansion first had been listed in June 2016 for



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A five-bedroom, 6,562-square-foot contemporary-style mansion in Lincoln Park sold in November for \$3.6375 million. The three-story home was built in 1995.

\$5.2 million and then was reduced to \$4.95 million in November 2016, \$4.495 million in July 2017 and \$4.25 million in May. It received its final price reduction, to \$3.95 million, in August.

"This was a beautiful modern house tucked away in a remote east Lincoln Park location," listing agent Emily Sachs Wong of @properties said. Public records do not yet identify the buyers.

Traditional Barrington Hills mansion sells for \$800,000 — less than \$100 per square foot: An 8,141-square-foot traditional-style mansion on a little more than 5 acres in Barrington Hills sold Nov.

21 for \$800,000, or for less than \$100 per square foot.

Built in 1992, the two-story, six-bedroom mansion sold for a little more than half of what its owners had sought when they listed it in May 2015 for \$1.489 million.

The mansion has seven baths, three fireplaces, a remodeled kitchen with a large center island and stainless steel appliances, a first-floor master suite with French doors to a patio, and a finished walkout lower level with a double-sided fireplace and a rec room.

The mansion's asking price was reduced to \$999,000 in September 2016 and then to \$900,000 in February and \$850,000 in May.

Public records do not yet identify the buyer. Listing agent Dean Tubekis declined to comment.

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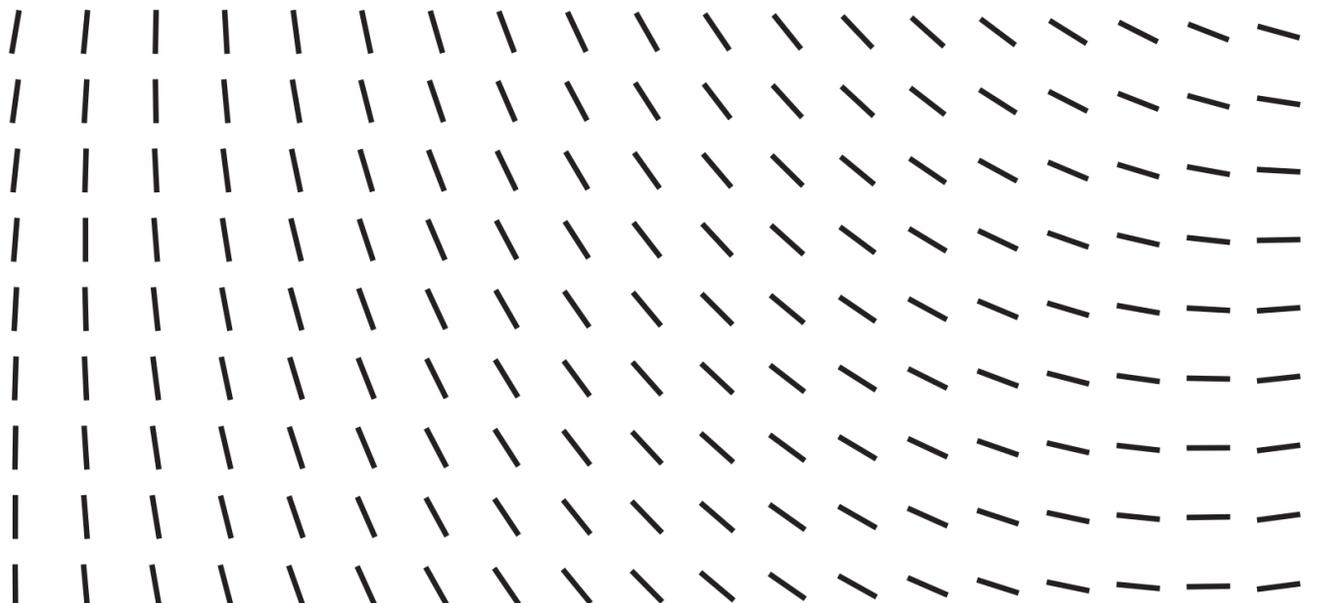
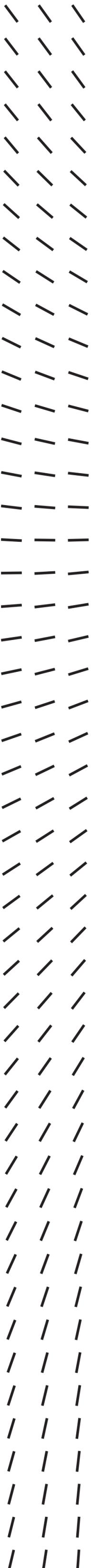


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2019 Mercedes CLS 450 4Matic Coupe

This four-door "coupe" is a hybrid of sorts. Any confusion melts away once inside. **Page 3**



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The Buick LaCrosse is one of many car models being discontinued. Owners of such cars still will be able to find parts for them in coming years, analysts and automakers say.

Don't fret over nixed models

Makers to stand behind their discontinued cars, analysts say

BY ROBERT DUFFER
Chicago Tribune

With all the news about American automakers discontinuing car models, it's fair to wonder how that affects the value of those cars going out of production.

Is the car worth less? How will it get repaired? Are there good deals to be had on the used car market? Will my discontinued car break down as soon as the automaker stops production of it? Why do American automakers keep ceding the sedan market to foreign makes?

The answer to all but that last question is to remain calm.

"There's no reason to be concerned if you buy (a discontinued car)," said Ronald Montoya, consumer advice editor at Edmunds.com. "And if you own one, don't feel you need to get out of it as soon as possible."

Automakers cancel low-selling and unpopular car models all the time. In addition to General Motors announcing the end of production in 2019 of the Chevy Volt, Chevy Impala, Chevy Cruze and Cruze hatchback, Buick LaCrosse, Cadillac XTS and Cadillac CT6, the General had already ended production of the Buick Cascada convertible and Cadillac ATS sedan for 2018.

They're not alone; Ford

cancelled production of its entire car lineup except for the Mustang. The Fiesta, Focus, C-Max, Fusion and Taurus will fade from production by 2020. Nissan ended the Juke, Alfa stopped the 4C, Volkswagen killed the Beetle. Again. It happens. And that's just the models discontinued this year.

Warranties will be honored, repair parts will be available for the foreseeable future and the discontinued vehicles are still part of a brand with an image to uphold.

"Consumers will see that the motor company is still around and should feel some confidence in that," said Richard Arca, who is in charge of pricing on Edmunds.com.

In the global automotive marketplace with shared platforms, the same parts can be used for many different vehicles.

"Individual models are going away, not automakers themselves," Montoya added. "You can still take a Pontiac into a Chevy or GM service center and get it repaired."

Analysts aren't the only ones telling worried customers to remain calm. Aftermarket suppliers and automakers themselves have a deep well of repair and replacement parts.

Component sets such as chassis parts and electronics are shared with other vehicles in the family, said



CADILLAC

General Motors will no longer produce the Cadillac CT6 plug-in hybrid.

James Cain, spokesperson for Chevrolet.

"Turns out we still stock many parts for Hummers, Pontiacs, Saabs, even Oldsmobile," Cain said. "History has shown that as long as there is demand, the OEMs and aftermarket will meet it."

Furthermore, models discontinued in North America may still be manufactured and sold elsewhere, so those parts could still be manufactured. The 2019 Ford Focus is made in China and will be sold in Europe and China. Ford has replacement parts for vehicles discontinued over 20 years ago.

"Our customers will still be able to easily service and obtain replacement parts for their vehicles for years

to come, as customers are able to with other older Ford vehicles," said Jijian Cadiz, spokesperson for Ford, who gave the following example: "Our Ford-Parts.com has replacement brakes for a 1997 Aerostar minivan, which you can buy online as genuine Ford Motorcraft replacement parts."

The older the car, the harder it will be to track down replacement parts in most cases. So it goes predicting the future. In some odd cases, a discontinued car can be a prize on the used car market.

The Honda Element has a cultlike following strong enough to be considered a future classic by some, and the Pontiac Aztek got popular for the first time after its

death thanks to the hit show "Breaking Bad." Popular Mechanics predicts the Aztek to be a future classic.

What about the classic potential of a Cruze? Yeah, not so much.

"I don't think these current ones are going to be classics down the line," Montoya said of GM's sedan cuts. "There are cult followings and brand loyalty, but I wouldn't buy one of these cars thinking it's going to be a classic down the line."

This brings up another opportunity for the discontinued car: steep discounts on new models sitting in purgatory on dealer lots.

"These cars will probably go on sale — not at half-off clearance prices —

but you can negotiate a little more aggressively and get a far better deal," Montoya said.

But they're also not very popular, which is why they're being discontinued in the first place, so if you buy with the intention of selling it in a few years, it might be a tough sale.

"I always recommend staying in cars as long as possible, because that's the financially sound thing to do," Montoya said. "If you own (a discontinued car), don't feel that you need to get out of it as soon as possible."

If you want to stay in the car for awhile but don't want to take the depreciation hit of a new car, the discontinued car could be appealing as a used car.

"Keep in mind what helps the depreciations is the fact that these cars will be discounted as they try and sell the remaining inventory," Arca said, referring to the estimated difference of about 2 percent in resale value between a discontinued model and a current model. A whole host of variables affect resale value of any vehicle, so it's difficult to make science out of it.

When it comes to whether a discontinued car is right for you, it comes down to the same thing as other cars: feel.

"If you like one of these cars and it speaks to you, don't worry about what's in the headlines, just buy it and enjoy it," Montoya said.

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First-ever all-wheel-drive Prius is launched

BY ROBERT DUFFER
Chicago Tribune

The Toyota Prius is finally getting an all-wheel-drive system. The question is if anyone will care enough to buy it.

Announced at the 2018 Los Angeles Auto Show on Nov. 28, the best-selling hybrid has had sales cut in half a since a peak in 2012, when gas prices were beginning to slide from record highs.

It's not just relatively low gas prices conspiring

against the Prius. The market has shifted to crossovers, including the Toyota RAV4 Hybrid, which is already offered in all-wheel-drive.

But the all-wheel-drive Prius should still stand out where it matters most: fuel economy.

Toyota estimates the AWD Prius will get 50 mpg combined. The RAV4 Hybrid in AWD gets a measly 32 mpg combined by comparison, which is about the same as the Nissan Rogue Hybrid in AWD.

The tradeoff from the front-wheel drive Prius is negligible by comparison; it gets 52 mpg combined. Toyota expects the AWD Prius to account for 25 percent of Prius sales when it hits dealerships sometime in 2019, though Toyota didn't specify when or how much more it would cost.

Cargo volume will be the same as other Prius models at 62.7 cubic feet, according to Toyota. This is in large part due to the AWD-e layout of the system.

Instead of using a center

differential, torque is sent to the rear wheels by an independent motor on the rear axle that powers the rear wheels from a stop up to 6 mph. This should boost traction getting out of snow. It also automatically supplements power up to 43 mph from the setup found in other Prius models, a 1.8-liter four-cylinder gas engine with two motors. The battery powering the rear-axle motor will also be housed under the rear seats.

Also for the 2019 Prius, Toyota has simplified the



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Toyota unveils the all-wheel-drive 2019 Prius AWD-E at the Los Angeles Auto Show on Nov. 28.

naming system but complicated the offerings. Prius ditches the numbers to indicate trim level, instead getting the same trims (L

Eco, LE, XLE, Limited) offered on other cars.

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The 2019 Mercedes-Benz CLS 450 four-door coupe has a 48-volt mild hybrid system.

Mercedes CLS 450 coupe is a hybrid that is not a coupe

BY ROBERT DUFFER
Chicago Tribune

To the uninitiated, the Mercedes CLS 450 four-door coupe can be confusing. Is it a C-Class? Is it a two-door? Is it ugly, like crossover coupes? No, to all of the above.

The third-generation CLS 450 is much higher up the luxury ladder than the C-Class, slotting between the E- and S-Class. It has one of the most sumptuous interiors this side of Maybach, sitting at the intersection of gorgeous design and sophisticated functionality. And it got better with each day behind the wheel.

That's exactly what should be expected with a starting price of \$71,700, nearly double the starting point of a plain old C-Class.

There is where I might lose you: The tester added \$29,705 in options.

We could lose the Burmester 3D-surround sound system (\$5,400), power rear sunshade (\$440), heated rear seats (\$580) and still retain its luxurious essence.

What about that Macchiatto Beige/Titian Red Nappa leather package for \$4,900? Those cream-colored heated and ventilated seats have minuscule red dots for the vent holes. Then there are the lush cream-colored mats — just awful to have with kids, but who's buying a six-figure four-door coupe

2019 MERCEDES-BENZ CLS 450 4MATIC COUPE

Luxury not-coupe

As tested:

\$101,405

(excluding \$995 destination)

Base price: \$71,700

Mpg: 23 city, 30 highway, 26 comb.

Engine: 362-hp 3-liter turbocharged inline six-cylinder with 48-V motor

Transmission: Nine-speed automatic

Parting shot: Best interior of 2018.

with kids in mind?

The tester had a black piano flowing wood trim across the dash and door panels, the visual marriage of mixed materials in the cream-colored underparts and the soft brown leather trim of the upper dash. It imbued the cabin with calm and class. The four turbine-style center vents had multicolor accent lighting (64 color hues) that did not feel silly. Raise the temp and the vents glow red for a moment.

All of these comforts and conveniences aren't even the most noteworthy thing about the not-coupe: The CLS 450 is a hybrid. No, not a Prius-type hybrid, but a next-level mild hybrid that most automak-

ers will be turning to in the nascent electrification age.

Mercedes uses a 48-volt starter/alternator motor wedged between the three-liter turbocharged straight six-cylinder engine and the nine-speed automatic transmission. It's called EQ Boost, which is the naming system underscoring its electrification program.

It saves gas, sure, and powers the not-coupe for brief distances at low speed or while coasting. It has regen braking and a more advanced start/stop engine shutoff. Most important, it adds 21 horsepower and a bunch of torque to this all-new 362-horsepower inline engine.

If it sounds complicated, you'll never notice it behind the wheel except for the dash display. The power shifts are so smooth and integrated that I had to read about it to believe what was happening and how. It's quick and powerful and understated, which is the essence of the CLS 450.

The four-door coupe is not all that striking from the outside, and the ruby black metallic paint was a brown chameleon that didn't accentuate the sleek coupelike lines. But once inside, ensconced in luxury and powered by the future, it justifies the six figures, even as a long and low four-door coupe.

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Can gas pumps dispense less fuel than is shown?



BOB WEBER
Motormouth

Q: I buy my gas at a Giant food store because I receive gas discount points. I suspect that Giant's gas pumps dispense less gas than is shown on the pump. When I pump, it sounds like air is getting into the gas. When I am near empty, I end up dispensing over 19 gallons at Giant but only 18 gallons elsewhere. Do you think the Giant pump is reading more than the amount of gas being pumped? What can I do about this?

— E.G., Philadelphia

A: States, including Pennsylvania, have bureaus of Weights and Measures. Inspectors make their rounds annually, checking not only fuel dispensers but also scales and more. They use highly accurate field standards and equipment to inspect and test gas pumps. After pumps are inspected, they receive a sticker attesting to their accuracy that shows the date of inspection. If you don't see that sticker, contact the state authorities. Incidentally, gas discount promotions often limit the purchase to 20 gallons.

Q: In your recent Q&A, you answered a question about a broken/missing metal flap in the gas filler pipe. You said it was to prevent siphoning. My memory may be questionable at times, but didn't that flap get put in there to prevent a leaded gas filler (nozzle) from being used to fill a car with a catalytic converter and



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Gas pumps are inspected annually, and it is unlikely that a station would pump less fuel than shown on the reading.

unleaded fuel engine? The diameter of the unleaded fillers was made smaller than the leaded fillers so only unleaded fillers could push open the flap.

— B.B., Shoreview, Minn.

A: You are right — partially. In the early days of low-lead and unleaded gasoline, a restrictor was placed inside the car's filler neck. This did indeed prevent the nozzle of the leaded gas hose from being inserted. The flap was added later to prevent siphoning.

Q: The MIL light on the dash of my Dodge Grand Caravan came on. I took it to the dealer. It scanned the computer for faults and said the thermostat was the problem. I got a second opinion from another dealer and was told the fault read, "thermostat rationality." The light has now gone out after eight days. Should I have it repaired? I don't want to break down.

— W.U., Tinley Park, Ill.

A: The MIL (malfunction indicator lamp) will go out if the problem is no longer present. On some 3.5-liter engines, the thermostat may come loose

and partially fall into the engine block. That allows coolant to sneak by the thermostat. Installing a shim usually corrects the problem. Otherwise, a replacement thermostat housing, with a built-in shim, is required.

Q: I have a new 2018 Audi SQ5. My remote gate opener does not work. Both garage door openers work fine. What can I do?

— T.D., Oak Brook, Ill.

A: Most remote gate openers operate on the old DIP switch technology. Modern automotive technology is quite different and does not have DIP switches. If your old remote opens the gate, but your onboard buttons do not, either upgrade the gate opener or keep your old remote handy.

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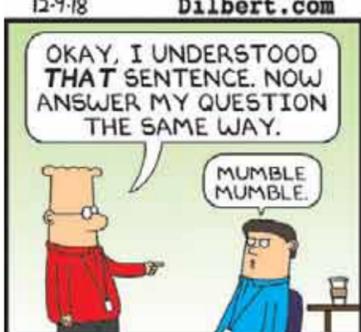
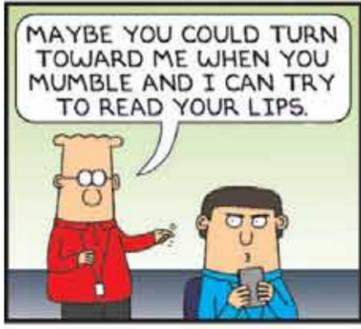
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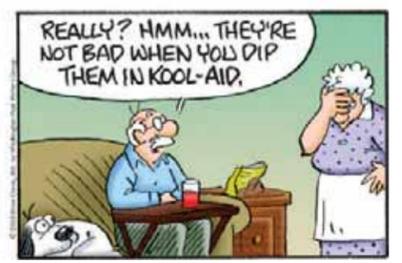
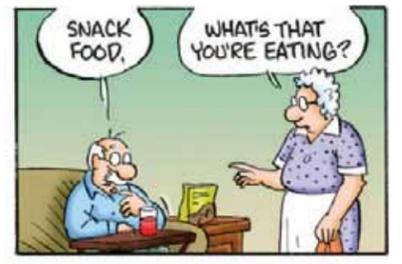
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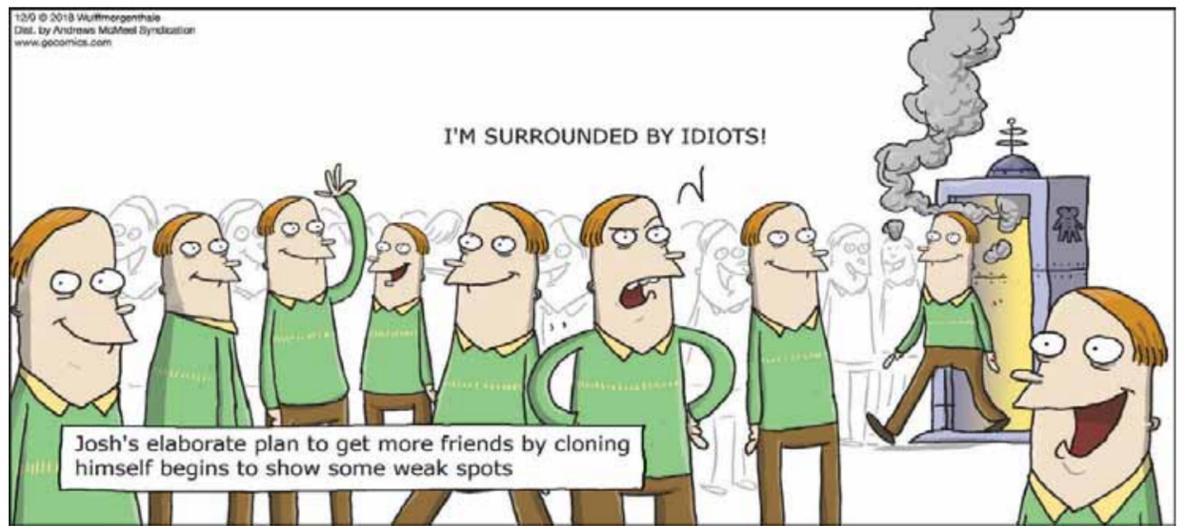
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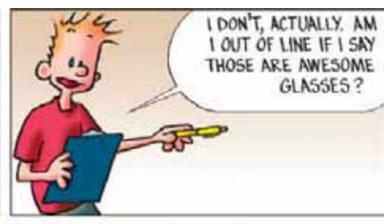
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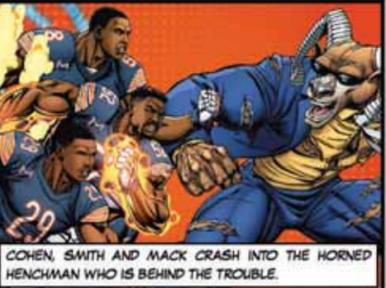
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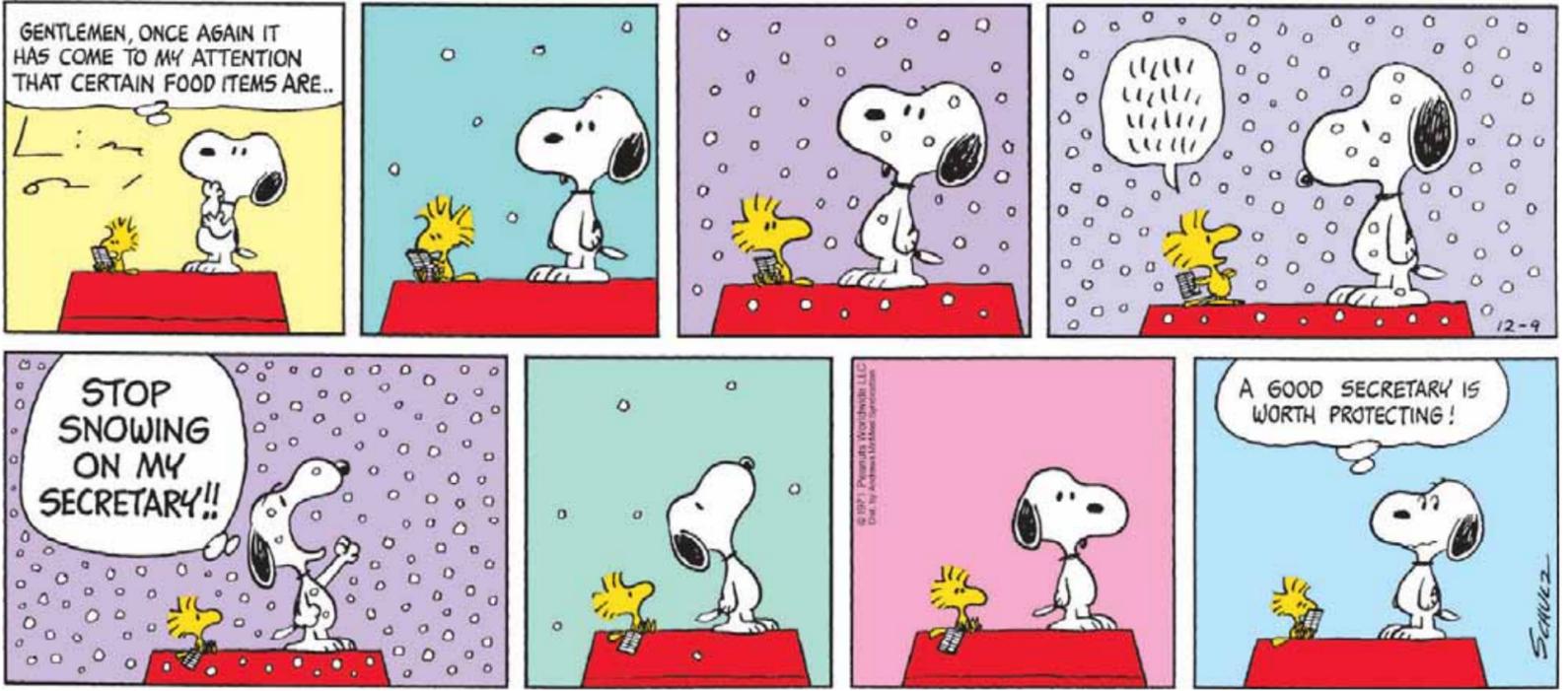


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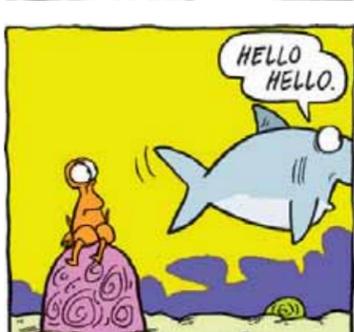
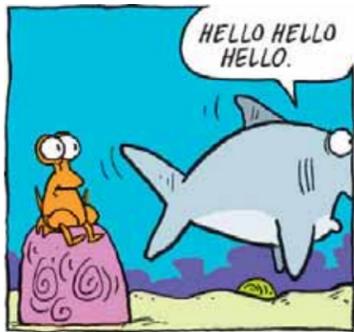
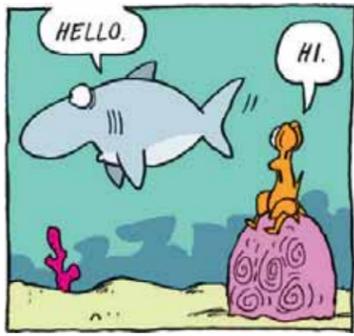
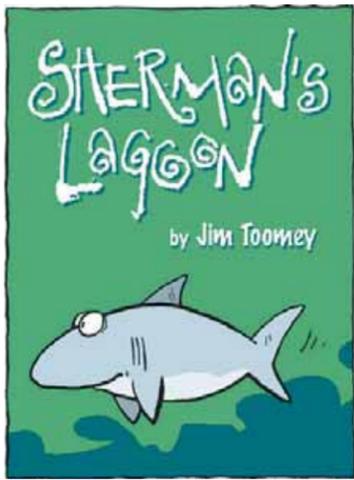
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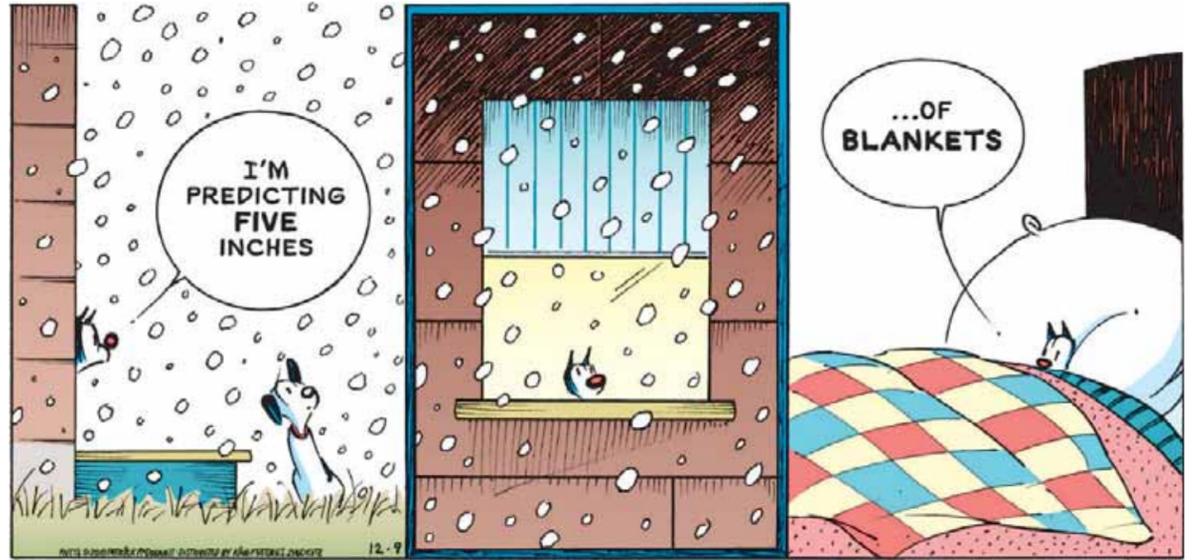
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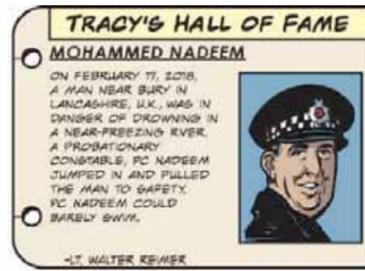




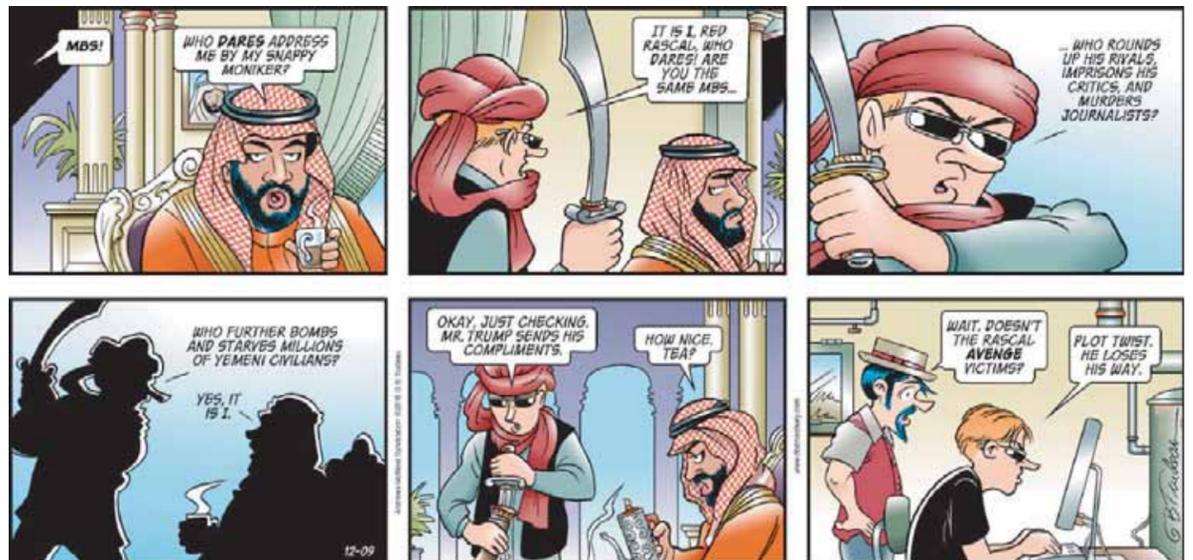
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POLITICAL CLIMATE INFLUENCES JANELLE MONAE'S WORK

'WALK IN MY TRUTH'

How politics shaped Janelle Monae's lyrics

BY MESFIN FEKADU

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Janelle Monae doesn't remember the first album she owned as a child, but the first one she spent her hard-earned money on? "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill."

"I just connected with Lauryn on many levels. The fact that she was a young black woman in America — she looked like a lot of the women in my family. I just loved how she was able to bring her religious background, her singing and acting background together (and) her hip-hop background," Monae recalled of Hill, whose solo debut celebrates its 20th anniversary this year and was the first hip-hop project to win the Grammy for album of the year.

"The fact that she was all of her(self) on her project felt inspiring to me, and I felt like I could be all of me and I didn't have to pick one part of me."

Monae might be music's closest heir to Hill: She's an artistic performer known for thought-provoking lyrical content — in rapping and singing — and her riveting roles in "Moonlight" and "Hidden Figures" established that music isn't the only art form she shines in. While she has another movie, "Welcome to Marwen," with Steve Carell coming out in December, she had to turn down some roles to focus on her latest album: "They went on to go to amazing people that I respect and admire and want to see shine."

Monae spoke as she was surrounded by music, literally — standing in the middle of Good Records NYC, the small, basement vinyl shop in Manhattan's East Village. She walked around, looking at the various faces on the wall —



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Singer-rapper Janelle Monae poses for a portrait in New York to promote her latest album, "Dirty Computer."

some immediately recognizable, others not so much.

"What I love about record stores is people's (album) covers used to be so amazing, that you just discover an artist just based off their artwork on their covers and their faces," she said. "Because a lot of these folks I'm looking at, I've never heard of and now I'm so interested to listen to all of their albums because of the incredible cover art they have."

"Dirty Computer," Monae's latest album, unfortunately isn't available at the store: That's because it sold out.

"I can't believe my vinyl sold out. Man, that's amaz-

ing. I wanted to see it," she said.

The album, her third full-length project, came five years after she released "The Electric Lady" and is another critical effort in the multiple Grammy nominee's catalog. Monae sings about liberation, oppression, love and more in what is clearly her most honest, sensual album to date.

"Dirty Computer" marks a departure from alter ego Cindi Mayweather, the archandroid that she used as a vehicle for her past work (though she makes an appearance in the short movie that was released with the album). The album title references those who are marginalized and

"told they are bugs and viruses (and) things that make them unique (and) have to be erased," she explained.

"Americans" closes the 14-track album, where she sings about equal pay, police brutality against minorities, racism and same-sex love (Monae came out as pansexual while promoting the album six months ago).

"I wrote this project during the Obama era and in November 2016. I was 70 percent done with it. Things changed for our country, and honestly it informed a lot of what you hear," she said.

Writing about the political climate wasn't easy, she

said: "It took me time to process what was going on. Culturally, just feeling let down by those who had voted for someone who blatantly disrespects women, in my opinion, (and) abuses their power. It breaks my heart that folks would support that. So it took a minute for me to articulate how I was feeling exactly."

Monae, 32, said she's been overwhelmed by the response to the album.

"I've been hearing so many stories, (by) black women, black queer women in particular saying that they were thankful that I did this album. When it's written from an honest and vulnerable space, and it

connects to people outside of you, that's always a beautiful thing," Monae said.

"We as human beings connect through storytelling, and I'm just thankful that my story was able to resonate. I don't speak for the entire community. That's never been my goal, but to walk in my truth has always been. I've addressed sexuality on a lot of my work, on 'The ArchAndroid,' on 'Electric Lady,' songs like 'Mushrooms & Roses,' 'Q.U.E.E.N.' I just feel like now as a pretty private person, it was just important to make it even more clear.

"It's a beautiful thing to be celebrated for walking in your truth."

Make a school uniform match your style



ELLEN WARREN

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: I have to wear a uniform to high school — which I actually like because it eliminates the need to think about what I'm going to wear. Well, it mostly eliminates it. My question is how can I personalize my school look? Our uniforms are a plaid skirt, a polo shirt in a few colors we can choose from and a gray or black cardigan. Choosing our own footwear is OK, and earrings, even dangly ones, are permitted but other "statement" jewelry like necklaces and an armload of bangles are not. Right now, I vary my headbands but that's about it.

— Natalie T.

Dear Natalie: Obviously, you're going to have to stick with accessories (which include shoes), and that gives you loads of room to be a fashion standout at school. But I would read the fine print on the dress code before I invested in anything formidable.

That said, let's shop! How about some leopard shoes or boots? Or if that's a little much, shoes, boots, high tops or booties in a noteworthy color or floral pattern?

You mention headbands. That's a good start, but are head wraps permitted? If so, watch the how-to videos on YouTube, get yourself some cute scarves and tie away.

Since there seems to be no restriction on the size of earrings, the bigger the better as far as getting some fashion cred. I buy clip-ons because the heavy pierced



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Little details, like accessories or even a stylish haircut, can personalize a school uniform.

ones stretch out my ear piercing. You'll find them at vintage shops, thrift stores and charity and church sales (where I've found some of my favorites).

You make no mention of tights, and I'd be surprised if patterns or brightly colored ones are acceptable but, if they are, go crazy. There have never been more options in legwear than right now at every price point.

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: I'm trying to figure out if I can wear a hair scrunchy (aka scrunchie) to keep my hair back? Are they still considered hopelessly out of fashion? Or are they back in 2018?

— Abby M.

Dear Abby: I'm going out on a limb here, but I don't think scrunchies ever were out of style. They sure are a staple in my hair arsenal since they're the only thing I've ever found that holds my curly hair back without

getting hopelessly tangled in my hair. I've never forsaken my scrunchies. I bet I've lost a hundred of them or stored one unfashionably on my wrist for ... well, since they were invented whenever that was (the '80s, I think).

Grant you, Sarah Jessica Parker's Carrie Bradshaw character on "Sex and the City" ridiculed them ("No woman in the words of *W* magazine ... would be caught dead in a hip downtown restaurant wearing a

scrunchy.") (Episode 78, Season 6, July 13, 2003). But who cares? They're practical and cheap. Enough said.

Dear Answer Angel

Ellen: In the last month, I've read two long articles on Rent the Runway (renttherunway.com). What do you think of the idea of renting clothes instead of buying them?

— Celeste C.

Dear Celeste: Until you

wrote me, I hadn't seen either of the stories, even though I subscribe to both publications! Obviously, I needed to catch up on my reading, and I now have (New York Times, Oct. 12; New Yorker magazine, Oct. 22). From those stories I've learned that tens of thousands of women subscribe to the service that lets you rent unlimited numbers of pieces on rotation for a monthly fee (renttheunway.com, \$159/month or a \$99 trial month) or fewer pieces for \$89 (\$69 trial), or one piece starting at \$30.

If wearing up-to-the-minute clothes is important to you — especially really expensive ones that you can't afford to buy or don't want to — it's probably worth \$99 to try this out for a month. The choices are huge, and I admit that I would like to know how it feels to wear a \$600 dress — or an unlimited number of other expensive pieces.

I haven't yet tested this place, but years back, I rented a fancy dress for one night from another rental place, and I loved that I looked great and didn't have to plunk down a fortune for a dress I never would wear again. If you spend \$159 x 12 (\$1,908) per year or more on clothes and still stand helpless in front of your closet convinced you have nothing to wear, this might be worth the investment. If you want the hands-on experience, the company has actual stores in Chicago, New York City, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., and Topanga, Calif.

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BY DEBBIE CARLSON | Chicago Tribune

Debbie Carlson is a freelance writer.

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A cheapskate's guide to shopping for credit cards

BY GREGORY KARP
Nerd Wallet

Low spenders aren't the ideal credit card customers for banks because they're typically not as profitable as fast-swiping spendthrifts who rack up finance charges. Still, banks offer credit cards with features that can fit well into a frugal lifestyle.

Some penny pinchers prefer paying only with cash, especially if they think the pain of handing over dollar bills instead of plastic helps to rein in spending. But credit cards can have appeal for their ability to help build credit, along with the allure of getting something for nothing with rewards cards.

There's no such thing as a "best" credit card. The key is finding one that fits your spending habits — even if your habit is to spend little, experts say.

"People who live more on the frugal side tend to be much more thoughtful and cautious about how they're using credit. So they're really going to be looking at the features of a card," says Paul Golden, spokesman for the National Endowment for Financial Education.

Four-person U.S. households annually spend an average of about \$80,000, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Much of that can be charged to a credit card. But what if you spend nowhere near that much?

Here are credit card features that may appeal to low spenders.

No annual fee: Many cheapskates might find paying an annual fee for a credit card too much to stomach when so many cards, even ones with competitive rewards, charge none. That's especially true if they're using a card infrequently, Golden says.



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Rewards on practical spending: Rewards cards are good for people who pay off their monthly credit card balances in full. That probably describes cheapskates, who likely balk at paying finance charges for carrying a balance. And because frugal types don't do much discretionary spending, they'll likely prefer rewards cards that give extra points for everyday spending at such places as gas stations and supermarkets, instead of at restaurants and entertainment venues.

Cash-back rewards: A frugal lifestyle often means a simple one, which jibes with easy-to-understand cash-back reward programs, as opposed to complicated points and miles systems. In a recent J.D. Power study, 36 percent said they don't fully understand the rewards available to them. Cash-back cards rack up rewards in the most straightforward and useful way.

Rewards not tied to a brand: Cheapskates typically aren't brand loyal;

they like to shop around for the best deal. So credit cards affiliated with brands, such as retailers and airlines, aren't likely a good choice because optimizing them requires spending heavily with that brand and cashing in points with that same brand.

Bank loyalty rewards: Some cards issued by large banks give outsized rewards to cardholders who keep piles of money in the bank's checking, saving and investment accounts. Because stashing money in

the bank is a cheapskate's go-to move, it's a winning feature.

High interest rates: Nobody prefers high interest rates, but frugalistas who pay their monthly balances in full won't pay finance charges, so they don't care about cards that have high rates. Ignoring rates can simplify shopping for the right card. "Interest rate is probably not a big factor," Golden says. "They might be looking more toward perks and reward programs."

Budgeting tools: Using a credit card for most purchases means you can easily examine spending by reading your monthly statement. Better yet, many card accounts offer additional budgeting tools.

"For some people, that gives an accurate picture of how they're truly spending money over the course of a month," Golden says. "That's the benefit of using a credit card for all your spending; it gives you that snapshot. It can be useful when you're trying to build a budget."

Travels tap roots, inspire writing

BY JAE-HA KIM
Tribune Content Agency

Crystal Hana Kim makes her debut as a novelist with “If You Leave Me,” a sweeping tale that centers on a resilient young woman forced to tackle roles thrust upon her: caregiver, wife and mother. Born in Queens, N.Y., and currently a resident of Brooklyn, Kim, 31, says the inspiration for the main character was her grandmother.

An edited version of our conversation follows.

Q: You lived in Chicago for a bit before moving back to New York. How do the two cities compare?

A: New York has my heart, but I loved my time in Chicago. It’s a deeply cultural city with a robust food scene. For two years, I lived 15 minutes from Lake Michigan. My favorite writing break during the summer was jumping off the flat stones in Hyde Park and swimming in the lake for an hour.

Q: You were born in Queens, but I suspect that you have been asked the “where are you really from” question. How do you react to assumptions you are not American?

A: Oh, I’ve gotten that a lot. ... I want to assume the best of strangers who are curious, but I’m also taken aback by some people’s insistence on repeatedly asking, “But where are you really from?” even after I’ve answered. It insinuates that there is only one true type of American. I’m a teacher, so the educator in me comes out in these moments. It can be a helpful teaching moment to talk about how questions like “Where are you really from?” contribute to a narrow understanding of our country.

Q: If you were given enough money and time to travel exclusively for food, where would you want to revisit and why?

A: I’d love to go back to Nice where I’d eat more *socca*, which is a type of pancake made of chickpea flour sold on the streets as a cheap snack. In Mexico City, I’d love to eat more *escamoles*, a local dish made of ant larvae.

Q: Your parents are from South Korea. How often do you visit?

A: I grew up traveling to Korea often. My parents are both immigrants from Korea and my mother’s



NINA SUBIN PHOTO

New York has my heart, but I loved my time in Chicago. It’s a deeply cultural city with a robust food scene.

side of the family still lives there. She’d take me and my little sister back during our summer breaks to visit our grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. All of those summers in Korea helped me to develop a deep love for my culture. When I began writing my novel during graduate school, I visited Korea specifically to do research. “If You Leave Me” is about five characters growing up during and after the Korean War. I wanted to make sure I represented this period of time accurately. I first interviewed my grandmother, who was a teenage refugee who fled her home during the Korean War. Her story inspired the premise of my novel.

Q: What untapped destination should people know about?

A: Cassis, France. Cassis is a small fishing town in the south of France, about 40 minutes outside Marseille. I lived there for a month while doing a writer’s residency, and I fell in love. It’s a quiet town where you can lay out on stone beaches, eat plenty of pastries and hike the majestic calanques, which are these breathtaking limestone valleys along the Mediterranean coast.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.



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The design of this space was done with services by Wayfair. Havenly, Wayfair and others are charging less than \$100 a room to connect users with an interior designer.

Sites offer design advice

BY JOSEPH PISANI | Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hiring an interior designer is expensive, and the chances of an HGTV host bursting through your doors are slim. But several sites have made it more affordable to get design help without anyone ever stepping inside your home.

Havenly, Wayfair and others are charging less than \$100 a room to connect users with an interior designer who can pick out a sofa, show you how to rearrange furniture or offer other design help. The sites also make money if you buy the furniture and other goods that the designers recommend.

Even though you'll have help from a designer, make sure you have a sense of what you do or don't like. The sites depend on your survey responses to come up

with a design plan.

"You want to ensure you're giving the designer an accurate representation of your taste so you receive a design that you're happy with," says Sara Skirboll, a shopping and trends expert at deal site RetailMeNot. Here's what else you need to know:

Whom it's for: Those who need help filling an empty room or sprucing up a den or bedroom with new lighting or pillows. It's not for those who are seeking



The designer service is for people who need help filling an empty room or sprucing up a den or bedroom.

help with major renovations, like a bathroom or kitchen remodel.

What it costs: A flat fee is typically charged per room. Prices differ: Havenly's fees start at \$55 for a design refresh and then up to \$169 for a full room makeover. Wayfair offers a \$79 and \$149 option, and another site, Decorist, charges \$299 a room. Do an internet search for coupon codes since the sites often offer discounts to

new users. Both Havenly and Decorist also allow people to ask designers questions for free through their sites, which is a good way to test the type of advice you'll get before buying.

Make sure to read what you'll be getting. Some may not offer revisions, phone chats with designers or 3D layouts of what the items will look like in your room.

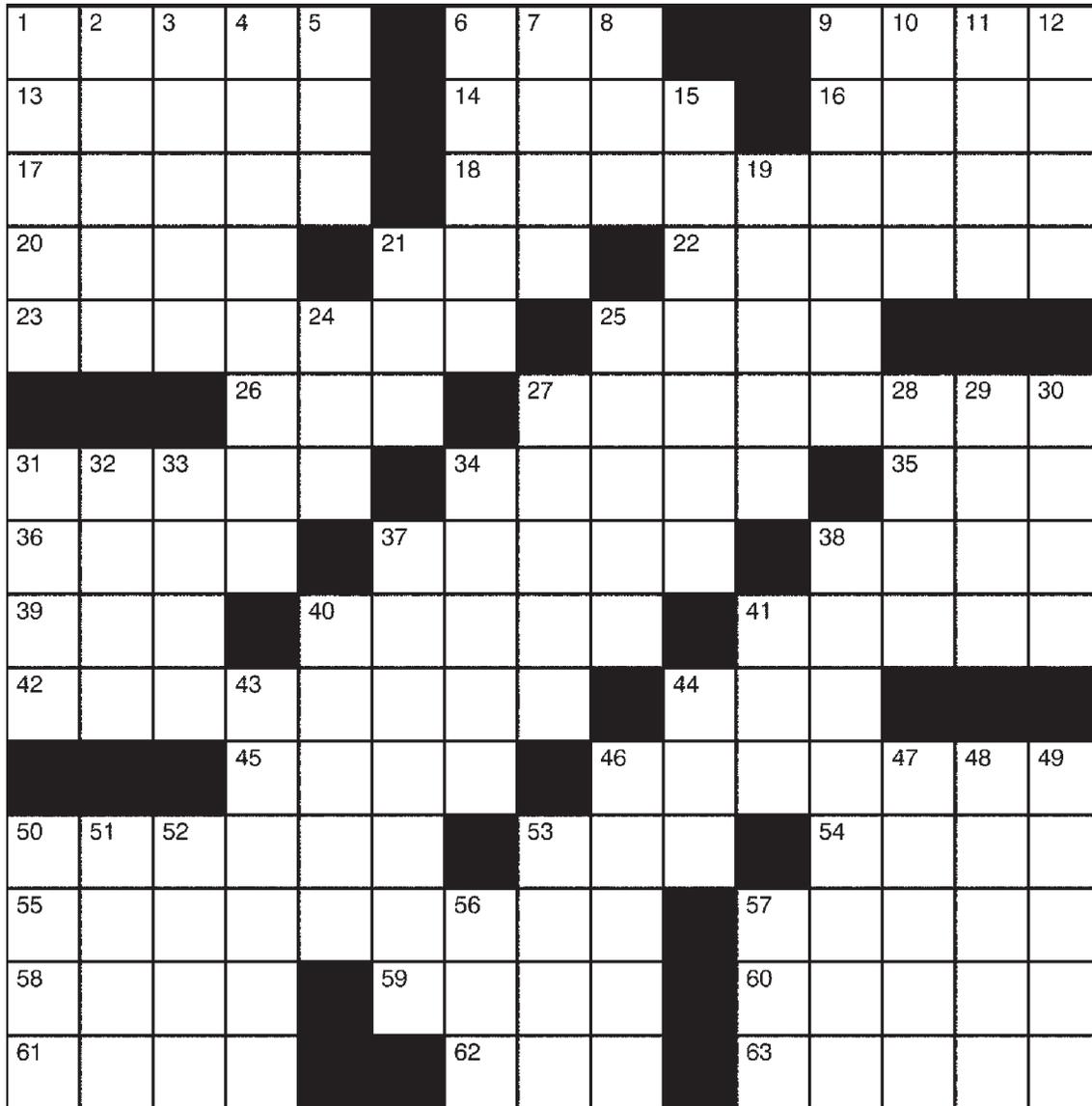
How it works: After a quiz in

which you pick out styles and colors, you'll be asked for room measurements, photos or videos of the room. You'll be matched with a couple of interior designers and be able to look at pictures of their past work and select one of the designers. A budget can be set so that designers will know how much you're willing to spend on new items. The sites say that they vet the designers, many of whom already have their own firms and are looking to make extra cash or boost their clientele through the sites.

Buying furniture: Havenly and Decorist recommend products from furniture sellers that they partner with, such as West Elm and CB2. Wayfair, meanwhile, recommends items from its own sites as well as others. Havenly gives those that paid for its design service a \$50 credit if they buy \$200 or more in goods.

There's no obligation to buy anything that the designers recommend, and you can use the advice to "find the exact item or a similar one at a lower price elsewhere," says Skirboll.

Animal Get Together



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- 16. Cotton fabric
- 17. Mountain nymph
- 18. Nide
- 20. Ended
- 21. Comprehend
- 22. Red ink items
- 23. Company
- 25. Swindle
- 26. Single
- 27. Leap
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- 36. Steiger and Laver
- 37. Smug individuals
- 38. Unskilled laborer
- 39. North American Indian
- 40. Wonderland girl
- 41. Chicago eleven
- 42. Bed
- 44. Hyson
- 45. Roof part
- 46. Charm
- 50. Show resentment
- 53. Play on words
- 54. Chaplin wife
- 55. Mob
- 57. Fish
- 58. Kind of club
- 59. Sediment
- 60. Crossbones' accompaniment
- 61. Hunter's quarry

- 62. Powell's co-star
- 63. Lamb's forte

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- 4. Host
- 5. Possessed
- 6. Deceives
- 7. 1975 Wimbledon winner
- 8. Hollywood's West
- 9. Blood component
- 10. Eye part
- 11. Pay
- 12. Fling
- 15. Cast
- 19. TV fare
- 21. Genevieve or Agnes, for short
- 24. Switch positions
- 25. Suit material
- 27. Secular clergy
- 28. Carla, of Cheers
- 29. Means of access
- 30. Shortcomings
- 31. Shank
- 32. Coll. military unit
- 33. Music halls
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- 37. Congregation
- 38. Muster
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- 41. Matlock
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BORN FOR BROADWAY

Broadway comes to Netflix with **Bruce Springsteen's** one-man show *Springsteen on Broadway* (Dec. 15). It's a solo acoustic concert/stage memoir that features Springsteen, 69, playing, singing and telling stories based on his book, *Born to Run*. Here are five facts you may not know about the New Jersey-born Tony award winner.



Walter Scott Asks

William Shatner

The original *Star Trek* captain, 87, has been busy. He released a country album (*Why Not Me*) and a memoir, acted in two upcoming movies and announced plans to return as host for the 2019 reboot of his 1989–96 CBS series *Rescue 911*. His new project is *Shatner Claus: A Christmas Album*, which finds him duetting with Iggy Pop, **Brad Paisley** and Judy Collins.

How is your Christmas album different? Some of our songs are classics not done in a particularly classic way. I've bent the traditional songs a little bit and had fun with them.

How did you find your duet partners? This is not my first album, and over the years a lot of terrific musicians have appreciated the fact that I'm searching for the way to fuse words to music. Some of them heard I was making an album and said, "I'd like to be part of it." I'm appreciative of these great musicians lending their talents.

What is your family Christmas tradition? We give gifts and celebrate the humanity of the holiday by being kind to each other and remembering there are things more important than the individual.

What are some of your favorite Christmas albums? Elvis Presley and Nat King Cole are certainly wonderful ones to turn up during the Christmas season, absolutely.

What are some messages from your memoir, *Live Long And...*? One message is "Say yes to the experience of life." Don't say no. Saying yes flies in the face of denial: "I'm not going to believe that, I'm not going to try something new, I'm not leaving the house and no, no, no."

Why is *Star Trek* still so popular? Go to Parade.com/shatner for his answer.



1 Springsteen's early performing was inspired by his seeing **Elvis Presley** on *The Ed Sullivan Show*.

His younger sister, photographer **Pamela Springsteen**, 56, shot photos for his albums *Human Touch*, *Lucky Town* and *The Ghost of Tom Joad*.



He has three children with wife and co-performer **Patti Scialfa**: son **Evan**, 28, a singer-songwriter who works in the music biz; daughter **Jessica**, 26, a nationally ranked champion equestrian; and son **Sam**, 24, a firefighter.



4 Springsteen's E Street Band took its name from a road in Belmar, N.J.



5 Springsteen received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama on Nov. 22, 2016.

Country Christmas

For the ninth year, ABC celebrates the holiday with its music special *CMA Country Christmas* (Dec. 10), hosted once again by **Reba McEntire**. She'll be joined on-stage from the Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville by Dan + Shay, Tony Bennett, Brett Eldredge, Amy Grant, Diana Krall, Dustin Lynch, Martina McBride, Brad Paisley, Michael W. Smith, Brett Young and others. "Country music is such a family. Everybody hangs out and bounces around between dressing rooms," says Dan Smyers, 31, of the duo Dan + Shay.



Darci Lynne Farmer: Home for the Holidays

The *America's Got Talent* season 12 winner, 14, goes home to Oklahoma for her first TV special, *Darci Lynne: My Hometown Christmas* (Dec. 12), on NBC. The holiday event will feature performances and sketches from the singer-ventriloquist, along with several of her puppets, as well as Toby Keith, Hunter Hayes, Pentatonix and Lindsey Stirling and AGT judges Simon Cowell, Heidi Klum, Howie Mandel and Mel B. "This special has it all!" says Farmer.



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More Very Special SPECIALS

There can never be too many holiday-themed specials this time of the year! Here are three more you won't want to miss.



A Midwife Christmas

The *Call the Midwife* holiday special (Dec. 25 on PBS) finds the midwives busy caring for the expectant mothers in their London neighborhood when they receive unexpected visitors—Sister Mildred (**Miriam Margolyes**, center) and four Chinese orphans who are being adopted as part of the World Refugee Project.

Christmas Blessing

In *When Calls the Heart: The Greatest Christmas Blessing* (Dec. 25), a special edition of the Hallmark Channel's TV series, newly widowed Elizabeth (**Erin Krakow**) prepares for childbirth, Abigail (Lori Loughlin) readies for a Hope Valley Christmas and everybody gets stuck in a storm—including a group of orphans stranded on their journey to their new home.



Honored!

Watch singer-actress **Cher**, composer-pianist Philip Glass, country music entertainer Reba McEntire and jazz saxophonist Wayne Shorter saluted at *The 41st Annual Kennedy Center Honors* (Dec. 26 on CBS). Also, the co-creators of *Hamilton*—Lin-Manuel Miranda, Thomas Kail, Andy Blankenbuehler and Alex Lacamoire—will receive special honors for their Tony-winning Broadway musical.



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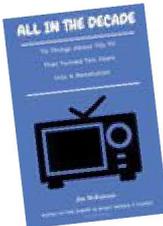


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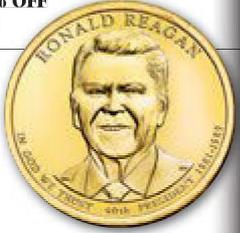


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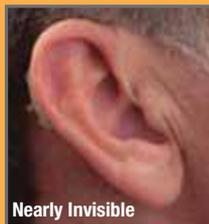
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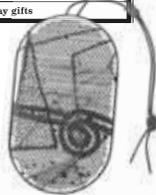
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SANTA BROWNIE HATS

Easy, quick and super-adorable, these dressed-up brownies from **Katie Lee**, co-host of Food Network's *The Kitchen*, are a delicious last-minute treat using store-bought brownie bites.



RED VELVET PEPPERMINT WHOOPIE PIES

Classic whoopie pies take a festive red velvet spin in this recipe from *Parade* chef **Jon Ashton**. Add crushed peppermint sticks for the holiday win!

CHERRY COLA BUNDT CAKE



From *MasterChef Junior* judge **Christina Tosi's** new cookbook, *All About Cake*, this festive Bundt cake is full of old-fashioned flavor. We went a little crazy with the eye-popping pink frosting and holiday gummies. Betty Lou Who would approve!



SANDRA LEE'S SNOWMAN CUPCAKES

Prepare 1 (15.25-oz) pkg **vanilla cake mix** according to package directions for 24 cupcakes, using cupcake liners. Cool completely. Open 2 (16-oz) cans **vanilla frosting**. Spoon ½ cup frosting into a heavy-duty plastic bag; snip a small hole in 1 corner and set aside. Decorate cupcakes with remaining frosting.

Place 2 **stick pretzels** in sides of each of 24 **marshmallows** for arms. In each of 24 more marshmallows, create a face with 2 **chocolate sprinkles** for eyes and a piece of **orange fruit chew** for a nose. Stack on top of first marshmallows, using a dollop of reserved frosting in bag to adhere. Wrap a **red fruit lace** or **strip of fruit leather** around middle of each for a scarf. Top each with 1 **starlight peppermint candy** and a green or red **Froot Loop** for a hat, using a dollop of frosting to hold in place. Set snowmen on top of vanilla-frosted cupcakes. **Makes 24.**

JON ASHTON'S RED VELVET PEPPERMINT WHOOPIE PIES

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line 2 large baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats.

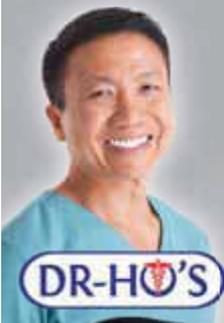
In a medium bowl, whisk together 2¼ cups **all-purpose flour**, 1 Tbsp **cocoa powder**, 1 tsp **baking soda** and ½ tsp **salt**. In a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, beat 8 Tbsp (1 stick) softened **unsalted butter** 1 minute on medium-high speed until smooth and creamy. Add 1¼ cups packed **light brown sugar**; beat on medium-high until fluffy and combined. Beat in 1 room temperature **large egg**, on high speed until fully incorporated, scraping down sides and bottom of bowl as needed. Beat in 1 cup **buttermilk**, 2 tsp **almond extract** and 1½ tsp **red gel food coloring**. (Mixture may look curdled.) On low speed, slowly

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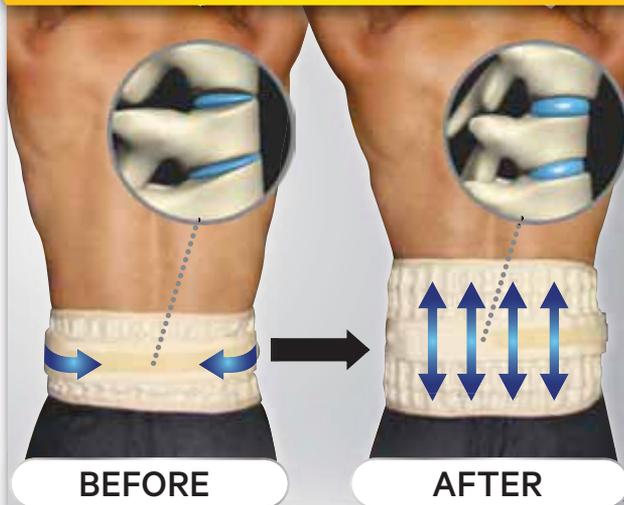


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Beat 1 cup (2 sticks) softened unsalted butter until smooth and creamy. Add 3 cups **powdered sugar**; beat until fluffy. Gradually beat in 3-4 Tbsp **heavy cream** and 2 tsp **peppermint extract**, adding just enough cream to make a spreadable consistency. Spread filling evenly on flat side of half of cakes; top with remaining cakes. If desired, spread crushed **peppermint candy** on a shallow plate. Roll whoopie pies in peppermint candy to coat sides. **Makes 12.**

**KATIE LEE'S
SANTA BROWNIE HATS**

Spoon 1½ cups canned **vanilla frosting** into a pastry bag or heavy-duty plastic bag; snip tip. Arrange 24 store-bought **round brownie bites** on a baking sheet. Pipe frosting around perimeter of each brownie. Top brownies with 24 large **whole strawberries** (stems removed), cut-side down. Pipe each with a small dot of frosting and top with **white chocolate chips**. Refrigerate 30 minutes to set. **Makes 24.**

**CHRISTINA TOSI'S
CHERRY COLA BUNDT CAKE**

Cola extract makes all the difference in this recipe. We like Nature's Flavors' Organic Cola Flavor Extract (\$12, naturesflavors.com). You can buy cherry puree at specialty stores or puree thawed frozen pitted cherries in a blender or food processor.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour a 12-cup Bundt pan.

In a large bowl, whisk 1 cup (2 sticks) melted **unsalted butter**, ⅔ cup plus 1 Tbsp **cherry cola**, ⅔ cup **cherry puree**, ½ cup **grapeseed** or **canola oil**, 2 Tbsp **molasses**, 2½ tsp **vanilla**

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extract, 2½ tsp **cola extract**, 5 **large eggs** and 2 **large egg yolks**.

In another large bowl, whisk together 3½ cups **cake flour**, 2¼ cups **granulated sugar**, ½ cup plus 2 Tbsp **light brown sugar** (packed), 2 tsp **baking powder** and 2 tsp **kosher salt**. Add wet ingredients; stir to combine. Use a whisk to break up any lumps. Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake 55–60 minutes or until cake bounces back firmly when tapped with your fingertips and center is not jiggly. Cool in pan 45 minutes. Run a butter knife between edge of cake and pan to loosen. Invert pan onto a wire rack set in a rimmed baking sheet. Cool completely.

Microwave 2 oz **cream cheese** and 2 Tbsp unsalted butter in a small bowl 30 seconds or until butter is mostly melted and cream cheese is soft. Stir vigorously until smooth. Scrape mixture into a medium bowl; whisk in 1½ cups **powdered sugar**, 2 Tbsp cherry cola, ½ tsp cola extract, ¼ tsp vanilla extract, ⅛ tsp kosher salt and 1–2 drops **red food coloring** (optional). Whisk until smooth. (If glaze is too thick to pour, whisk in more cherry cola, 1 tsp at a time, to adjust consistency.) Pour glaze over top of cake in an even stream. If desired, decorate with **red and green gummy candies**. Let stand 15 minutes to set. **Serves 10–12**.

CARLA HALL'S FRESH CITRUS TART WITH GINGERSNAP CRUST

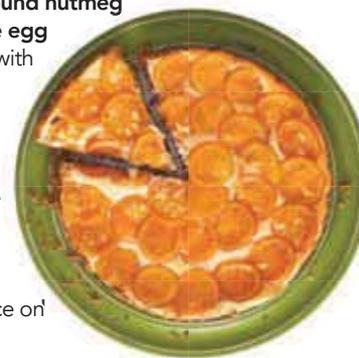


Combine 1½ cups finely **crushed gingersnap cookies** (about 7 oz), ⅓ cup finely chopped **walnuts**, 5 Tbsp **butter** (melted) and 1 Tbsp **brown sugar**. Press into a 10-inch fluted tart pan with a removable bottom. Refrigerate while preparing filling.

In a saucepan, combine ¾ cup water and ½ cup **granulated sugar**; stir until sugar dissolves. Add 4 small **clementine oranges**, thinly sliced. Bring to a simmer over medium; reduce heat to low; simmer 10–20 minutes or until liquid reduces by half, turning clementine slices occasionally. Remove oranges from pan, allowing excess liquid to drain off; lay on a piece of parchment paper to cool.

Preheat oven to 325°F.

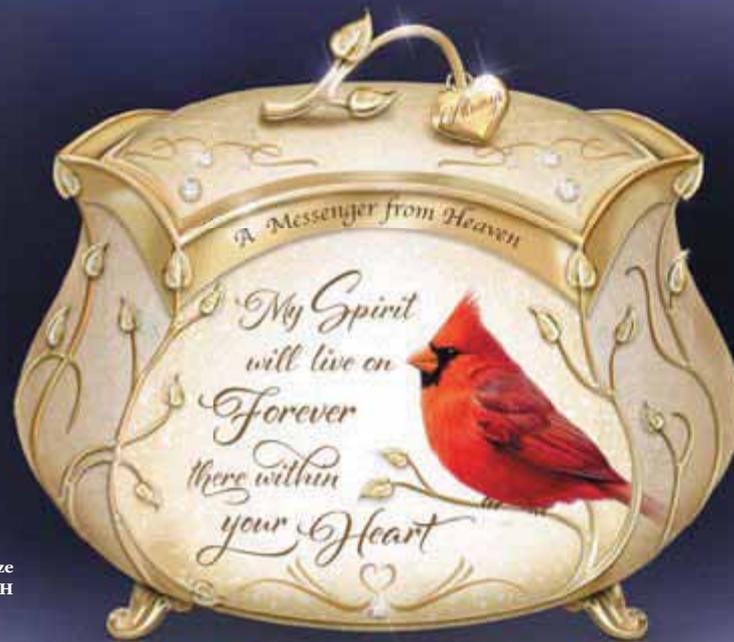
In a medium bowl, whisk together 1 (14-oz) can **sweetened condensed milk**, 1 Tbsp **orange zest**, ⅓ cup **orange juice**, ¼ cup **lemon juice**, ⅛ tsp **ground nutmeg** and 2 **large egg yolks**. Beat 2 **large egg whites** with an electric mixer fitted with a whisk attachment until stiff peaks form. Gently fold egg whites into condensed milk mixture until filling is thick and glossy. Pour into prepared crust; top with clementine slices. Bake 20–25 minutes or until filling is just set. Transfer to a wire rack; cool completely. Chill at least 2 hours. Remove tart from pan; place on a serving dish. **Serves 6**.



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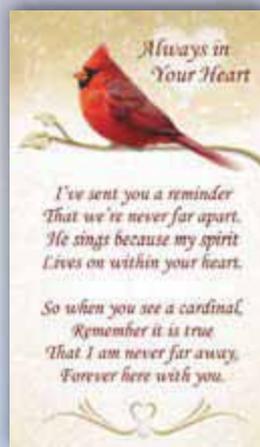
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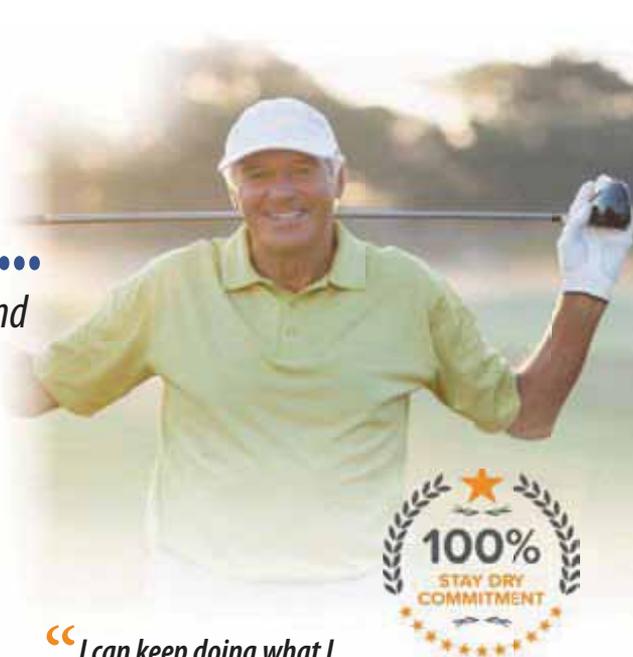
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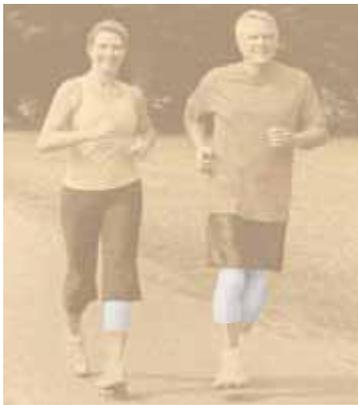
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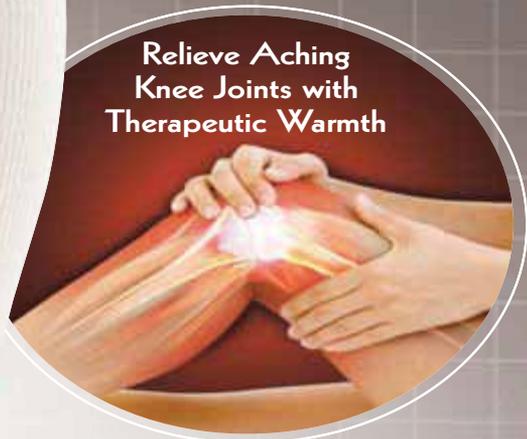


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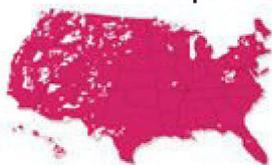
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